

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



545 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071 (Trachsville)

www.jerusalemucc.org / (610)-681-4412

Follow Us on Facebook: Jerusalem Trachsville UCC



MARCH 2021

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

Supply Pastor: Rev. Don Quayle

Conducting Sunday Services & Pastoral Support (610) 861-9203

Church Secretary: Jillian Kuntzman

Office: (610) 681-4412

Office Hours: Tue. thru Fri. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Email: juccsecy@ptd.net

(hours subject to change)

Director of Music: Shelba Scheffner

shelba.scheffner@gmail.com

Director of Christian Ed: Marcia Heinick

mheinick@ptd.net

Treasurer:

Steph Anderson (610) 681-3878 / stephand@ptd.net

Financial Secretary: Debbie Cope (610) 681-5033

Sexton: Barry George

CHURCH CONSISTORY

President:	Rick Anderson	610-681-3878	Randerson@serviceteam.com
Vice-President:	Wendy Hoppel	610-377-5946	wendy.k.hoppel@gmail.com
Secretary:	Lorrie Nothstein	610-442-7437	loke4evr@hotmail.com

Additional Members

Barry George	Marcia Heinick	Bob Buck	Duane Hawk
Saralyn Sarandis	Jaclyn Wonderly	Kelli George	Beverly Waibel
Jonathan Borger	Shelba Scheffner		

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
MARCH 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members!

Well, this February has been a long, cold, snowy month that we haven't seen for many years. But, with all the help from our property team, we have kept up with the snow removal and salting. We have a great bunch of dedicated church members that really take pride in taking care of our church. We had our Ash Wednesday Lenten service which was very nice. If you weren't able to be there, check it out on our Facebook page. A big Thank You goes out to everybody that made it happen! Moving forward, we're looking for better weather and some slow snow melting. We are working on a Good Friday service for Friday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We're also planning our annual Easter service for Sunday, April 4th, at 10:30 a.m. As always, we'll be following CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, live-streaming on Facebook, and posting the video on our church's website for viewing at your convenience. Thank you to all of our committee leaders that have supplied reports for the newsletter to keep you all informed of what's going on in our church. Regarding the building project, we're moving along with meetings with the township supervisors and zoning officer to finish the land development approvals during the first week of March. Hopefully, we'll be finalizing that, and can move on to the permitting process. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we'll be getting the approvals we need by the end of March. We'll hopefully be contacting our builder and moving on with this exciting project in the next phase of our development as Jerusalem UCC. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to either myself, our church secretary, or any consistory member. That's all I have for now. Everyone, please stay safe and healthy, and always remember that God is on our side.

Your Consistory President,
Rick Anderson



Christian Education News March 2021

Sunday School Zoom sessions continue to meet every Sunday at 9:30 am. I can't even begin to express the joy I feel as I meet with the kids. During our time we explore the Bible, talk about what we read and watch a video that further explains the topic of the day. Recently we have been finding out how Jesus called His disciples and the miracles that Jesus performed. The wisdom and insight that the children possess and the spiritual maturity they have shown at their tender ages is nothing short of amazing.

On February 14th I was going to be out of town and Jacob Shafer volunteered to teach. He had the kids make a **Valentine** to show their love of God and Jesus. He had the kids read scripture and he showed a relevant video. How amazing is that? And... there were 8 other kiddos besides him in his session!!!

Each week I send a link to parents /grandparents of the curriculum and videos and Zoom link for the Sunday School lesson. Essentially each family has the lesson at their fingertips and adults can share the lesson and the videos with their children/grandchildren. If a child can't make a Sunday School lesson or the families just want to know what is being taught, they can easily access that lesson. Should you want to be placed on the email list to receive the lessons please feel free to contact me at mheinick@ptd.net

At this point we will continue to use the Zoom format to teach Sunday School. I sure hope we can return to in person before too long but not quite yet. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Spring is coming soon!!!

Blessings,

Marcia Heinick

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	Mary Meckes
Buzz Hill	Ava Parker	Lorriane Beltz
Tod & Barbara Kreger and Family	Arlene & Merritt Berger	Mitchell Kreger
The Family of Wanda Pettit	The Family of Earl Meckes	Chris Nead
The Family of Arthur Berger	Jenny Beers	Clay Andrews
Faye Haydt	Mahlon Christman	Mary Beth Beers
Russell Chamblee	Brenda Eckley	Marvin Haydt

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	

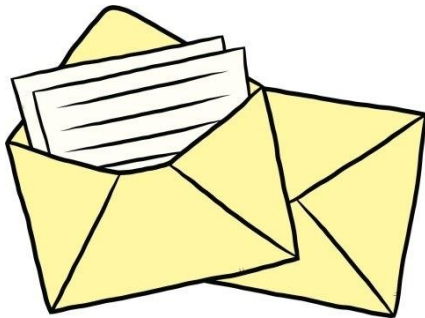
MESSAGE FROM BUZZ HILL

Thank you church family for your prayers and well wishes. I miss you very much and can't wait to get back to church to worship with all of you! ~ Buzz Hill

CARE TEAM

- Donated bouquet of Altar Flowers to Lorraine Beltz-who is now @ Scenic View PCH. I did speak with Lorraine Beltz-she's very happy @ Scenic View.
- I sent Valentines to all the Shut-ins. Donna sent Valentines to other church members.
- Sent Get Well cards to: Buzz Hill, Marybeth Beers and Marvin Haydt.
 - Buzz Hill is scheduled to be moving from Rehab to daughter Wendy's home is Newtown Sq.
 - Donna spoke to Marybeth yesterday. She sounded good. Thanks Barry G. for saving her life.
 - Marvin Haydt is now in rehab. at Country Meadows in Bethlehem, Pa.
- Faye Haydt is back home after a fall-fx pelvis'
- I decided to cancel the Spring Filling Sale due to the Pandemic.

Blessings,
Lana



MRS. BUSH'S "SUNSHINE MAIL"

Mrs. Bush's Personal Care Home is doing
"Sunshine Mail" for all residents
on March 22nd!

Beatrice (Tootie) Waibel and her sister
Arlene Kresge are residents there!

If you would like to send a card you can
address it to her/them with their name and
send it to:

Bush's Personal Care Home
P.O. Box 327
Kunkletown, Pa. 18058

Just write "Sunshine Mail" on the
back of the envelope!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 28th – Worship Service at 10:30am

Good Friday – April 2nd - Worship Service at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 4th – Worship Service at 10:30am





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. With regrets, singer Jillian Rossi has submitted her resignation due to her work commitments. She has enjoyed being with us and will be available to fill in when needed. Lynn Mastio Rice has contacted friends who will be filling in through March, along with Jillian.
- Lynn continues to do our PowerPoints for weekly worship.
- Shelba continues to report our CCLI/SongSelect music as per our current reporting period.
- The weekly community Lenten series will not be held this year due to the pandemic.
- Pastor Quayle, Jillian (our Secretary), Lynn and Shelba worked on the Ash Wednesday service held on February 17. Safety precautions were in place.

Shelba Scheffner

JUCC FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Our JUCC Family Food Pantry has been up and running since October, 2019 when we decided to "Adopt" families for Christmas Dinner. We have continued this worthwhile mission project through the pandemic shutdowns in the Spring of 2020 with two Food Drive-Thru's, and into the Fall of 2020 with "Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving", and then "Adopt a Family for Christmas" dinners. We will be having our latest Food Drive-Thru on Sunday, March 7th. We had a sign-up for this food-drive so we would know for sure how much food to purchase, which ended on February 19th. We have 5 families that will be receiving \$100 worth of groceries for each family. We want to thank our church family for continuing to support this worthwhile cause. If you'd like to contribute, you can either put an envelope in the offering plate marked "Food Pantry" or send a check into the church office. There is also an option on our website under our "Donate" button for Food Pantry. Thank you also to everyone who helps make this happen. We've had several food sorting sessions with multiple members helping us out, young and old(er)! If anyone knows anyone who could benefit from this, please watch the newsletter for future Food Drive-Thru's and let them know. We always post information on Facebook and our Website, but will also make a greater effort to get it into our newsletter as well.

Sending Blessings,

Your JUCC Family Pantry Crew: Steph Anderson, Kelli George, and Amy Shupp



**THE SPRING FILLING SALE HAS BEEN
CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

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 (**March 11th and March 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.





MARCH FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



March 7 – Tammy Landon: To my father – Happy Birthday in Heaven

March 14 – Carolyn & Robert Hill in memory of Irene, Elmer & Kenneth Hoppes

March 21 – Marie Andrews & Patti Snyder in honor of Bob Andrews' 80th birthday on March 20

March 28 – Ricky & Beverly Waibel in honor of their granddaughter Jaclyn's birthday on March 30 and grandson Peyton's birthday on March 31



MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS

March 7th – Steph Anderson

March 14th – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

March 21st – Lana Kuehner

March 28th – Lynn Mastio Rice

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](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



NewsLetter  
**DEADLine**

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

FMI 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)



**Volunteering** is a great way to get plugged into your church, feel like part of a community, and serve Jesus at the same time. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for one of our committees or ministries please see the committee chairperson or contact the church secretary at 610-681-4412 or [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net) for more information. **Thank you** to all who currently volunteer on a committee or assist with our ministries. Your hard work and dedication are very much appreciated.



\*\*\*\*\*  
*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.*  
\*\*\*\*\*

# Lenten Prayer

**GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,**

**HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.  
LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,  
NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.**

**MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER  
IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.**

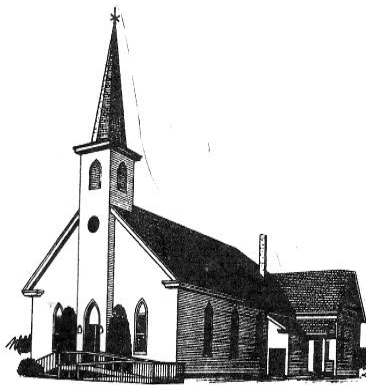
**TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO  
COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.**

**AMEN.**



---

Jerusalem UCC CCLI license number 2745745



Jerusalem United Church of Christ  
545 Church Drive, Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071  
Church office: (610) 681-4412

[www.jerusalemucc.org](http://www.jerusalemucc.org)

Facebook: Jerusalem Trachsville UCC