

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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FEBRUARY 2022

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 2022



Greetings,

It is with much honor that I officially take over the reins as Consistory President for this 2022 new year. I have big shoes to fill in the people that have gone before me. Rick Anderson did an amazing job in leading this church and congregation in 2021 during these rocky times of Covid. A big thank you to Rick, Lorrie Nothstein (Secretary) and Marcia Heinick for their years of service to our church and our people. We also say a big “Welcome” to our new consistory members Ed Brader and Tammy Landon for agreeing to serve, we thank you for being part of the team here at Jerusalem! There are so many new and exciting things coming up - as I usually state every Sunday in the morning announcements before services start. We certainly are an active church! Sunday School for our children has started up in person instead of exclusively through Zoom. For some parents it is still a scary place to have their children exposed to the public, we encourage all of our families to make the wisest decisions possible in regards to the safety of their children, but let me add, we really do miss seeing their beautiful faces, I long for the day when the word “Covid” is no longer a part of our conversations. We planned another Movie Night for Friday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 and will be watching “Heaven is for Real”. After our first successful movie night of seeing “Break Through” with about 25 people in attendance and enjoying popcorn and shedding tears and using quite a few tissues, many people suggested we have another one! We commented it was like a date night, why don’t you plan to join us? Our new Consistory also decided to have a Spring Filling sale in time for Easter, so if you ate all your filling for Christmas, you can restock your freezer for Easter. Look for the dates in the future newsletters. We also decided to have our Annual Flea Market (save your treasures!) and Free Community Chicken Bar BQ Dinner. Plans are still going forward for our new building addition and fingers crossed, high hopes and many prayers that we will be able to break ground when warmer weather finally appears. A joke among a few consistory members is that our shovels are getting rusty in not being able to break ground, building anything new comes with challenges, ask anyone that ever build a new house or created an addition to their homes - good things come to those who wait. We also look forward to celebrating our 175th Anniversary in 2023 - plans to remodel our sanctuary in getting new pews, replacing the old carpeting, looking at new ceiling options, new paint and giving our beautiful church a pretty new facelift. The pews and carpeting were “new” in the early ‘70’s with them now being over 50 years old and showing significant wear and tear. We had an amazing response from the people of our congregation staying after services on Sunday, Jan. 23 to discuss what they thought our new remodel job should include. Thank you to everyone that shared your ideas, please know that everyone always has a voice for this is YOUR church and what you have to say is important and does make a difference.

Keep the Faith,

Wendy K. Hoppel, President

A Weekly Bible Verse

I recently finished reading an inspiring, feel-good type of novel that made a lasting impression on me, so much in fact that I asked our consistory if I might be able to share my affection with this book and bring some of the same inspiration to our congregation. The fictional trilogy novel is *The Amish Cooking Class* by Wanda E. Brunstetter, she has written over 100 books with over 11 million copies sold, with many taking place in the Pennsylvania and Ohio Amish country. I won't ruin the entire story for you but the title is an obvious give away! The story is about an Amish couple, Heidi Troyer and her husband Lyle, married for over eight years and with no children to help fill her days, she decides to teach cooking classes in the fine art of making wholesome, good things to eat "from scratch" the Amish way. Of course, there are many Pennsylvania Dutch words and phrases in the book which makes it even more endearing since many of us have those "Dutchy Roots"! The students she teaches come from all walks of life with all kinds of problems. But what unfolds is how they all become connected and walk away with lasting friendships all because of a scripture Heidi writes on the back of each recipe card after each class. I will willingly pass this amazing book around for all of you take a turn in reading it, or as many of you might do, you could download on your Kindle or phones. Since the scriptures made such an impact on students in the cooking classes, I thought we might try doing this in our monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins starting in the month of February. We usually think of Valentine's Day when we think of February, I thought I would base my scripture selections this month on the word LOVE. If any of you have a favorite scripture that guides your life, or perhaps you have a picture or plaque hanging in your homes that you always look at for encouragement, please share it with me and I will gladly share it in future months.

Sunday, February 6 - *John 3:16* - For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Sunday, February 13 - *1 Corinthians 13:13* - And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

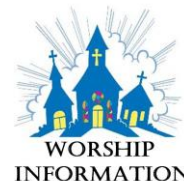
Sunday, February 20 - *1 John 4:12* - . . . If we love one another, God abides in us and His love has been perfected in us.

Sunday, February 27 - *1 Peter 4:8* - And above all things have fervent love for one another for love will cover a multitude of sins.

Faithfully, Wendy



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.**



Holy Communion is Sunday, February 6th. Elements provided by the church.



Community Lenten Services are currently being discussed as we go to print. Watch for more information in the weekly announcements and on our Facebook page and website.



Sunday School is in-person each week during our 10:00am service and will continue to follow local school protocol for COVID safety.

Christian Education

Starting for the month of January we have switched to in-person for Nursery and Sunday School. I would like to thank Natalie Bojko and Judy Hessinger as they will be taking care of our "Littles" in the Nursery. I would like to thank Lisa Williams, Rachael Shafer, Tammy Landon, Beverly Waibel, Emily Murphy and Shelley Wonderly for being our teachers and helpers for Sunday School this year. Steph Anderson will substitute as she can and is needed. With the ability to easily Zoom teach, any week a teacher or helper doesn't feel able to cover the Sunday School, we can Zoom. If there is interest, we can experiment with Zooming in kids while at the church, allowing kids who want to come to Sunday School but can't, access to some great learning and fun.

I would like to say an extra special thank you to Wendy Hoppel! She has taught Sunday School, off and on for almost 40 years! Talk about commitment and dedication! We love you Miss Wendy and you will be greatly missed but I know you are definitely responding to a great Call.

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	Buzz Hill	Ava Parker
Mitchell Kreger	Mary Beth Beers	Lana Kuehner
Marie Andrews	Stephanie Stroup	Judy Hessinger
Terry & Denise Goodhile	Joseph Turoscy	Betty Nothstein
Heather Hessinger	Val Conger	Kay Green
Edna Schoenberger	Carmen Fehr	Larry Burger
Lois Strohl	Richard Radler	Scott & Janice Hahn

Longer term prayer concerns:

Jim Buck	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

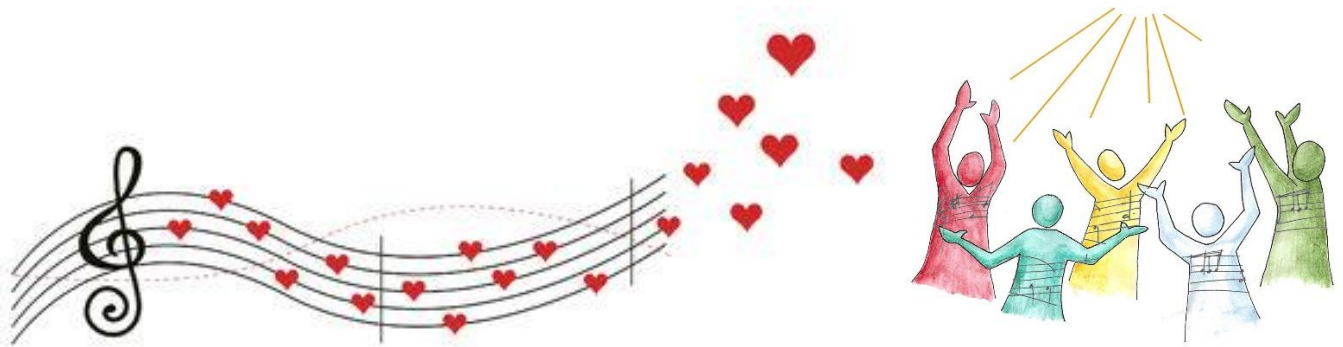
**If there are members who desire home communion,  
please contact *Pastor Quayle* at 610-861-9203.**

## 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!**







### **Music & Worship**

- In-person Sunday 10:00 services continue using our blended format, with additional access via Facebook Live and radio transmission.
- Our church was beautifully decorated for Advent/Christmas by a dedicated group of members and friends. Advent readings and candle lighting by members of our church family began each service.
- Our thanks to Renee Mowad who added her lovely voice to our praise band for the first three Sundays in December, and to Chuck Scitney for his inspirational instrumentals and vocals. We are so blessed to have Lynn Mastio Rice, Paul Rice, Renee and Chuck with us to enhance our worship services.
- Consistory once again decided to hold a 5:00 Christmas Eve service in the grove. This was planned for 2020 as well, but Mother Nature had other plans with the result that both Christmas Eve services were held in the sanctuary. This year, Christmas Eve brought cold but calm weather, with just a coating of snow to add to the beauty of the setting. And what beauty it was! Rick Anderson and a crew of hardy volunteers hung strings of lights and prepared the grove for the service. Band members and friends brought equipment out of storage. The service was filled with candlelight, lessons and carols, and beautiful music, all to the glory of the birth of a King. The 7:00 service was held indoors using the same format. Sincere thanks to all who participated – to Pastor Quayle, to our praise band (and Kelly Heinick who joined us for Christmas Eve and December 26), to Jillian Adamson who tends to so many details, and to all those who decorated the grove, set up/tore down equipment, helped with flowers/decorations, and attended to celebrate Christ's birth together as a church family.

Shelba Scheffner



**Feeding the Community**

## **Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry** **Food Drive-Thru**

**Our JUCC Food Pantry is doing a non-perishable drive-thru food pick-up Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the church.** If you or someone you know would benefit from our food pantry, please spread the word and contact Jillian at the church office to make your reservation: 610-681-4412 or [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net). We need to help each other and our neighbors, especially in these trying times!

Stay healthy and safe!

**Deadline to sign up: Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> by 1:00pm**

### **Easter Filling Sale**

**Deadline to order Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Please watch for more information in the weekly announcements and on our website and Facebook page.

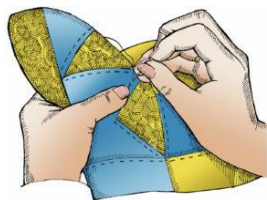


### ***"Heaven is for Real"***

**Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6:30pm**

**In the Church Sanctuary**

**Free of charge, free popcorn and drinks**



**QUILTING GROUP**

### **JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP**

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (**February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<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. Please see Shelba or call the church office if you need further information.



## **FEBRUARY FLOWERS & BULLETINS** **SPONSORS**

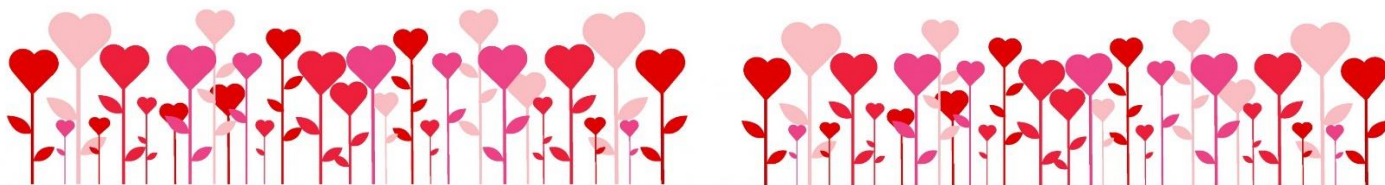


**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Shawn George and family (Cole, Mason & Carisa)  
in honor of wife/mother Kelli George's birthday on February 4<sup>th</sup>  
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February 13th – Lana Kuehner in honor of great niece Quinn Zavagansky's 9th
birthday on Feb. 2nd & great nephew Steels Zalik's birthday on Feb. 7th
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**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – No Sponsor  
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February 27th – Bob Andrews & Patti Snyder in honor of Marie Andrews'
81st birthday on February 27th



THERE ARE NUMEROUS DATES AVAILABLE FOR **FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS 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 be reached by phone at 610-681-4412 or by e-mail at juccsecy@ptd.net. Please see below for a few upcoming dates that are available.

AVAILABLE DATES IN FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL

February 20th
March 6th, March 13th, March 20th
April 3rd, April 10th, April 17th, April 24th



FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READERS

February 6th – Kim Williams

February 13th – Lynn Mastio Rice

February 20th – Steph Anderson

February 27th – Ed Brader



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!

“DAVID” Sight & Sound Bus Trip with Lunch & Show

**\$130 pp for adults ~ \$85 pp for kids 3 to 12 years old
(Includes Bus, Lunch and Show)**

First come, first served. 33 seats available.

For tickets, please call Steph Anderson at 610-597-0405

Reservation and payment due by Sunday, March 6th

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022



Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers.

After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one with himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart.

- 8:00 AM Depart Jerusalem United Church
- 10:00 AM Arrive at Sight and Sound Theatre
- 11:00 AM Showtime
- 2:00 PM Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farms
- 3:30 PM Depart Hershey Farms
- 4:00 PM Kitchen Kettle Village for Shopping
- 5:30 PM Depart for Home
- 7:30 PM Approx. Arrival at Jerusalem Church



Register Tapes

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**NO other stores such as Giant, Other Shoprite stores/locations.
NO Senior Citizens Discounts, Pharmacy sales slips, Alcohol sales.**

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NO other Stores or Locations accepted.

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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



If you have an article to submit for the March Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, February 18th**.

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



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