

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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JUNE 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
JUNE 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members,

Here we are, another month has passed us by. We've had a very dry month of May, and we're looking to get some much-needed rain. We have started our outdoor Church services, and things are going well. We are having a great turn-out at these services, as we get back to our normal lives after a long year of shut-downs. Starting the first Sunday in June (the 6th), we will be starting our Church service at 9 AM. Mark your calendars: we are coming up on our Flea Market, June 11th and 12th. It looks like we're going to have a great bunch of stuff to sell. If you have anything to donate, please contact the office the week of the Flea Market. If you can help in any way contact Beverly Waibel, and she will put you to work. We are going to have food, so we'll need some people working in the food stand Friday and Saturday. And just a reminder, after the Flea Market, our next event at the Church will be our Annual Church Picnic, which is the second Saturday of August this year, the 14th, with a rain date of August 15th. Regarding our building project, we are having a little setback right now on getting the land plan finished, but we are working on it very hard. Every time we think we're at the approval stage, something else happens and we have to regroup and evaluate, but the building committee is doing a great job. We are working hard at it, and we will continue to do so until we get everything approved so we can add that addition on to our Church. Pastor Quayle will be with us at least for now through summer. Our pastoral search committee is doing a fantastic job. They have the Church profile done which is 64 pages long. The consistory is going to meet the first Wednesday of June to review it, and make any changes if we have to, and then it'll get sent back to the pastoral search committee, and they will send it to Penn Northeast Conference for their insight. They will then enter it into their database and wait to get responses, and then we can start doing our interviews. As always, just keep all of our Church members in your prayers. There are a lot of people in need of prayers right now.

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. 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.**



STARTING JUNE 6TH AND THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00AM

June 6th we will have Holy Communion, please bring your own communion elements, as none will be provided.



SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES
JUNE 20th – FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY

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. See Christian Education Report below FMI.

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 June 2021

During the month of May we had 3 of our Sunday School students volunteer to run Zoom class! Jacob Shafer taught us about Noah, Nathan Shafer taught us about women in the Bible and Olive Hunt is preparing a lesson on the Fruits of The Spirit for May 30th. I was able to participate for a short time as the boys taught and they had the class read scripture, answer questions, watch a relevant video and then do a craft. The boys were so prepared and so mature. They took their responsibility very seriously and it truly touched my heart. Olive is the same in her preparation and I can't wait for her lesson!

The kids have such beautiful hearts as they pray for each other, our church and members, the community and the world. They even came up with the idea to send a meaningful gift basket to one of our favorite teachers who isn't feeling well. The basket was chock full of cards, devotional and prayer books, coloring books, Sudoku and word games, a mug, a blanket and more. One of our adult members even contributed a romance novel 😊. On a few Sundays we were able to have Sunday School in person while we were outside. A sense of "normalcy" is a great thing and very welcome, even if it does look different.

Our last Sunday School class will be June 6th. The church service is moving to 9:00 am, so weather permitting I will run Sunday School outside then run a Zoom class at 10:30. Usually we run Sunday School throughout the Summer however this year I feel a deliberate end and a clear beginning in September is best. When we reconvene in September my hope is for it to be all in-person and hopefully we can add Nursery back into the mix. We will evaluate everything toward the end of August.

It has been truly a gift to be able to spend time with the kids during our Zoom classes. I can't even begin to explain how amazing it is that these children had such incredible insight, wisdom, caring, willingness to learn, a desire to put themselves out there and teach and to talk about real issues that they are facing today. As time passed their spiritual maturity became quite evident and the feeling that the love of our Lord was surrounded us was just overwhelming. If the children in our church are our future, we are in great shape!

We will be looking for some new faces on our teaching staff come September. Please let me know if you are able to help and I will set you up with necessary clearances.

Blessings!
Marcia Heinick



*“...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	Delbert Knecht	Mary Meckes
Buzz Hill	Ava Parker	Lorraine Beltz
Arlene & Merritt Berger	Mitchell Kreger	Mary Beth Beers
Russell Chamblee	Brenda Eckley	Vergie Behler
Lana Kuehner	Christine Snyder	Edwin Longacre
Elise & Kevin Binder	Terry & Denise Goodhile	Larry Borger
Judy Hessinger	Marie Andrews	Susan Pokryska
Stephanie Stroup	Tammy Landon	

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	

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

### **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Rachael Shafer – Chairperson  
Elise Binder, Jonathan Borger, Leon George,  
Paul Hoppel, Tammy Landon, Charlie LaSala,  
Shelba Scheffner, Jaclyn Wonderly

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The pastoral search committee is very close to completing the church profile. We have very few questions remaining, with hopes for a final draft in the next month or so. Once completed, the profile will be posted, and the search process will enter the next phase of going through applicants, interviewing candidates, etc. Thank you to all members for their patience and input. We do appreciate it very much.



Music & Worship

- Services are moved outdoors to our grove as weather permits. Latest covid/safety guidelines will still be in place. Access via Facebook Live and radio transmission will continue.
- Consistory approved the purchase of two speakers, two monitors and various cables for the grove services. The new equipment will be stored in the grove buildings. This will greatly help our Sunday morning set-up crew and save wear/tear on the sanctuary equipment. Cost of the speakers: \$2,000
- Annual renewal of our CCLI (copyright) licenses (\$418) was purchased using choir funds.
- Lynn continues to do our PowerPoint presentations for Sunday services.
- Sincere thank you to Jennifer Heilakka and Renee Mowad for joining our band on Sunday mornings, and to Lynn for making sure that we have singers every week! We are happy to welcome Kelly Heinick back to the band this summer while she is home from Penn State. Meanwhile, we continue to look for a permanent replacement for the praise band.
- We are saddened to learn that Jim Reichard passed away recently. Jim played with God's House Band on a number of occasions (sax, keyboard, flute). Our sympathies to Jim's family and wide circle of friends.
- I will be away on the Sundays of May 9 and 16 on a long-awaited visit to our son in Washington state. Substitute keyboard players are in short supply right now, but we are fortunate to have the technology to be able to record the services in advance. And we are so fortunate to have Paul, our wonderful drummer, who also can run the equipment.

Shelba Scheffner

JERUSALEM UCC BUILDING FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 2021

1st Quarter, 2021

Income as of 12/31/2020: \$1,367,197.70

Income for January through March:

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| Gifts | \$1,214.00 |
| Bequests-Various Checks for Insurance Proceeds | \$0.00 |
| MM Interest - 0.05% (First Northern #XXX050) | \$39.54 |
| Savings Acct. Interest - 0.05% (First Northern #XXX6039) | \$12.07 |
| Ameriprise Financial Investment Acct. (#XXX133) | \$7.53 |

Total Income Received this Quarter: \$1,273.14

Total Income as of 3/31/2021: \$1,368,470.84

Expenses as of 12/31/2020: \$554,550.91

Expenses for January through March:

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| 03/31/2021 | United Church Funds Investment Acct.-Loss in Value | \$8,656.30 |
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Total Expenses for this Quarter: \$8,656.30

Total Expenses as of 3/31/2021: \$563,207.21

Balance as of 3/31/2021: \$805,263.63

BANK ACCOUNTS:

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| First Northern Bank M/M #XXX050 | \$321,338.15 |
| First Northern Bank Savings #XXX039 | \$97,903.20 |
| United Church Funds Investment Acct. #XXX420 | \$254,764.13 |
| Ameriprise Financial Investment Acct. #XXX8133 | \$131,258.15 |
| Total in Accounts | \$805,263.63 |

Stephanie Anderson
Treasurer

Jerusalem UCC Maintenance Fund

1st Quarter, 2021

03/31/2021

Beginning Balance as of 12/31/2020:

\$2,187.14

Income
Received:

Gifts Received:

\$770.00

Expenses:

No expenses this quarter.

\$0.00

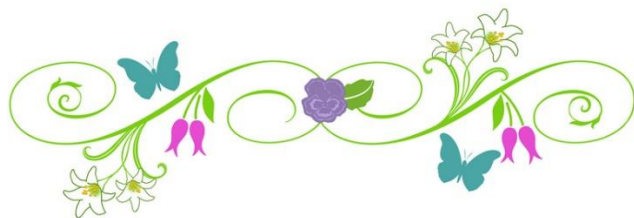
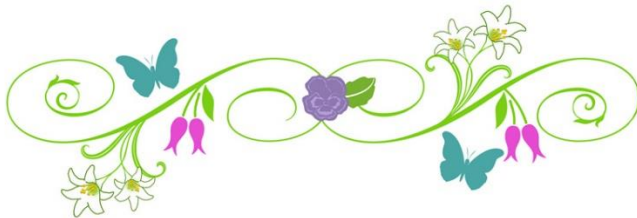
03/31/2021 Balance:

\$2,957.14

First Northern Bank Acct. #XXX469 (3/31/2021 Stmt.)

\$2,957.14

Stephanie Anderson
Treasurer



JUCC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT IS COMPLETE AND HAS BEEN EMAILED. COPIES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE COUNTER IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THE REPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ELETRONICALLY UPON REQUEST.



Congratulations Class of 2021



We are honored to celebrate the graduates listed below for their achievements and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. Congratulations!!!

Be brave and strong...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.



Livia Mackes

I graduated from Moravian College this year with a double major in Health Science pre-Occupational Therapy and Spanish. I will be going to the University of Pittsburgh to get my Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, graduating in 2023. Previously, I graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in 2017 and served on the consistory board.

Jenny Beers



I will be graduating June 1, with a B.A. in Homeland Security from American Military University after completing my A.A.S. degree from NACC in 2000. This was a long 4.5 years to accomplish while working full-time, taking classes, buying and selling 2 homes, and moving 2300 miles across country for work to Arizona. My future plans are to continue working for The Boeing Company in the Security and Fire Protection Organization while obtaining a Management role, and possibly pursuing a Master's in Leadership.



JUCC 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Flea Market – *June 11th & 12th*

Annual JUCC Community Picnic – *August 14th*

“Happy Bowl” stand at Palmerton Festival – *September 10th, 11th & 12th*

Apple & Fall Festival – *October 2nd*

Holiday Basket Raffle & Bazaar – *November 6th*



June 14th – Flag Day

June 20th – Father's Day

June 20th – First Day of Summer





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
Refreshments will be available**

**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 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.**

Set up will be Monday, June 7th through Thursday, June 10th starting at 9:00am.

**Donations of baked goods to sell by the piece at the
refreshment stand are 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!**

**PLEASE NOTE: Unsold items from the Flea Market will be taken to Eldred Thrift Store in Kunkletown on Tuesday, June 15th between 9:00am and 12:00pm.
Anyone with an SUV or Truck to help, would be appreciated!**

ANNUAL JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITY PICNIC

IN THE CHURCH GROVE

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

**MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS
TRACHSVILLE'S LEGENDARY CAKE WALK
RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING**

**GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND SPEND THE DAY!**



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 14th with a rain date of Sunday, August 15th. **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 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 (**June 10th and June 24th, 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.





JUNE FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



June 6th – June Easterday in honor and memory of loved ones

June 13th – Rick & Lisa Williams in honor of their daughter
Stephanie's 20th birthday on June 14th

June 20th – Strausberger Family in memory of David R. Bartholomew
who died in Vietnam on June 19, 1968

June 27th – Lenny Breiner in memory of Janet Breiner's birthday on July 2nd

PLEASE NOTE

Our weekly flower and bulletin sponsors will now go through the church secretary. Should you have any questions or need to make a change 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!!



JUNE SCRIPTURE READERS

June 6th – Steph Anderson

June 13th – Ed Brader

June 20th – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

June 27th – 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

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



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have an article to submit for the July Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, June 18, 2021**.

FMI call 610-681-4412 or email 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



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.





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