

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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SEPTEMBER 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
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Jonathan Borger	Shelba Scheffner		

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
SEPTEMBER 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members & Future Church Members:

It seems like I just got done doing this letter last month, and here I am doing the letter for August. As you all know, we had our Annual Church Picnic, which was a huge success. What a beautiful day! The Main Street Cruisers did an amazing job as usual. The food was really good, as always. This was our first year for our cornhole tournament, and that went over well, so I'm sure we'll have that again next year. The raffle went very well, with 53 prizes in total given out. I believe they said that was the most prizes that we ever had on our ticket. We had a kiddie cakewalk and games for the kids in the afternoon, and then our legendary cakewalk in the evening. There were over 110 prizes donated this year. Thanks to everyone who baked, brought fruit baskets, 12-packs of sodas, etc. We were overwhelmed with the support that we received from our members that came out to help with the picnic, or just came out to enjoy the day with us. Your support is so appreciated! Everyone just shows up when needed, and we get it done. Special thanks to Beverly Waibel for coordinated everything this year, with a lot of advice from Denise Goodhile behind the scenes.

This month we also went to the Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting, and received their approval for our land plan. We are now working on getting our building permit. Look for more information on that in next month's newsletter, as we begin a very exciting time in the future of JUC.

We're busy preparing for the Palmerton Community Festival, by getting all the products ordered, and getting the trailer restructured to work the best for cooking, serving, and selling our famous "Happy Bowls" of filling and chicken barbecue. If you didn't sign up for a time slot to help with the festival, please see Wendy Hoppel or Beverly Waibel, and they will be glad to sign you up. It is absolutely a fantastic time to see all the people around our stand, both young and old, that look forward to our food every year.

Our Pastoral Search Committee had a mock interview, and they said it went very well. Our profile will be going out very shortly in our quest for a new Pastor. Our stand-in interview pastor was very impressed with our Church profile and everything that we do to be active in our community. I believe that's all for now. We suffered some losses this past month, and have some members with health problems as well, so keep all our Church members and families in your prayers.

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 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.**

PASTOR'S NOTE

If there are any shut-ins who desire home communion, please contact **Pastor Quayle at**



**Holy Communion is Sunday,
September 5th.
Elements will be provided by
the church.**

A MESSAGE AT THE END OF A CHURCH PICNIC A REFLECTION ON THE DAY!

ALL IS QUIET

As we close the book on this year's picnic, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who supported this great day. We also want to take a moment & reflect about what this day means to all of us. It is about our **community, tradition** and **fellowship**. It is about enjoying the company of the ones we love and catching up with those we don't often see. It is about one day to forget all the bad and focus on something good, something fun, something we can enjoy. Year after year this day reminds us to love, have hope and to find good. It's a blessing to be part of all of this! Trust us, those of us who work it, enjoy it as much as those who attend. So, with that, we say THANK YOU again and hope to see you all next year!

Blessings, The Picnic Committee

\$7,316.23 Profit (\$11,646.10 Income - \$4,329.87 Expenses)



“...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
Mitchell Kreger	Mary Beth Beers	Russell Chamblee
Brenda Eckley	Vergie Behler	Lana Kuehner
Edwin Longacre	Heather Hessinger	
Terry & Denise Goodhile	Marie Andrews	Stephanie Stroup
Kay Green	Doris Behler	Elise & Matthew Binder

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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## JUCC 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

## “Happy Bowl” stand at Palmerton Festival

*Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.*

*Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.*

*Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.*

# Apple & Fall Festival

*Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Picnic Grove*

## Holiday Basket Raffle & Bazaar

*Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

# Fall Filling Sale

*November (Dates TBA)*

## 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, with no results as yet. Kelly's last Sunday with the band is August 15, after which she returns to Penn State. We are so grateful for her presence and her beautiful music this past summer! Jen Heilakka will sing on the last two Sundays in August. Renee Mowad will be singing during the month of September.
- The Music & Worship Committee met on July 25. The following agenda items were under discussion and subject to review at the next Consistory meeting:
  - Change to Fall/Winter/Spring season:
    - The Committee agreed that September 12 would be a good day for the change-over since that is also Rally Day.
    - The Committee recommends keeping the current blended service format (one service).
    - Consistory discussed a 10:00 start for services instead of 10:30. All agreed.
    - The Committee discussed staying outside in the grove for services as long as is comfortable due to the favorable feedback on our grove services. Once we begin to move equipment inside during chilly weather, however, we should remain inside.
  - Choir season
    - Effects of the pandemic and other situations with our members have affected our choir numbers. There are only a few who can commit to the usual choir schedule.
    - The Committee discussed workable ways to keep choir/traditional music alive. One idea is to use the middle hymn as an 'open' slot for hymns, Family Choir as we've had in the past, instrumental music or other ideas which would all focus on the traditional music so many members love.
    - Paul noted that a choir could sing outdoors using some different mics.
    - At Consistory, Duane offered to help.
    - The Committee discussed other friends and members who are musical and could add to our services.
  - Shelba noted that Consistory has discussed paid Sundays off for Lynn and Paul, who are currently contractual. Lynn and Paul appreciated the gesture.
  - We have been using Paul's soundboard for our outdoor services, and the Committee discussed purchasing our own. Paul will look into pricing. A new lapel mic is needed also.
  - The next meeting of the Music & Worship Committee will be held August 22 following the Sunday morning service. New members welcome!

Shelba Scheffner

### 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 (**September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 23<sup>rd</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.







## **SEPTEMBER** **FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS**



**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jerry and Lenora Robertson in memory of  
Lavona Green who passed on September 5, 2012

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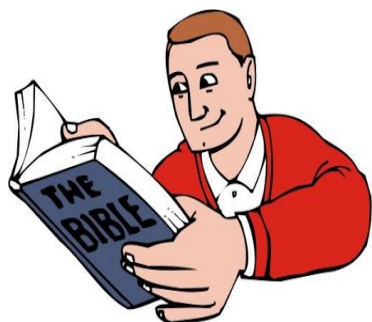
September 12th – Duane & Lisa Hawk in honor of
their wedding anniversary on September 17th

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**September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Lorrie and Keith Nothstein in honor of  
their anniversary on September 19<sup>th</sup> &  
Jamie and Darren Rockwell's anniversary on September 18<sup>th</sup>

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September 26th – Don and Elaine George in honor of
their 61st wedding anniversary on September 24th



SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

September 5th – Ed Brader

September 12th – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

September 19th – Lynn Mastio Rice

September 26th – 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!



Famous “Happy Bowl” Stand at Palmerton Community Festival



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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:

Music by Dean Hahn & The Hawks
from noon until 3 p.m.

Chinese Auction and Meat Raffle
with drawings at 3 p.m.



homemade food, including apple dumplings, cobbler,
funny cake, apple or regular sausage sandwiches, soup,
Bar-BQ, hot dogs and macaroni & cheese & ice cream!
Wagon with apples, apple cider, pumpkins and fall items.



APPLE/FALL FESTIVAL 2021
Saturday, October 2nd 9 am to 3 pm

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.



Apple & Fall Fest Chinese Auction

Apple/Fall Fest Chinese Auction baskets (or boxes or trays) of assorted items with an apple or fall theme or home decorative items, plants, etc. make nice prizes for the Chinese auction. Please bring any items for the Chinese Auction for the Apple Fall Fest to the church during office hours or to the festival by 9 AM, Saturday, October 2. All donations are appreciated. The Chinese auction corner has been a popular area at the festival for many years. Let's keep it going!



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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 October Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, September 17, 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.



I can do ALL THINGS
through *Christ*
who STRENGTHENS *me.*
—Phillippians 4:13



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