

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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APRIL 2021

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

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Jonathan Borger	Shelba Scheffner		



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Our Sunday morning worship services are currently held in the church sanctuary at 10:30am. We follow CDC guidelines with wearing of face masks and social distancing. You can also view our service live on Facebook or listen on radio station 95.5FM from your vehicle in our church parking lot. Each Sunday after our service the video is also available on our website for viewing.

As the cold winter weather moves out and the warm spring weather arrives, we're looking to start having our Sunday morning worship services in the grove. This will happen sometime after Easter, weather permitting. Please watch for more information and updates.

Our Sunday worship services are 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

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

April 1st – *Maundy Thursday Service* at 7:00pm
(with communion)

April 2nd – *Good Friday Tenebrae Service* at 7:00pm

April 4th – *Easter Sunday Worship Services* at 9:00am & 10:30am
(with communion)

April 1st & Easter Sunday, April 4th, we will have Holy Communion,
please bring your own communion elements, as none will be provided.





GET TO KNOW OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBER

Welcome Ruby Bartholomew Solt!!

I am again returning to Jerusalem United Church of Church. Being the church of my parents, Wilmer and Evelyn Bartholomew and many extended family members, I was baptized, confirmed, and married the first time at this church.

After graduation from Palmerton High School, I attended nursing school and college in Philadelphia. After working at various hospitals and clinics in Philadelphia and in the Lehigh Valley, I relocated to Gilbert, PA with my first husband, Gilbert Solt and we had 2 children, G. Kenneth Solt and Laura Solt Jaick.

Both Ken and Laura have married and live in Hellertown and Coopersburg. I have been blessed with 2 granddaughters.

In 2014 I retired after serving 23 years as a School Nurse at Pleasant Valley High School. Also, after being a widow for almost 20 years, I married Paul Sorcek, a Lutheran pastor and moved to Richboro, Bucks County. In 2018 he retired and we relocated to a small 55 plus community in Emmaus, PA, where we currently reside. At this time, I decided to return to the church of my family and youth.

Ruby Bartholomew Solt

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
Sunday mornings

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

Christian Education News April 2021

Happy Spring!!

There will be some changes to Sunday School coming soon! Since last April we have been holding Sunday School on-line through Zoom. It has been an incredible experience for me and hopefully the kids and parents. We meet every Sunday at 9:30. We start by talking about our week, and our silly, goofy and sweet pets. We talk about the bible story, read scriptures and watch a video. There are times that we do simple crafts. Olive Hunt taught us how to make a ship and a wave of concern that diminishes as we believe in Christ (She was pretty incredible!). We pray for each other and we pray for others and the world. Lots of prayers surrounding COVID. Some of the kids have actually taught the class and have done a fabulous job! Jessie Walters and Rachael Shafer have also helped to teach on occasion, and are always there for support.

Effective April 11, Sunday School will be taught on Zoom at 9:30 am and then at church at 10:45 in Ryman Hall for children who are attending the Grove services. While in Ryman Hall all kids and adults must wear a mask, there will be social distancing and it will be a teaching lesson only without crafts (so we don't need to share materials). In the event the services are held in the church, we will not have in-person Sunday School, but we will have the Zoom class.

This format will continue until June 6th. We will then take a break from Sunday School and resume on September 12th, with a fresh new start and hopefully little or no restrictions.

There will be no Nursery until further notice. At this time kids can't share toys and social distancing would be difficult.

Vacation Bible School may happen in some modified manner. Details as to dates will be forthcoming.

Happy Spring, Happy Easter and enjoy this time of new beginnings!!!

Blessings!

Marcia Heinick



2-Day Flea Market!

**JUNE 11TH FROM 9AM TO 3 PM
& JUNE 12TH FROM 8AM TO 1 PM**

Rain or Shine!

In the Church Grove

Great Prices!

Everything Must Go!

Member donations can be brought to the church from Tuesday, June 1st through Friday, June 4th and to the Grove Monday, June 7th through Wednesday, June 9th 9:00am – 1:00pm

OR

Contact Beverly Waibel at 610-377-5811.

ALL Donated Items: Clothing, ETC. MUST BE CLEAN & PRESENTABLE!! All electrical items MUST BE SAFE & IN WORKING condition.

**ALL HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!
WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!
LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS!!!!**

Please watch for updates



ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

IN THE JUCC GROVE

Saturday, August 14, 2021

12:00pm to 9:00pm

(RAIN DATE August 15th)

Please watch for updates





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. Lynn Mastio Rice has been able to bring singers in to fill our second vocal position, however it would benefit to have a singer who would be available consistently every week. Consistory gave approval to start a search for that position.
- Lynn continues to do our PowerPoints for weekly worship.
- Shelba continues to report our CCLI/SongSelect music as per the current reporting period, which ends March 31.
- Weekly community Lenten series were not held this year due to the pandemic. Our own Ash Wednesday service was held February 17. Plans are underway by Pastor Quayle, Lynn, Jillian, and Shelba for services on Maundy Thursday (April 1), Good Friday (April 2) and two Easter services (April 4, 9:00 and 10:30).
- A beautiful cabinet was made by Ed Brader to hold the large mixing board for our sound system. This moves that piece of equipment (and cords) up near the drums and makes the front area more open.

Shelba Scheffner



PNEC Virtual Spring Meeting 2021

Spring 2021 Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference

Saturday, April 17, 2021 — via Zoom

Theme: Blessed to be the Children of God

Keynote Speaker: Robert Jones, Author

You can register on the PNEC website or call the church office FMI.

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 (**April 8th and April 22nd, 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.





APRIL FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



April 4 – Paul & Wendy Hoppel in honor of their anniversary on April 9

April 11 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of son Jake's 28th birthday on April 12

April 18 – Rick & Steph Anderson in honor of son Hayden Kresge's 21st birthday

April 25 – Edna Schoenberger & Family in memory of her husband Mark's birthday
April 22 & passing May 1, 1996

PLEASE NOTE

Our weekly flower and bulletin sponsors will now go through the church secretary. Should you have any questions or need a change made to a sponsorship please contact Jillian at 610-681-4412 or email her at juccsecy@ptd.net. Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to Debbie Cope for her years of dedication handling the sponsorships!!



APRIL SCRIPTURE READERS

April 4th 9:00am Service – Steph Anderson

April 4th 10:30am Service – Ed Brader

April 11th – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

April 18th – Lana Kuehner

April 25th – 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 JUCS 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.



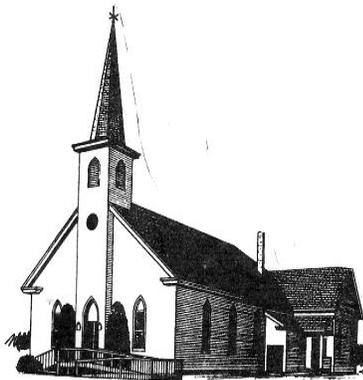
Volunteering is a great way to get plugged into your church, feel like part of a community, and serve Jesus at the same time. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for one of our committees or ministries please see the committee chairperson or contact the church secretary at 610-681-4412 or juccsecy@ptd.net 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.*



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