

# 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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#### 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  
APRIL 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members,

Well, we got through the Winter and almost all the snow is gone. We've turned the clocks ahead, the robins are making noise, and the flowers are breaking through the ground. One of those early Sundays in March, I said to Shelba, "Listen", as we stood in front of the Church as the people were just talking to each other before the service. It was a great sound to hear in Church. The consistory had a productive meeting in March. We got a lot accomplished. They are a very dedicated team of Church members, all working together. Our pastoral search team is doing an amazing job, and are pretty close to having the profile of the Church complete. Pastor Don Quayle is doing a great job with his messages. As for our Holy Week Schedule: we are having a Palm Sunday service on March 28th. We are having Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7 p.m. Pastor Quayle has purchased items to show us what the event would've been like during the time of Jesus Christ. For Easter, we are having two services, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Both services will have Communion served. We are closing in on our final stages to get ready to begin our building project. We're just waiting for two more signatures, so it's looking like we'll have a groundbreaking in the Spring if everything goes as planned. The consistory discussed the 2021 year at JUCC. We are going to have our Annual Flea Market in June, our Annual Picnic in August, and participating in the Palmerton Festival. We're also planning our Apple Fest and Fall Bazaar & Basket Raffle. If anything changes with the pandemic and we have to cancel events, we'll do that as needed when the time comes. It's much easier to plan ahead, than not have a plan at all. We're also looking to start having services in the grove after Easter, weather permitting. And as always, our house band is doing an amazing job. They really have a good service planned for us for Easter, so come and enjoy the great things happening here at Jerusalem UCC. That is all for now.

God Bless You All,  
Rick Anderson, Consistory President





## 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 28<sup>th</sup> – ***Palm Sunday*** – Worship Service at 10:30am

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – ***Good Friday Tenebrae Service*** at 7:00pm

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup> & Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>. We will then take a break from Sunday School and resume on September 12<sup>th</sup>, with a fresh new start and hopefully little or no restrictions.

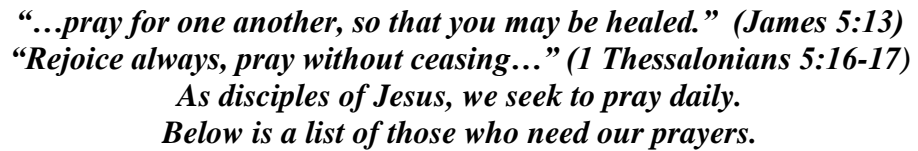
There will be no Nursery until further notice. At this time kids can't share toys and social distancing would be difficult.

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



Mary Meckes  
Lorraine Beltz  
Mary Beth Beers  
Vergie Behler

Bonnie O'Brien  
Linda Mackes  
Timothy Henning  
Joanne Frable  
Millie Lehman

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*Barb Kregar*







## 2-Day Flea Market!

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM TO 3 PM  
& JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and to the Grove Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>)**

*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 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 QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP



Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (**April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 12

**April 18** – Rick & Steph Anderson in honor of son Hayden Kresge's 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net). Thank you!

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



### **APRIL SCRIPTURE READERS**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:00am Service – Steph Anderson

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am Service – Ed Brader

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Lana Kuehner

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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 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)



## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have an article to submit for the May Newsletter please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, April 16, 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.



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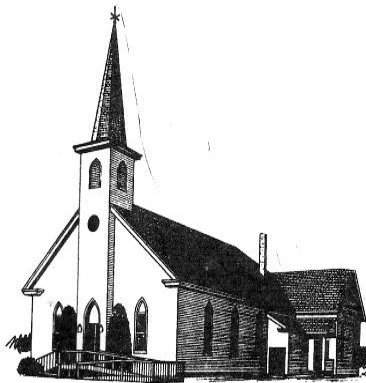
*We are requesting people follow CDC and PA Health Guidelines.  
Please practice social distancing and wearing of a face mask.  
Check our website and Facebook page for info.*

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