

Jacob's Ladder

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Purpose

To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ

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THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE "A NEW START"

*"As far as the East is from the West, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us."
Psalm 103:12*

I am very thankful that in this rapidly changing world, I can depend upon the faithfulness of God. The Bible states in Hebrews 13:8 that "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever." I am also thankful that our God allows each of us "a new start." In fact, God has given me many, many, new starts. I'm thankful that God does not reward us according to our past sins (Psalm 103:10), but through the shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ, does forgive us as far as the East is from the West.

All of this makes me want to serve God in a new and powerful way in 2016. If you feel the same way, would you pray this simple prayer right now?

Dear Father in Heaven, we thank You for the year 2015. During this past year we experienced many trials as well as joys. You have given us opportunities to proclaim Your Son Jesus Christ to a people who desperately need Him. As we contemplate 2016, give us the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit to serve You in a new and powerful way. Help us at Jacob's to be "The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ." We thank you already for meeting our physical, emotional and spiritual needs in 2016.

We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

From the Shay Family
Have a Happy New Year!

Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf

Deacons: Paul Schick, Ron Belknap, Christine Morehouse, Dick Oswald, Gary Readnack,
Ned Rauch-Mannino

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Guest: Curtis Staudt

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay.
2. Dave Zoghby reported on sign repairs. Also, he says the stone work is done however there are a few items left to complete the project.
3. The KFC position is still open. The Church Board will assist Jimmy.
4. "Light the Night" was a great success. 400-500 bags were handed out with candy and spiritual information. There were games and a picture booth. A great time was had by all.
5. There are 25 people signed up for the adult church retreat at Twin Pines.
6. The Church Board discussed the proposed Budget for 2016 and the upcoming Congregational Meeting. A proposed constitutional change was discussed. The Board is in agreement with the original constitution, and therefore the change should not be made. The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 6 after the worship service.
7. The Board continues to discuss the time for Revive Ministries, and we will be praying about this. The ad for our two church services was passed around for review.
8. The Oyster Supper planning is going well.
9. Ned Rauch-Mannino continues to work on job descriptions for church staff.
10. Advent Communion will be November 29th.
11. The Board of Christian Ed is planning a Christmas Program for December 13. The Christmas Cantata is scheduled for December 20.
12. The installation of Church Board Members will be December 27.
13. David Bertsch is requesting to transfer his membership to St. Paul's UCC in Douglasville. Motion to accept was made by Christine Morehouse and seconded by Ralph Hill. Motion carried.
14. Treasurer's Report was given by David Follweiler:

Balance at October Meeting		\$20,309.72
Income	\$21,748.52	
Expenses	\$26,849.68	
Balance at November Meeting		\$15,208.56

Motion to accept it was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino, and seconded by Ralph Hill. Motion carried.
15. October Meeting minutes were accepted by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Lou Schimpf. Motion carried.

16. At 9:35 pm a motion was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by Christine Morehouse to close the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Morehouse

At our December 7, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,796.00 per week in order to meet our 2015 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected over the last two months:

October 4	\$5,217.25	November 1	\$5,345.00
October 11	\$5,610.10	November 8	\$4,093.00
October 18	\$3,078.00	November 15	\$2,810.00
October 25	\$2,987.25	November 22	\$4,301.00
		Thanksgiving Eve	\$ 332.00
		November 29	\$4,204.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-November	\$230,208.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-November	\$180,463.43
Deficit for January-November	\$ 49,744.57

ORGAN ENHANCEMENT FUND - Your donations to this fund will be used for additional pipes required to complete families of tone in conjunction with fine organ design and building. This money is in addition to the \$65,505.00 voted on at the December 1, 1996 meeting to restore our organ and prepare for the additions. All donations should be sent to:

Jacob's Church Treasurer
c/o Mr. David R. Follweiler
6893 Whitetail Court
New Tripoli, PA 18066



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Greeters for January

January 3 Johri Family

January 10 Church Board

January 17

January 24 Confirmation Class

January 31

Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am

Flowers for January

January 3

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31 Gabrielson Family

Acolyte for January
Isaiah Johri

January Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

Randy and Karen Dietrich
Charles and Ruth Kaley
Joshua and Amanda Rex
Ryan and Katie Riegel



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With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

Our sincere sympathy to the Snyder and Womer families as Jennifer A. (Smith) Snyder of New Tripoli passed away December 9, 2015. She was the stepsister of Eileen Myers and Gary Womer, members of Jacob's Church. Services were held Monday, December 14, with Pastor Shay officiating.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Betty J. Hermany. Betty, who resided at Cornerstone, passed away December 11, 2015. A service was held for her in Jacob's Church with Pastor Shay officiating on December 16. She was a member here at Jacob's Church.

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THANK YOU

I am writing this for Eddie. He said to thank you for the crackers and the flashlight. He turns it off and on and shines it all over. He was playing with it for a while. God bless you all. I could tell on his face that he enjoyed it. It made him happy. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness
Eddie Bartholomew & Hilda Kunkel

Dear Friends in Christ,

Together again this year, the people of the churches of Northern Lehigh County helped to brighten Christmas morning for many of the children of our area. Through your gifts of generosity and continued support to this program, 155 children were able to receive gifts this Christmas time. Blessings for a Happy New Year as we all continue to hear God's call and continue in His service.

Sincerely,
Gift Committee of Friedens UCC, Slatington

NEW YEAR COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday January 3rd during our 10:15 am worship service. This communion will be served in the pews.

CHURCH CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WILL BE BROADCASTED ON WFMZ TV CHANNEL 69 NEWS STORM CENTER.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS OR BULLETINS, a chart has been placed inside the entrance on the east side of the church. What a thoughtful way to remember loved ones, celebrate anniversaries and birthdays! We encourage you to reserve your date by signing the charts or by contacting any member of the committee.

Cost of flowers:	(2) Altar Vases	\$25.00
	(1) Floral Stand	\$15.00
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	Church Bulletins	\$ 5.00

The altar committee consists of Faye Foulk, Corinne Bast and Pam Zoghby, assisted by Carol Rassler and Ruth Seither for special occasions. Payment is due the day you sponsor the flowers or bulletins. Make checks payable to Jacob's Church.

THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY BEGINS Wednesday, January 6 and every Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the fellowship hall downstairs in the Church. We will begin a study of the New Testament and will follow the New Testament Reading Plan provided in the newsletter. Extra copies can be found on the table in the church parlor.

HAVE YOU MADE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YET? Here's a suggestion: read through the New Testament this year. Use the Reading Schedule in the newsletter as a guide.

(This reading plan is from Pastorblog.cumcdebary.org)

Pastor Lisa: Community UMC in DeBary)

PHONE NUMBER CHANGES: If your phone number has changed, please notify the church secretary, Cindy Kuhns, so the change can be made in the 2016 Membership Directory.

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“IF JESUS HAD NOT COME”

Would you take a moment and think with me,
Of just how different this world would be.
Of how world history would have changed,
And how our lives would be rearranged...
... If Jesus had not come!

There would be no Christmas Season to enjoy,
No smiles on the faces of girls and boys.
No carols or candles, no wreaths or trees,
No prayers to God on bended knee...
... If Jesus had not come!

The Bible and the church would not exist,
The depths of sin we could not resist.
The joys of life would quickly cease,
For there would be no lasting hope or peace...
... If Jesus had not come!

There would be no miracles about which to read,
No healing of the sick no sin captives freed.
No feeding of the 5,000 or calming of the sea,
No prayers answered today for you and me...
... If Jesus had not come!

Without His birth He could not have died,
And for our sins on the cross be crucified.
There would be no solution to the problem of sin.
And we at death our torment in Hell would begin...
... If Jesus had not come!

Aren't you glad to know dear friend,
That God to this earth His Son did send.
Give thanks for His wonderful love and grace,
For in ourselves we would never have in Heaven a place...
... If Jesus had not come!

Poem by John Goetsch

JACOB'S CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

December 14, 2015

The following activities were held in the Activity Center during the months of November and December 2015.

Senior High Youth Group held meetings on Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; December 7, 14 and 21; beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.

Junior High Youth Group held meetings on Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19; December 3, 10, and 17; beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.

Kids For Christ Youth Group held meetings on Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18 and 25; December 2, 9, 16 and 23; beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:45pm.

Private activities were held on Friday, November 13; Saturday, November 14, 21; Sunday, November 15 and Thursday, November 26; Friday, December 4 and 25; Saturday, December 5, 12; Sunday, December 6.

Team X Sports Flag Football practiced on Tuesday, December 8; Thursday, December 3, 10 and 17. NYAA Basketball practiced on Monday, December 28 and Thursday, December 30; beginning at 7:00pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.

A local Cub Scout organization held meetings on Tuesday, November 10 and Tuesday, December 1.

The Women's Prayer Group continues to use the meeting room on Tuesday mornings. The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group continues to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings. Mom and Me meet Monday mornings in the center.

Revive Ministries of Jacob's Church held church services on Sunday, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; Sunday, December 6, 13, 20 and 27; Thursday, December 24.

The annual Oyster Supper was held on Saturday, November 7 with preparation starting on Wednesday, November 4.

A luncheon was held on Thursday, November 12 after the funeral of Scott Michael Feinour the son of Ira Edgar and Judith Eileen (Leiby) Feinour. Scott was born on 28 September 1962, baptized on 10 March 1963 by Rev. Schaeffer; confirmed on 16 June 1976 by Rev Potteiger; married Stephanie Lee Ehrets on 1 October 1988 at Jacob's Church officiated by Rev Shay; entered into eternal rest on 6 November 2015; buried in Jacobs Union Cemetery on 12 November 2015 officiated by Rev Shay.

The Feinour family lost another member of their family on November 13, 2015. Mildred A. (Peter) Feinour daughter of Arthur and Perma (Holben) Peter was born on 26 September 1927;

married Lawson Victor Feinour 17 November 1951 officiated by Rev Thomas H Bachman; entered into eternal rest on 13 November 2015 buried in Jacobs Union Cemetery on 17 Nov 2015 their 64th wedding anniversary officiated by Rev Kevin E Fruchtl.

A luncheon was held on Monday, December 14 after the funeral of Jennifer Ann (Smith) Snyder, the daughter of the late Harley Charles Smith and Iris Delores (Steigerwalt) Smith Womer and stepdaughter of Paul Franklin Womer. Jennifer was born on 25 April 1971; confirmed on 3 June 1984 by Rev. Potteiger; entered into eternal rest on 9 December 2015 buried in Ebenezer Union Cemetery on 14 December 2015 officiated by Rev. Shay

A luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 16 after the funeral of Betty Jane (Frey) Hermany, the daughter of Victor William and Madeline Susanna (Hermany) Frey. Betty was born on 24 July 1928 baptized on 2 September 1928 by Rev. Ebert; confirmed on 17 October 1942 by Rev. Bond; married Wayne Samuel Hermany on 13 July 1946 by Rev Rahn; entered into eternal rest on 11 December 2015 buried in Jacobs Union Cemetery on 16 December 2015 officiated by Rev. Shay.

God Bless You, Faye M. Foulk

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 2015

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1. Bernville Fuels was selected to supply our heating oil for the 2015-2016 heating season.
2. Laudenslager Fuels was selected to fill the propane gas tanks for the 2015-2016 heating season for the Activity Center.
3. The furnaces in the Church, Wuchter House, Fenstermaker House and Parish House were cleaned by Bernville Fuels.
4. All (ten) fire extinguishers in the Church and Activity Center have had the annual inspection by Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection Company of Allentown.
5. Suburban Water Testing Labs of Temple completed the quarterly water tests of the well that supplies water to the Church and Activity Center. All samples passed.
6. Schulmerich Bells Company performed the annual maintenance on the Church carillon system.
7. Allen Organ performed the annual maintenance and tuning of Church organ and pianos.
8. The library to hold books, videos and DVDs was installed and organized in the basement meeting room (former kitchen). Please stop in, browse and sign out something.
9. The Activity Center was upgraded for the Contemporary Services by adding additional sound panels on the walls and ceiling, installing a new video screen, adding a film on south windows and purchasing a new sound system.
10. Repaired the sign and light pole in front of the Church after a car damaged them.
11. Upgraded the phone service for the Church by switching from Verizon to Blue Ridge Cable VOIP.
12. Purchased a new laptop for Church Treasurer.
13. Many smaller projects and repairs were done by our committee throughout 2015.

Submitted by the Property Committee

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The Altar Committee works yearlong to keep our sanctuary looking festive. We serve the church each Sunday by preparing the altar for services (change altar covers according to the season), post the hymn numbers and prepare the elements of bread and wine for communion services. We also decorated the church for Easter and Christmas.

We order flowers for the Sunday morning services and special occasions.

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Submitted by Pam Zoghby

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

There are no new additions to the church archives. Individuals wishing to donate articles to the archives, please see Neil Oswald. We are especially interested in any information on the early history of the church.

There are still plenty of copies available of the 250th Anniversary book. The cost is \$30.00. The book contains information on the church that can't be found elsewhere and is of interest to both the casual reader and the historian.

Submitted by the Archives Committee

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to use our hands to serve in the kitchen at Jacob's. Reaching out to the community with love, invites them to sup at our table.

James 2:17 – "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead."

Submitted by the Kitchen Committee

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – OCTOBER 2014-SEPTEMBER 2015

The Board of Christian Education met this year and the following activities were approved and supported by the board: Rally day, Christmas Program, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Church Picnic, Children's Church, Sunday School, Youth Group activities including KFC and KFC Fair. The Pre-school started in September and ended in May with a graduation ceremony. Included in their activities were several field trips and a Christmas Program.

The Board of Christian Education thanks all the members of the church for their prayers and support.

Submitted by the Board of Christian Education

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee reviewed the applications for the 2015-2016 school year. The following applicants received scholarships:

- Isaiah Danner – 3rd year at Penn State
- Bridget Igo – 3rd year at Kutztown
- Juliet Long – 1st year at Grove City College
- Melissa Smith – 2nd year at Misericordia University

Submitted by the Scholarship Committee

Jacob's Church Music Ministry Report 2015

Joshua 24:15 New International Version (NIV)

15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Amen! As in the days of Joshua, so it is with us today. We come into the presence of the Lord to serve Him every Sunday morning to worship Him with spirit of Joy and Love. I am thankful for Jacob's Church music ministry and how people came to support us. We were all blessed working together and people had experienced the joy and the love of the group through our music on Sunday. We would love to welcome everyone to the choir, the praise team, the cantata, the Sacred Dance Group, the annual special music, the technology and the sound system.

The Present Choir Members	The Voices
1. Beverly Hosler	Soprano
2. Donna Smith	Soprano
3. Esther Herschitz	Soprano
4. Joan Oswald	Soprano
5. Judith Readnack	Soprano
6. Rachel Heintzelman	Soprano
7. Christine Morehouse	Alto
8. Donna Shay	Alto
9. Louise Hill	Alto
10. Pamela Zoghby	Alto
11. David Follweiler	Tenor
12. Earl Phillips	Tenor
13. David Zoghby	Bass
14. Gary Readnack	Bass
15. Ralph Hill	Bass
16. Solomon Johri	Bass
The Praise Team Members	Instruments
1. Lou Schimpf	Guitar
2. Ruth Seither	Guitar
3. Sue Mannino	Guitar
4. Joan Oswald	Djembe
5. Brenda Phillips	Keyboard
6. The Singers	Christine Morehouse, Earl Phillips, Solomon Johri and The Choir Members

2015 Special Music	The Instruments
1. Lou Schimpf	Vocal & Guitar
2. Brenda Phillips & Pamela Zoghby	Vocal Duet
3. Louise and Ralph Hill	Vocal Duet
4. Mikey Jencura & Brenda Phillips	Piano Duet
5. Sue Mannino, Stephanie Rauch Mannino, Alex Rauch Mannino & Noelle Mannino	Vocal Duet & Quartet
6. Donna Smith	Vocal Solo
7. Donna Smith & David Follweiler	Vocal Duet
8. Andrea Hermany	Vocal Solo
9. Elijah Johri	Piano Solo
10. Amanda Reidenhour, Brenda Phillips & Lou Schimpf	Vocal, Guitar & Keyboard
11. Youth Sunday School	Vocal...Group Singing
2015 Cantatas	Seasons
1. "I Will Rise" Arranged and Orchestrated by Mike Speck, Cliff Duran, Wayne Haun, Chris Mcdonald & Stan Whitmire	Easter Cantata Date: April 5th, 2015 Narrated by: Forrest Wessner The Choir Members Solo: Donna Smith Duet: David Follweiler & Pamela Zoghby The Sacred Dance Group The Youth Sunday School
2. "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Created by Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith	Christmas Cantata December 20th, 2015 Narrator: Elisabeth Long The Choir Members Solo: Beverly Hosler The Sacred Dance Group
The Sacred Dance Group	
1. Faye Foulk	
2. Donna Smith	
3. Diane Fusselman	
4. Kayla Fusselman	

PowerPoint Technology	<i>Elijah & Ginger Johri</i>
Sound System	<i>Ron Belknap, Isaiah Johri, Connor Hill, Owen Snyder & Joey Waidelich</i>
Videographer	<i>Leslie Ford</i>

*This upcoming Christmas Eve Service, **December 24th at 7:30 PM, Beverly Hosler and David Follweiler** will sing a duet. **Eli Johri** will play “Joy to the World and The Ice Skaters” on the piano and **Esther Herschitz** will share with us a solo vocal performance. Beautiful Christmas anthem will be presented by the choir for us to enjoy. Let us celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Thank you very much for those who came to serve and support the ministry. Thank you to **Pearl Follweiler** and **Cindy Kuhns** for preparing all our music printed in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you again **Earl Phillips** for all his assistance. Thank you everyone for your prayers. God loves you all and may the Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you Lord! **Merry Christmas!***

Submitted by: Brenda Phillips
November 24, 2015

November Ministry Assistant Report

Revive has been going well. I believe, we have found our timing and flow for the service. God had been so good to the service. We have seen some members come and check it out, which has been a great encouragement. We also see new people coming regularly. We have recently been blessed by another new family joining us for worship weekly. One of the challenges we face with having 3 different worship leaders is being able to know the songs they are going to sing. I have been working with them to stream line the song selection so that we are getting a little more repetition week in and week out. I have been teaching on Matthew 26. Where do we go when our relationship with God is bruised? Matthew 26 really put us back to the drawing board of our relationship with Christ. We see in here the mental and physical pain He went through for us along with the matter of His separation from His Father. We are excited about the Christmas Eve Service schedule for 4:30 Christmas Eve day. We are hoping that it will give an option for people who have family things to do later on that night. We are treating this service very much as an outreach.

College has been going extremely well. My first class this fall was amazing. I learned so much about Theology. My second class is going very well and that is Theology II. The truths I learn have certainly taken my understanding and faith to a new level. Mid December will be the conclusion of my fall courses.

Matthew 26:35

³⁵ Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

November Youth Report

November brought with it great opportunities to serve our community and people we may never meet on this side of Heaven. The Annual Oyster Supper was the first serving opportunity for the youth group. I was so very proud of the turnout of students for this event. We had over 10 students serve for the night. They did anything from being runners, waitressing, cleaning, restocking and even slicing potatoes. I must say that the thing that made me most proud was the comments I got from the people that came to enjoy the food. They were amazed to see so many youth and also couldn't believe how polite they were. I even got praise from one of the patrons for how busy the students stayed and professional they acted. I am so proud of the model of Christ the kids put forth that night. I believe that they gave hope to the older generation that there are good kids still in this world.

The second opportunity was the annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box party. The party all started by taking the students to Ci Ci's for pizza. After we got our fill of carbs, we headed to the dollar tree to collect items to put in our shoe boxes. The kids did a great job again of showing respect and love while shopping. They really thought outside of the box for the items to be packed. After we were out of money, we came back to the Activity center and filled over 40 boxes that day. During the week the different youth groups helped finish filling, labeling and rubber banding the boxes. The special night for the boxes was on Wednesday. I told the KFC kids about the mission and then all of the kids took a box and prayed for it. Our hope and prayer is that we sent 136 soul changing gifts out that week. Finally, the day after the deadline Sr. High helped me take them to the central drop off area. Thanks to all who gave to this ministry.

Coming up:

January 7	Winter Jam
January 13	KFC Pizza Party
January 15-16	Jr. High Lock-In
January 24	Sr. High Fellowship meal and Bowling
February 6	Wing Night

PASTOR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 1, 2014 TO OCTOBER 31, 2015

The following statistics are a few "outward signs" of the ministry at Jacob's Church. Only God the (Father, Son and Holy Spirit can truly judge the spiritual significance of this and any other ministry.)

- (1) Between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, Pastor Shay traveled 5,185 miles in performing his ministerial duties. This averages out to 432 miles per month, over this 12 month period.
- (2) Between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, Pastor Shay conducted (8) Weddings.
- (3) Between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, Pastor Shay conducted (15) Funerals, (8) were members of Jacob's; (7) were non members.
- (4) Between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, Pastor Shay administered (10) Baptisms.
- (5) Between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015, Pastor Shay served (68) Home Communions.

Only our God is able to fully evaluate our worship and ministry. May we have a vision at Jacob's for reaching souls with the love of Jesus Christ in 2016.

May the Lord Bless You!
Pastor Shay

Annual Youth Report 2015

January:

Annual Jr. High Lock-in:

This was an outreach event for the Jr. High students. They invited 4 new friends to the event. We took the group bowling, out to breakfast and stayed up all night playing games. When we got back from breakfast I gave a salvation message to all the students. The evening had wonderful truth, fun, ministry and fellowship.

Winter Jam:

This is a Sr. High group event; we also invited the older Jr. High students to go. We took 22 students and adults to Reading for the concert. The concert is such an uplifting event. The bands were amazing and the message even greater. God certainly moves at that event. Sr. High Lock-in had to be modified because of weather. We took our group plus 2 new students out to eat at the Star Lite diner and then went bowling. We had a great time of fellowship and time to really bond with each other. The snow started to fall around 9:30 p.m. so we took the students home. It was great to see our Sr. High students reaching out to their friends and using the outreach event to promote Christ.

Wing Night was the finished out the crazy month of January.

February:

We took our staff students to Spade ministries. The students just loved the warm inviting atmosphere there. At the retreat we went through our staff books for training that can change the world. We also had a lot of fun with a movie night, worship jam session and great fellowship.

KFC saw a great response for the Annual Popcorn and movie night. We had a lot of new people for the event. The movie night is designed as an outreach. We watched a movie on the Miracles of Jesus. They also got bottomless popcorn.

March:

We took 40 students to Twin Pines Retreat Center. The theme for the weekend was "I found the treasure, now what do I with it?" We discussed different aspects of our Salvation. Hearing the call, answering the call and being transformed by the call. We also talked about what we receive after putting our faith in Jesus. We become children of God. The final session talked about what we are supposed to do with this new found treasure. We must go and serve, love and be obedient to God's Word. The weekend was full of fun, food, teaching, worship and spiritual growth.

This year we were blessed to have a bunch of students help serve at the Pig Stomach supper. They served the people their drinks and cleared tables. They did a great job of showing Christ love through serving.

April:

Jr. And Sr. High youth groups had a work day. We took some of the money we raised at the wing night and went to the 5K run for Lifes Choices. We did the fun walk but I believe that the kids had a great time serving with their feet and supporting a great cause.

Sr. High had their annual kickoff summer picnic. We had a great time of fellowship, games, food and worship.

Jr. High picnic was next on the schedule. We had a jam packed night scheduled for them. We enjoyed just a laid back and go with the flow kind of night. It was refreshing. Praise God for all the souls that came to JR. High FUEL this year.

KFC camp was a blast. The theme for camp this year was "Racing with Jesus." Each night we started with a family meal. I really enjoy seeing all the kids eating together like a big family. My wife saw this crazy idea to make cars out of cardboard boxes and then have a drive in movie. So the craft was the kids making a race car out of a cardboard box. We learned about the armor of God and how important it is to have all of the armor on when we fight the devil. We had different style races in the Activity center each night. They were a hit. The final night we had a drive in movie and served the kids snacks, popcorn and hot dogs in their cars.

Summer:

Each week we had a different activity to do on a Thursday night. Events like: Knoebels, pool party, ice cream night, movie night and much more.

September:

We kicked off the new youth group season. We kicked off with the annual KFC fair.

Youth Sunday service and church picnic. All month long we practiced our songs for the service. I am so proud of the kids for singing. Also was very thankful to all the families who came out to support the youth group and show our church there appreciation for all the church does for them.

Sr. high had their annual Road Rally outreach. We had 10 students participate in the scavenger hunt across the Lehigh County.