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# MAY 2022

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT **MAY 2022**



Greetings,

What exciting and busy times we have had here at our beloved Jerusalem Church. So many journeys. We ended our forty-day Lenten journey with worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with meaningful words and stirring music. Easter Sunday morning showered us with sunshine, a church full of beautiful, fragrant spring flowers, an inspiring message from Pastor Quayle and without a doubt, the most inspirational music ever heard! But do you know the best part? (Besides the pancake breakfast) It was you! Seeing all of you coming into this amazing church of ours, filling you with His Holy Spirit as You filled the pews!

As so many churches are finding they need to close their doors because of no money or no people, on Palm Sunday we officially broke ground on our long-awaited addition to our church. We were fortunate to get airtime coverage from Channel 13 as well as The Times News newspaper. My husband Paul and I were getting compliments all week from friends, people in the community and neighboring churches - wishing us well but also wondering "how are you doing that?". I am reminded of an old phrase "Where there is a vision, there is hope and a future". I think that should be followed by the byline . . . Jerusalem UCC, Trachsville. So many people were a part of this special journey and I know they don't want to be singled out, but we really do have to give Ed Brader and Rick Anderson so much credit for never giving up on this building project. COVID restrictions put everything on hold, expired permits, township restrictions, rethinking the original building plan and then the financial commitment. And where would we be without Stephanie Anderson, our main lady that watches all the money come in and go out, who has given us all the facts and figures and would tell us yes, we can or no we can't! We are so blessed to have these hard working and dedicated leaders that never complain and never take a penny for all their hard work. And certainly, all our members that make us who we are in this amazing Christian family of ours here at Jerusalem. We will be sharing much information with you in the future about our financial commitment on this much dreamed about building project.

But there is one more thing. The spirit. I have always commented about the special feeling that is present in our church, do you feel it when you enter through our doors each Sunday? Or when you are joining us in worship out in our grove? There is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know it's the spirit of the Lord. . . This line comes from a song we sang numerous times in our church. This is what makes us special, and this is how we do it!

Catch the Spirit, Keep the Faith, Wendy Hoppel

## May - Weekly Bible Verse

May 1 - Psalm 84:4 - Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising you.

May 8 - Genesis 3:20 - And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living things.

May 15 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

May 22 - Ecclesiastes 1:10 - Is there anything of which it may be said, "See this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

May 29 - Isaiah 65:18 - But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.



## **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.

> We plan to start our outdoor services in the grove on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and the worship service will begin at 9:00 AM.



## SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES

MAY 8th - MOTHER'S DAY MAY 29th - MEMORIAL DAY



## Sunday, May 1st 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*.



The Search Committee continues the process of interviewing the candidates who apply, however we have yet to find the right fit for our church. The major issue has been that the current labor shortage also applies to pastors. Candidates are few & far between, but we know that our search is in God's hands and on God's time! We ask for your continued prayers for our committee & our leadership. Thank you!



"...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
Mary Beth Beers	Lana Kuehner	Marie Andrews
Judy Hessinger	Joseph Turoscy	Betty Nothstein
Terry & Denise Goodhile	Heather Hessinger	Jillian Hessinger
Edna Schoenberger	Beatrice Waibel	Gavin Stroup
Scott & Janice Hahn	Eric Breiner	-

#### **Longer term prayer concerns:**

Bonnie O'Brien	<b>Dalton Fredericks</b>	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



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**

Our kids have been busy! We had our Egg hunt on Palm Sunday and the kids hunted for eggs for themselves and then put the eggs back and hunted for others. The kids tried harder when they knew someone else would benefit from their work (3). We did not stuff the eggs this year but they all received goodies in the end.

The Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Nursery, Sunday School and Youth Group was a success.

We served over 60 people and raised over \$550 for Ukraine Support. Thank you to all who donated, attended and helped with this outreach. It was great to see the kids in our church standing side by side working together toward helping a greater good, through the church.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> our kids Sunday School kids, Confirmands and teachers will perform How Great is Our God through American Sign-Language. Some of the kids will read scripture and the kids in the Nursery will have a small gift for the women in the congregation. We will have Sunday School up until 5/29, then we will break for the Summer. Nursery will continue throughout the Summer.

I want to thank Natalie Bojko, and Judy Hessinger for taking such great care of our "Littles", I would like to thank Beverly Waibel, Wendy Hoppel, Tammy Landon, Lisa Williams, Rachael Shafer, Shelley Wonderly, and Emily Murphy, for teaching and helping with Sunday School and I would like to thank Jennika Borger for teaching our Confirmands. I want to thank Jessie Walters for her time working with our Youth Group and to Rick Anderson and Jonathan Borger for picking up the Youth Group when Jessie stepped down. Our church is so blessed to have so many people invested in the spiritual health and education of our children.

Marcia Heinick



We held our Official Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sunday, April 10th at Noon. We're finally getting our addition under way! Our excavator, Bruce George Paving and Excavating, is starting on our land development work. If you drive by the Church, you'll see lots of machinery and dirt piles! Thanks to all for the generous contributions to our building fund, and all those who've put in countless hours over the last few years planning, meeting, and negotiating to get us to this point.



April 10<sup>th</sup> Official Groundbreaking at JUCC. One of our oldest members Leonard Borger was on hand, along with one of our youngest members, baby Charlie LaSala!



BRC TV 13 came out to interview Wendy Hoppel, our Consistory President regarding our groundbreaking. Leonard Borger, one of the oldest members was on hand along with our youngest member Keith Adamson and his mother Jillian Adamson.



We have some progress on our land development prior to the digging for our addition starting. That's our new septic system in the back corner of our field, and our retention pond in the front corner of our property. And of course, lots of equipment! Love seeing the progress!

Please see the Pledge Sheet insert included with your May Newsletter.

# Good things are happening at Jerusalem UCC!

#### **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!



## **Register Tapes**



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.



## **HOMECOMING OFFERING**

Thank you to all who contributed to Homecoming in 2021. The 2022 mowing season will be starting shortly and we are once again asking for donations to cover the lawn care expenses of the Union Cemetery. Please make your checks payable to: Jerusalem Union Cemetery Association. Checks may be mailed to me at the address below. Thanking you in advance for your 2022 contribution.



Beverly Waibel, Treasurer Jerusalem Union Cemetery Association 545 Church Road Palmerton, PA 18071





## **Music & Worship**

- In-person Sunday 10:00 services continue using our blended format, with additional access via Facebook Live and radio transmission.
- Our praise band enjoyed having Renee Mowad, Jen Heilakka and Tracey Lowe sing with us during the month of March. Tracey's daughter Jaylyn, who is a sax student of Chuck Scitney, also joined us on March 6. We are so appreciative of all who bring their time and talents to our services every Sunday.
- Chuck, Tracey and I offered a service of hymns and other sacred music to the residents of Mrs. Bush's Personal Care Home on March 30.
- Consistory gave approval for the purchase of an annual subscription for a church video license through CCLI. This gives legal and appropriate access to videos and movies, especially for our movie nights. Cost was \$238.50.
- Special thanks to Lynn Mastio Rice, Paul Rice and Chuck Scitney for covering for me when I was away on March 20.
- 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 (May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 26<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.



## **MAY FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS**



May 1st - Kim Beltz & Mike Mazepa in loving memory Clark Beltz who passed away on April 28th

May 8th - Shawn & Kelli George

May 15th - Sam & Sharon Gerhard

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Barry George in honor of his birthday

May 29th - Buzz & Carolyn Hill in memory of Geraldine & Robert Hill and Shirley & Jim Wentz



## 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



## **JUCC 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### 2-Day Flea Market

Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am – 3pm Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞



Music by The Hawks & Dean Hahn Apple Dumplings - Apple Sausage Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 9am – 3pm ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

## Fall Basket Raffle & Bazaar

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

## Thanksgiving/Fall Filling Sale

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







## Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry

JUCC will hold another Food drive towards the end of June. We have served well over 100 families with all of our dinners and grocery pickups since the start of our program in October 2019. We are asking for your help once again to restock the pantry with funds, so we are able to hold another food drive thru. Any amount is welcome and appreciated. Please check the weekly announcements and next month's newsletter for the definite date of our next Food Drive.



Thanks,

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



Friday, April 29th 6:30pm "Miracles from Heaven" (Rated PG)



Friday, May 20th 6:30pm **MOVIE TBD** 

In the Sanctuary Free of charge, free popcorn and drinks



## **MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Ed Brader

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

May 15th - Lynn Mastio Rice

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Steph Anderson

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Jillian Adamson



#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am to 3:00pm Sat. June 4th 8:00am to 1:00pm Rain or shine!

## Some of the items for sale include clothing, toys, furniture, tools, exercise equipment & much more!!

Church Members may bring donations to the church from Tues. May 24th through Fri. May 27<sup>th</sup> and to the Grove Tues. May 31<sup>st</sup> & 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 appeal to any members that would have those amazing old-time 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 June Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by Friday, May 20th. FMI call 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net

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