

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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DECEMBER 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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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
DECEMBER 2021



Hello Fellow Church Members and Future Church Members,

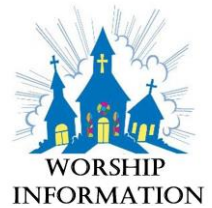
Well, another month has passed us by, and things sure seem to be moving fast this year. We had our Fall Bazaar and Basket Social, and we did very well with that event. We sold out of food, and there was a great number of people that came and participated in the basket raffle. We had plenty of help as always. We went right from that into our Fall Filling Sale. What a successful event that turned out to be! We thought we'd make around 1200 pounds, and we ended up making 1525 pounds of filling. On Friday we prepped everything, and had around 18 people out that day. Then Saturday morning, we started at around 6:30 a.m. cooking the potatoes, celery, and onions, and by 8 a.m. we were ready to start mixing. We're not sure exactly how many total people showed up on Saturday, as people came and went as they needed to, but at one point, we counted 31 that were there cooking, mixing, filling pans, and sealing them. Thanks to everyone who came out again to help with this fundraiser. 2021 will end up being our best fundraising year every, so again I want to thank everyone who came out during the year to help out. We always end up having all the help we need. We will once again be having two Christmas Eve services this year: 5 p.m. in the Grove (weather permitting), and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be lighting the grove with lights again this year. We tried to do it last year, and ended up having a very strong storm with lots of rain and high winds, and weren't able to do it. This year, we did our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for kids, and filled 50 boxes. Last year, we only did 7, so we were very excited about the overwhelming support we received from our members. We've also been collecting money for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners again this year. We supplied 5 families with Thanksgiving dinners, and are taking reservations up to Monday, December 6th for Christmas dinners. If you know of anyone in need, please have them call the Church office. We had our annual Operation Warm a Child coat drive for kids, and collected around 30 coats for local kids. Starting in January, we're going to start having Movie Nights for families in our Church sanctuary. More information to follow on that in the next newsletter. Hoping to see you all in Church over the Christmas season. The Church sure is beautiful this time of year.

Sending Blessings & Peace,
Rick Anderson
Consistory President





SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Our 10:00am Sunday Worship Service is held in the church sanctuary. You can also remain in your vehicle in the parking lot and listen to the service on radio station 95.5FM or watch us live on Facebook. The service is also posted on our website after it has concluded. 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.**

Join Us at
Advent Worship



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2021

November 28th – **HOPE** – Paul Rice & Lynn Mastio Rice

December 5th – **PEACE** – Amy Shupp & Family

December 12th – **JOY** – Paul & Wendy Hoppel

December 19th – **LOVE** – Shawn & Kelli George, Mason George,
Cole George, Carisa Lee

Christmas Eve – **CHRIST** – Rick & Steph Anderson



**We are planning to have two Christmas Eve Services this year.
One at 5 p.m. in the Grove (weather permitting)
and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

PASTOR'S NOTE

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



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



Christian Education Report for December 2021

Some exciting news! Starting on January 9th Sunday School will go in-person each week during the 10:00 service. However, we are looking for some teachers/helpers to become part of our teaching rotation. The kids in Sunday School are just amazing and really love to hear about God's love for them and others through Jesus. If you are interested or even just pondering the idea of helping, please let me know. You will need clearances which is a fairly easy process.

Hopefully the Nursery will open also. We will keep you posted.

On December 19th, there will be a Christmas Party for the children and youth. The party will be during the 10:00 service. Stay tuned to church announcements for more details! Thank you to Natalie Bojko and Lisa Williams for this opportunity to celebrate with our kiddos.

I want to thank Nathan Shafer. He ran Sunday School on Zoom on Oct 31st. He talked about David and Goliath and was so well prepared!! I did tune it at the end and the thing that is most touching about the kids is the love and sincerity of their prayers. Nathan asked if anyone had a prayer request, and the children made their requests. Jacob offered to lead the prayer, and did so with maturity, wisdom and pure love. Then Nathan closed with a beautiful prayer highlighting the ability for children to show God's love to others and that there is a great deal they can do to help others even though they are young.

Many blessings and from my family to yours, may you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and may you experience the warmth and beauty of God's love through Jesus Christ, during the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

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
Mitchell Kreger
Lana Kuehner
Stephanie Stroup
Judy Hessinger
Heather Hessinger
Kay Green

Buzz Hill
Mary Beth Beers
Edwin Longacre
Terry & Denise Goodhile
Joseph Turoscy
Val Conger
Harry Hahn

Ava Parker
Vergie Behler
Marie Andrews
Eileen Rinker
Betty Nothstein
Edna Schoenberger
Carmen Fehr

Longer term prayer concerns:

Jim Buck
Barry Smale
Elizabeth Krause
Doug Hawk
Anna Bowman
Brenda Nothstein-Bunting

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

Dalton Fredericks
Ada Frederick
Duane Hawk
Helen Smale
Marla Schmidt

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that helped out in anyway or by donating baked goods, items to sell, baskets, gift cards or cash prizes for the basket raffle. We had a total of 93 items for the raffle! The turnout and event was a huge success! Fun and Fellowship were enjoyed by ALL!



**A Huge Thank You** to everyone that helped in anyway preparing & making the filling! We made a total of 1525 lbs. It was a day of FUN & Fellowship, and a GREAT SUCCESS! We do have some extras if anyone is interested in purchasing for Christmas! First come, first served. They can contact the office or Beverly!



## Music & Worship

- Sunday 10:00 services are now held indoors as cooler weather has arrived. Access via Facebook Live and radio transmission continues.
- Church members who passed away during the past year were remembered on All Saint's Day on October 31. Church members and friends who have served in the US military were honored during our Veteran's Day service on November 7. The congregation enjoyed seeing the slideshow of our veterans. Lynn Mastio Rice continues to put together our beautiful PowerPoint slideshows for these and all other services.
- Our one big screen and the large TV up front (which the band uses to follow the service) were in need of repair. Both were fixed by ESG.
- "Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts" (1 CHRONICLES 16:7-9)  
That's what our band leads us to do every Sunday and we are thankful for that! Thank you to our band members and friends who enhance our worship with their beautiful music!
- Thank you also to Paul Rice who is so very attentive in ensuring that our services can be heard clearly from all areas of the sanctuary. This is so important. Our equipment keeps getting better and better – and more complicated as well.

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!



QUILTING GROUP

### JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (**December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 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.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



**Friday January 14, 2022 at 6pm**

**In the Church Sanctuary**



## **DECEMBER** **FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS**



**December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Lana Kuehner in honor of great-nephew  
Nolan's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 16<sup>th</sup>

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December 12th – Barry & Donna Mackes in memory of Ralph & Alice Mackes

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**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Leon & Danielle George in memory of loved ones

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December 26th – Paul & Wendy Hoppel in memory and honor of all loved ones and
son Nicolas' birthday on December 29th



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING FLOWERS & BULLETINS FOR 2022?

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers & bulletins (\$35 donation) for a Sunday in 2022, please contact Jillian Adamson at the church office. She can also be reached by phone at 610-681-4412 or by e-mail at juccsecy@ptd.net.

PLEASE CONSIDER...

**Volunteering to read scriptures
at our 10:00am 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!



DECEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

December 5th – Kim Williams

December 12th – Lynn Mastio Rice

December 19th – Steph Anderson

December 26th – Ed Brader



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, we did Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for kids, and **filled 50 boxes!!** Last year, we only did 7, so we were very excited about the overwhelming support we received from our members. THANK YOU!!

POINSETTIA SALE

JUCC is holding a Poinsettia Sale for Christmas. The deadline to order is **Sunday, December 5th!!** Order forms are in the weekly bulletin or you can see Lorrie Nothstein or call the church office to place your order.



SPECIAL DATES IN DECEMBER

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day

December 21st – First Day of Winter

December 24th – Christmas Eve

December 25th – Christmas Day

December 31st – New Year's Eve



ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Our food pantry has been so blessed with the amazing support from our congregation. Once again, we're asking for your generosity. We would like to provide food for Christmas as well. The estimated cost per family is \$35.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to JUCC and mark "food pantry" on the envelope.



*Our Mission-Helping Those in Need
Concerned about having enough food for Christmas Dinner?
We want to help you!*

**“Jerusalem United Church of Christ
Trachsville Family Pantry”**

Reserve Your Ready-to-Prepare Family Christmas Dinner

Turkey

Stuffing/potatoes, Butter, Gravy

Cranberry sauce, Sweet potatoes

Corn, Green Beans

Pie

Limited Dinners Available

Reserve your dinner

Call the church office **610-681-4412**

Deadline:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH BY 6 PM

Christmas Dinner Pick up:

Sunday, December 19th

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Jerusalem United Church of Christ

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(Near Towamensing Fire Co.-Trachsville)

Palmerton, PA 18071

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| September, 2021 | | 3rd Quarter, 2021 | | |
| Income as of 6/30/2021: | | | | \$1,375,421.17 |
| Income for July through September: | | | | |
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| | Gifts | | | \$1,206.00 |
| | Bequests-Various Checks for Insurance Proceeds | | | \$0.00 |
| | MM Interest - 0.05% (First Northern #XXX050) | | | \$39.27 |
| | Savings Acct. Interest - 0.05% (First Northern #XXX6039) | | | \$12.34 |
| | Ameriprise Financial Investment Acct. (#XXX133) | | | \$3.31 |
| | United Church Funds Investment Acct.-Gain in Value | | | \$2,597.69 |
| Total Income Received this Quarter: | | | | \$3,858.61 |
| Total Income as of 9/30/2021: | | | | \$1,379,279.78 |
| Expenses as of 6/30/2021: | | | | \$567,236.89 |
| Expenses for July through September: | | | | |
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| | 08/16/2021 | Trans. To General Fund-Engineering, Legal, & Township Bills | | \$13,767.76 |
| | 09/14/2021 | Trans. To General Fund-Engineering, Legal, & Township Bills | | \$4,461.50 |
| Total Expenses for this Quarter: | | | | \$18,229.26 |
| Total Expenses as of 9/30/2021: | | | | \$585,466.15 |
| Balance as of 9/30/2021: | | | | \$793,813.63 |
| BANK ACCOUNTS: | | | | |
| First Northern Bank M/M #XXX050 | | | \$301,787.23 | |
| First Northern Bank Savings #XXX039 | | | \$97,927.74 | |
| United Church Funds Investment Acct. #XXX420 | | | \$262,833.93 | |
| Ameriprise Financial Investment Acct. #XXX8133 | | | \$131,264.73 | |
| Total in Accounts | | | \$793,813.63 | |
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| | | Stephanie Anderson | | |
| | | Treasurer | | |
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| NEW BUILDING PROJECT EXPENSES TO DATE 11/22/2021 | | | |
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| DATE: | CHECK# | AMOUNT | PAID TO: |
| 8/2/2016 | 1148 | \$840.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Architect Fees |
| 8/31/2016 | 11650 | \$1,680.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Architect Fees |
| 9/12/2016 | 11667 | \$1,680.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Architect Fees |
| 2/6/2017 | 11781 | \$2,000.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Architect Fees |
| 5/1/2018 | 12162 | \$2,640.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Architect Fees |
| 9/9/2018 | 12279 | \$750.00 | Towamensing Township - Variance |
| 7/29/2018 | 12245 | \$262.50 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 9/19/2018 | 12287 | \$1,652.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 9/29/2018 | 12292 | \$250.00 | Carbon County Planning Comm. |
| 9/29/2018 | 12293 | \$500.00 | Towamensing Township (Planning) |
| 10/30/2018 | 12320 | \$2,160.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 11/19/2018 | 12339 | \$570.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 12/23/2018 | 1248 | \$3,500.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Deposit on Construction Drawings |
| 1/27/2019 | 12399 | \$840.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 2/3/2019 | 12402 | \$3,500.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Progress Billing |
| 3/3/2019 | 12419 | \$5,250.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Progress Billing |
| 3/3/2019 | 12420 | \$4,000.00 | JENA Engineering - Deposit on MEP Drawings |
| 3/19/2019 | 12445 | \$5,995.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Progress Billing |
| 4/19/2019 | 12478 | \$7,743.65 | JENA Engineering - Balance on MEP Drawings |
| 4/19/2019 | 12479 | \$650.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 4/28/2019 | 12483 | \$1,200.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Progress Billing |
| 5/13/2019 | 12490 | \$5,250.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - Progress Billing |
| 5/22/2019 | 12503 | \$250.00 | Charles Reichl AIA - MEP Extras |
| 6/17/2019 | 12538 | \$1,057.50 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 6/27/2019 | 12550 | \$325.00 | Lehigh Engineering |
| 8/8/2019 | 12586 | \$1,446.50 | Lehigh Engineering-TOPO Data Picnic Grove, Septic |
| 8/13/2019 | 12591 | \$390.00 | Charles Reichl AIA-Revisions, Pennoni Assoc. |
| 9/16/2019 | 12623 | \$110.00 | Charles Reichl AIA-Revisions, Pennoni Assoc. |
| 9/22/2019 | 12625 | \$3,124.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Septic, Land, & Stormwater Plan |
| 9/20/2019 | 12630 | \$800.00 | Towamensing Township-Septic Permit |
| 10/27/2019 | 12660 | \$500.00 | Towamensing Township-Application Fees |
| 10/27/2019 | 12661 | \$700.00 | Towamensing Township-Escrow for Engineering Costs |
| 10/27/2019 | 12663 | \$425.00 | Carbon County Planning Comm.-Application Fees |
| 11/14/2019 | 12683 | \$2,565.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development |
| 11/27/2019 | 12685 | \$375.00 | Charles Reichl AIA-Engineering Svcs.-Pennoni Assoc. |
| 12/12/2019 | 12705 | \$87.25 | JENA Engineering-Prepare Drawings & PDF's |
| 1/11/2020 | 12722 | \$1,350.00 | Carbon County Conservation District |
| 1/11/2020 | 12728 | \$2,200.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development |
| 1/19/2020 | 12739 | \$2,012.50 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development |
| 2/17/2020 | 12758 | \$2,342.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development |
| 3/10/2020 | 12768 | \$840.00 | Charles Reichl AIA-Engineering Svcs.-Pennoni Assoc. |
| 3/10/2020 | 12784 | \$42.00 | JENA Engineering-Print Copies |
| 3/12/2020 | 12785 | \$800.00 | Towamensing Twsp.-New Septic Permit |
| 3/19/2020 | 12791 | \$200.00 | Towamensing Twsp.-New Septic Permit |

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| 3/19/2020 | 12789 | \$2,150.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development |
| 3/26/2020 | 12794 | \$100.00 | Ed Brader-Reimb. Carbon County Conservation Dist. |
| 4/13/2020 | 12806 | \$2,777.50 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development/Septic Design |
| 5/18/2020 | 12823 | \$360.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development/Septic Design |
| 7/22/2020 | 12868 | \$112.50 | Lehigh Engineering-Erosion & Sediment Plan |
| 8/16/2020 | 12886 | \$332.75 | Steckel & Stopp-Prep. Of Consolidation Deed |
| 8/16/2020 | 12882 | \$540.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Speed Study, Stormwater Alternate |
| 8/16/2020 | 12882 | \$360.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Revised Septic Design |
| 9/7/2020 | 12901 | \$432.00 | Lehigh Engineering-BOS Meeting, TOPO Reduction |
| 10/5/2020 | 12925 | \$750.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Address Twsp. Concerns |
| 10/28/2020 | 12943 | \$690.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Revised Septic Design |
| 11/21/2020 | 12963 | \$200.00 | Scott Bieber-Sewer Enforce. Officer-New Septic Permit |
| 3/1/2021 | 13039 | \$195.50 | Charles Reichl AIA-Printing Charges |
| 3/7/2021 | 13045 | \$3,341.68 | JENA Engineering-Engineering Fees |
| 6/2/2021 | 13124 | \$74.21 | Steckel & Stopp-Deed Filed |
| 6/30/2021 | 13146 | \$750.00 | Towamensing Township-PERC Fees for Retention Pond |
| 7/21/2021 | 13167 | \$7,606.25 | Towamensing Township-Twsp. Engineering & Atty. Fees |
| 8/2/2021 | 13178 | \$2,340.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development, Revisions |
| 8/15/2021 | 13191 | \$2,047.50 | Lehigh Engineering-Land Development, BOS Mtg. |
| 8/15/2021 | 13193 | \$537.50 | Atty. Robert Frycklund-Land Development Issues |
| 9/2/2021 | 13208 | \$49.68 | JENA Engineering-Print Copies |
| 9/13/2021 | 13218 | \$1,575.00 | Lehigh Engineering-Stormwater Design Revisions |
| 9/13/2021 | 13221 | \$2,886.50 | Towamensing Twsp.-SALDO Fees |
| 10/5/2021 | 13243 | \$1,025.00 | Towamensing Twsp.-SALDO Fees to date |
| 10/8/2021 | DEBIT | \$1,675.47 | First Northern Bank-Letter of Credit Fee (for Twsp.) |
| 11/15/2021 | 13273 | \$75.00 | Atty. Robert Frycklund-Land Development Issues |
| | TOTAL: | \$107,838.94 | |
| *ALL ABOVE EXPENSES HAVE BEEN PAID OR REIMBURSED BY THE BUILDING FUND. | | | |
| TOTAL PAID TO INDIVIDUAL PAYEE: | | | |
| Carbon Conservation District | | \$1,450.00 | |
| Carbon County Planning Comm. | | \$675.00 | |
| First Northern Bank & Trust | | \$1,675.47 | |
| Atty. Robert Frycklund | | \$612.50 | |
| JENA Engineering | | \$15,264.26 | |
| Lehigh Engineering | | \$35,341.50 | |
| Charles Reichl AIA | | \$35,695.50 | |
| Towamensing Township/S.E.O. | | \$16,717.75 | |
| Steckel & Stopp Atty. | | \$406.96 | |
| | | \$107,838.94 | |



If you have an article to submit for the January Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, December 17, 2021**.

FMI call 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net

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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.



Check JUCC Facebook page or website for updates on cancellations, changes, delays or postponements.

*"For unto you is born ...a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11

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