

# JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THE TRAVELER



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### MAY 2021

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

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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  
MAY 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members,

One more month has passed us by, and we're almost through April. I'm here writing this article, and it's in the mid 20 's on this windy day. One thing about Pennsylvania weather, it never stays the same for long. Warmer days are on the way! The property team has opened up the grove, and everything worked well, so that means the team did a good job in the fall when we winterized it. We started our grove services on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and it was a beautiful sunny day, but a little windy. When isn't it windy in Trachsville, right? Our house band did a wonderful job as always, even on a windy day. For now, we're starting at 10:30 a.m., but we'll be switching to a 9:00 a.m. start time beginning the first Sunday in June. Pastor Don Quayle will continue to lead us in worship into the foreseeable future. We'll also continue to have grove services, weather permitting, through the spring, summer, and fall months. If the forecast is for cold or rainy weather, we'll be inside our sanctuary, with socially distanced seating. Check the website or Facebook for that information on a Sunday morning by 9 a.m. If nothing is posted, assume we're outside. We're getting ready to have our Annual Flea Market on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, so if you have anything you'd like to donate, please drop it off at the church during the prior 2 weeks under the porch at the rear door. Our Search Committee for our new pastor is doing a great job. They are wrapping up their profile of our church, and are soon ready to begin the search process. April's consistory meeting went very well. We have a great bunch of committed people, and we got a lot accomplished. We're still plugging along with our building project, and looking forward to an approval from the congregation on May 9<sup>th</sup> at our Congregational Meeting (at 10 a.m. before church) to continue with the project, in light of the increased materials costs. You should've received a letter in the mail regarding this meeting a couple weeks ago. Just a reminder to mark your calendars: the church picnic will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It'll be the second Saturday this year instead of the first. The rain date will be Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. We are having a planning meeting to discuss that on May 16<sup>th</sup> after church in the grove. If you have some time and/or talent, please mark your calendars and attend that important meeting. The Main Street Cruisers will be returning to perform at our picnic this year. They always put on a great show! Please keep all of our church members in your prayers. There are some members going through some health issues and hard times. That's all for now.

God Bless,  
Rick Anderson, Consistory President



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Come worship with us **OUTSIDE** in our beautiful picnic grove! (In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church sanctuary following CDC guidelines.) Bring your lawn chairs, dress comfortably, and sit in family units while remaining socially distant. You can also remain in your vehicle and park in the grove so you can see the band stand, and listen on 95.5 FM. **For now, we're starting at 10:30 a.m., but we'll be switching to a 9:00 a.m. start time beginning the first Sunday in June.** Supply Pastor, Don Quayle will lead us in worship. 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.**

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### IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am (before our worship service)**

Regarding the building addition project.

***Please plan to attend this special meeting to give your opinion and vote!!***

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**May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have Holy Communion,** please bring your own communion elements, as none will be provided.



**PASTOR'S NOTE:** If there are any shut-ins that desire home communion, please contact **Pastor Quayle at 610-861-9203.**



### **SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES**

**MAY 9<sup>th</sup> – MOTHER'S DAY**  
**MAY 30<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY**



### **SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**\*\*Let us know if you are not getting info on this but would like to!\*\***

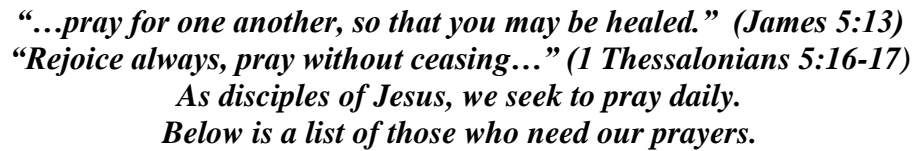
**Nursery (infant to pre-K):** Marcia is emailing recordings of bible stories

**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



Mark & Kathy Stetler	Delbert Knecht	Mary Meckes
Buzz Hill	Ava Parker	Lorraine Beltz
Arlene & Merritt Berger	Mitchell Kreger	Mary Beth Beers
Russell Chamblee	Brenda Eckley	Vergie Behler
The Family of Kenneth Hawk	Lana Kuehner	Christine Snyder
Edwin Longacre	Elise & Kevin Binder	Terry & Denise Goodhile

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	

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Thank you to all who contributed to Homecoming in 2020. The 2021 mowing season will be starting shortly and we are once again asking for donations to cover the lawn care expenses of the Union Cemetery. Please make your checks payable to: *Jerusalem Union Cemetery Association*. Checks may be mailed to me at the address below. Thanking you in advance for your 2021 contribution.



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## Music & Worship

- Indoor services continued according to the latest covid/safety guidelines, i.e. limited/spaced seating, masks, access via Facebook Live and radio transmitter. Discussion has begun regarding moving services to the grove as soon as weather permits. This will hopefully happen in late April.
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were held April 1 and 2. Two Easter services were held (9:00 and 10:30). Thank you to Pastor Quayle, our band and all who participated in these meaningful services!
- At the March Consistory meeting, Bob Buck suggested that we 'drape' our large alter cross. Lynn and Shelba found a number of old linens in the large cedar closet in the Sunday School room, including some purple, white and black. These added a nice touch to our alter area.
- Lynn continues to do our PowerPoints for weekly worship.
- Our CCLI/Song Select reporting is finished for this period. We will not be required to do this again until 2024.
- We continue to fill in our second vocal position with Lynn's friends/contacts until we find a full-time singer/player.

Shelba Scheffner



## **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!**

**Changes are being made to be COVID compliant.**

**Face masks are required and we will be social distancing.**

**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.**

**Set up will be Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am.**

**Donations of baked goods to sell by the piece at the  
refreshment stand is greatly appreciated!!!!!!**

**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!!!!**



# ANNUAL JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITY PICNIC

IN THE CHURCH GROVE

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 9:00pm  
(rain date of Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>)

*Watch for more information!!*

## Planning Meeting for Community Picnic

May 16<sup>th</sup> in the grove after  
our 10:30am worship service



## PICNIC RAFFLE TIME!!!

Hello Everyone!

Spring is here and that might make you think about the outdoors. When I think about the outdoors I think of Picnics! We are planning to have our Annual Jerusalem United Church of Christ, Trachsville Picnic this year on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. **We will once again have a drawing and will need items for the Raffle Ticket.** We always had generous donations in the past with a wide variety of items. Cash prizes, Gift cards, Outdoor items, Handmade quilts and Crocheted blankets, Decorations for the home, Theme Baskets and many other creative gift ideas. Please see me in church or call me at 610-377-5946. Please leave a message if I am not home and I will return your call. **I would like a list of all donations by June 9, 2021** so that I can get the information to the printers. I do not need the physical item by that date, you can keep your item at your home until the week before the picnic.

Thank you! Wendy Hoppel

### **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**



QUILTING GROUP

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (**May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</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.







## **MAY FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS**



**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Jerry & Lenora Robertson in memory of their daughter Lisa Green's passing on April 27, 2017

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Shawn, Kelli & Cole George in honor of Mason George's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Carolyn & Robert Hill in memory of Geraldine & Robert Hill & Shirley Wentz

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Barry George in honor of his birthday

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Kim & Mike Williams in honor of their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### **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!!



### **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!

### **MAY SCRIPTURE READERS**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Steph Anderson

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ed Brader

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Lana Kuehner

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Lynn Mastio Rice



**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

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### **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)



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## **DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

If you have an article to submit for the June Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, May 21, 2021.**

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

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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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