

# 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 MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE I CAN GIVE"

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

There are many areas of our lives which will change in the years ahead. Perhaps an article on preparing our finances would be in order. Or perhaps suggestions on raising our children to honor God would be a good topic for this Pastor's Epistle.

I simply want to share this simple, yet profound, Gospel Message.

### **IF YOU HAVEN'T FULLY ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR HEART AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR, DO IT NOW!**

In order to help you make this most important decision I have listed the following "12" segments of Holy Scripture and a simple prayer of invitation:

- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." *John 3:16*
- (Christ Speaking) "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly." (That it might be full and meaningful). *John 10:10*
- "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*
- "For the wages of sin is death." (Spiritual separation from God) *Romans 6:23*
- "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." *Romans 5:8*

- “Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred...”  
*1 Corinthians 15:3-6*
- Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father but through Me.”  
*John 14:6*
- “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”  
*John 1:12*
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, even to those who believe in His name.”  
*Ephesians 2:8,9*
- “WHEN WE RECEIVE CHRIST, WE EXPERIENCE A NEW BIRTH.”  
Read *John 3:1-8*
- (Christ speaking) “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.”  
*Revelation 3:20*
- “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you have eternal life.”  
*1 John 5:11-13*

#### Prayer of invitation

Dear God, I come before you a person who has sinned in thought, word, and deed. I believe that you sent Your Son Jesus Christ to die for my sin. I ask you now Lord Jesus to enter my heart and forgive me for all eternity. I praise Your holy name (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) for this most wonderful gift.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please understand that this most important decision to accept Jesus Christ fully into your heart as personal Lord and Savior, will not only have consequences for your life now, but for all eternity. It is my heartfelt prayer that you and yours make this most important decision.

If you have any questions about accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, please contact me. I would love to meet with you!

God Bless You!

Pastor Shay

## Jacob's Church Board Minutes

June 6, 2016

#### Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ralph Hill, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Jim Moyer, Leslie Ford, Ron Belknap, David Follweiler, Dick Oswald

Ministry Assistant: Jim Reppert

Excused Absence: Ned Rauch-Mannino, Gary Readnack, Lou Schimpf

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay
2. Deacons will be scheduling meetings with church employees for review of the Job Descriptions.
3. Discussed progress on Website updates. Progress is being made toward having mailboxes set up.

4. Letter to Church Membership was sent out last month.
5. Leslie Ford presented the board with the updated Mission Statement, Faith Statement and Guidelines for The Well - Christian Homeschool Co-Op in the activity center starting next school year. A motion was made by Ralph Hill to accept the co-op and seconded by Dick Oswald. Motion carried.
6. Organist, Brenda Phillips, will be on vacation in July. Joan Oswald will fill in on July 24<sup>th</sup> and the Praise Team will fill in on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. The condition of the swing set was assessed by Dave Zoghby and is still useable. Leslie Ford shared that the small plastic playground is now broken in a way that makes it a hazard and it was agreed to dispose unit. The Sexton will be notified of the concern of Round Up use on Sunday mornings.
8. Ron Belknap shared the concern of some members on the length of Sunday Worship Service. The board will keep an eye on the issue and make adjustments when necessary.
9. Scholarship Fund requirements were discussed. Proposed changes for next year include eligibility to be limited to active members and for applications to be picked up at the church. Ron Belknap volunteered to join the scholarship committee for next year.
10. The church received a request from Life Line Screening to host a screening event in the Activity Center in September. A motion was made by Ron Belknap to allow the event and was seconded by Jim Moyer. Motion carried.
11. Kevin Dellicker will be scheduled to speak about ISIS on a Sunday morning during Sunday School.
12. Community Day is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Set up help is needed Thursday night and Friday. All other plans for the event are coming together.
13. Jim Moyer informed the board that the cement at the bottom of the handicap ramp is not level making it difficult to maneuver. Plans were made to fix the problem.
14. Treasurer's report was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at April 2016 Meeting		\$32,282.76
Income	46,498.26	
Expenses	48,979.44	
Balance at May 2016 Meeting		\$29,801.58

Motion was made to accept it by Ron Belknap and seconded by Leslie Ford. Motion carried.
15. A correction was made to the May 2016 minutes – item #12, spelling of Mohan Ram. Motion was made to accept the minutes, with the correction, for May by Ralph Hill and seconded by Jim Moyer. Motion carried.
16. Jim Reppert shared that plans for VBS are coming together. Also, dates and movies have been selected for Movie Nights and it was agreed to store the large screen at the Ford house for the season.
17. At 9:05 PM a motion was made by Ron Belknap to close the meeting and was seconded by Ralph Hill. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ford, Church Board Secretary

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 June, 2016:

June 5	\$3,012.00
June 12	\$5,476.64
June 19	\$2,943.00
June 26	\$8,022.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – June	\$123,110.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – June	\$108,669.62
Deficit for January – June	\$ 14,440.38

**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

**Greeters/Ushers for August**

Aug. 7 Perry, Liz, Julie Long & Steve Narkin

Aug. 14 Church Board

Aug. 21 Sisters of Esther (women's Bible study)

Aug. 28 Choir Members

**Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am**

**Flowers for August**

Aug. 7 Lintz Memorial

Aug. 14 Pastor Scott & Donna Shay

Aug. 21 Diane Ralston

Aug. 28

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



## August Wedding Anniversaries

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

Lester & Nancy Backenstoets  
Keith & Jennifer Bergenstock  
David & Donna Berger  
Steve & Marnie Feinour  
Andrew & Amy Garger  
Russell & Virginia Henry  
Roger & Cindy Kuhns  
Keegan & Sherlyn Moyer

Bryan & Robin Rassler  
John & Lorrie Rauch  
James & Jocelyn Reppert  
Pastor Scott & Donna Shay  
Eric & Christina Staudt  
John & Doris Turko  
Ralph & Diane Wertman  
Christopher & Donna Wilson



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## *Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to the family of Arthur Carr from Allentown, who passed away June 24, 2016. He was married to Carolyn (Kuhns) Friebolin. A service was held for him at Weber Funeral Home in Allentown, June 29, by Pastor Scott L. Shay. The interment was at Northampton Memorial Shrine Cemetery in Easton.

Our sincere sympathy to the Follweiler family, as Nevin Follweiler passed away July 2, 2016. He was a member here at Jacob's Church. There was a service for him at the Keller Funeral Home in Fogelsville on July 7. The interment was at Jacob's Union Cemetery with Rev. David Long officiating in Pastor Shay's absence.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Anna Wiesner, who died July 8, 2016. She was a member of New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church. A service was held for her at Jacob's Church, July 16<sup>th</sup> and she had a private burial. Anna was the mother of Kevin Greenawalt's wife, Pattie.

## *Scholarships*

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications for the 2016-2017 school year. The following eight candidates applied:

Rachel Bennicoff	Juliet Long
Isaiah Danner	Amanda Rice
Lydia Danner	Brandon Smith
Bridget Igo	Melissa Smith

All applicants submitted the necessary information and qualified for a portion of the funds.

**Summer Worship Schedule for 2016** - Sundays: August 7, 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11 there is a change in time as follows:

8:30 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am Revive Worship in the Activity Center

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

**Summer Communion** will be Sunday, August 7, at the 9:45 am Blended Service in the Sanctuary, and 11:00 am Revive Service in the Activity Center.

**No children's Sunday School or Children's Church for the summer.** Classes will resume in the fall.

**New Confirmation Class** starting in the fall for 2016-2018; there is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor.

**Sisters of Esther Bible Study** is beginning a new study August 23<sup>rd</sup> entitled "Hosting the Presence – Unveiling Heaven's Agenda" by Bill Johnson. They meet in the Activity Center every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am. Please sign-up in the Church Parlor by August 14.

## *Looking Ahead*

**Community Outreach** – Movie Night at the Chris and Leslie Ford's home (next to New Tripoli Bank) August 6 and 27 at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! See Youth events for movie titles.

**Progressive Dinner!** – Mark your calendars for the Progressive Dinner to be held Sunday, September 24. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

**Praise in the Park Benefit Concert** – presented by the Lynn Township Recreation Advisory Committee. Sunday, August 28, 5-8:00 pm in Ontelaunee Park, local church Praise Bands along with Jack Snyder and Friends will be performing on stage. Please attend to support the Lowhill Food Pantry. All donations will go to support their mission. The Food Pantry will also have food for purchase at this event.

## *Youth Events!*

August 4	Pool Party
August 6 @ 8:00 pm	Movie Night at the Ford's (Next to New Tripoli Bank) "KUNG FOO PANDA 3" (all ages, everyone welcome!)
August 12	Race Track Outreach
August 25	Ice Cream to Townhomes
August 27 @ 8:00 pm	Movie Night at the Ford's "WHERE HOPE GROWS" (all ages, everyone welcome!)
September 3 @ 8:00 pm	Movie Night at the Ford's "CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR"

## **JACOB'S CHURCH**

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

### **ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

July 26, 2016

The following activities were held in the Jacob's Church Activity Center during the month of July.

- A Twirlers staff meeting for upcoming events and practices held in the Activity Center beginning in September will be held on Friday, July 29.
- Vacation Bible School was held on Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15.
- A luncheon was held after the Celebration of Life service for Anna Steiner Wiesner on Saturday, July 16. Anna is the daughter of Gustav and Anna Wagner Steiner; wife of Kenneth J Wiesner whom she married on 17 Jun 1950, and the mother of Linda B Wiesner wife of Jeffrey McGinley; Kathy A Wienser wife of George Diehl and Pattie J Wiesner wife of Kevin Greenawalt
- Jacob's Revive Ministries continue to use the Activity Center each Sunday morning.
- 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.

God Bless You,

Faye M. Foulk

The Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar  
AUGUST 2016

1. YEMEN-pray that the Yemenis will see through the lies of Islam & embrace the one true God.
2. ETHIOPIA-pray that they will turn away from witch doctors, animistic beliefs & turn to Christ.
3. SAUDI ARABIA-pray that Saudi believers who often lack Christian fellowship, will find God sufficient.
4. NIGER-pray that Nigeriens will boldly share the gospel with their Muslim neighbors.
5. AZERBAIJAN—pray that entire families will come to faith in Christ.
6. UZBEKISTAN-pray for the courage and wisdom of Christians here, where unregistered religious activity is illegal.
7. QATAR-pray that missionaries' work serving the Qatari people will be fruitful.
8. INDIA-pray for the families of Christians imprisoned for their faith.
9. AFGHANISTAN-pray that everyone will have the opportunity to hear the gospel and respond.
10. N. KOREA-pray for the release of the estimated 30,000 Christians in concentration camps.
11. IRAN-pray for ongoing Bible distributions and that the gospel will proliferate inside Iran.
12. BAHRAIN-pray that believers will remain faithful, even when it causes them to lose their children.
13. ERITREA-pray that believers will remain faithful in worship and their mission to reach the lost.
14. MAURITANIA-pray that kidnapping of children ceases by extremist groups.
15. MALDIVES-pray that God's Word will soon be translated into Dhivehi.
16. MYANMAR-pray for pastors receiving their first study Bible.
17. LAOS-pray for 23 children from Christian families who are banned from attending school in their village.
18. IRAN-pray for theological training initiatives and conferences supported by VOM.
19. MEXICO (SOUTHERN)-pray for the leaders of VOM's work in Chiapas.
20. ISRAEL-pray that the body of Christ will be strengthened and encouraged as they obey the Great Commission.
21. TURKEY-pray that Turks will see the worthlessness and shame of idolizing nationalism.
22. TUNISIA-pray for President Beji Caid Essebsi and the new government.
23. NEPAL-pray for the distribution of 1 million evangelistic tracts.
24. KAZAKHSTAN-pray for the continued multiplication and growth of house churches.
25. ETHIOPIA-pray for evangelistic efforts to the Oromo people.
26. TANZANIA-pray that believers in Zanzibar will continue to grow in faith despite efforts to eliminate Christianity.
27. TURKMENISTAN-pray for President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow.
28. ISRAEL-pray that the good news of Christ will penetrate the growing Ethiopian Jewish community.
29. INDIA-pray for the widow and children of a front-line worker martyred in Chhattisgarh.
30. SOMALIA-pray for the establishment of a vocational school for believers, who can't get jobs without a skill.
31. JORDAN-pray that VOM supported refugee centers will be highly effective in advancing the kingdom.

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



# August 2016

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
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		9 am Mommies @ Jacobs		9:30-11:30 am	
		In Activity Center		Women's Bible Study	
		7:30 pm Church Board Mtg		7 pm Healing Prayer Min.	
<b>Summer Communion</b>	7		8		9
8:30 am Adult Sunday School		9 am Mommies @ Jacobs		9:30-11:30 am	
9:45 Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		In Activity Center		Women's Bible Study	
11:00 Revive Ministry/Activity Center					
		7:00 pm Elders Mtg		7 pm Healing Prayer Min.	
	14		15		16
8:30 am Adult Sunday School				9:30-11:30 am	
9:45 Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		9 am Mommies @ Jacobs		Women's Bible Study	
11:00 Revive Ministry/Activity Center		In Activity Center			
				7 pm Healing Prayer Min.	
	21		22		23
8:30 am Adult Sunday School		9 am Mommies @ Jacobs		9:30-11:30 am	
9:45 Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		In Activity Center		Women's Bible Study	
11:00 Revive Ministry @The Lake					
				7 pm Healing Prayer Min.	
	28		29		30
8:30 am Adult Sunday School		9 am Mommies @ Jacobs		9:30-11:30 am	
9:30 Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		In Activity Center		Women's Bible Study	
11:00 Revive Ministry/Activity Center					
				7 pm Healing Prayer Min.	
5-8 Community Event@Ontelaunee Park					

# August 2016

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	3		4		5		6
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer		Youth Pool Party				8 pm Movie Night	
Breakfast						at the Ford's house	
						next to New Tripoli Bank	
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study						"Kung Foo Panda 3"	
	10		11		12		13
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer				Race Track Outreach			
Breakfast							
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study							
	17		18		19		20
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer		6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg				Night in the Country	
Breakfast							
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study							
	24		25		26		27
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer						8 pm Movie Night	
Breakfast		Ice Cream to Townhomes				at the Ford's house	
						next to New Tripoli Bank	
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study						"Where Hope Grows"	
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