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APRIL 2022

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT **APRIL 2022**



Greetings,

Our monthly Consistory meetings never fail to amaze me with all the inspiring information we learn from each other. We discuss extremely sensitive issues that pertain to our church, the people in our community, as well as the world around us. As we are talking about one topic, another one comes into play and we sometimes have a few conversations rolling around at one time. This was the case when we started talking about how the families were so greatly appreciative of all the food they received this past Sunday from our Food Pantry food give away. What an important ministry we have started and how it helps our friends in this community! In addition to the food pantry, we also sponsor our Free Chicken Bar BQ Dinner, (watch for the upcoming date) the dinners are not only a free meal but a time for all people, both physically and financially, to come out and have a meal and socialize. The smiles on their faces and all the "Thank You's" we receive say it all. We (the people of Jerusalem) not only nourish their bodies with the food but I certainly feel we nourish their souls with joy, maybe a renewed faith in God and love. The mission of coming to the rescue of so many people then moved our discussion to all the atrocities of Ukraine. Over ten million Ukrainian people have now fled across the Ukraine border into the country of Poland and other neighboring countries for safety. I know you all have been watching the news every night. The heartbreaking scenes of mothers and children saying goodbye to husbands and fathers - all with tears rolling down their faces, knowing that it might be the last time they ever see each other again because the men are staying behind to fight for their country. Then the video with chilling pictures and stirring words by President Zelenskyy from his beloved Ukraine to our country and the world.

Many of you have asked what we can do to help and how do we know our donation will get to the true people in need? Upon much discussion from all Consistory members, a motion was made, motion was second and all approved to donate \$2,500.00 to the Ukraine relief. This amount might seem to be a shockingly large sum and how did we come up with this number? We all felt it should be a significant number for many reasons. We have been blessed in the last year with overwhelming success in our fundraiser events. Every event we had - our Annual Church Picnic in August, the Palmerton Festival in September, our Apple Fest in October, and our Fall Basket social and Filling Sale in November, have all had record breaking profits due to great weather and maybe people anxious to get back out in public and supporting our events. We also are saving a considerable amount of money each month in not retaining a full-time pastor in paying his/her salary with full benefits. Pastor Quayle recently told us on a Sunday morning that he too had some concerns about sending donations to certain nonprofit organizations, and was concerned when doing some investigating, noticed some CEOs receive a \$450,000.00 salary! We have decided to send our donation directly through the church: "The United Church of Christ is appealing for

support for refugees and for the elderly and other vulnerable people who are displaced within Ukraine and unable to leave. As a member of the ACT Alliance, UCC support is being targeted to people most in need through humanitarian relief partners with a history of working in the region. Aid also is being extended through Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, the relief agency of the Reformed Church in Hungary is held through the Europe and Middle East Office of Global Ministries. Gifts made to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food and care to war refugees and internally displaced people. All donations will be deposited into the International Disasters fund designated for "Ukraine Relief". Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need."

We ask you to continue to send your prayers for peace and support to the country of Ukraine and for all their brave leaders and people. The events that are taking place around the world do have a significant impact on all of our lives, I believe it is our job as Christians to reach out to all people to be the peacemakers.

Keep the Faith, Wendy Hoppel

April - Weekly Bible Verse

April 3 - Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

April 10 - Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3:8 - To Everything there is season, a time for every purpose under Heaven. A time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.

April 17 - Psalm 143:8 - Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

April 24 - Timothy 5:6 -7 - There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it.





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.



Palm Sunday – April 10th – Worship Service at 10:00am Maundy Thursday – April 14th – Worship Service at 7:00pm Good Friday – April 15th – Worship Service at 7:00pm Easter Sunday – April 17th – Worship Service at 10:00am

April 3rd & Easter Sunday, April 17th, we will have Holy Communion. Elements are provided by the church.



PASTOR'S NOTE

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



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

Christian Education News

We are so eggcited! On Palm Sunday the Sunday School and Nursery kiddos can hunt for eggs in the grove (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall if it is raining!

Easter Morning, the kiddos and parents of kids in the Nursery, Sunday School and Youth Group will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast for the members and family of the congregation. This will be free of charge with donations being accepted for a charitable organization helping the people of Ukraine. The Pancake Breakfast will start at 8:30 and go until 9:45. Location details to be determined based on weather.

Mark your calendars for a special presentation by the Sunday School and Confirmation class on Mother's Day. The kids have been learning a special song that will be performed in a unique and meaningful way. Hope to see you there!!

Blessings!!

Marcia

Nursery School, Sunday School, Youth **Group Sponsored**



Caster)ancake rgakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Beverages Baked Goods for Sale

Reservations requested by 4/10, please call the church office 610-681-4412, or email juccsecy@gmail.com No charge but we will accept donations to go for Ukraine Support



"...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 Marie Andrews Mary Beth Beers Lana Kuehner Stephanie Stroup Judy Hessinger Joseph Turoscy Terry & Denise Goodhile Betty Nothstein Heather Hessinger Val Conger Lois Strohl Richard Radler Scott & Janice Hahn Edna Schoenberger Jillian Hessinger

The Family of Mitch Kreger The Family of Doris Byerley

Beatrice Waibel

Longer term prayer concerns:

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 Marla Schmidt Brenda Nothstein-Bunting

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!





Register Tapes

Kinsley's ShopRite: Brodheadsville ONLY.

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. Senior Citizens Discount slips ARE acceptable. NO Pharmacy sales slips, Alcohol sales or Gas sales slips.





Music & Worship

- In-person Sunday 10:00 services continue using our blended format, with additional access via Facebook Live and radio transmission.
- We have not received any response for our Facebood ad for a second vocalist. Meanwhile, we enjoy the music of Renee Mowad and Jen Heilakka singing with Lynn Mastio Rice.
- Our Ash Wednesday service was held March 2. The large cross was draped with the beautiful purple and gold tapestry.
- It is recommended that we purchase a church video license through CCLI to give appropriate access to videos and movies. Cost is approximately \$240.
- Thanks, as always, to our worship team and all who support their ministry.

Shelba Scheffner

JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP



Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (April 14th and April 28th, 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.



APRIL FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



April 3rd - Ricky & Beverly Waibel in honor of the following Family Birthdays: Jaclyn Wonderly - March 30th, Peyton Waibel - March 31st, Beatrice Waibel's 90th-April 12th, Shelly Wonderly - April 25th, Kaylin Waibel - May 1st.

April 10th - Paul & Wendy Hoppel in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary on April 9th

April 17th - Rick & Steph Anderson in honor of son Hayden Kresge's birthday on April 14th

April 24th - Edna Schoenberger & Family in memory of her husband Mark's birthday April 22 & passing May 1, 1996



THERE ARE STILL 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 the dates that are available.

Available Dates for 2022 July 24th, August 14th August 28th, December 4th, December 11th & December 25th



JUCC 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



2-Day Flea Market

Friday, June 3rd 9am – 3pm Saturday, June 4th 8am – 1pm ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Annual Community Picnic

Music by Main Street Cruisers Cake Walk - Games Saturday, August 13th 1pm - 9pm (Raindate – Sunday, August 14th) ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Happy Bowl Stand

at Palmerton Community Festival September 9th, 10th & 11th ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞







Apple & Fall Festival

Apple Dumplings – Apple Sausage Saturday, October 1st ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Fall Basket Raffle & Bazaar

Saturday, November 5th 9am – 1pm ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

Thanksgiving/Fall Filling Sale

Saturday, November 19th Orders Due: Nov. 5th



Filling Prep

We will start to prepare supplies for the filling orders on Friday, April 8th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm!! If more time is needed we will also meet Friday evening, TBA. Check the weekly bulletin for important updates. Saturday, April 9th we will start the mixing of the filling at 8:00am.







GET TO KNOW OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBERS

Marveline Costenbader

Marveline was baptized and confirmed UCC at Jerusalem Union Church and was on the Youth Choir. She graduated from Palmerton High School in 1956 and Penn State in 1960. Marveline worked as a buyer at Hess's for 6 years. She was also an extension home economist for Penn State and dietician at the old Palmerton Hospital. Then she worked 50+ years as fiscal technician at Carbon County Action Committee. She taught crafts at a bunch of places including the Vo-tech and even gave up vacation time to teach crafts for 25 years at 4H summer camp. She's on the board of directors for Penn State extension service and United Way of Carbon County. At the current time she's on the board for Carbon County Office of Aging. Marveline is also on Board for emergency food and shelter program and salvation army Palmerton/Lehighton unit. She has 11 nieces and nephews and loves to spend time with them! Her sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Ron Frable are members at JUCC.

Byron & Jillian Adamson

Byron & Jillian were married on January 17, 2021 and they have three children Sierra Rose age 22years, Willow Mae who is almost 3years old and Keith River who is 7months old. They are all wonderful blessings!! Byron was born in New Jersey and moved to PA in 2002. He was baptized Presbyterian. He likes playing with the kids, hunting, fishing and playing guitar. Byron works as an AV Technician at Vistacom in Allentown, PA and prior to that worked as a Technician at Blue Ridge TV 13 for 15 years. That's where Byron and Jillian met. Jillian was born and raised in Trachsille and was baptized and confirmed Lutheran at Jerusalem Union Church. She loves being a mom, baking sweet treats and taking the boat out on the lake. She is the secretary at Jerusalem UCC and prior to that worked as an Administrative Assistant at Blue Ridge TV 13 for 19 years. Byron and Jillian are excited to become part of the JUCC family and get involved in the many wonderful ministries at the church!

Perma Borger

Perma was born and raised in the Beltzville Area of Lehighton. She Graduated from Palmerton High School in 1974. She was baptized, confirmed and married UCC at Jerusalem Union Church. Perma is married to Gary Borger from Kunkletown and has three children, Michael, Matthew and Kristy. Perma has 8 grandchildren and spends a lot of quality time with them. She's retired from Pleasant Valley School District.



BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willow Mae Adamson, daughter of Byron & Jillian Adamson, was baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ on March 27, 2022 by Rev. Don Quayle.

Keith River Adamson, son of Byron & Jillian Adamson, was baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ on March 27, 2022 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 these little ones with joy!

<u>Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry</u>

The JUCC Family Food Pantry collected more than \$7,600 since starting with our "Adopt A Family for Christmas" program in October 2019. We have also spent every dime we've collected on 3 years of Christmas dinners (2019, 2020, 2021), 2 years of Thanksgiving dinners (2020 & 2021), and 4 non-perishable food drive-thrus. We have served well over 100 families with all of our dinners and grocery pick-ups. We are asking for your help again to help us restock the pantry with funds, so we are able to do another food drive-thru later in the Spring. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



Thanks,

Your JUCC Family Food Pantry Committee Steph Anderson, Kelli George & Amy Shupp





MOVIE TBD Friday, April 29, 2022 at 6:30pm In the Church Sanctuary Free of charge, free popcorn and drinks

MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS

April 3rd – Ed Brader

April 10th - Kim Williams

April 17th – Lynn Mastio Rice

April 24th – Steph Anderson



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!

FLEA MARKET

Fri. June 3rd 9:00am to 3:00pm &

Sat. June 4th 8:00am to 1:00pm Rain or shine!

g donations to the church from Tues. May 24th through Fri. May 27th and to the Grove Tues. May 31st & Wed. June 1st 9:00am to 1:00pm All help will be greatly appreciated!

We are all in this together! Let's make it a Great Success!

FMI: Contact Church Office or Beverly Waibel

Annual Church Picnic

As we look ahead to the warmer days of Summer, please keep in mind any prize you might so generously donate to our Annual Church Raffle ticket or Tricky Tray (Chinese Auction is no longer an appropriate term) item. Our picnic this year will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022. We thought we would try something a little different this year and have two types of drawings. The regular raffle ticket would consist of cash prizes, gift cards from grocery stores, restaurants or gas cards. The Tricky Tray items would be for the all beautiful handmade and handcrafted selections of quilts, blankets, pillowcases, or home and garden items. We would like to have all possible items by May 15. I don't need the actual item; I just need to know the item that you would be donating. If you have any questions on any particular item you would like to donate, please speak with Wendy Hoppel in church or call 610-577-6772, please leave a message if there is no answer.





175th Anniversary Committee

Next year in 2023 we will be celebrating our 175th year of loving God, loving our people, loving our community and loving this beautiful house of worship here in Trachsville. We have been making numerous plans to build our new addition, remodel our sanctuary with new paint, new pews, carpeting and new ceiling options. But we would also like to form a committee to plan special worship services, do some research on former pastors of the church, and also appeal to any members that would have those amazing oldtime photos of days gone by. We would openly welcome any of our senior citizens that were active in this church since they were children and can reminisce about how things "used to be years ago". Please look for upcoming meeting dates, we would love to have you join us as we research the past ages of our church.

2022 Penn Northeast Conference Spring Meeting

(Virtual or In-person)

May 13 – 14, 2022 — (Friday – Saturday)

The Chateau at Camelback, 475 Camelback Road, Tannersville, PA Keynoter: Valarie Kaur

Valarie Kaur is an American activist, documentary filmmaker, lawyer, educator, and faith leader. She is the founder of the Revolutionary Love Project. Kaur's debut book, See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love, was published in June 2020.

Friday, May 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Valarie Kaur Zoom Presentation and Interfaith Worship including Valarie Saturday, May 14, 2022

Morning: Interfaith Workshops

Afternoon: Business Meeting, Recognition of Pastors and Churches, Installation, Closing Worship including Communion

Registration is available for Friday evening only or for Friday and Saturday. You can register on the PNEC website or call the church office FMI.



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 May Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by Friday, April 15th. FMI call 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net

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May you feel Christ's love in your heart & be filled with



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