

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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MARCH 2022

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
MARCH 2022



Greetings,

As I write this letter on February 17 it is 55 degrees and feels rather warm and almost balmy but heavy rains are forecasted for this afternoon. I marvel that we cancelled services the prior Sunday on February 13 due to a few inches of snow that fell at 7:30 in the morning right at the same time many of our people would have had to start traveling. February, March and yes, even April can be very unpredictable weather months, we make the decisions to cancel services to keep our congregation safe, please plan accordingly.

Our Search Committee continues to view profiles of possible pastors that would be compatible for our church. So many factors go into the search process for that perfect candidate as well as the time we put into creating a profile that would showcase our church and congregation. One particular item in any church profile is the size of your congregation. This number becomes an important factor in determining the salary of a future pastor. Penn Northeast Conference has guidelines that they set forth to follow in determining the size of a congregation and the salary that supports that number. So how do we determine the size of our congregation you might ask? Here is the heartbreaking dilemma that we find ourselves in. To be an active member you must take communion and financially contribute to the church. Very simple really, but is it? Looking back at the last two years with Covid conditions not allowing services in person, we had services online and then later on, outside in our grove as we could practice social distancing. Communion was consecrated by word and you supplied your own communion elements. Many of our members continued to send in their offering and gifts for God to our church, others did not. The decision to move a member from an active list onto an inactive list became a challenge because of the uncertainties and the inability to credit our members for attending and contributing. We said goodbye to many members as they now are in Heaven in eternal peace but we also miss seeing many members as they are still frightened and unsure to come back into the in person setting of our church. What a loss we have all experienced, what can we do to help? Our church is large enough to socially sit far apart from one another, wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid and many of us have been vaccinated. Our Sunday School teachers wear masks as they teach our children. If you found yourself to be an inactive member, for whatever reason, perhaps this is the time to make a change and renew your commitment to Jerusalem United Church of Christ both physically and financially. We are always here to help you through your concerns, please reach out to us if you have any questions, we are here to reach out to you.

Keep the Faith,
Wendy K. Hoppel
President

March - Weekly Bible Verse

A very big “Thank You” to all of you that gave me positive feedback on the weekly bible verse to remember. I was pleasantly surprised to see some the verses appear at the most unusual places during the week and also saw some of the words in the scripture come to life. This current month of March reminds me of Spring and Irish blessings so the scriptures will be based on the words blessed and blessings.

Sunday, March 6 - *Matthew 5:9* - Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Sunday, March 13 - *Psalms 33:12* - Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

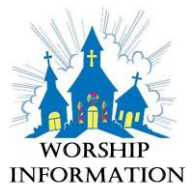
Sunday, March 20 - *Ezekiel 34: 26* - I will make them and all the places around My hill a blessing and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessings.

Sunday, March 27 - *Acts 20:35* - And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said “It is more blessed to give than to receive”

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 WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



Join us for our Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm.

Upon discussions with the churches that participate in the Community Lenten Services they have decided to postpone the weekly Lenten services this year.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

After the New Year, our search committee held an in-person interview with a potential candidate at JUCC. Ultimately, she did not feel called to come to us and decided to go elsewhere. Since then, we have received four profiles. As a group, we informed one candidate that they would most likely benefit in a different setting. We recently met to discuss two others and are deciding whether or not to begin initial talks. As of today, 2/23, we received our newest profile for review. All in all, we are still actively in the search process and looking for the right fit for JUCC. Thank you for your ongoing patience.



PASTOR'S NOTE

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

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



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

- We have begun teaching all in-person classes
- When Marcia teaches, we can also Zoom in kids from home
- Natalie Bojko has stepped up to cover Nursery. Judy Hessinger will support Natalie as to allow Judy more flexibility on occasions she doesn't feel well.
- We have 3 new children enrolled in Sunday/Nursery school.
- The Sunday School and Confirmation kids are learning a song to perform on Mother's Day. They will learn this song in sign language, and teach the chorus to the congregation so they can also participate.

We are hoping to have a fundraiser that will help buy bean bag chairs for the Nursery. We are hoping to prepare a lunch for after church that people can purchase to eat at church or take to go. More details to follow once we have a date and willing cooks ☺

Blessings,
Marcia



"...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	Lois Strohl	Richard Radler
Scott & Janice Hahn	The Family of James Buck	

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	Brenda Nothstein-Bunting	Marla Schmidt

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!



EASTER FLOWERS SALE

We are taking orders for Easter Flowers from Sunday, March 6th through Sunday, March 20th.

Please return order form and payment to Lorrie Nothstein or place in the offering plate during our Sunday worship service. Order form and payment can also be dropped off at the church office, Tuesday through Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Lily plant: (6" pot) \$9.00 each

Hyacinth: (6" pot) \$7.00 each

Daffodils: \$8.00 each

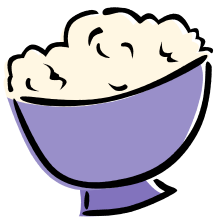
Tulips: (6" pot) \$7.00 each

We will be giving lilies to our shut-in members. Please see the order form FMI if you would like to sponsor a lily. Order forms can be found in your announcements bulletin or on the counter in the back of the sanctuary starting March 6th.

A BIG THANK YOU to Lorrie Nothstein for handling the holiday flower sales!!



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Easter Filling Sale



\$7.00 for a 2 lb. container

\$15.00 for a 5lb. container

All orders due by March 26th

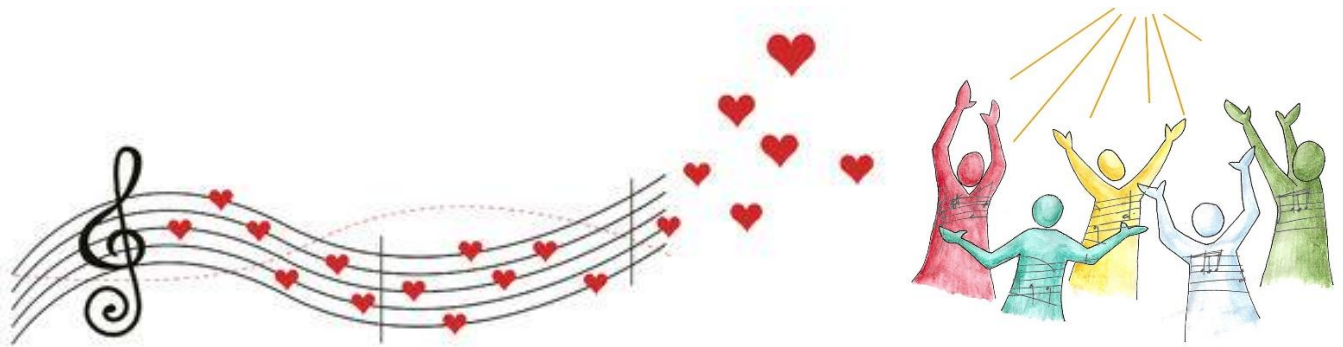
Pick up at church:

April 9th from 12pm – 4pm and

April 10th after worship service
(between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

To order, call Beverly at (610)377-5811 or contact the
church office: (610)681-4412

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(Off Route 209 behind Towamensing Fire Co.)



Music & Worship

- In-person Sunday 10:00 services continued into the New Year using our blended format, with additional access via Facebook Live and radio transmission.
- For the safety of our members and friends, the January 9th service was cancelled due to icy roads.
- Renee Mowad filled out our second vocalist slot on January 2nd and 16th, and Jen Heilakka sang on January 23rd and 30th. While we are so grateful for these ladies and their beautiful voices, Lynn Mastio Rice and I agreed that it would be more efficient to have one singer who would be available for all services and holidays. Lynn drafted an ad and placed it on our Facebook page. To date, we have not received any response.
- As always, we are blessed to have our worship team and their ministry each week – Pastor Quayle and his awesome messages, our Praise Band – Paul Rice, who not only is our drummer but who pays such close and detailed attention to our sound system; Lynn, our lead singer/ coordinator of our popular contemporary songs and one who does our beautiful PowerPoints for every service; Chuck Scitney on guitar and sax, such a wonderful addition; and Dave Eveland who adds his special touch on bass. Thanks to our Consistory and congregation who support these ministries, and to all who contribute to the glory of our God.

Shelba Scheffner



**Feeding the
Community**

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

Sign-ups are closed for our JUCC Food Pantry drive-thru food pick-up. If you pre-reserved a spot please pick-up your food items Sunday, March 13th from 1:00pm – 2:00pm at the church.



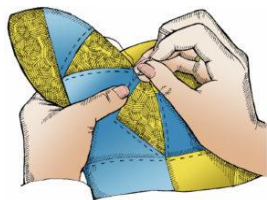
"All Saints"

(Rated PG)

Friday, March 25, 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 (**March 10th and March 24th, 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**



March 6th – Tammy Landon in memory of father Delbert Hahn

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**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Rick & Lisa Williams in honor of their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on  
March 7<sup>th</sup>

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March 20th – Lois & Eugene Strohl in honor of our first great grandson,
Extion Samuel Hamm, born October 5th

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**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Buzz & Carolyn Hill in memory of Irene, Elmer Kenneth & Maureen



### **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](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net). Please see below for the dates that are available.

#### **Available Dates for 2022**

July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> August 28<sup>th</sup>,  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>,  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> & December 25<sup>th</sup>



### **MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS**

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ed Brader

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Kim Williams

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Lynn Mastio Rice

March 27<sup>th</sup> – 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!

## **“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 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

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| 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**

**Kinsley's Shoprite: Brodheadsville ONLY.**

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

**Weis: Brodheadsville ONLY.**

**NO other Stores or Locations accepted.**

**Senior Citizens Discount slips ARE acceptable.**

**NO Pharmacy sales slips, Alcohol sales or Gas sales slips.**

### **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](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



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

FMI call 610-681-4412 or email [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



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