

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 "LET US GIVE THANKS"

"God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in Trouble." Psalm 46:1

I think we all consider Thanksgiving one of the major holidays which our country celebrates. Indeed, we as Americans, have much to be thankful for in our lives. For freedom, friends, home, health, material wealth, and spiritual freedoms, we especially give our thanks to almighty God.

I wonder if we ever take the time to give thanks for the Bible, the "Word of God." Yet most of us have been comforted by the Bible during times of crisis or stress.

At one time or another, everyone is in need of some kind of help. Our complex changing society generates more problems than the simple and stable society of the past.

We read in Matthew chapter 4, that even Jesus Christ went through periods of His life when He needed help. When we study the "temptations of Jesus" in Matthew 4:1-11, it becomes apparent that Jesus relied extensively on the Word of God to overcome the problems He was encountering.

I have turned to the Bible continuously in my own life and have found the answers and comfort I was seeking in times of need.

I have discovered that the Word of God is a "Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

Listed on the next page I have provided some scriptural resources which I have found meaningful. I would suggest that you clip them out and use them in times of need.

Pastor Scott L. Shay

“WHERE TO FIND HELP IN TIMES OF NEED”

When suffering afflictions	Psalm 34:19; II Corinthians 4:17
When being treated unfairly	I Peter 2:19-23; I Peter 4:12-15
When facing temptation	James 1:2-4; 12-15; I Corinthians 10:13
When lonely and depressed	Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 23
When seeking guidance	Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:5
When in need of forgiveness	I John 1:9; Hebrews 4:15,16
When weary and in need of rest	Matthew 11:28-30; Galatians 6:9
When feeling weak and inadequate	II Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13
When burdened with many problems	Psalm 55:22; I Peter 5:7
When seeking peace in time of turmoil	John 14:27; 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7
When facing danger	Psalm 91; Psalm 121
When driven by selfish desire	I John 2:15-17; Psalm 106:13-15; Philippians 4:8
When facing sorrow	II Corinthians 1:3-5; Romans 8:26-28
When in need of courage	Ephesians 6:10-13; Psalm 138:3
When in doubt of God’s keeping power	Philippians 1:6; I Peter 1:5
When in financial need	Psalm 34:10; Philippians 4:19
When your patience is being tried	James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28-29
When defeated by pride	Philippians 2:3-8; I Corinthians 4:7
When seeking God’s standard	Matthew 5:48; 22:36-40

Let us give thanks that we have God’s Word to comfort, counsel, and convict us. From the entire Shay Family, Happy Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you!

Pastor Scott L. Shay



A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Lord, we humbly ask Thy blessing on the turkey and the dressing,
On the yams and cranberry jelly, and the pickles from the deli.

Bless the apple pie and tea, bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. Tomorrow we can all get thinner.

For all Thy help along the way we’re thankful this Thanksgiving day,
We’re thankful too, for all our dear ones, for all the far away and near ones.

Although we may be far apart, we’re together in my heart.
Keep us in Thy loving care, this is my Thanksgiving prayer.

P.S. Anyone who wishes may help with the dishes.

Author Unknown

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf

Deacons: Ron Belknap, Christine Morehouse, Ned Rauch-Mannino, Paul Schick

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Guests: Leslie Ford, Mike Follweiler

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay.
2. Leslie Ford requested to have a "Light the Night" program in her backyard for Halloween. They will hand out bags with candy and a tract with information on Jacob's Church. The program will cost about \$300. Ned Rauch-Mannino made a motion to support "Light the Night" for \$300, and Ralph Hill seconded it. Motion carried.
3. Movie night at the Ford's House is on September 26th.
4. Church Board is looking to replace HVAC systems in the Parish House to reduce costs and increase efficiency.
5. Pastor Shay is on vacation September 14th – 18th.
6. "Adopt a Child in Prayer" program will be carried out at the Annual Church Picnic, September 20th.
7. Revive Ministries of Jacob's Church will have a picnic at Leaser Lake on September 6th.
8. KFC Fair will be held on September 2nd.
9. There will be a prayer meeting September 2 at 6:30 pm.
10. We now have a "Voice Over IP" phone system with wireless service in the Parish House.
11. We are still looking for a KFC coordinator.
12. Sign repair discussion continued. Dave Zoghby presented a quote. Lou Schimpf made a motion to put the sign pole damage claim through the insurance company. Ron Belknap seconded it. Motion carried.
13. Revive Ministries of Jacob's Church has help with set up and take down. It is going well. Church Board continues to discuss communications between the two services and ways to improve them.
14. The Board of Christian Education had the following three recommendations:
 - a. Each worship service should have a separate Children's Church.
 - b. Sunday School will continue as before.
 - c. Have a fellowship time once a month in the parlor after the blended worship service.
15. A baptism Sunday in October will be announced.
16. Paul Schick made a motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2015 with the correction. Christine Morehouse seconded and motion carried.

17. Treasurer's report was presented:

Balance at August meeting		\$14,922.56
Income	\$12,973.88	
Expenses	\$19,225.00	
Balance at September meeting		\$8,671.44

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino, seconded by Christine Morehouse. Motion carried.

18. Motion to close meeting was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Christine Morehouse. Motion carried. Time was 11:25 pm.

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:

August 2	\$3,141.00	September 6	\$4,641.00
August 9	\$4,497.00	September 13	\$4,560.00
August 16	\$4,368.00	September 20	\$2,373.00
August 23	\$3,111.00	September 27	\$4,452.00
August 30	\$3,996.00		
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-September		\$187,044.00	
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-September		\$142,485.83	
Deficit for January-September		\$ 44,558.17	

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



Greeters for November	
November 1	Oswald and Hosler Families
November 8	Church Board
November 15	Danner Family
November 22	Johri Family
November 29	Confirmation Class
Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am	

Flowers for November	
November 1	Tim & Mary VanBlargan
November 8	
November 15	Janine Reppert
November 22	Annamarie Schick
November 29	



Weddings Congratulations and Best Wishes

To Amanda Shrawder and Vadim Yamayev who were united in marriage at Jacob's Church October 3, 2015, by Pastor Shay.

To Zachary Madtes and Jennifer Flannery who were united in marriage by Pastor Shay October 10, 2015 at Jacob's Church.

November Wedding Anniversaries

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

Jonathan and Jodi Beck
Edward Jr. and Denise Gawelko
Howard and Arlene Hamm
Taylor and Chris Rauch
Timothy Sr. and Mary VanBlargan



Consider volunteering for the
Children's Church Ministry.

Teachers and Helpers are needed.
Sign up for a Sunday and enjoy spending some time with the children. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church parlor.



Address correction: Russel Hartman, 105 Saucony Meadows, Kutztown, PA 19530

DON'T FORGET!

Jacob's Church has Sunday School for children and adults every week at 9:00 am! Children, ages 3 and up, meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible lessons are focused on creation, with songs and fun activities.

Adults can choose from two adult classes:

One meets in the church parlor and is studying the gospel of John. The other one meets downstairs; they are learning about the importance of "right" believing and God's grace. (Often the aroma of coffee drifts out of this room.)

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE 2015

THE CARD EXCHANGE WILL START SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
AND WILL END SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

Please take note to the following:

1. When addressing your envelopes, please put your name on the top left hand side of the envelope.
2. Please put all your envelopes in alphabetical order by last name.
3. When leaving Worship Service, please check the table in the parlor area for any cards that are addressed to you.

