

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'S EXAMINE OUR MOTIVES"

And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect and Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, "Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him." Genesis 4:3-7

On several occasions people have said to me, "I don't think it's fair that God rejected Cain's offering but accepted his brother Abel's." Well, I guess that at first glance it might seem that God was showing some partiality between Cain and Abel. However, a closer examination of this passage reveals the true reason why God rejected Cain's offering. In verse seven (7) we read "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" It becomes clear from this passage that God who alone can judge the sincerity and intentions of the heart saw a flaw in Cain's motives. Perhaps Cain gave out of an attitude of resentment, feeling that it wouldn't look right to others if he didn't give an offering to God. Another possibility is that he gave out of an attitude of competition, wanting to outshine the offering of his brother. Perhaps he gave out of an attitude of seeking glory for himself. In Matthew 6:1-3 we read that we should not boast or look for praise when we do something good for man or God. We should be content with the fact that we are obeying "God's Will" for our lives and remember that God will reward the righteous.

The story of Cain and Abel often causes me to examine my motives as I serve my risen Lord and Savior. We must never forget that Jesus Christ alone is worthy of praise, honor and glory.

As opportunities for service arise may our motives be pure. It is only when we are humble and selfless in our motives that God can truly use us for Kingdom Building.

God Bless You!
Pastor Shay

Congregational Meeting

December 4, 2016

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf

Deacons: Gary Readnack, Leslie Ford, Ron Belknap, Ned Rauch-Mannino, Jim Moyer,
Dick Oswald

Ministry Assistant: Jim Reppert

Treasurer: David Follweiler

1. After the Blended Service, a quorum was reached with more than 60 Covenant Members.
2. The Board nominated Mike Follweiler for Elder; no other nominations were made. Lou Schimpf move to accept Mike as an Elder. Ralph Hill seconded and the motion carried.
3. The Board nominated Solomon Johri for Deacon; no other nominations were made. Lester Lutz moved to accept Solomon as a Deacon. Mary Van Blargan seconded and the motion carried.
4. The 2017 Budget was discussed and reviewed. Dick Oswald moved to accept the budget as presented. Roger Kuhns seconded and the motion carried.
5. Lester Lutz moved to close the meeting at 12:30pm. Cindy Kuhns seconded and the motion carried.

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

December 5, 2016

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf

Deacons: Leslie Ford, Ron Belknap, Gary Readnack, Jim Moyer, Dick Oswald,
Ned Rauch-Mannino

Ministry Assistant: Jim Reppert

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Excused Absense: Dave Zoghby

Guest: Curtis Staudt

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay
2. The board shared in a time of fellowship to celebrate and thank Ralph Hill and Ron Belknap for their years of service on the board.
3. The Vision meeting is scheduled for January 29th to discuss the future of Jacob's.
4. Jim Reppert updated the board on progression of the Revive Service.
5. Pastor Shay will arrange pick up of the treadle organ donated by Karen Freeman.
6. On December 4, 2016 the yearly Congregational meeting was held and the 2017 budget was passed. The budget includes the following benefits for Pastor Shay:

Social Security Taxes	\$4,818
Medicare Taxes	\$1,127
Mileage	\$2,500
Pension	\$5,440
Health Insurance and Administrative Fees	\$11,793
7. The Activity Center Director, Faye Foulk, will be invited to the next board meeting to discuss related fees for the board to access the possible need for updating the fee schedule.

8. Lou Schimpf will look for sample Child Protection Policies to share at the next meeting as the board prepares to write an official policy.
9. The Property Committee will move forward with creating more storage space near the entrance of the Activity Center.
10. The Church Board has decided to deny the request for a Counseling Ministry by Diane Wertman on Church property at this time due to insurance and liability concerns. The Church will continue to support Diane and refer her services to members when appropriate.
11. Brenda Phillips will be resigning from her position as Music Director effective December 31, 2016. A motion was made to accept her resignation by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Gary Readnack. Motion Carried.

A Search Committee will be constructed and include Gary Readnack, Dick Oswald, and opened to the members of the Music Committee and Congregation for any other members who would like to be a part of the search.

12. Ron Belknap informed the Board that the Scholarship Committee mistakenly overlooked paperwork for Quentin Bernhard. The Scholarship Committee recommends the board give him the \$500 scholarship. Ron Belknap motioned to accept the recommendation. Ned Rauch-Mannino seconded and the motion carried.

13. Treasurer's report was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at November 2016 Meeting		\$41,916.68
Income	\$26,162.68	
Expenses	\$34,827.28	
Balance at September 2016 Meeting		\$33,252.08

Motion was made to accept it by Ned Rauch-Maninno and seconded by Dick Oswald. Motion carried.

14. A motion was made by Ned Rauch-Maninno to accept the minutes from the November 2016 meetings. Lou Schimpf seconded and the motion carried.
15. No Sunday School will be held on December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017 due to the holidays. Ordination and Installation of the new Deacon and Elder will be held during the service on January 8, 2016
16. Curtis Staudt informed the Board that Kistler O'Brien recommends five-pound fire extinguishers to replace the two-pound extinguishers located in the church basement. The issue will be referred to the Property Committee.
17. At 9:50 PM a motion was made by Ron Belknap to close the meeting and was seconded by Ralph Hill. Motion Carried.

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 December, 2016:

December 4	\$ 4,915.70
December 11	\$ 8,706.00
December 18	\$ 5,094.50
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	\$ 9,526.25
December 25	\$ 5,380.00
Last Week in December	\$ 2,600.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – December	\$246,244.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – December	\$240,430.68
Deficit for January – December 2016	\$ 5,813.32

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 February

Feb. 5 Tom & Candice Danner & Family

Feb. 12 Church Board

Feb. 19 Ron & Bonnie Belknap - Tom & Faye Foulk

Feb. 26 Confirmation Class

Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am

Flowers for February

Feb. 5

Feb. 12 Dick & Joan Oswald

Feb. 19

Feb. 26

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar vases	\$25.00
(1) Floral stand	\$15.00
Bud vase	\$10.00

Contact Pam Zoghby to Order Flowers
 610-298-3002

February Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples

Bruce and Cheryl Fidler
 Neil and Mary Ann Oswald
 Richard and Joan Oswald
 Jay and Rachel Scheffler



Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we say goodbye to 2016 Lou and I would like to thank you all for your continual prayers for this wonderful ministry. We have been blessed by your encouragement for us personally as well. We couldn't do this without you!

We spent the last six weeks caring for our three grandchildren. It has been both a blessing and a challenge (we're not getting any younger!) Three days after they leave, a group of 40 will arrive for a winter retreat. It will be a piece of cake ☺

We are grateful for your support of us here at SPADE Ministries. Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement, and monetary support!!

Love to you all,
Lou & Linda Schimpf
Directors

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Dear Jacob's Church Scholarship Committee,

I would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you to the Committee for the generous Jacob's Church Scholarship. I will put it to good use as I study at Muhlenberg College and follow God's plan for my life. I appreciate your support of my academic endeavors!

Sincerely,
Quentin Bernhard

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Dear Jacob's Church:

On behalf of the Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$910 in December 2016. This money will go into our unrestricted fund which allows us to purchase needed items for the pantry which may include food. Your on-going support of the Food Pantry is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Nancy Zellner
Food Pantry Secretary

Dear Ladies at Jacob's,

Thank you for the candy and cup for Christmas. It was nice of you to think of me for Christmas. I am no longer at Woodland Terrace. I have moved Carl and Arline Madtes' on Mountain Road. Much closer to home, and they are wonderful.

Hermie Schappell

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Dear Jacob's Church,

This year has special significance for VOM. In October we'll commemorate 50 years since Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand sent out a two-sided, single-sheet newsletter, launching a ministry that would become the Voice of the Martyrs. The second paragraph of that newsletter told of 13 Christians – 11 men and two women – who had been killed by agents of the Soviet secret police.

God has blessed this work far beyond what Richard and Sabina could have envisioned as they produced that first newsletter at their kitchen table in 1967. Central to God's blessing is the people like you, who entrust VOM with your resources to help our persecuted family. Thank you! Have a happy New Year!

For those in bonds,
Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)

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Jacob's Church,

The officers and members of the Lynnport Fire Company #1 gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution and thank you for your continued support.

Thank You !
Jason

Dear Friends at Jacob's Church,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The start of another year brings fresh challenges and exciting opportunities. Although I do not know what 2017 will bring, we can be confident that God does and that we can find our hope in Him. Our staff will continue to focus on bringing physical relief and the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to hurting people around the globe. May the Lord find us faithful – wherever He calls Samaritan's Purse to serve. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain"* (John 15:16a). We are grateful for your contribution that makes this work possible. God bless you with a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

Dear Friends at Jacob's Church,

I'm so grateful for your partnership, prayers and donations. Your generosity is truly a blessing.

Bless you for caring,
Jim Byrnes, CEO

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Dear Jacob's Church,

Dave and I want to thank you so very much for your very generous gift of \$2000. We are so grateful of God's provision for our needs through you. Dave just returned from a conference with international students (approx. 800) where many seekers heard teaching from the Bible and experienced worship. The Christian students were trained and challenged to bring the gospel back to their campuses. Thank you for your prayers, support, and sending us!

With love,
Dave and Katie Brindley

Please Note

Worship Schedule!!! – Please take note of the times of our Sunday School and Worship:

9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class

10:00 am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 am Revive Worship in the Activity Center

Organist and/or Choir Director Position (Pianists also considered)

The Music Ministry Search Committee is currently looking to fill this position for Jacob's Church.

Send your resume and statement of faith to:

Jacob's Church

Attn. Music Ministry Search Committee,

8373 Kings Highway,

New Tripoli, PA 18066

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Hill at 610-767-1286.

Winter Communion will be celebrated on Sunday February 12th during our 10:00 am worship service. This communion will be served in the pews.

Communion will also be served at the Revive Service on February 12th at 11:15 am.

Note From Our Pastor – If anyone would like to have a pastoral visit with Pastor Scott, please call him at 610-298-2602 or his cell phone 484-695-4021. Fellowship and visitation are always wonderful blessings.

Sponsor Flowers A flower 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 chart or by contacting Pam Zoghby at 610-298-3002. Payment is due the day you sponsor the flowers. Make checks payable to Jacob's Church.

Cost of flowers:	(2) Altar Vases	\$25.00
	(1) Floral Stand	\$15.00
	Bud Vase	\$10.00

Fastnachts – Saturday, February 25th. Pick-up 3-5:00 pm



ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION is March 1 at 7:00 pm.
The evening begins with a DVD Study followed by Altar Communion.

THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT:

Pot Luck Fellowship Meal at 6:00 pm

DVD Study at 7:00 pm

Church Closing Announcements due to inclement weather can be found on:

- ✓ On our website, jacobschurch.org
- ✓ On Facebook
- ✓ Broadcasted on WFMZ TV CHANNEL 69 NEWS STORM CENTER.



Youth Events!

- Wing Night – February 4, 4-7:00 pm
- KFC Popcorn/Movie Night – February 8, 6:00 pm
- Twin Pines Retreat – Friday, February 24 – Sunday, February 26
- Sr. High meets the 3rd and 4th Monday of each Month
- Jr. High meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center
- KFC (Kids for Christ) meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

January 22, 2017

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

- Twirling practice was held on Friday, January 6, 13, 20 and Tuesday, January 24, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 9:00pm.
- KFC meetings were held on Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:30pm. Junior High Youth Group meetings were held on Thursday, January 5, 12 and 26 beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:45pm. Please contact James Reppert for Senior High Youth Group meetings.
- The Well Home School Group meets each Monday morning in the Activity Center.
- Preschool Mommie and Me meet each Wednesday morning 9:00 to 11:30am.
- Private celebrations were held on Saturday, January 7, 14, 21 and 28; Thursday, January 5; Friday, January 6 and 27; Sunday, January 29.
- Team X Flag Football practice was held in the Activity Center on Thursday, January 12, 19 and 26, 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
- Northwestern Field Hockey Team practice was held on Monday, January 9, 16, 23 and 30, beginning at 3:00pm and ending approximately at 5:00pm
- Northwestern Softball Teams held practices on Sunday, January 8, 15 and 22, beginning at 1:30 and ending approximately at 3:30pm
- Jacob's Revive Ministries continue to use the Activity Center on Sunday mornings.
- 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

December Ministry Assistant Report

Anticipating and enjoying the Christmas season certainly makes the month go by fast. Revive had a Christmas Eve Service at 5:30. It went very well. I worked with James Harvey our worship leader to put together a little different style service. We designed the service to focus on the truth in the music. I split my message up into two parts. The first part focused on the experience of the wise men and all who visited. Then we sang another song and I brought the conclusion of the message forward. I focused on the true gift we have all been given and gave a Salvation invitation. I know I enjoyed it. At the end of the service we sang Silent Night by candle light. After the service was over we had fellowship to enjoy Christmas with our church family.

As I continue to attend Evangelical Seminary I am getting excited to be close to the last class. Due to scheduling I will be finishing my schooling in the fall of 2017. The college has grown me and equipped me with so many tools. I have two classes left.

I helped the Little Lambs with some sound system questions for their Christmas play. I helped set up the sound system and set up the mics they needed for the program.

I continue to update and check the website monthly. It continues to be a great tool for our church.

Psalm 119:9-13

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;

teach me your statutes!

¹³ With my lips I declare

all the rules^[c] of your mouth.

December Youth Report

Our Christmas season started in youth group the first Sunday of December. We took the youth group Christmas Caroling. There is nothing better to get you in the Christmas spirit than singing great truths about our Savior while ministering to a great audience. We took the students to the old Jenny Country Manner and we stopped in with a member of the church on the way back. The students did a great job. We also had a lot of fun. We came back for hot chocolate and cookies after the singing and visiting. The evening ended with open gym for the students.

Before we knew it the Christmas parties were upon us. We had one for each age group. KFC was well attended and high energy. We had games, food and a Christmas message for the groups. Sr. high had a special treat. We went for Chinese food. We had a great time of fellowship and saw some other youth while we were there that we could share the Christmas fun with. We brought the Sr. High back for cookies and some games.

Youth group has been meeting every Wednesday, Thursday and the Sr. High has been meeting according to the schedules of the students.

Coming up:

January 11	KFC Pizza Party
January 15	Sr. and Jr. High Grace Event
January 19	Winter Jam
January 21	Sr. High Fellowship meal
February 4	Wing Night
February 8	KFC popcorn and Movie
February 24-26	Twin Pines Retreat

1 Peter 4:19

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

February 2017

***Sr. High Youth Group TBA**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5	6	7
9am Sunday School for Children & Adults		9:30-11:30 am
9 am Confirmation Class	7 pm Kitchen Committee	Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary	Meeting	
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center	7:30 pm Church Board	7 pm Healing Prayer
		Ministry
12	13	14
9am Sunday School for Children & Adults		9:30-11:30 am
9 am Confirmation Class	7 pm Elders Meeting	Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer
<i>WINTER COMMUNION</i>		Ministry
19	20	21
9am Sunday School for Children & Adults		9:30-11:30 am
9 am Confirmation Class		Women's Bible Study
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer
		Ministry
26	27	28
9am Sunday School for Children & Adults		9:30-11:30 am
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		Ministry

