

# JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THE TRAVELER



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### MAY 2023

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

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# Pastor's Corner



Dear Jerusalem Family and Friends,

Happy Month of May! Easter has brought us a renewed hope in the promise of eternal life with Jesus Christ in heaven! We are called to living a life of hope and freedom through Jesus and His Resurrection! Life does not end at the grave. The rock has been rolled away! God has an infinite future planned for us, too!

We all can experience new beginnings and possibilities! We see this new life everywhere we look in God's creation. The beautiful Spring flowers and blossoming trees are everywhere! The grass has turned green once again, and we are reminded of the beauty of God's Creation!!

I have always loved Louis Armstrong's version of the song "What a Wonderful World" and it always makes me think of the beauty of Spring and God's hope for all people to love their neighbor. Here are the heart-touching lyrics by songwriters George David Weiss and Robert Thiele:

"I see trees of green, red roses, too. I see them bloom for me and you. And I think to myself - what a wonderful world!

I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night. And I think to myself - what a wonderful world!

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people going by. I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do? They're really saying - I love you.

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself - what a wonderful world! Yes, I think to myself - what a wonderful world!"

Let each of us remember to be an ambassador for God's love! Let us love one another, forgive one another, and love God with all our hearts! We can continue to make it a wonderful world! With all its problems and challenges, life is worth living, and each of us has a purpose on this Earth! You are unique in all the world and God has His Hand upon you and your future generations.

I hope that you will get outside and enjoy this beautiful month and spend time with your beloved family and friends. And perhaps you'll make a few new friends this month too, as you share the love of the Lord with those whom you meet! I pray for you daily, and I'm here if you should need my assistance.

May God's Blessings ever be yours,  
Pastor Marian

## MAY - Weekly Scripture

Sunday, May 7, 2023 –James 1:17 *“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”*

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Psalm 145:5 *“They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.”*

Sunday, May 21, 2023 –1 Corinthians 2:9 *“Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

Sunday, May 28, 2023 –Ephesians 3:17-18 *“And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Come worship with us at 10:00AM inside in our beautiful sanctuary!**

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, May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have Holy Communion. Elements are provided by the church.  
Thank you to Kim Williams & Shirley Hawk for volunteering to perform this service.



**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we will begin our outdoor worship services.  
The service will begin at 9:00am in our beautiful picnic grove!**



**Join us for Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> after our worship service.**  
The Youth Group, their Leaders and Families will prepare a special brunch that morning for all to enjoy. If you will be joining us, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church or call the church office.



### SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES

MAY 14<sup>th</sup> – MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 28<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY



MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT  
MAY 2023



Greetings,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are entering the month of May. Did you ever take notice that the busier you are, the faster time passes? It seems like it was only last week that we were planning all the details of Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. A big thank you to everyone that helped make this past Holy Week so exceptionally well received and enjoyed by all. All the readers, ushers, our praise band and most especially Pastor Marian for her inspiring and heart felt messages. Also, to the youth, parents and teachers that made the delicious breakfast and all the amazing baked goods - I'm hoping this becomes a tradition for Easter Sunday morning? At one point during the breakfast Rick Anderson and I sat together in amazement and simply observed everyone enjoying our new fellowship hall - there were so many of our young children helping the older youth serve everyone breakfast, smiles, laughter and everyone interacting with each other. Our senior citizens were joyously talking to our youth (and everyone else) and I heard some Pennsylvania Dutch conversations sprinkled in between all the chatter. If anyone had any doubts how this new addition would serve the church, I think we all got our questions answered!

Getting back to being busy! So many activities coming our way. By the time this newsletter goes to print, we will have had our Bingo event, May will bring a Mother's Day Luncheon, June will take us outside for worship services in our beautiful grove and as for the Sunday School teachers and Nursery, they will be taking a well-deserved break for the summer months. June will also be our Annual Yard Sale/Flea Market, so please think about all those "Treasurers" that you no longer need or want in your home. We have many other activities planned as in the monthly Movie Night - free Popcorn and Drinks for everyone and other events still in the works. Don't blink, you might miss something. May and June and the rest of the upcoming summer months bring very busy days for most families. Graduations, weddings, vacations and other planned gatherings. As busy as you may become, Jerusalem UCC will still be here. We want you to go and celebrate with your families, embrace your time together with your loved ones, but know you and your loved ones are always welcomed here. As our 175th theme simply states- Welcome Home . . . We're Waiting for You!

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
Gavin Stroup	Eric Breiner	Faye Haydt
Katie Huelskamp	David	Doris Behler
Marveline Costenbader	Barbara Borger	Danielle & Family
Tina	Rev. Don Quayle	Our Troops
Our Church Family	Alan	Laurie George
Bob	Mark Goodhile	Michael
Cathy Smith	Tori	Kelsey
Ed	Bonnie Beers	Family of Sherry Longacre
Family of Janet Tomsic	Rachel Sue & Family	Carl & Family
Willy	Chris Hahn	Kathy Kuehner

**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	Bill Yelland and Family
Alverta Strohl	Jean George	Lenora Robertson
Susan	Sharon	

**Answered Prayers**

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



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



## Music & Worship

- Our 10:00 indoor services continue as well as Facebook Live. It is wonderful to see so many members and friends coming each Sunday to be fed by the Word and Music. (And to be fed 'literally' through our warm and welcoming fellowship/social gathering before and after worship!)
- CrissaRobin and Matt Sterner joined our Praise Band on March 12 to continue the theme of God's Amazing Grace. Our Band is growing – we are blessed!
- On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, we said goodbye and all good wishes to our singer Jen Heilakka as she takes an extended leave from our JUCS Praise Band. Jen will be continuing her studies abroad throughout the summer and is also getting married! The Band honored her with a gift card and the alter flowers were also sent home with her courtesy of Barry and Donna Mackes. We will miss Jen and her beautiful music ministry, and look forward to seeing her again in the future.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> marked the Fifth Sunday in Lent, and we were happy to see Renee Mowad back with the Band as Pastor Marian encouraged us to "Allow God to Bring You New Life".
- We are gifted with the time, talent and treasure of so many who are dedicated to strengthening our church and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to continue our 175 years of ministry!

Shelba Scheffner



QUILTING GROUP

## JUCS QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP

Our group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. **In June we will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **Pampered Chef Party at JUCS**

**June 4, 2023 at 11:00am**

Join us for a party with food samples in the new building addition!

We're going to learn new recipes, cooking tips, shop, and spend time together!

**You can order now through the link listed below or call Jillian at the church office or please see Tammy Landon.** Please see Tammy if you would like a catalog.

Link to order: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/jerusalemucc>



**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**



**HOMECOMING OFFERING**

Thank you to all who contributed to Homecoming in 2022. The 2023 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 2023 contribution.



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

**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.**



**EASTER FILLING SALE**

**On April 1<sup>st</sup> we made a total of 842 Pounds of filling, which was all sold by April 10th!  
A Special Thank You to Everyone that helped make this a Great Success!**

## 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 various dates and times in May listed below for meetings. 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!

Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm

Thurs., May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

Wed., May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

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



### MAY FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



May 7<sup>th</sup> - In honor of son and brother Mason George's 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on May 9<sup>th</sup>  
By Shawn, Kelli, & Cole George

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May 14<sup>th</sup> - Lois & Eugene Strohl in memory of mother, Dot Kreimoyer, wishing her a heavenly  
Happy Mother's Day

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May 21<sup>st</sup> - Carolyn & Buzz Hill in memory of Robert & Geraldine Hill and Shirley & Jim Wentz

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May 28<sup>th</sup> - Kim & Mike Williams in honor of 19<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 8<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>

### MAY LAY LEADERS

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Family Service - Rachael Schafer

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Lynn Mastio Rice

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Steph Anderson

### 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!



Feeding the Community

### Jerusalem UCC Trachsville Family Pantry

We held our grocery drive-thru last month and we helped 12 local families!! Thank you to all who helped 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!!



Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Movie TBA

In the Church Sanctuary ~ Free of charge & Free popcorn & drinks



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 item. Our picnic this year will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023. 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<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

## PRE-ORDER YOUR JUCC COOKBOOK

Thank you to everyone that contributed recipes to be included in our JUCS Cookbook. We have over 130 submissions!! To pre-order your cookbook please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Cost for cookbook TBA soon.



## “NAME THAT ROOM”

We are accepting entries to name the new addition and the middle room at our church. There is a box in the back of the sanctuary to submit your ideas. We will collect entries until the end of May. One winner will be chosen for each room and the prizes will be your very own JUCS Cookbook!!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023**



If you reserved a seat for our bus trip to see *Moses* at Sight & Sound Theatre, please note the bus leaves Jerusalem UCC church at 7:30am on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Steph Anderson.



## 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!**

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 4<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!!

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!

# Newsletter

If you have an article to submit for the June Newsletter, Please email it to Jillian by **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. FMI call 610-681-4412 or email [juccsecy@ptd.net](mailto:juccsecy@ptd.net)



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