

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 2023

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

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Pastor's Corner



Dear Jerusalem UCC Family and Friends,

Happy June!! What a wonderful season of warm days, picnics, outdoor services, Father's Day and graduations is ahead for all of us!! School is almost out and the children and teens are really getting excited about that! Teachers are excited, too! And God's abundant blessings are all around us here at our church home in the beauty of the green earth and the blue skies!

Summer time is for family time and vacations, get together with friends, home improvement projects and gardening. I am sure that many of you grow your own vegetables and may even have your own fruit trees! God's love grows on trees lol!!

Please be sure to remember that we will be having our summer Sunday services at 9:00 am for the summer months of June, July, August and most of September. I hope to see everyone out in our beautiful grove area and share some special time with God in worship and in nature!

I am looking forward to the Church Flea Market to see what treasures there will be and I hope you will join us!! Maybe you have a few items to donate as well!

Our Graduates will be honored at our June 11th service, so please gather with us that day. And we will have our Father's Day breakfast that day although our service to honor our Fathers will be on June 18th.

Any teens or young adults that want to be confirmed and aren't part of the current class, please reach out to me and we can help you begin that journey!!

Happy Days are here again!! Enjoy the companionship and joy of Summer! Thank you for all you do to keep our ministry going! You are a treasure, and you are valuable, just as you are!

May Jesus keep you safe and close in heart. You are loved!

Blessings always,
Pastor Marian



JUNE - Weekly Scripture

Sunday, June 4, 2023 - *Psalm 32:7-8*: "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."

Sunday, June 11, 2023 - *Proverbs 4:11-12*: "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Sunday, June 18, 2023 - *Luke 15:20*: "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Sunday, June 25, 2023 - *Deuteronomy 1:31*: "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 4th we will begin our outdoor worship services.

The service will begin at 9:00am in our beautiful picnic grove!

You can also remain in your vehicle in the parking lot and listen on 95.5 FM.

The service can be viewed live on our Facebook page and on our website after the conclusion.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Sunday, June 4th we will have Holy Communion. Elements are provided by the church.
Thank you to Kim Williams & Shirley Hawk for volunteering to perform this service.



SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES

CELEBRATION & BLESSING OF 2023 GRADUATES – JUNE 11TH

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY – JUNE 18TH



**Father's Day Brunch - Sunday, June 11th
after our worship service.**

The Youth Group, their Leaders and Families will prepare a special brunch that morning for all to enjoy. If you'll be joining us, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church or call the church office.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
JUNE 2023



Greetings!

I received the following email from a dear person that I have the utmost deepest respect and affection for and the words rolled around in my head for days about how compelling the thought was behind it all. See if you agree.

“You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because that is what was in the cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled the tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen) whatever is inside you will come out. It’s easy to fake it until you get rattled. So we ask ourselves, What’s in my cup? When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let’s work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.”

Very remarkable words I would say. We all have had some pretty tough days in our lives. Those days when our plates are so full and there doesn’t seem to ever be enough hours in the day to check off that “To Do List”. It’s overwhelming sometimes with the obligations we have to our family and friends, our jobs, our homes and yes, our church. We then turn around and try and rush to complete everything and of course nothing goes the way it should, we get angry, mad, upset, and usually say things we know we shouldn’t have. I guess this is why the paragraph above stayed with me so long. I’m guilty, I’ll admit it! Every Sunday when I listen to Pastor Marian’s meaningful message, I hear the beautiful music from our praise band and I see all the kids running around, the church pews pretty full of new faces and I simply take everything in, I think how fortunate our church is. All the people that it takes each and every week to get us up and running. All the changes we are constantly making to make us better. The physical things are obvious of course, like the new addition, and pretty soon the sanctuary will be remodeled and the updates to get our services live streamed. But what about all those others things that seem to just happen. Pastor Marian puts in long hours to prepare her sermons, numerous phone calls to so many people in one week, hospital visitations, funerals, baptisms, visiting our members, meetings, taking time to be with people and all the traveling it takes. The band practices on their own and then together with the very talented soloists, Lynn does the power point presentation on the big screens, and many people like Charlie and Stephanie make sure we are up and running for the live broadcast. Stephanie also keeps watch on our finances and pays our bills, Jillian prepares the bulletin each week by coordinating tons of information that is at our fingertips as well as the day to day running of the church along with Pastor Marian. Barry keeps our church clean. Our Sunday School teachers teach our children, and our Consistory members govern the working decisions that guide us. But the most important thing is all of us that work together, both members and non-members that volunteer to bake and cook, to help with all the numerous fundraisers, to help the church inside the building as well outside in the grove, the people that read scriptures, the hands that never stop working here at Jerusalem no matter how full their own plates are at home even though their cups are spilling out and overflowing. Here at Jerusalem, I see our cups are filled with joy, peace, kindness and just all-around goodness and gratefulness - how about you. What’s in your cup? You have the power to change it!

Keep the Faith, Wendy



“...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.

Please speak to Pastor Marian or a member of our Care Team to make any additions or changes.

Shorter term prayer concerns:

Buzz Hill	Mary Beth Beers	Judy Hessinger
Faye Haydt	Katie Huelskamp	David
Doris Behler	Marveline Costenbader	Barbara Borger
Danielle & Family	Tina	Rev. Don Quayle
Our Troops	Our Church Family	Alan
Lori George	Bob	Michael
Cathy Smith	Tori	Kelsey
Ed	Bonnie Beers	Rachel Sue & Family
Carl & Family	The Family of Willy	Chris Hahn
Kathy Kuehner	Crissa Carroll	Dean Berger
Lenny Breiner & Family	The Family of Norman Eckhart	
Ed Strohl	The Family of Gavin Stroup	

Longer term prayer concerns:

Dalton Fredericks	Linda Mackes	Elizabeth Krause
Timothy Henning	Joanne Frable	Helen Smale
Anna Bowman	Marla Schmidt	Michael McCabe
Lana Kuehner	Mildred Green	Alverta Strohl
Bill Yelland and Family	Jean George	Lenora Robertson
Susan	Sharon	Bob Buck
David Garrigues	DJ VanBilliard	

Answered Prayers

Duane Hawk	Kathy	Larry George
Ed Hoppel	Perma Berger	Lew
Mitzi and Tim O'Donnell	Dwight Hawk	Murphy
Coyne	Bob Andrews	Barry Smale
Gerald Robertson	Cathy	Mark Goodhile



Music & Worship Recap

- Our 10:00 indoor services continue as well as Facebook Live and radio transmission.
- We continued our 2023 season of Lent by celebrating Palm Sunday on April 2nd. Our JUCC Praise Band – Lynn and Paul Rice, Chuck Scitney, Dave Eveland, Matt and CrissaRobin Sterner and I – led the congregation in singing the much-loved traditional Palm Sunday hymns: All Glory, Laud, and Honor, and Hosanna, Loud Hosanna. We were so happy to honor Judy Hessinger for her 65+ years of service to the children of our church as our Nursery class teacher. She surely has been one of our special angels!
- Holy Week – A Maundy Thursday Passover service was held on April 6th. Communion was served to commemorate the Last Supper of our Lord. The following evening – Good Friday – a Tenebrae Service was held. During this moving time, fourteen candles plus the Christ Candle were extinguished throughout the service as we awaited Jesus’ resurrection.
- April 9 – Easter Sunday – Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord! Pastor Marian led us in a joyous celebration of Christ’s resurrection. God’s House was filled with beautiful Spring flowers (90! Thank you, Lorrie Nothstein, for coordinating – they surely brought joy to our Home Heroes), with music (8 members in our Praise Band today!), with a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by our young people, and above all with love for our God and for each other. Chuck debuted our newest young band members – Jacob Shafer, Nate Shafer, and Charlie Borger – in an offertory rendition of The Old Rugged Cross. Our congregation loved hearing these young musicians. It was truly a special day for our church family.
- On the Second Sunday of Easter – April 16 – Pastor Marian taught us about how “Jesus Lives Among Us in Community”. A ‘Memory Moment’ was presented as part of our ongoing celebration of 175 years of ministry. The congregation viewed a picture of the original log structure built in 1848 by the Lutheran and Reformed people of Towamensing Township.
- Another Memory Moment was presented on April 23rd, the Third Sunday of Easter. This featured our current building, dedicated in 1892 after the original building was torn down. Pastor Marian spoke about how “God is on the Road with Us”.
- Pastor Marian and I were both away on April 30th, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. MANY thanks to those who covered for us that day – the Praise Band and all who provided the liturgy during the service!
- Such exciting times here at JUCC – God is on the move!

Shelba Scheffner

Christian Education News for June 2023

Happy almost Summer!

Our last Sunday School and Nursery session will be held on June 4th. We will resume in September. Our Sunday School and Nursery have been growing and we will need more people to help in these areas. If you are interested in helping, please see me or Pastor Marian for more information.

Our Vacation Bible School will be held on July 18, 19 and 20th from 6-8 pm in the Grove. We will have an animal theme this year and we will have lots of fun activities as well as a mission project that will be announced later. Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 2 through 6th grade. We have 2 programs; one is for our “Littles” which includes children ages 2-5 where a parent/grandparent stay with the child though out the evening, and then we have the school age kids who completed Kindergarten through 6th grade, where VBS staff supervise the kiddos. On July 20th (rain date July 21st), we will have a potluck dinner with the VBS families. Pre-registration for VBS is not necessary but is helpful. We will have registration forms available through the church office starting in June. If any adults or Youth are interested in volunteering, please contact me at mheinick@ptd.net or contact the church office.

If anyone needs updated clearances (not done with in the past 5 years) or new clearances to work with our children and /or Youth please see me, Pastor Marian or contact the church office to obtain the necessary paperwork. Clearances are a state requirement even if volunteering.

Blessings!!

Marcia Heinick



JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP “YOUTH REASON TOGETHER”

The JUCC youth group, aka “Youth Reason Together”, or YRT, has a schedule of fun events and activities planned! Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of every month, after worship at 11:30AM. In these meetings, our young people (grades 7-12) can find support among each other, the leaders, and with God as our guide. All Are Welcome!!

Youth Group Directors

Rick Anderson, Jonathan Borger, Jaclyn Wonderly & Melissa Waibel



Congratulations
Class of 2023



We are honored to celebrate the graduates listed below for their achievements and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. Congratulations!!!

Be brave and strong...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.



Mason Richard George

Congratulations Mason Richard George! Mason graduated from East Stroudsburg University on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Mason earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education. Mason is the son of Shawn and Kelli George and brother Cole George.



Logan James Mackes

Congratulations Logan James Mackes! Logan commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army on Friday, May 5, and graduated from Penn State University on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Logan earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Energy Engineering with a minor in Military Studies and Environmental Engineering. Logan is the son of Greg and Shannon, his older sister is Livia.



Stephanie Williams

Congratulations to Stephanie Williams who graduated from DeSales University with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in management. She intends to continue her education to pursue a secondary degree in nursing. Stephanie is the daughter of Lisa and Rick Williams.



Matthew Binder

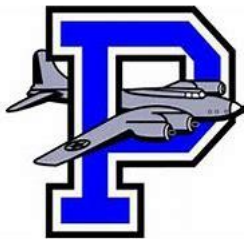
Matthew Binder, son of Elise Binder and the late Kevin Binder, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Penn State University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry with a Minor in Spanish. At graduation he was awarded the Peter Breen Scholarship, recognizing excellence in academics and research in the field of Chemistry. During his senior year he also received the John and Elizabeth Holmes Teas Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement, ability, and passion for chemistry. Matthew's research at Penn State focused on understanding how a new class of promising breast cancer drugs work to inspire further development. In addition to working in the research lab, he was a proud member of the Penn State Blue Band Operations Team for 4 years and studied abroad at the Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla in Mexico.

He will continue his education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences PhD program, pursuing a career in pharmaceutical research.



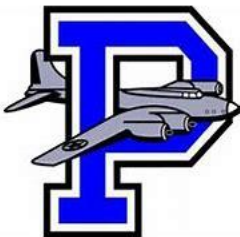
Paige Burnett

Congratulations to Paige Burnett! Paige graduated from Palmerton Area High School. Paige is the daughter of Sloan & Stacy Burnett and sister of Tanner Burnett.



Elizabeth Frey

Congratulations to Elizabeth Frey! Elizabeth graduated from Palmerton Area High School. She is the daughter of Paula and Mike Frey.



Emily Frey

Congratulations to Emily Frey! Emily graduated from Palmerton Area High School. She is the daughter of Paula and Mike Frey.

HOMECOMING OFFERING

Thank you to all who contributed to Homecoming in 2022. The 2023 mowing season has begun 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 2023 contribution.



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



QUILTING GROUP

JUCC QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. **In June we will meet on the 8th and 22nd from 10am-3 pm.** 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.



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.** Thanks to God and to the members of JUCC who make it possible!



PRE-ORDER YOUR JUCC COOKBOOK

Thank you to everyone that contributed recipes to be included in our JUCC Cookbook. We have over 175 submissions!! To pre-order your cookbook please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Cost for cookbook TBA soon.



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.



PAMPERED CHEF PARTY



**Join us Sunday, JUNE 4TH
AT 11:00AM
for fun and fellowship!!**

The party will be held in the new room and we'll have delicious food samples to try!

Catalogs and order forms are available on the counter in the back of the church.

You can order at the party or through the link below:
<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/jerusalemucc>

175th Anniversary Celebration

We are looking forward to many new and exciting things this year. One of those events will be the celebration of our 175th Anniversary. Our hope is to include our already present activities and enhancing them with our 175th theme as well as having a few extra special events. We hope to not only celebrate the history of this beautiful house of worship, but also to celebrate the history of this congregation and its people as we “look back” in time on the activities and fundraisers, our pastors, our time of worship and how we have changed through the decades. Won’t you please join us in planning this celebration? We have set a date and time for a June meeting, please see below. We would love to have our senior citizens join us and listen to their stories of years gone by, as well as our younger generation and all the ages in between - your thoughts and input would be so greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!

Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 PM

If you have any questions or information you would like to share and cannot attend the meeting, please speak with Pastor Marian or Paul and Wendy Hoppel.

175
Celebrating
YEARS

As part of our church’s 175 years of ministry, we would like to showcase pieces of our history during some of our Sunday worship services. Do you have an old picture that you would like to share, along with interesting information relating to that picture? Or, perhaps you have an item that is part of our history. If so, please see Shelba so that we can include it as one of our “175 years” moments. These will be very brief but, I think, very interesting presentations.

Thank you, Shelba Scheffner

COMING SOON

Our new shirts to celebrate our 175th Anniversary of worshipping God at Jerusalem U.C.C.!! Keep watching for more details in the upcoming weeks!





JUNE FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



June 4th – No Sponsor

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June 11<sup>th</sup> – Lisa & Rick Williams in honor of our daughter, Stephanie's 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>

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June 18th – Kelli, Cole and Mason George in honor of husband/father Shawn's birthday on June 17th

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June 25<sup>th</sup> – Lavona Berger in honor of 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### INTERESTED IN SPONSORING FLOWERS & BULLETINS FOR 2023?

If you would like to sponsor flowers & bulletins (\$35 donation) for a Sunday in 2023, please contact Jillian Adamson at the church office.

You can reach her by phone at 610-681-4412

or by e-mail at [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)

#### Available Dates for 2023

June 4<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>,  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>



#### JUNE LAY LEADERS

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Ed Brader

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Family Service & Mike Shafer

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Lynn Mastio Rice

#### PLEASE CONSIDER...

**Volunteering to read scriptures during our Sunday morning service.** We are always in need of lay leaders and would love to have some new voices! Contact Jillian at the church office for available dates!



#### Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry

Thank you to all who help and to all of you that continue to donate to this wonderful mission! If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the Sunday offering plate and mark it food pantry. Thank you and God Bless!!



## 2-DAY FLEA MARKET

**Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 3:00pm**  
**&**  
**Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am to 1:00pm**  
**Rain or shine!**

### **Something for Everyone!**

**Clothing, toys, books, puzzles, household items, tools, furniture,  
knick knacks, holiday decorations & much more!!**

**Great Prices!**

**Everything Must Go!**

**Refreshments are available to purchase**

**Church Members may bring donations to the church Thurs. June 1<sup>st</sup> and Fri., June 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am to 1:00pm and the grove June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 1:00pm.**

All donated items: clothing, etc. must be clean and presentable!  
All electrical items must be in working condition!

**Set up will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Thurs. June 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 1:00pm.**

Donations of baked goods to sell by the piece at the refreshment stand  
the days of the Flea Market will be greatly appreciated!!

PLEASE NOTE: Unsold items from the Flea Market will be taken to Eldred Thrift Store in Kunkletown. We will meet in the Grove on Wed., June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to load.  
Anyone with a SUV or truck/trailer to help will be greatly appreciated.

**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



For our members that use Facebook don't forget you can share our online services with your friends and family. In this way, we can reach more people with our messages of love and hope. Simply click the "share" button under our Facebook video!

## Coffee Fellowship

We have once again began sign-ups for "teams" to help with the coffee and snack preparation on Sunday mornings. If you are available to assist, please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship room or contact the church office.

## Newsletter

If you have an article to submit for the July Newsletter, Please email it to Jillian by **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. FMI call 610-681-4412 or email [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



**Update your contact info!**

**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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