

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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AUGUST 2021

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

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CHURCH CONSISTORY

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Additional Members

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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
AUGUST 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members & Future Members:

Here we are at the end of July, and it has been a very hot and humid month. With the humidity came the thunderstorms, one of which caused lightning damage at our Church. We think a lightning strike took out our one phone line, Pastor's office computer, heating system, projector, and video screens. The insurance company has been informed, a claim filed, and we're working on these issues. We are still having Sunday services in the Grove, weather permitting. When it looks like rain, we go inside. We have been averaging around 45 people each week.

We continue to work towards obtaining township approval of our land development plan, and are looking forward to the next township meeting. Hopefully things will move forward soon, and we can get that first shovel in the ground before the snow flies.

We gathered this past Monday night, and hung up Christmas lights and stars, decorated trees, and hung snowmen figures and snowflakes. Tuesday night, we held our first Christmas in July event, organized by Marcia Heinick. We had games, crafts, snow cones, an ice cream eating contest (won by yours truly-haha), and a campfire with s'mores. Pastor Quayle did story time, and also joined in some of our games. Jennika Borger led us in singing Christmas carols. We had 47 people attend, both young and old! It's safe to say everyone had a great time! We also collected a pile of things for our mission project, Operation Christmas Child (the shoeboxes), which we'll be doing again this November.

We had our monthly Consistory meeting on Wednesday evening. The Church's financial situation is very good. Thanks to all of our dedicated members who keep supporting our Church both financially, and just plain showing up to get things done! We have a great group of hard-working members that just keep on giving of their time and talents. You are all appreciated so much!

Just a reminder our Annual Church Picnic is coming up Saturday, August 14th starting at noon. See Wendy Hoppel or Beverly Waibel to sign up to work a shift or two during the picnic. We'll also need cakes donated for the Adult and Kiddie Cake Walks. We hope to see you there!

We also will be needing help with the Palmerton Festival Happy Bowl Stand! Look for sign-up sheets in Church in the next few weeks. And while we're talking about filling, we'll be doing our Fall Filling Sale this year as well. We've had people calling the Church office, already asking if we're going to be selling it this year. Everyone looks forward to our PA Dutch filling. We know it's a lot of work, but we know if we ask, we'll get the help we need! Not only is it a good fundraiser, but it's a lot of fun making the filling, and even more enjoyable eating it!

As always, thanks for everything that everyone continues to do for our Church. That's all for now.

God Bless,
Rick Anderson – Consistory President



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Come worship with us at 9:00AM OUTSIDE in our beautiful picnic grove! *(In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church sanctuary)* Bring your lawn chairs, dress comfortably, and sit in family units. 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.**

RECOGNITION OF PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please join us on Sunday, August 8th, to recognize our Pastoral Search Committee. During the church service, members will be acknowledged for all of their hard work and dedication. We thank everyone for their ongoing support and patience as we navigate this process together and hope to see you all then!



BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Charles Leon LaSala, infant son of Charlie and Kirby LaSala, was baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ on July 25, 2021 by Rev. Don Quayle. It is always a joy to welcome children into the protection of God's family by the waters of baptism and the Holy Spirit. We welcome this little one with joy!

Beginning Sunday, August 1st Holy Communion elements will be provided by the church. Thank you to Kim Williams and Shirley Hawk for volunteering to perform this service.



PASTOR'S NOTE

If there are any shut-ins who desire home communion, please contact Pastor Quayle at 610-861-9203.

The August Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00pm

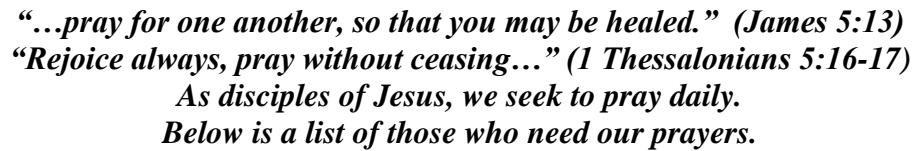
Christian Education August 2021

On July 20th JUCC held its first Christmas in July Family and Friends Event. There were 47 people in attendance and I think a great time was had by all. We had art activities and games. We heard a nativity story and we sang some Christmas Carols and we even had a camp fire. We had a lot of sweets such as the sno-cones, ice cream and smores, Lenora Roberts even surprised us with delicious Christmas Cookies! We had an ice cream eating contest and Rick Anderson was the fastest but Jacob Shafer and Jailene Beers were the messiest! They each won a free ice cream sundae at our Community Picnic, I would like to thank Rick and Steph Anderson, Rachael Shafer and her family, Natalie and Cameron Bojko, Jaclyn Wonderly (who checked our blood pressure before the event ☺) and Beverly and Ricky Waibel for all their help! Thank you to Pastor Quayle for reading the story and Jennika Borger for leading the carols. In addition to having fun, we were able to collect lots of items for the Shoebox outreach.

I will be presenting Deep Blue Bibles to kids entering 3rd and 4th grade. Please let me know if your child is entering those grades so I am sure to have enough for the presentation on September 12th. Please let me know by August 10th in the event I need to order more. My plan is to move forward with in-person Sunday School classes and Nursery come September, but the final determination will depend upon CDC recommendations and the comfort level of the families involved. If your child is eligible for a Deep Blue Bible, if you have any questions, or if you are able to help with Sunday School or help in the Nursery, please contact me at mheinick@palmerton.org.

Blessings!!
Marcia Heinick







Music & Worship

- Sunday 9:00 services continue to be held outdoors in our grove as weather permits. Access via Facebook Live and radio transmission is available as well.
- Thanks to Lynn who continues to do the PowerPoint presentations for our services!
- Our search for a permanent member of the praise band is ongoing. Paul put a notice in BandMix.com, and I have been reaching out to fellow organists and local pastors. No results as yet. We are so fortunate to have Kelly with us for the summer until she returns to Penn State in mid-August. Jen Heilakka will sing on the last two Sundays in August.
- Many thanks to Paul who continues to run our sound system and is able to play the recorded keyboard parts when I am out of town.
- The Music & Worship Committee will resume meeting after being on hiatus due to the pandemic. Anyone who wishes to be a part of this group is welcome to join. The meetings will likely be held following Sunday morning services and will meet every 1 - 2 months as necessary.

Shelba Scheffner

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 (**August 12th and August 26th, 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.





AUGUST FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



August 1st – Shelba Scheffner in honor of Lorrie Nothstein's birthday on August 3rd

August 8th – Mary L. Smith in loving memory of her brother Richard's birthday on August 6th & mother Grace's birthday on August 9th

August 15th – Barry George in honor of daughter Tanya's birthday on August 13th

August 22nd – Barry George in honor of son Kip's birthday on August 23rd

August 29th – Leon and Danielle George in honor of Leon's birthday on August 31st



AUGUST SCRIPTURE READERS

August 1st – Steph Anderson

August 8th – Ed Brader

August 15th – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

August 22nd – Lynn Mastio Rice

August 29th – Steph Anderson

PLEASE CONSIDER...

**Volunteering to read scriptures at our 9:00am
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!





**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**

12:00 NOON – OPEN AND READY FOR LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – FREE KIDS GAMES & KIDDIE CAKE WALK

3:00 P.M. – CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

5:00 P.M. – MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

6:30 P.M. – TRACHSVILLE'S LEGENDARY CAKE WALK

7:30 P.M. – MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

9:00 P.M. – RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING

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

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS:

Anyone interested in selling tickets please contact
Wendy Hoppel, Beverly Waibel or the Church office!

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**PICNIC SIGN-UP SHEETS:**

Anyone that would like to help in the various areas, please sign up  
for your shift! Sheets are on the Pavilion Table at Sunday Services!  
Or you can contact Beverly Waibel!

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Donations to help pay for the Band at the annual picnic are greatly appreciated.

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**MEMBERS:**

Remember donations of baked goods for the Kiddie & Adult cake walks!

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**Famous “Happy Bowl” Stand at
Palmerton Community Festival**

Friday, September 10th ~ 5p.m. to 11p.m.
Saturday, September 11th ~ 11a.m. to 11p.m.
Sunday, September 12th ~ 12noon to 9p.m.



It is with great excitement that the Palmerton Community Festival will be back for 2021 and so will our famous “Happy Bowls”. Come stop by our stand at the festival and enjoy a “Happy Bowl” with our homemade filling, chicken and topped with gravy!!

Apple and Fall Festival



Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the Picnic Grove

featuring:

Chinese Auction and Meat Raffle

with drawings at 3 p.m.



APPLE/FALL FESTIVAL 2021

We are in the process of organizing this event. As in previous years we will have the meat raffle, chinese auction, baked items, wagon with apples, cider and pumpkins, food stand and more. Local meat market and grocery store gift cards are needed for the meat raffle. Please see Lorrie Nothstein or Beverly Waibel with your donation. (or call Lorrie at 610-442-7437) You can also drop the gift cards off at the church office. Donations will also be needed for the chinese auction. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the various work areas at a later time. More information to come.



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Fellowship Hall - 545 Church Drive

Palmerton (Trachsville), PA

(Off Rt. 209 behind Towamensing Fire Co.)

Annual Basket Raffle & Bazaar



Saturday, November 6, 2021

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- **BASKETS TO BE RAFFLED**
- **BAKED GOODS**
- **HOLIDAY ITEMS**

Drawing at 2:00pm

Food to eat in or take out:

**HOMEMADE SOUP,
HOT DOGS, BARBEQUE,
HALUSHKI & BEVERAGES**



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 have 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 September Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, August 13, 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.



CHECK OUT THE PNEC'S WEBSITE!

Go to www.pnec.org and check out all the information about meetings, messages, ministries, trainings, resources and upcoming events. Just click on "News & Events" and then go to "This Week in PNEC" for all the latest news!

Just a reminder!

Our beverage can shed is looking for your empty aluminum beverage cans. There are two deposit slots: one for crushed cans and one for uncrushed cans.





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