

# JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THE TRAVELER



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### DECEMBER 2020

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT  
DECEMBER 2020



Hello Members and Friends of JUCC,

I hope you are all well. As we are now well into the fall season of 2020 the second spike of COVID-19 has arrived as predicted. Please stay safe.

Our consistory continues to plan for our Christmas holiday services. The plan at the time of this newsletter is to have two Christmas Eve services. The first service will be at 5 PM in our Grove. Rick Anderson and his property team will be stringing up lights throughout the Grove and making all the necessary preparations. Thank you, Rick and your team.

Kelli George has appropriately titled the theme of this service! "Christmas Lights – Lighting up our Grove, as we remember the birth of Jesus." The title of our service will be: "Jesus, The light of The World - Come To The Light." Thank you Kelli. There are no reservations needed for the service.

Our second service will be at 7:30 PM Christmas Eve from the church sanctuary. Due to the current pandemic situation there will be limited seating for this service. (approximately 25 to 30 people) We will be following CDC guidelines for social distancing and wearing of masks. We plan to do temperature checks. Seating will be by reservation only. First come, first served. If you wish to attend the sanctuary service you must call Jillian our church secretary (610-681-4412) to make a reservation. Jillian will be accepting reservations starting Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. You can call Jillian during church office hours, Tuesday through Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM to make reservations. You will also be able to listen to both services from the comfort of your car on radio station 95.5 FM. We also plan to live stream the services on Facebook. If you have any questions about the services please contact Jillian or any consistory member.

A quick update on the next item of importance is the progress in our search for a new pastor. The consistory has established a list of members for consideration to serve on the pastoral search committee. The response by members to serve on this committee has been very positive. A big "THANK YOU" to all who have expressed interest to serve. The consistory will finalize this committee shortly and begin the process of a series of training meetings with our PNEC minister, Bonnie Bates.

Next, I want to recognize and thank the four new members who will serve by joining our consistory team. They are Jonathan Borger, Wendy Hoppel, Shelba Scheffner, and Beverly Waibel. We all look forward to your God-given talents that you will bring to our consistory. I know our consistory is excited to take on the new set of challenges that lie ahead in 2021. With God's guiding hand our team will do it's best to meet those challenges. Our ministry will continue to thrive as we all work together to execute God's plan for JUCC.

Finally, a "BIG THANK YOU" to all of you, our church family, who continue to support our church ministry both monetarily and by active participation. Everyone's contributions and participation are greatly appreciated.

Peace be with you,  
Ed Brader  
Consistory President

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**5 pm in the Grove** – “Jesus, The Light of The World – Come to The Light” – No Reservation needed for the Grove Service

**7:30 pm inside Church Sanctuary** – Limited Seating  
\*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED\* Call Jillian at the church office between Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. First come, first served



During the fall and winter months, our Sunday worship services will be led by Supply Pastor, Don Quayle. He has also generously offered pastoral support for our congregation. If there's an emergency requiring a pastor please contact

*Pastor Don Quayle at 610-861-9203.*



*Outdoor Worship*  
*at 10:30am*

### **COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH GROVE AT 10:30 AM.**

We follow CDC guidelines with social distancing and face masks required. Everyone, please bring your lawn chairs and a hot beverage and join us in worship. You can remain in your car and listen to the service on 95.5 FM. The service will also be LIVE on Facebook at 10:30am. It will be recorded and available for viewing on our 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).

### **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

**Children (ages 5-12)** Marcia is holding Sunday School on Zoom for this age group at 9:30am

**Youth Group (ages 13-17):** Jessie is holding YRT on Zoom the last Sunday of every month at 6:30pm

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

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

**December 6<sup>th</sup> is Holy Communion**, please bring your own communion elements, none will be provided.



**SPECIAL SERVICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Worship Services**

**5:00 pm Service in Grove**

**7:30 pm Service in Sanctuary (BY RESERVATION)**



**ADVENT WREATH DEVOTIONAL**

This year the First Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Advent Wreath Devotional. To sign up or for more information about this special service, please contact the church office at 610-681-4412.



*“...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	Shari Jacobs
Wanda Pettit	Norman Martin	Delbert Knecht
Howard Ruhe & Family	Jeff Eckhart	Barbara Borger
Mary Anne Shafer & family		Family of Donald Smith
Terry & Sandy Voght		

**Longer term prayer concerns:**

Jim Buck	Kayla Johnson	Bonnie O’Brien
Dalton Fredericks	Barry Smale	Linda Mackes
Ada Frederick	Dean Serfass	Elizabeth Krause
Timothy Henning	Duane Hawk	Doug Hawk
Joanne Frable	Helen Smale	Anna Bowman





## **SPECIAL DATES IN DECEMBER**

*December 7<sup>th</sup>* – Pearl Harbor Day

*December 21<sup>st</sup>* – First Day of Winter

*December 24<sup>th</sup>* – Christmas Eve

*December 25<sup>th</sup>* – Christmas Day

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Shut-ins gift boxes. We prepared around 30 bags/boxes. They were delivered by my Elves-Debbie Cope, Donna Mackes, Jillian Kuntzman, Beverly Waibel & me. COVID-19 precautions were maintained doing this entire MISSION.

God's Grace to All,  
Lana Kuehner



**THANK YOU** to everyone that contributed coats for Operation Warm-A-Child this year. A very large box of coats will be distributed to kids in need in our local school districts.



## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Our food pantry has been so blessed with the amazing support from our congregation. We collected more than enough money to feed 25 families for Thanksgiving! Once again, we're asking for your generosity. We would like to provide food for Christmas as well. The estimated cost per family is \$35.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to JUCC and mark "food pantry" on the envelope.





*Our Mission-Helping Those in Need  
Struggling with the holidays quickly approaching?  
Concerned about having enough food for Christmas Dinner?  
We want to help you!*

## **“Jerusalem United Church of Christ Trachsville Family Pantry”**

**Reserve Your Ready to Prepare Family Christmas Dinner**

**Turkey  
Stuffing/potatoes  
Butter  
Gravy  
Cranberry sauce  
Sweet potatoes  
Corn  
Pie**

**Limited Dinners Available**

**Reserve your dinner**

Call the church office **610-681-4412**

**Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2020**



**Christmas Dinner Pick up:  
Sunday, December 20, 2020  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Jerusalem United Church of Christ  
545 Church Drive  
Palmerton, PA 18071**

## **MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

The Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC meets twice a month – on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 QUILTS & CRAFTS GROUP MONTHLY MEETINGS!**

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? JUCC Quilt & Crafts Group is scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **This month the group will meet on December 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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 our website and 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.







## **REGISTER RECEIPTS**

While services are being held in the grove, please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville, Weis Markets. Please bring the receipts each Sunday to church in the GROVE and place them on the table by the masks or give them to 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

### **Has your contact information changed?**

If your mailing address, phone number or email address has changed please contact the church office to update your information.

610-681-4412 or [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



## **NewsLetter DEADLINE**

If you have an article you'd like to submit for the January Newsletter please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, December 18, 2020**.

Call 610-681-4412 or email [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



If you don't already receive "The Traveler" Newsletter by email and would like to, please send a request to [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)

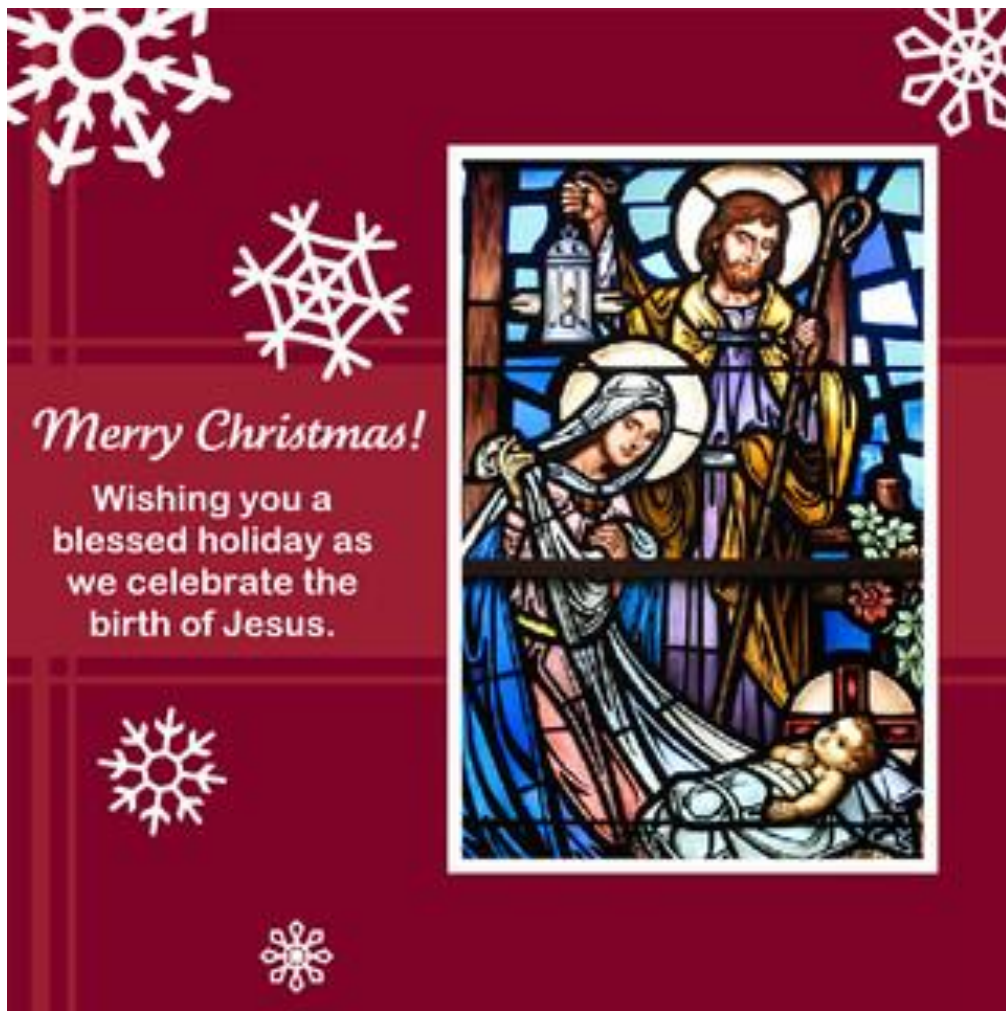


Tune in to TV Channel 69 (WFMZ) or Blue Ridge Channel 13 for JUCC winter weather closings and delays. You can also view weather related postings on our website and Facebook page.

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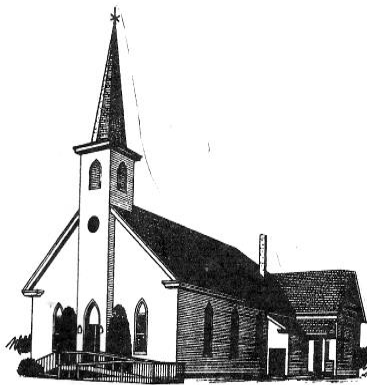
*We are requesting people follow CDC and PA Health Guidelines.  
Please practice social distancing and wearing of a face mask.  
Check our website and Facebook page for info.*

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