

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE TRAVELER



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AUGUST 2022

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
AUGUST 2022



Greetings,

“God is still speaking” This was a slogan UCC churches used a few years ago and I continue to see and hear in many UCC establishments. I’m composing this “rough draft” President’s Letter on a Tuesday afternoon in our beautiful church grove, sitting at a picnic table waiting for Summer Vacation Bible School to begin. It is very hot and humid but the most glorious breeze is moving. If I close my eyes, I could pretend I’m somewhere in the Tropics or perhaps on a Hawaiian Island? It is beautifully peaceful - birds are chirping, locusts are making “that noise” they are famous for and squirrels are scurrying around on the playground area. There is nobody else here except me and God’s Holy Spirit. God truly does speak here at Trachsville, I have been privileged to feel his presence many times. I gaze out at the cemetery and am reminded of all the members that have gone before us, not only the ones we kindly but sadly miss, but all those that have passed away over a hundred and seventy-five years ago or more. They too must have listened to God speak by putting their faith first and made many sacrifices building this church and years later additional Sunday School rooms. They built the outside picnic grove buildings to encourage Christian fellowship, something we still do to this day! I think about all the souls that perhaps listen to our worship service every Sunday we worship in the grove and think they surely must be smiling!

I’m thrilled as I look towards the church and see the start of our new addition behind a chain link fence and can’t help but wonder if our ancestors were this thrilled when they started to build the original church building over 175 years ago? Did they too take years and years of time and energy as well as saving money to create the perfect church? Did they ponder over where to place things? And what about those magnificent stained-glass windows? I would have loved to know how much discussion went into selecting the scenes for each of those exquisite windows! Did they lose sleep at night hoping and praying they were doing the right thing? Knowing our deep Pennsylvania Dutch roots and our frugal ways, I’m sure they too had many setbacks and disappointments, did you know the original church building burned and they rebuilt a newer and bigger one? Our current leaders here at Jerusalem also experienced many of these same feelings, like our members before us, many prayers were asked and many prayers were answered - we have been listening. God Is Still Speaking . . . And We Heard Him.

Keep the Faith,

Wendy

August - Weekly Bible Verse

August 7th - *2 Corinthians 5:7* - For we walk by faith not by sight.

August 14th - *Revelation 21:10 and 11* - And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

August 21st - *Matthew 19:14* - But Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

August 28th - *John 1:12* - But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in his name



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Our Worship Service is held in our beautiful picnic grove at 9:00am. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 14th

On August 14, we will hear Rev. Marian Johnson, candidate for our new pastor, preach a trial sermon. Immediately following the service, Doug Lander from Penn Northeast Conference, will conduct a vote to confirm our acceptance of Rev. Johnson. Consistory and the Search Committee are excited to present this candidate, and hope to see you there! Pastor Marian will also be present at our church picnic the day prior, so this will be a great opportunity to meet her and get to know a bit about her.

Sunday, August 7th we
will have Holy Communion.

Elements are provided
by the church. Thank you to Kim
Williams & Shirley Hawk for
volunteering to perform this service.



PASTOR'S NOTE

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

Christian Education News

We had Vacation Bible School on July 19, 20 with the potluck on the 21st. We focused on a few of Jesus' miracles of calming the storm, healing 10 men with Leprosy and feeding 5000.

The Lord was certainly busy and strongly felt this VBS. First of all, the weather was perfect! As hot as it was there was a breeze that kept us comfortable and kept the bugs at bay. Jennika's messages were amazing and the sense of beauty and calm while sitting in the Grove just brought home her message of peace and gratitude. There was this incredible mix of children, youth and adults all of whom participated, and the laughter was infectious! The sense of family and love was profound while children, youth and adults interacted.

The Potluck Dinner was amazing! The food was delicious and of course, plentiful, and we enjoyed a Moravian Sugar Cake for dessert which was eaten as part of Jennika's message. Gotta love those kinds of messages, when eating is involved!

The kids and adults worked on Healing Bags. They assembled the bags and were given the option of keeping the bag to use if they aren't feeling well, or to give them away to someone who needs a little healing pick me up. I have a feeling that most bags will be given away to help others feel better. I was actually given a bag and it made me tear up! Thank you Nathan 😊.

There were so many wonderful activities and interactions that happened over the 3 days, and I can't do it justice through this small article. But please ask an adult, youth or child who attended VBS about their experience.

Thank you to JUCC for supporting this outreach. My prayer is that the participants learned how much they are loved, they felt a sense of belonging and they made wonderful memories around activities provided by their church, and that the memories plant the seeds for continued spiritual growth in a place where all are accepted and loved for who they are.

I can't even begin to sufficiently express my gratitude to Jennika Borger, Rick and Steph Anderson, Wendy Hoppel, Beverly Waibel, Rachael and Mike Shafer, Missy and Jason Bonser, Shelba Scheffner, Lisa Haydt, Emily Murphy, Tina and Brian Billheimer, Jillian Adamson, and the youth helpers, Riley, Camryn and Taylor Bonser, and Annie Borger. Their contributions to the program helped to make VBS a memorable experience!

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
Mary Beth Beers	Lana Kuehner	Judy Hessinger
Joseph Turoscy	Betty Nothstein	Gavin Stroup
Terry & Denise Goodhile	Lenora Robertson	Eric Breiner
Grace Borger	Faye Haydt	Marie Andrews
Sherry Kreger	Jeff Eckhart	Katie Huelskamp
The Family of Ada Frederick	Marveline Costenbader	Sherry Longacre

Longer term prayer concerns:

Bonnie O'Brien	Dalton Fredericks	Barry Smale
Linda Mackes	Elizabeth Krause	Timothy Henning
Duane Hawk	Doug Hawk	Joanne Frable
Helen Smale	Anna Bowman	Millie Lehman
Marla Schmidt	Micheal McCabe	Kenny Kuntz



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!**



Building Committee

This will be a brief update on the progress of our church addition.

The footers and concrete pilasters are completed. Foundation work should be completed very shortly. The concrete pour of the crawl space floor is scheduled to take place the first week of August, followed by the setting of steel beams. Our contractor has scheduled the framing of the exterior walls to begin around August 19th, weather permitting. So far, construction is on schedule.

Finally, thank you to everyone for our financial and moral support in our effort to expand our church ministry.

The Future Building Committee

COME GROW WITH US!





Music & Worship

- Our summer schedule began on June 5th – Pentecost Sunday - with services starting at 9:00 in our beautiful grove. We were indoors on June 12th and June 19th due to rainy/windy conditions, but we were especially happy to be outdoors on June 26th for Confirmation Sunday led by Jennika Borger. Access via Facebook Live and radio transmission continues. Thanks to those who worked hard to prepare our grove for the summer season!
- Our praise band was joined by Kelly Heinick and Renee Mowad this month. We appreciate their music ministry as well as that of Paul and Lynn Rice and Chuck Scitney who do so much to make our worship experience so meaningful!
- Set-up for grove services takes a team, and we thank Rick Anderson, Ed Brader and Barry George for their early morning assistance every Sunday morning.

Shelba Scheffner

JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (**August 11th and August 25th, 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.



**MOVIE NIGHT WILL NOT BE HELD AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER.
PLANS ARE TO RESUME IN NOVEMBER.**

Opportunity Arises
DON'T MISS OUT

PEWS PEWS PEWS

Jerusalem United Church of Christ is offering our church families an opportunity to purchase a new church pew for our sanctuary in honor and/or memory of family and/or friends. The cost of a pew is \$1,700.00. Names of the individuals participating in this endeavor will be displayed in the sanctuary on a "Recognition Plaque."

Options are available to be part of this opportunity.

Option A: Purchase entire pew(s) at a cost of \$1,700.00 each.

Option B: Split a pew(s) with one other family/friend at a cost of \$850.00 per family/friend per pew.

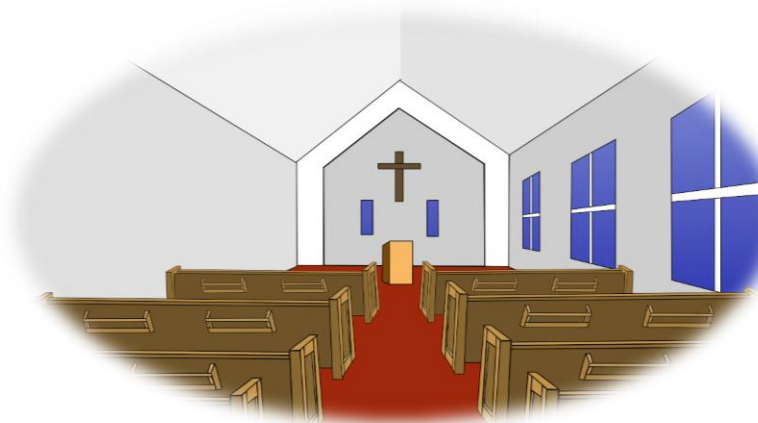
Option C: Multiple families/friends divide up the cost of a pew(s) to total \$1,700.00 per pew.

Special Option: If you have funds in JUCC Memorial Fund from donations for the passing of a loved one, please contact Kelli to request monies to be transferred for a pew(s).

Submit Pew form along with payment to JUCC.

Deadline: Saturday, December 31, 2022 (All payments will be noted on your 2022 Giving Statement)

***Questions: Contact Kelli George- email:kellig@ptd.net or 610-762-5299**



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Circle Option: **A** **B** **C** Date: _____

Person completing form: _____

Telephone number: _____

Name(s) displayed on "Recognition Plaque": _____

Pew in Honor/Memory of: _____

Payment (Cash/Check *include check number(s)): _____

Name(s) with amount to credit on each 2022 Giving Statement:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

GET TO KNOW OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBER

Emily Murphy

Emily was baptized at St. John's UCC in Fogelsville and was confirmed, married, and previously belonged to St. Paul's UCC church in Northampton. Emily and her husband Scott have two daughters, Elizabeth (6) and Lydia (3). Emily attended Moravian College for her undergraduate degree and received her master's degree from Lehigh University. She is employed by the Pleasant Valley School District, where she has been a school counselor for eight years, prior to working in Pleasant Valley Emily taught elementary school in both Bethlehem and Allentown School District. Emily is excited to become a member of our church family, as she enjoys the warmth and caring spirit of our church community.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM JUDY HESSINGER

In the past, Shirene George kindly made and donated a donkey for the children at JUCC. That donkey was much appreciated and used hard by the pre-school littles and then the Sunday school kids! The children would enjoy riding on it! It was also used during our Christmas and Palm Sunday services. It has been a key part in the little ones learning about the bible. Unfortunately...after years of use the donkey has worn out and fallen apart. Judy Hessinger reached out to Wendy, Marcia, Steph and others to request help to repair or replace the donkey. What a wonderful surprise when Rick Anderson generously made a new donkey and Dustin Meckes' girlfriend, Kendra Smiley and Steph Anderson did a remarkable job painting it!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Shirene, the original creator, Wendy, Marcia, Rick & Steph, Dustin & Kendra and everyone else that chipped in to help make this possible. We are so blessed and grateful for the kindness of our JUCC family!



JUCC ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

***** **SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022** *****

(RAINDATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH)



MUSIC BY
"MAIN STREET CRUISERS"



CAKEWALK



KIDS ACTIVITIES



TRICKY TRAY



RAFFLE TICKETS

12:00 NOON – OPEN AND READY FOR LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – FREE KIDS GAMES & KIDDIE CAKE WALK

3:00 P.M. – CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M. – TRACHSVILLE'S LEGENDARY CAKE WALK

9:00 P.M. – TRICKY TRAY & RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS

~~~~GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT! ~~~~

~~~BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND SPEND THE DAY! ~~~

PICNIC DONATIONS

Donations to help pay for the Entertainment at our annual picnic
are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

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## PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS:

Anyone interested in selling tickets please contact Wendy Hoppel  
or the Church office!

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PICNIC SIGN UP SHEETS:

Anyone interested in working in any of the various areas, PLEASE SIGN UP for
a shift or two. Wherever, whenever you can help is greatly appreciated!! You
can sign up at our weekly worship service or by contacting Beverly Waibel!

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## REMEMBER

We need donations of baked goods/items for both kiddie and adult cake walks.

**THANK YOU TO ALL IN ADVANCE!!**

**GOD BLESS JUCC**

# Famous “Happy Bowl” Stand Palmerton Community Festival

Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 5p.m. to 11p.m.  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 11a.m. to 11p.m.  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 12noon to 9p.m.



Come stop by our stand at the Palmerton festival and enjoy a “Happy Bowl”  
with our homemade filling, chicken and topped with gravy!!



## **Apple & Fall Festival**



**Saturday, October 1, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**In the Picnic Grove**

*featuring:*

**Music by Dean Hahn and The Hawks**

*12:00pm to 3:00pm*

**Tricky Tray and Meat Raffle**

*with drawings at 3:00pm*



We are in the process of organizing this event. As in previous years we will have the meat raffle, tricky tray, baked items, wagon with apples, cider and pumpkins, food stand and more. Local meat market and grocery store gift cards are needed for the meat raffle. Please see Lorrie Nothstein with your donation (or call Lorrie at 610-442-7437). You can also drop the gift cards off at the church office. Donations will also be needed for the tricky tray. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the various work areas at a later time. More information to come.





### **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.

### **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.**



If you have an article to submit for the September Newsletter, please email it to Jillian, our church secretary, by **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

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

#### **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)





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