

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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FEBRUARY 2021

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 2021



Hi to all our Church members!

Last week, the new Consistory members were all approved at our meeting, and we voted on new officers. I was fortunate to be voted in as President, Wendy Hoppel as Vice President, Lorrie Nothstein as Secretary, and Steph Anderson as Treasurer. We will do our best to keep you informed of all things happening. We are still working through tough times with this pandemic, but with all the patience of everyone I think we are doing a very good job to keep everyone safe. I want to thank our house praise band for everything that they have done and keep doing to keep us going through this. Also, Pastor Don Quayle is doing a great job, and is willing to help in any way he can. He is keeping up with the phone calls to the shut-ins, and in general just doing everything that we ask him to do. Our Search Committee has been formed, and they are meeting on Thursday evenings. We're moving forward in our search for a new pastor. It is going to take time and patience. They will be reporting to Consistory once a month. We are looking forward to a successful 2021 with some of our events coming back and moving forward with them. If you have any questions or concerns you can email me at randerson@serviceteam.com or you can email the church secretary at juccsecy@ptd.net, or call Jillian at 610-681-4412. She will gladly answer any of your questions. We are working on an Ash Wednesday service on February 17th at our Church, time to be announced. There will be no five-week Lenten services with the different churches. They have called that off for this year. We're also proceeding with our building project, slowly but surely. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Church!

That's all I have for now. We will proceed with the Grace of God.

Rick Anderson
Consistory President



During the 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.

February 7th is Holy Communion, please bring your own communion elements, none will be provided.



Christian Education- January 2021

Sunday School continues to meet on Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30. There are 9 kiddos that have signed onto the classes 6 of whom are regular attendees.

During our time we discussed in great detail: Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, David and most recently, Mary, Joseph, The Inn Keeper, The Shepherds and the angels, which all lead up to a reprise showing of last year's program "A Star is Born" We really covered the importance of Jesus' birth. We then learned of Zachariah and Anna at the temple and a Jesus at the Temple when he was 12 years old

Materials for Sunday School come from a curriculum called Kids Sunday School. The curriculum is supplemented through videos relevant to each topic. The kids read from the Deep Blue Bible, a video is shown and a discussion as to the topics ensues. We end every class with prayers. Every week an email with the materials to be discussed, relevant coloring pages and puzzles as well as videos and a Zoom link are attached. If a child can't attend Sunday School, all the materials discussed are available for parents/grandparents to present to the kids if so desired.

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 at a future date

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



*“...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	Shari Jacobs	Delbert Knecht
Barbara Borger	Terry & Sandy Voght	JoAnne Buzinski
Mary Meckes	Buzz Hill	Ava Parker
Tod & Barbara Kreger and Family	The Family of Hilda Gower	
The Family of Philip Binder	The Family of Norman Martin	
Arlene & Merritt Berger	Eloise & Jack Rice	
Mitchell Kreger	Lorriane Beltz	
The Family of Wanda Pettit	The Family of Earl Meckes	



Longer term prayer concerns:

Jim Buck	Kayla Johnson	Bonnie O'Brien
Dalton Fredericks	Barry Smale	Linda Mackes
Ada Frederick	Elizabeth Krause	Timothy Henning
Duane Hawk	Doug Hawk	Joanne Frable
Helen Smale	Anna Bowman	Millie Lehman
Brenda Nothstein-Bunting	Marla Schmidt	

Care Team – January 2021

1. Sending of Birthday cards to our shut-ins. Also, special occas. such as Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas.
2. Shut-in bags/boxes between Thanksgiving & Christmas.
3. Get Well cards to hospitalized church members.
4. Donna M. & Lana (along with Beverly W.-not part of the Care Team) tele shut-ins and persons who have been ill (COVID-19). I also send Get Well cards to some of them.
5. Communicate with Church Office (Jillian) with Pastoral needs/requests, updates on prayer lists & Shut-in list.

“It's not good that the human is alone.” Genesis 2:18 (CEB)

In this unfamiliar season, pray about how we can all shift our thinking from church-consumers to church-givers who serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. Don't forget to check on people in our congregation who live on their own, whether they are elderly or young single members. While technology can make it easier to connect in some ways, it is not always easier for everyone. Don't forget the simplicity of a handwritten note or phone call. A short call or note can go a long way and make a lasting memory.



Music & Worship

- Our indoor worship format continues to be dictated by the latest covid/safety guidelines, i.e. limited in-person seating, masks & other safety measures, access via Facebook Live and radio transmitter.
- The music for our 10:30 service is a blended service of contemporary and traditional music led by our band. We are very happy to have Jillian Rossi with us as a second singer, and we were also happy to see Kelly back with us over Christmas during her college break. All singing is done outside of the sanctuary room. This will likely continue through the winter and spring. Our Choir remains on hold, too.
- Lynn Mastio-Rice has picked up the task of developing our weekly PowerPoints for the services and she is doing a beautiful job.
- Shelba is working on updating our CCLI/SongSelect license as well as the reporting which is due.
- Bringing music and the message to our members and friends at this time when everything is in such a state of change has taken a huge amount of planning, cooperation and effort. Paul and Lynn work hard to make sure that God's Word can be heard clearly by everyone, both inside, outside and virtually. Consistory leadership has been by our side every Sunday. Thanks to ALL who are supporting us as we continue to adapt.
- Our usual Music & Worship Committee meetings at this time of year would be about Lent/Easter. This will likely look different in 2021 and again dictated by the pandemic, but if anyone has agenda items that should be brought in front of this committee, please contact me, Lana Kuehner or Donna Mackes and we will come together to discuss them. Also, if you have a desire to serve on this committee, please contact me.

Shelba Scheffner

Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry



Feeding the Community

We provided meals for 17 families for Thanksgiving Dinner, and 21 families for Christmas Dinner! Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile mission project! The Family Pantry is a continuing mission project of our Church for our surrounding communities. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check to our Church marked "Family Pantry" on the memo or you can also contribute through our "Donate" button on our website. Thank you for your continued support! We will be doing another Food Drive-Thru in the beginning of March. Watch here for more details!



Future Building Use Committee

The permitting process for our new church addition continues to move forward. We currently are waiting for completion of legal documents that pertain to our land plan. Those items should be clarified and finalized within the next few weeks.

Recently we met with our contractor to discuss updates on costs and a few minor changes to our building plan. We also will be updating the current costs with our site contractor.

We have been in contact with the township building inspector to begin the final process to secure our building permit. We are hopeful to have these final documents and permits in the very near future.

The consistory will then evaluate our financial position and determine our best plan and timeline for our addition project to begin.

Future Building Use Committee,
Ed Brader, Chairman

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

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (Feb. 11th and Feb. 25th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.). We have a variety of crafts happening, from quilting to cross stitch to bag making. We welcome any crafters to join us. Some friends just stop by to hang out with our lively group - that is good, too! Social distancing is easy in the church basement, with each person having at least one large table to work on. Call Shelba if you need further information: 610/704-3756.



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.





FEBRUARY FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



February 7 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of son Ben's 26th birthday on February 2

February 14 – Lana Kuehner in honor of great niece Quinn Zavagansky's 8th birthday on February 2 and great nephew Steele Zalik's 10th birthday on February 7

February 21 – Bob Andrews and Patti Snyder in honor of Marie Andrews' 80th birthday on February 27

February 28 – Dave Eveland in honor of musicians

The following dates are available in 2021 to sponsor
flowers and bulletins (\$35 donation):

August 1st and October 31st

Please see Debbie Cope. She can also be reached by phone
at 610-681-5033 or by e-mail at gacope@ptd.net.



FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READERS

February 7th – Lana Kuehner

February 14th – Lynn Mastio Rice

February 21st – Ed Brader

February 28th – Steph Anderson

PLEASE CONSIDER...

Volunteering to read scriptures at
the 10:30am Sunday service.

We are always in need of readers
and would love to have some
new voices!

Contact Jillian at the church office
for available dates!



**The JUCC Bible Study is on
hold until further notice.**

Please watch for updates on
our website and Facebook
page for when the group
sessions will resume.



REGISTER RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville and Weis Markets. 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



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.

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



Newsletter DEADLINE

If you have an article to submit for the March Newsletter please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, February 19, 2021.**

FMI call 610-681-4412 or email 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

*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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