

# 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

### "THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION"

*But very early on Sunday morning they took the ointments to the tomb and found that the huge stone covering the entrance had been rolled aside. So they went in – but the Lord Jesus' body was gone. They stood there puzzled, trying to think what could have happened to it. Suddenly two men appeared before them, clothed in shining robes so bright their eyes were dazzled. The women were terrified and bowed low before them.*

*Then the men asked, "Why are you looking in a tomb for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He has come back to life again! Don't you remember what He told you back in Galilee – that the Messiah must be betrayed into the power of evil men and be crucified that He would rise the third day?"*

*Then they remembered, and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell His eleven disciples – and everyone else – what had happened. Luke 24:1-9 L.B.*

The followers of Jesus Christ were about to experience a power they could never have imagined. Having just witnessed the death of the man in whom all of their hopes rested, the followers of Jesus were experiencing the pits of despair. Feeling confused, angry, betrayed and defeated they certainly were a miserable group of people.

I don't believe any of Jesus' followers were prepared for what they were about to experience at the tomb. In the three words "HE IS RISEN," the lives of this small, pathetic group of people would be changed forever! Defeat would give way to Victory as the power of the resurrection would affect the lives of millions of souls throughout history.

I would like for you to ask this question, "Am I experiencing the power of the resurrection in my own life?" As difficult situations arise are you still filled with a hope which boldly says, "My God is able?" Do you possess a joy and peace which cannot be shaken by the circumstances of life?

When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He conquered death and all the powers of evil. It's wonderful to inherit this resurrection power as a child of God. If you are not experiencing power and joy in life please open your heart to Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only Savior of all Heaven and Earth. May you discover the power of the resurrection in your life.

God Bless You!  
Pastor Shay

At our December 6, 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,735.00 per week in order to meet our 2016 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in February, 2016:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| February 7             | \$8,483.00 |
| February 10 (Ash Wed.) | \$ 364.00  |
| February 14            | \$5,928.00 |
| February 21            | \$2,917.00 |
| February 28            | \$4,670.01 |

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|--|-------------|
| Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – February | \$42,615.00 |
| Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – February   | \$37,856.01 |
| Deficit for January                                  | \$ 4,758.99 |

**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 David Follweiler  
 6893 Whitetail Court  
 New Tripoli, PA 18066



| <b>Greeters for April</b>                      |  |
|--|--|
| April 3  | Clem & Cindy Schmoyer<br>Tom & Faye Foulk                |
| April 10                                       | Church Board   |
| April 17                                       | Faye Billig, Betsy Hauser,<br>Bruce Dietrich, Bob Nester |
| April 24                                       | Confirmation Class                                       |
| <b>Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am</b> |  |

| <b>Flowers for April</b> |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| April 3                  |                       |
| April 10                 | Family of Kenny Henry |
| April 17                 | Ron & Bonnie Belknap  |
| April 24                 |                       |

**Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| (2) Altar vases  | \$25.00 |
| (1) Floral stand | \$15.00 |
| Bud vase         | \$10.00 |
| Bulletins        | \$ 5.00 |

Contact Pam Zoghby to order Flowers  
 610-298-3002

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## April Wedding Anniversaries

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

Steven and Christina Follweiler  
Stephen and Laura Hayes  
William and Juanita Miller  
Morin and Marla Nomura  
Earl and Brenda Phillips

Brian and Jody Reinert  
Michael and Leann Sacks  
Cleon and Cindy Schmoyer  
Robert and Susan Stufflet  
William and Carol Van Tol



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# THANK YOU

Dear Jacob's Church Family,

I would like to say a special "Thank You" for all your thoughts and prayers following the death of my sister, Helen Kline. They meant the world to me.

Ruth Kaley

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*WITH  
HEARTFELT*

*SYMPATHY*

Our sincere sympathy to the Bowman family, as Luella A. Bowman passed away March 14, 2016. She was 89 years old. She and her three daughters are members here at Jacob's Church: Monica Rodriguez, Barbara Rehrig, and Marcia Miller. Luella was buried at the West Penn Evangelical Cemetery in Andreas, PA. on March 17<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Scott L. Shay officiating.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth R. Henry who passed away March 15, 2016. Kenny was 86 years old. His memorial service will be held at Jacob's Church on Sunday, April 10th, with Pastor Scott L. Shay officiating.

# Jacob's Church Board Minutes

March 7, 2016

## Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Gary Readnack, Jim Moyer, Dick Oswald, Leslie Ford, Ron Belknap

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Ministry Assistant: Jim Reppert

Excused Absence: Ned Rauch-Mannino

Guest: Curtis Staudt, Paul Schick

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay
2. A schedule of Board Members to assist with KFC was made for the next 6 weeks.
3. Chris Ford and Jim Reppert are working to bring the website up to speed. Will be adding mailboxes and an events calendar.
4. Reviewed new estimate for lawn mowing. The bid will be verified to be inclusive of all current mowing services and discussed further.
5. Discussed reconnecting with membership. Letter to be drafted and submitted for approval at next board meeting.
6. Discussed the need to look into the specific requirements under the Child Protection Policy law.
7. Tom & Faye Foulk volunteered to ring the church bell before Sunday services. Approved by board.
8. Jacob's church has the opportunity to host the annual Sportsman Dinner for Seipstown Grange. An Elder will connect with the Grange for more details on what level of involvement is expected.
9. Curtis Staidt requested the opportunity for Cheyenne to address congregation about Americore. Motion to accept was made by Lou Schimpf and seconded by Ron Belknap. Motion carried.
10. Curtis Staidt explained need to expand the Cemetary. Motion to allow the Cemetary Association to move dirt onto church land was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Dick Oswald. Motion carried.
11. Jim Reppert shared that plans for this year's Egg Hunt are going well. Event will take place on March 19 from 12-2pm
12. Motion was made to accept the minutes for February by Ralph Hill and seconded by Gary Readnack. Motion carried.
13. Treasurer's report was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

|                                  |             |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance at February 2016 Meeting |             | \$18,850.04 |
| Income                           | \$40,164.36 |             |
| Expenses                         | \$30,212.79 |             |
| Balance at March 2016 Meeting    |             | \$28,801.61 |

Motion was made to accept it by Dick Oswald and seconded by Ralph Hill.  
Motion carried.
14. At 10:00 pm a motion was made by Ralph Hill to close the meeting. It was seconded by Dick Oswald. Motion Carried

# **JACOB'S CHURCH**

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

## **ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

March 20, 2016

The following activities are scheduled for March and April in the Jacob's Church Activity Center.

- The Senior High Youth Group continues to meet at the Spade Ministries in Steinsville.
- The Junior High Youth Group is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.
- The Kids For Christ Youth Group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:45pm.
- Private activities are scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 12, 19; Sunday, March 6 and 27. Friday, April 8; Saturday, April 9, and 16; Sunday, April 10 and 17.
- The NWL Field Hockey Team is scheduled for practices on Sunday, March 13 and 20. This will end their season in the Activity Center.
- 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.
- Revive Ministries of Jacob's Church continue to use the center for church services on Sunday mornings.
- A luncheon was held in the Activity Center on Thursday, March 17 to celebrate the life of Luella Agnes Hamm Bowman. Luella was the daughter of Edgar and Maryjane Hollenbach Hamm, she was born on 27 Sept 1926, baptized by Rev Ebert on 28 Nov 1926; married Fred Peter Bowman on 17 Mar 1962, officiated by Rev Schaefer. Luella died on 14 Mar 2016 at the age of 89 years, she was buried in West Penn Evangelical Cemetery on Thursday, March 17 with Rev Shay officiating.
- The annual Pig Stomach Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 with preparation starting on Friday, April 1.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 12:00pm.

God Bless You,

Faye M. Foulk

## February Youth Group Report

The Annual Wing Night took place on February 6. The students look forward to serving, having fellowship and seeing a great turn out. This year was the biggest turn out yet. We went through over 400 pounds of chicken. God is faithful in suppling everything we need down to the last order. We sold out of french fries about 2 hours into the event. Thankfully, there were left over potatoes from donut making that got us almost to the end of the night. God gave us almost enough chicken to fill the last order. The man wanted 3 dozen; we had 2 dozen to sell him. The students did such a great job serving and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

KFC had their Annual Popcorn and Movie Night outreach. We did have 2 new kids come for the event. We watched God's Little Creatures. It's a spin on Noah's Ark. It tells the story from the animal's perspective. The students enjoyed the popcorn and movie.

The Annual Twin Pines youth retreat ended the busy month. We had 47 students and adults go to the retreat center. Grace Bible Church went with us. Their youth pastor, Justin, did the messages. He spoke about "taking up your cross and follow me." This year I was moved to start each session with prayer groups. So we split the students up into small prayer groups and had them pray that God would open their eyes and heart to the message. We were truly blessed by the weekend.

Sr. High has been meeting at Spade for their fellowship. We have enjoyed a new environment and great discussions. Please be praying for our young students. The world is a strong force. But through the Holy Spirit and prayer they can overcome the world.

### John 16:32-33

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. **But take heart; I have overcome the world."**

Coming up:

April 2

Work day

May 23

Sr. High Picnic

May 25

KFC Picnic

May 26

Jr. High Picnic

## February Ministry Assistant Report

During February I spent a lot of time meeting with people to plan the Egg Hunt. I met with Jill Sabo so that we could include Little Lambs in the program. She gave me some great ideas and also took charge of getting free gifts from Texas Road House. One of her ideas was to have a take home bag with candy, prizes, flyers of different ministries at Jacob's Church and most importantly a Gospel message pamphlet. I also met with Jane Wessner. She will be doing a game and trivia during the event. Also she will be helping with the message. We will be placing a VBS flyer in the hand out bags. We also talked in general about VBS and Sunday School. Our focus for the Egg Hunt is to reach the kids with the Gospel and also reach the parents with fellowship.

I met with Chris Ford to discuss the website. It is our desire that an email system would be set up so that people with specific questions will be able to send the person responsible an email with that question. Another aspect we looked at is the graphics on the website. Chris has agreed to start helping with that aspect of the site. Finally, we talked about creating a calendar page in order to put all events on it to better inform and make finding ongoing activities at Jacob's Church easy to find.

Revive continues to grow and meet people where they are at spiritually. I met with one of our worship leaders for a breakfast meeting. We reviewed worship for the month and talked about aspects we can change and what is working. I felt led to pray for the people of Revive. So I have a list of close to 50 people that I began to pray for monthly. My hope is that they would be encouraged by this gesture and be blessed knowing that they were lifted up before our Heavenly Father. A side note is that I pray for our Church as a whole weekly.

### **Psalm 118:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has given me victory.

<sup>15</sup> **Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.**

The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things!

<sup>16</sup> The strong right arm of the LORD is raised in triumph.

The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious things!

<sup>17</sup> **I will not die; instead, I will live  
to tell what the LORD has done.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not let me die.





The Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar  
APRIL 2016

1. ALGERIA-pray for the ability to distribute Bibles throughout the country.
2. GUINEA-pray for the continued recovery and healing of those affected by Ebola.
3. ISRAEL-pray for more indigenous church planters who will start fellowships in their homes.
4. SENEGAL-pray that Christian worship services will not be disturbed by young Muslim boys throwing stones.
5. QATAR-pray that the local church will be blessed with discipleship.
6. MALAYSIA-pray for the safety of evangelists, who can be imprisoned for proselytizing Muslims.
7. NIGER-pray that the small number of Christians will have a big effect on society.
8. KENYA-pray for pastors and churches along the coast and in northern Kenya, where attacks are increasing.
9. SENEGAL-pray that churches and other structures used for Christian worship will not be burned during political protests.
10. CUBA-pray that churches deemed “illegal” by the government will be allowed to construct new buildings.
11. SAUDI ARABIA-pray that the royal family will accept Jesus as their Savior.
12. COMOROS-pray for the spread of the gospel to all four islands despite growing persecution.
13. SIERRA LEONE-pray that Ebola will be eradicated.
14. LIBERIA-pray that Christians in Liberia will focus on sharing the gospel.
15. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES-pray that persecutors of Christians will come to know Jesus as Savior.
16. PAKISTAN-pray that Christian converts will choose to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors.
17. MOROCCO-pray for more disciples and servants in Morocco.
18. KUWAIT-pray that evangelism efforts will produce fore fruit.
19. LIBYA-pray that satellite TV programs and internet outreaches will reach many Libyans.
20. KAZAKHSTAN-pray that no laws will be passed that further restrict Christian materials or activities.
21. AFGHANISTAN-pray for the success of evangelistic and discipleship efforts.
22. COLOMBIA-pray for displaced Christian families.
23. NORTH KOREA-pray that many North Korean workers in China will meet missionaries and come to know Christ.
24. ERITREA-pray for the health, faith and release of Christians imprisoned for their faith.
25. BAHRAIN-pray that believers will take every opportunity God gives them to share the gospel.
26. YEMEN-pray that God will protect believers in Yemen.
27. INDONESIA-pray for the Caleb House, a VOM-sponsored orphanage for the children of Christian martyrs.
28. COTE D’IVOIRE-pray that north-south ethnic tensions will decrease so outreach to Muslims can flourish.
29. LAOS-pray that evangelists will make wise decisions in how they preach the gospel in restricted areas.
30. INDIA-pray for front-line workers in Uttar Pradesh who are receiving bicycles and motorbikes.

Please use this list to pray daily in April for the persecuted church around the world.