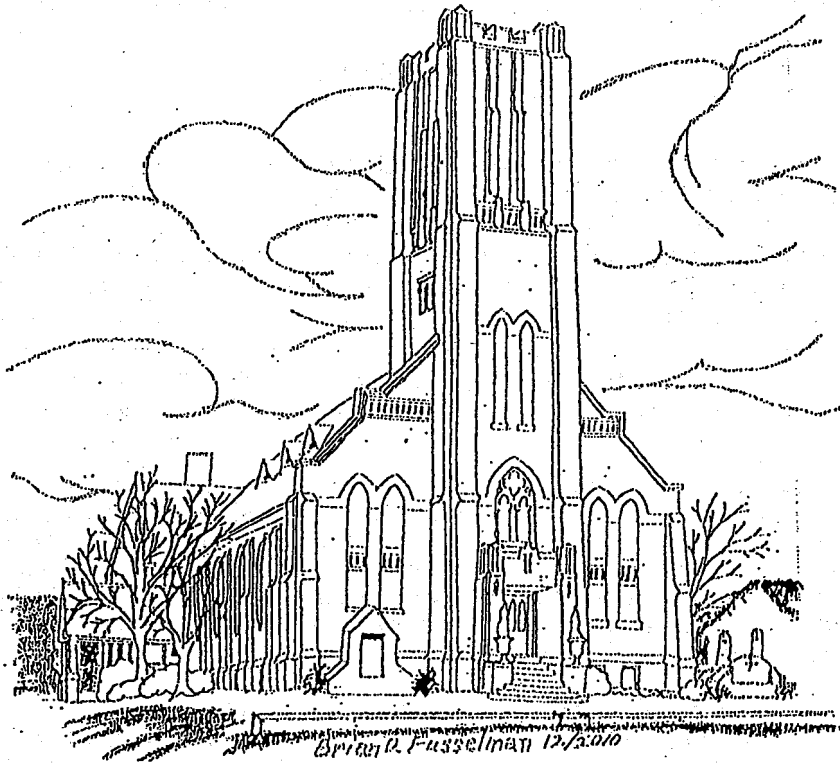


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**Purpose:** To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community and to be "The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ."

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|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Pastor</b>                   | Rev. Scott L. Shay, 8029 Penny Court, New Tripoli, PA 18066    | (610) 298-2602 (home)<br>(610) 756-6352 (office)<br>(484) 695-4021 (cell) |
| <b>Ministry Assistant</b>       | James Reppert, 8399 Kings Highway, Kempton, PA 19529           | (610) 698-6637  |
| <b>Music Director</b>           | Brenda Phillips, 5795 Long Court, New Tripoli, PA 18066        | (484) 601-3302  |
| <b>Youth Leaders</b>            | Jim/Jocelyn Reppert, 8399 Kings Highway, Kempton, PA 19529     | (610) 698-6637  |
| <b>Activity Center Director</b> | Faye Foulk, 8321 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066          | (610) 756-6773  |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | Cindy Kuhns, 2716 Old 22, Hamburg, PA 19526                    | (484) 529-2835 (cell)   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | David R. Follweiler, 6893 Whitetail Ct., New Tripoli, PA 18066 | (610) 298-2331  |
| <b>Financial Secretary</b>      | Bonnie Belknap, 5866 Golden Key Road, Kempton, PA 19529        | (610) 756-3196  |
| <b>Sextons</b>                  | John & Lorrie Rauch, 7387 Fort Everette Rd, New Tripoli, PA    | (484) 226-6207  |

## THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE "SWEET FREEDOM"

"Now you will see what I shall do to Pharaoh," the Lord told Moses. "For he must be forced to let my people go; he will not only let them go, but will drive them out of his land!"

"I am Jehovah, the Almighty God who appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – though I did not reveal my name, Jehovah, to them. And I entered into a solemn covenant with them; under its terms I promised to give them and their descendants the land of Canaan where they were living.

"And now I have heard the groanings of the people of Israel, in slavery now to the Egyptians, and I remember my promise.

"Therefore tell the descendants of Israel that I will use my mighty power and perform great miracles to deliver them from slavery, and make them free."  
(Exodus 6:1-6 Living Bible)

If you ever take a trip to the beautiful state of New Hampshire, take the time to look at the license plates on the cars. Every license plate has this motto on it, "live free or die." I am fully convinced that it is God's intention that all people everywhere be free. I wonder how many citizens of this great country really appreciate their freedom. Like the Israelites who were held in bondage for four hundred years, there are people in today's world that are not free. We as Americans have so much for which to be thankful. For over a hundred years, we have not experienced the horror of war on our shores. Our children go to bed at night secure and free from oppression. We should always keep in our prayers the people in our military community who are the "guardians of freedom."

Besides the bondage that people in our world suffer today, there is the personal bondage of sin which affects us all. When a person is under the slavery of pride, anger, lust, selfishness, hatred, prejudice, etc. that person is not free! It is not only God's will that we be free as a nation, but also that we be free to experience an attitude of love and service to others.

In John 8:32 we read "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

In Galatians 5:2 we read "that we are free in Christ." We no longer need to be held in bondage, but are free to reach out to those in need. May the Lord Bless You as you exercise this greatest freedom of all.

If you have not accepted the free gift of ETERNAL SALVATION and forgiveness of your sins through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST, I urge you to do it NOW!

Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July as you celebrate "Freedom" in Jesus Christ!

May the Lord Bless You!

Pastor Shay

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE MAILED TO OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS. EVERYONE WHO HAS INTERNET CAN READ THE NEWSLETTER ON LINE. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET THERE WILL BE COPIES AT CHURCH IN THE PARLOR.**

**NEW WEBSITE AVAILABLE**

**[jacobschurch.org](http://jacobschurch.org)**

**JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 12, 2015**

**Attendance:**

**Elders:** Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf, Dave Zoghby  
**Deacons:** Ron Belknap, Ned Rauch-Mannino, Christine Morehouse, Dick Oswald, Gary Readnack, Paul Schick  
**Pastor:** Scott L. Shay  
**Ministry Assistant:** Jimmy Reppert  
**Treasurer:** Dave Follweiler  
**Guest:** Faye Foulk

1. The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay.
2. The Contemporary Service is averaging fifty people; approximately twelve new people are attending. They have 8 to 12 children in Children's Church.
3. The 250th Anniversary History Book cost is \$30.00. It will be sold at the end of our worship service and at local historical societies.
4. The Church Board discussed Children's Church. We are looking for someone to lead it.
5. Subcommittee was formed to review applications for secretary of the church. Interviews will be conducted and recommendation made to the board. The members are: Ron Belknap, Dick Oswald and Christine Morehouse. Pastor Shay will also participate.
6. The alley repairs are completed.
7. A motion was made by Paul Schick and seconded by Gary Readnack to hire an exterminator for the Fenstermaker house for \$400.00. Motion passed.
8. Dave Zoghby and Dave Follweiler presented information on updating the insurance policy.
9. Christian Education Committee met and the VBS report was presented by Jim Reppert. VBS will be held July 6-10th.
10. A motion to accept the minutes from the Contemporary Planning Meeting was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Ron Belknap. Motion carried.
11. A motion to accept the minutes from April 7, 2015 Board Meeting was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Ron Belknap. Motion carried.
12. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler.

|                               |             |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at April 2015 Meeting |             | \$19,960.48 |
| Income                        | \$20,543.70 |             |
| Transfer from Reserve Fund    | \$10,000.00 |             |
| Expenses                      | \$43,848.52 |             |
| Balance at May 2015 Meeting   |             | \$6,655.66  |

Motion to accept the report was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Paul Schick. Motion carried.

13. Community Day will be June 26th. There will be a tractor show and a grill off with prizes. A Blood Drive will be planned.
14. Motion to close the meeting was made by Dick Oswald and seconded by Ron Belknap.

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:

|          |            |               |        |            |
|----------|------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| April 3  | \$515.00   | Good Friday   | May 3  | \$3,267.00 |
| April 5  | \$6,096.00 | Easter Sunday | May 10 | \$3,266.00 |
| April 12 | \$3,894.00 |               | May 17 | \$3,913.87 |
| April 19 | \$2,829.00 |               | May 24 | \$4,005.00 |
| April 26 | \$2,742.00 |               | May 31 | \$2,662.00 |

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-May | \$105,512.00 |
| Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-May   | \$ 78,089.33 |
| Deficit for January-May                       | \$ 27,422.67 |

**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

**MILLER-KEYSTONE 12/01/2014 - 12/31/2014**

|                                    |                               |    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| Group's Annual Donation Goal:      |                               | 20 |
| Number of Donations as of:         | End of Previous Month in 2014 | 35 |
| Number of Donations for:           | 12/01/2014 - 12/31/2014       | 2  |
| Number of Donations Year to Date:  | 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014       | 37 |
| Number of Donations to Reach Goal: |                               | 0  |

(If you donate blood please use the church code #1515)

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - The "SISTERS OF ESTHER" (ladies Bible Study) meets every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. in the Activity Center's meeting room. We are doing a new study entitled "Right Believing" by Joseph Prince. We would like to give an invitation to all ladies in the congregation or in the community to come and join us on Tuesday mornings! You are welcome to come to every meeting OR maybe you're only able to come once a month OR 3 times a year!! Maybe you find you are in need of spiritual uplifting. We are a group of between 10-15 ladies and lots of times we laugh together, sometimes we cry together, we always lift up one another during difficult times. Drop in for a visit if you like. We will welcome you in the love of Jesus Christ. He is our Savior, our light and our life. Come join us!! For more information contact Eileen Myers at (610) 767-8970.

**GREETERS FOR JULY**

July 5                    Lou and Linda Schimpf  
                              Jim and Rose Moyer

July 12                   Church Board

July 19                   Beverly and Mitch Hosler  
                              Joan and Dick Oswald

July 26                   Ginger and Sol Johri Family

**PLEASE NOTE: Greeters should be at Church by 9:45 AM**

**FLOWER PRESENTATIONS FOR JULY**

July 5                    Altar Vases                    Ralph and Pearl Follweiler

July 12                   Altar Vases                    Scott and Donna Shay

July 19                   Altar Vases

July 26                   Altar Vases

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION CLASS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THEY WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.**

**THANK YOU**

**PASTOR SHAY AND MY CHURCH FAMILY,**

I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Pastor Shay and the entire congregation for honoring me on Sunday, June 14, 2015, as I retired from my position of Church Secretary for 40 years.

Thank you for all the gifts presented to me and for the refreshments served after worship. Above all, I will always cherish the special notes and cards complimenting me on my faithfulness, diligence, unselfish service and commitment to my precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Special thanks to Pam Zoghby, who was appointed to do the shopping for gifts and arranging the beautiful floral bouquet. Also, thanks to Tom Foulk for ordering the cake and setting up in the parlor.

Thank you again and may God Bless All of You.

In Christian Love,  
Pearl Follweiler



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## HOSPITAL VISITS & HOME VISITS

Sarah Hemsley  
Henry Kistler  
Paul Womer  
Eddie Bartholomew

Lehigh Valley Hospital  
Lehigh Valley Hospital  
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation

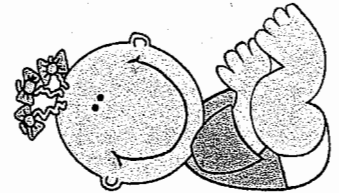
## OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF ANTHONY G. (TONY) HERSCHITZ

Anthony (Tony) Herschitz, husband of Esther (Gruber) Herschitz, went home to be with the Lord on May 25, 2015. His funeral service was held in Jacob's Church on June 8, 2015 with Pastor Scott L. Shay officiating the service. Interment was in Jacobs Union Cemetery.

## INFANT BAPTISM

Shelby Marie Wessner, born February 23, 2015, was baptized in Jacob's Church on June 7, 2015 by Pastor Scott L. Shay. She is the daughter of James (Jake) and Melinda Sue (Hamm) Wessner of Lynnport.

Shelby has a sister Marissa, age 10, and a brother Tucker, age 7. Her sponsors were Gary and Cheryl Mengel. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His Church!



## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE:

Curtis and Lynn Dietrich  
Bobby and Denise Fetherolf  
Ralph and Pearl Follweiler  
Richard and Lucille Follweiler

Kevin and Patricia Greenawalt  
Jason and Rebecca Williams  
Joseph and Tonya Yeakel



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is July 6-July 10, from 9:00 am-11:30 am. Children from ages 3 to 12 years old are encouraged to attend. The closing program for VBS will be Friday, July 10, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. followed by refreshments which include hot dogs and a variety of snacks. Bring your children by 5:30 pm to prepare for the program. See the enclosed registration form for more information. Online registration is also available.

PASTOR SHAY AND DONNA WILL BE ON VACATION from Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you are in need of routine pastoral service, please contact a member of our Church Board. For emergency pastoral service, contact Pastor David L. Long from Salem E.C. Church in Lenhartsville. Contact our Church Secretary, Cindy Kuhns, for his telephone number, or contact another pastor of your own choice.

## May Youth Group Report

As summer comes upon us, so does the end of another great year of youth ministries. God has been so faithful in bringing students out to all of the youth events this year. May shaped up to be a very busy month. We had picnics for both FUEL groups along with the KFC Camp at the end of the month. As I look back across the last year I see God's hand moving in our group and in the lives of many of our youngsters. It will be great to see one day the fruit that will be produced because of Jacob's church commitment to the youth of this area. Praise God He is in charge and that we are all being obedient in following His leading.

Sr. High had their annual kickoff summer picnic. We had a great time of fellowship, games, food and worship. The students just love to sing. I am so blessed by the excitement and fruit the worship time has produced. We had a small increase in attendance throughout the year in Sr. High FUEL.

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. It is my hope and prayer that the seed that was planted this year would sprout in the summer and produce fruit for the next youth group 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.

Coming up:

Combined Youth group summer schedule: Each week we meet for a special event.

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|------------|--|
| July 2     | <u>Movie night</u><br><b>(Meet in activity center 6:30-8:30)</b>   |
| July 6-10  | <u>VBS For grades 6<sup>th</sup> and younger (No Thursday night FUEL)</u><br><b>Would love for other ages to come and help out</b> |
| July 12-18 | <u>Mission Trip to Wheelwright Kentucky</u><br><b>This event is for all who signed up</b>  |
| July 23    | <u>Mini Golf (\$7.50)</u><br><b>(Meet at church 6:30 will call when we get back)</b>   |
| July 30    | <u>Going Hiking around the Lake</u><br><b>(Meet at church 6:30 back at 8:30)</b>   |
| August 6   | <u>Knobels for the day (\$46 to ride all day)</u><br><b>(Meet at church at 9:00 am will call when we get back)</b>                 |
| August 13  | <u>Fouk's for pool party</u><br><b>(Meet at church at 6:00 back to church 9:00) No bare bellies swim suites</b>                    |

## May Ministry Assistant Report

Youth ministry ended for the season with picnics, and a few other events will be happening shortly. Planning for the mission trip continues right along. I have been in contact with David Boyd, the leader of the mission organization that we are going with, gathering all the details and forms that we need. There will be a mission trip meeting June 23 to finalize all of the paper work and details. We have 15 total team members going to Wheelwright, Kentucky.

Jane has been working very hard putting VBS together for this year. I have been assisting in building decorations, putting the registration online, and general help. VBS is right around the corner July 6-10.

The registration for VBS on the site with a direct link. In May, I updated the website twice. If anybody wants to promote a ministry through the website please email me at [reppert97@gmail.com](mailto:reppert97@gmail.com).

With June right around the corner, so is the Community day event. This year we will be having a tractor show, grilling competition, games for the kids, live music and food. This event is designed to be an outreach for our community. We want them to see that at Jacob's church we are more concerned about them than their money. It also gives us a great opportunity to serve the Almighty together as a family.

As God continues to mold Revive for His purpose, it is feeling more natural ever Sunday. The different worship leaders bring a nice change each week. God has sent us a few helpers to make the service go smoothly. We have been blessed with around 50 in attendance weekly.



# JACOB'S CHURCH

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## ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

*June 9, 2015*

*Listed are the activities that were held in the Activity Center during the month of May 2015.*

- *Senior High Youth group meetings were held on Monday, May 4, 11 and 18; beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.*
- *Junior High Youth group meetings were held on Thursday, May 7, 14 and 21; beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.*
- *Kids For Christ Youth Group held meetings on Wednesday, May 6, 13 and 20; beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:45pm.*
- *KFC Camp was held on Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29.*
- *Private celebrations were held on Saturday, May, 9 and 16; Sunday, May 17; Friday, May 15, and Tuesday, May 19. A private conference was held on Thursday, May 28.*
- *The Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on Saturday, May 2.*
- *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.*
- *A luncheon was held on Friday, May 15, 2015 after the funeral service for Ruth C. (Dreibelbis) Nester, wife of Paul Nester.*

*God Bless You,*

*Faye M. Foulk*

# Camp Kilimanjaro VBS

**When:** July 6 - July 10, 2015 9 am - 11:30 am everyday

**Where:** Jacob's Church, New Tripoli

**Ages:** 3 - 12 yrs. Old

**Theme:** Through the book of Proverbs and lessons that King Solomon had during his reign, trekkers will learn about the importance of knowing God's wisdom to help them make good choices.

Our mornings will be action packed with Singing, Drama, High Adventure Lesson Time, Safari Science and Crafts, Grassland Games and of course great Summit Snacks. Don't miss it!



**To register:** Complete the attached registration form and mail to: Jane Wessner, 5057 Irvin Road, Slatington, PA 18080 or **online registration** at: Jacobschurch.org website, then click on Services & Events, then Special Events and VBS 2015, scroll down and select VBS Online Registration. After submitting you should get a confirmation. Any questions please call (610)760-1714.

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Register me for Camp Kilimanjaro VBS!

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female      Birthdate \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home church \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

List \_\_\_\_\_

Medical concerns Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

# JULY 2015

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                 | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|  |                        |  | 1<br>6:00:645 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br>7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study                          | 2<br>Combined Youth Group<br>Movie night<br><br>7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal   | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Parlor<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Kitchen<br>10:15 am Blended Worship Service<br>10:15 am Revive Ministries in A.C.<br><br>11:30 am Joint Time of Fellowship<br>in Activity Center  | 6<br>9:00-11:30 am VBS | 7<br>9:00-11:30 am VBS<br><br>7:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry<br><br>7:30 pm Church Board Meeting            | 8<br>6:00:645 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br>9:00-11:30 am VBS<br><br>7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study | 9<br>NO Combined Youth Group<br><br>9:00-11:30 am VBS                     | 10<br>9:00-11:30 am VBS<br><br>6:00-8:30 pm VBS Closing Program | 11  |
| 12<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Parlor<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Kitchen<br>10:15 am Blended Worship Service<br>10:15 am Revive Ministries in A.C.<br><br>11:30 am Joint Time of Fellowship<br>in Activity Center<br><br>Mission Trip to KY Sunday-Saturday | 13                     | 14<br>9:30-11:30 am Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry<br><br>7:00 pm Elders Meeting | 15<br>6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study                    | 16<br>NO Combined Youth Group   | 17<br>Wedding Rehearsal   | 18<br>3:00 Wedding<br><br>Return from KY Mission Trip |
| 19<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Parlor<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Kitchen<br>10:15 am Blended Worship Service<br>10:15 am Revive Ministries in A.C.<br><br>11:30 am Joint Time of Fellowship<br>in Activity Center   | 20                     | 21<br>9:30-11:30 am Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry                               | 22<br>6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study                    | 23<br>Combined Youth Group<br>Mini Golf<br>6:00 pm Bd. of Ch. Ed. Meeting | 24<br>Wedding Rehearsal   | 25<br>2:00 Wedding                                    |
| 26<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Parlor<br>9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Kitchen<br>10:15 am Blended Worship Service<br>10:15 am Revive Ministries in A.C.<br><br>11:30 am Joint Time of Fellowship<br>in Activity Center   | 27                     | 28<br>9:30-11:30 am Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry                               | 29<br>6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study                    | 30<br>Combined Youth Group<br>Hiking Around Lake                          | 31  |   |

# Brave Queen Esther

