

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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AUGUST 2020

The Vision of our Church is to increase
Faith, Hope, Love, Community and Belonging

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
AUGUST 2020

Hello Fellow Members and Friends of JUCC,

I hope and pray you are all safe and well.

During the past several months our Consistory, Pastoral Relations and Music and Worship Committees have been meeting and communicating regularly to plan our future church services during this challenging time.

First, hopefully you are all aware that Pastor Kathryn started her 90-day sabbatical on July 12th and will continue through October 11, 2020. This is a time of rest and discernment, and per the sabbatical agreement our members are not to have any contact or communication with Pastor Kathryn.

During the sabbatical time, Jennika Borger will be leading our Sunday services. Jennika is the chaplain at Moravian College and the granddaughter-in-law of Grace and Leonard Borger. We all greatly appreciate Jennika's generous offer and look forward to her leading our Sunday Services.

We have also secured additional Pastoral Support from Pastor David Quinn. Pastor Quinn is currently the supply pastor for St. John's UCC in Palmerton. He will be responsible for funerals, weddings, visitations and communion requests, and any other Pastoral Care when needed. Please contact Jillian at the church office if any of these needs should arise. Also, our Care Team has been making calls and sending cards to our shut ins. Thank you.

One more item to mention. The Sunday services will continue to be from the grove at 9:00am, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair and masks. We will be practicing social distancing of 6 feet between family living units. We are planning to have communion on the 1st Sunday of August, September and October. Please bring your own communion elements (bread, crackers, water, coffee, wine, whatever you prefer).

Lastly, a big "THANK YOU!" to so many members that have stepped up to help out in many different ways. Thank you all for your continued financial support.

Peace be with you,

Ed Brader
Consistory President



COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH GROVE AT 9:00 AM.

We will follow CDC guidelines with social distancing and face masks required. Everyone, please bring your lawn chairs and face masks. You can remain in your car and listen to the service on 95.5 FM. The service will also be recorded and available for viewing around 11:00 am on the JUCC website for those who do not wish to attend the service. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary (you can remain in your car for this service as well).

Please note: August 2nd we are planning to have Communion, please bring your own communion elements.

During Pastor Kathryn's sabbatical, if there is a need for an emergency requiring a pastor, please call Rev. David Quinn at 610-844-6609. He will be serving our members during this time of sabbatical.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

****Let us know if you are not getting info on this but would like to!****

Nursery (infant to pre-K): Marcia is emailing recordings of bible stories for the nursery children

Children (ages 5-12) Marcia is holding Sunday School on Zoom for this age group at 10am

Youth Group (ages 13-17): Will resume when the church building is open

Adult Sunday School: Will resume when the church building is open

Bible Study Video/Audio Conference: Will resume at a future date

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Taytum Marie Lasala, infant daughter of Michael and Samantha Lasala, was baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ on July 11th, 2020 by Pastor Kathryn. It is always a joy to welcome children into the protection of God's family by the waters of baptism and the Holy Spirit. We welcome this little one with joy!



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation was conducted during the worship service on July 19th.

Our five confirmands reaffirmed their baptism during our 9am service.

Congratulations and May God Bless each of you!

Christian Education Happening-August 2020

Sunday School classes continue over Zoom, we meet at 10:30 am which gives the kids time to get home after church. If you haven't been receiving the emails from me and your child is interested in the Zoom sessions please contact me at mheinick@ptd.net.

Even though church has resumed in person, we will not have Nursery or on-site Sunday School classes. The CDC guidelines still require masks, not sharing materials and social distancing. We prefer that children stay safe with their families while attending church.

Please stay safe and pray for all who have children that are school/college age. We all have difficult decisions ahead of us as we figure out the way to balance safety and academic/social needs. Please pray for the children as they enter a new school year full of changes and uncertainty, may they be safe and protected. Please pray for the bus drivers who take care and transport our children during these unprecedented times. Please pray for school staff and administrators who also have difficult decisions to make for their safety and the safety of the children and families they serve.

May God Bless you and keep you safe, loved and protected!

Marcia Heinick



*“...pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” (James 5:13)
 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing...” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)
 As disciples of Jesus, we seek to pray daily.
 Below is a list of those who need our prayers.*

Shorter term prayer concerns:

Mark & Kathy Stetler	Blanche Strausberger	Tammy Held (Hawk)
Shari Jacobs	Mildred Ahner	

Longer term prayer concerns:

Jim Buck	Kayla Johnson	Bonnie O'Brien
Dalton Fredericks	Barry Smale	Linda Mackes
Jim Fritz	Ada Frederick	Anne Jenkins
Dean Serfass	Elizabeth Krause	Brenda Nothstein-Bunting
Timothy Henning	Duane Hawk	Doug Hawk
Joanne Frable	Helen Smale	Anna Bowman
Bill & Delores Scheffner		

MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC meets twice a month – on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, and the 4th Thursday at 6:30pm. **The group is presently being held on a web platform.** Directed by professional counselor, Sue Featro, M.E.D., E.D.D., M.S. Counseling, this group is for people experiencing grief due to trauma, loss or death. It is an effort to assist people in the surrounding community to heal and find peace. **Please contact the church office for the link, or check for the invitation link on our Facebook page.** People are managing to find and make use of this important ministry. Thanks to God and to the members of JUCC who make it possible!



JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP HAS RESUMED MONTHLY MEETINGS!

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? JUCC Quilt & Crafts Group is scheduled the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **This month the group will be meeting on August 13th and August 27th.** See (or call) Shelba for more info (610)704-3756. There will definitely be quilting going on, but this group also involves other crafts/classes as well, depending upon your interests. It could also just be "open sew" where everyone works on their own projects. Bring your friends and enjoy some fun and fellowship!

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP NOT MEETING

The Family Caregiver Support Group is not currently meeting. Please watch for details on the JUCC Facebook page for information on when the group will resume.

This support group assists anyone who is struggling with caring for a family member. It provides them with education and fellowship to ease their caring work.

Facilitated by Jennie Serfass from Manor Care.





AUGUST FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS

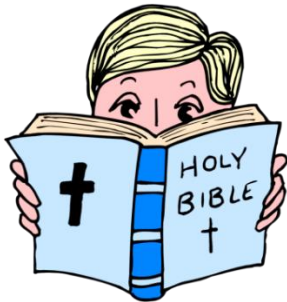
August 2 – Paul & Wendy Hoppel in honor of their granddaughter Eva Hoppel's 1st birthday

August 9 – Mary L Smith in memory of Grace Smith's birthday & Richard L Smith's birthday

August 16 – Barry George in honor of daughter Tanya's birthday on August 13 & son Kip's birthday on August 23

August 23 – Barb & Tod Kreger in memory of all loved ones

August 30 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of Leon's 57th birthday on August 31



AUGUST SCRIPTURE READERS

August 2nd – Shari Jacobs

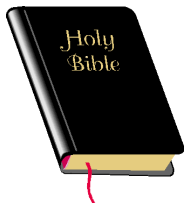
August 9th – Lisa Hawk/Kim Williams

August 16th – Sharon Gerhard

August 23rd – Lynn Mastio-Rice

August 30th – Lana Kuehner

Due to current public health concerns, we are asking that people follow CDC and PA Health Guidelines. Check our website and Facebook pages for info.



The JUCC Bible Study is cancelled until further notice.
Please watch for updates on when the group sessions will resume.

CANCELLED EVENTS

The following events have been **CANCELLED due to Covid-19 and for the safety of all involved.**

Flea Market – CANCELLED

Vacation Bible School – CANCELLED

Annual Church Picnic – CANCELLED

Palmerton Festival – CANCELLED

Apple Fest – CANCELLED

Fall Bazaar - CANCELLED

After many thoughts & discussions! **This year's Flea Market has been cancelled!** Sadly COVID-19 has created too many unknowns & challenges at this time to proceed with this event! Very importantly we need to think about the safety of everyone involved! We are looking forward to this event in 2021. We would appreciate if you could PLEASE keep donations for us. If you have any questions please reach out to Beverly Waibel!

Take Care, Stay Safe, Calm & Healthy
as we continue to get through this Pandemic Safely!
GOD BLESS JUCC!



If you have an article you'd like to submit for the September Newsletter please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by August 21, 2020. You can contact her at 610-681-4412 or by email at juccsecy@ptd.net

REGISTER RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville, Weis Markets and Redners. Last year, receipts were down from prior years, so consider requesting receipts from your neighbors and friends. Bring or mail them to the church to the attention of Lana Kuehner.



Receipts that will *not* be accepted include:

- Kinsley's receipts with the senior discounts, prescriptions, cigarettes, and beer, wine, lottery purchases or payouts.
- Weis Markets receipts with prescriptions, cigarettes, wine and beer, lottery purchases or payouts

Just a reminder!

Our beverage can shed is looking for your empty aluminum beverage cans. There are two deposit slots: one for crushed cans and one for uncrushed



Check TV Channel 69 (WFMZ), BRC13, JUCC Facebook or website for updates on closings, changes, delays or postponements.

Do You Know?

The JUCC sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system?

You can ask an usher for a receiver to help you to hear during the service.

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