

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

"Our Christian Example"

"Don't tell lies to each other, it was your old life with all its wickedness that did that sort of thing, now it is dead and gone. You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you. In this new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant, such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and he is equally available to all. Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently. Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Colossians 3:9-13 Living Bible

I don't know if I'm imagining things, but it seems to me that the world is getting hard. More people seem less ready to volunteer their time or to "cut a break" to another person who is in need. I guess that these attitudes always existed, but I really do sense that they are more prevalent today in our American culture than in the recent past.

Even as God's People we are often tempted to accept this "Dog Eat Dog" philosophy. However, we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus called us the Salt of the Earth. As Colossians 3:10 states, we must "try constantly to be more like Christ."

We must never accept the world's standards of behavior as our own. The world is watching how Christians live. Our Christian example is crucial in sharing the love of Christ in a sin sick world. We must strive to be honest, merciful, kind, forgiving, loving and thankful. In living this way we are demonstrating that Jesus Christ is able to change people into something beautiful.

Of course, all of this takes a large amount of risk. Just as Jesus Christ was willing to die on the cross as the payment for our sins, we also must be willing to risk helping others. Only in surrendering all to Jesus Christ will we find true peace and fulfillment.

May the Lord bless You this Easter Season!
Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

March 6, 2017

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Michael Follweiler, Lou Schimpf, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Leslie Ford, Solomon Johri, Jim Moyer, Dick Oswald, Gary Readnack

Ministry Assistant: Jimmy Reppert

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Guest: Curtis Staudt

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Cindy Kuhns is willing to be the new advertising coordinator.
3. Jimmy Reppert reported that the Wing Night was a success.
4. Lou Schimpf made a motion to accept the fee schedule for weddings, funerals, and activities. Michael Follweiler seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Jimmy Reppert stated that work is being done on the website to create mailboxes so that questions can be directed to the appropriate people.
6. Another person applied for the organist position.
7. Six more churches or organizations are needed to make the 13 necessary for the homeless outreach to work.
8. Dave Zoghby will send information on a child protection policy to all board members.
9. Lou Schimpf made a motion to have Cindy Kuhns receive extra pay for the additional duties she has assumed. Leslie Ford seconded the motion and it carried.
10. The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 8th at 1 PM.
11. Jimmy Reppert reported that Jacob's Church would have a booth and 6 or 7 game stands at the Kempton Fair. The dates are June 15,16, and 17.
12. Easter service times: Blended 9 AM, Revive 10:15 AM.
13. John Rauch requested that the dumpster be moved to an area behind the Activity Center.
14. Membership Sunday will be March 26th.
15. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler as follows:

Balance at February 2017 Meeting		\$33,913.60
Income	\$29,371.53	
Expenses	\$23,298.72	
Balance at March 2017 Meeting		\$39,986.41
16. A motion to accept the report was made by Lou Schimpf and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
17. A motion to accept the February 6th minutes was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by Leslie Ford. The motion carried.
18. At 9:39 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Michael Follweiler and seconded by Dick Oswald. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Readnack

At our December 4, 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,439 per week in order to meet our 2017 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in March, 2017:

March 1 (Ash Wed.)	\$ 677.00
March 5	\$5,094.50
March 12	\$4,406.00
March 19	\$3,620.00
March 26	\$4,787.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – March	\$57,707.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – March	\$55,269.35
Deficit for January – March	\$ 2,437.65

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 May	
May 7	Roger & Cindy Kuhns Clem & Cindy Schmoyer
May 14	Confirmation Class
May 21	
May 28	Church Board
Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am	

Flowers for May	
May 7	Bowman Family
May 14	Deane Hamm/Paul Nester
May 21	Jim & Rose Moyer
May 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	



May Acolyte - Jayda Holland

May Wedding Anniversaries

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

Brad & Heather Eroh
Cyrus & Jennifer Gehringer
Hillard & Lisa Leindecker
Ronald & Cindy Loch
David & Marcia Miller
Jim & Rose Moyer
Bruce & Loretta Peters

Michael & Anni Russo
Joseph & Jenny Schick
Mark & Charlene Silva
Curtis & Joan Staudt
Michael & Vanessa Stepan
Fred & Sandra Tomasko
Andrew & Whitney Zoghby



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What's coming up?

HONORING OUR GRADUATES On Sunday, May 28th during the 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary, we will be honoring the high school and college graduates of our congregation and presenting them with a gift. If you have any graduates in your family, or know of someone who does, please contact the church secretary, Cindy Kuhns at 484-529-2835.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND Any Jacob's Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2017 guidelines and outline (contains easy questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob's Church Scholarship Fund. You can pick up these forms from Donna Smith or Pastor Shay. The deadline for application is June 1, 2017.

Youth Events!

- Sr. High meets the 3rd and 4th Monday of each Month.
- May 9 – Picnic for Jr. High Youth (last regular meeting night)
- May 10 – Picnic for KFC-Kids For Christ (last meeting until Sept.)
- *Call Jimmy Reppert for more info – 610-698-6637*



WE NEED YOU!

Vacation Bible School

July 10 - 14, 2017 9am-11:30am

VBS is right around the corner and we are planning and praying for a great week. It is estimated that more people have become Christians through VBS than any other church event. Please consider serving our Master and our children in this very important ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Parlor.

If you have any questions, please see Jane Wessner.

March Ministry Assistant Report

The season of our Hope and Joy is right around the corner. Easter is a busy time for us to be thinking and praying about how can we be recharged and refocused on our Love for Him. It is also a great opportunity for us to tell people about the Hope that is inside of us. Our Annual Easter Egg hunt is a way that we can show and tell people about the love that is within our heart. Planning for the hunt has been going on for a few months. Jane, Little lambs and I have been planning the details of how we are going to share the message of Jesus Christ. This plan includes: Egg Hunt, Message, Activities and Fellowship.

God has been doing a great work at Revive. We have been blessed with a few new families along with a stronger commitment in the other people who have been coming. Our Praise band has been growing. Along with all the blessings that happen on a Sunday morning, I have had the privilege to meet with some of the people outside of the Sunday gathering. I am encouraged by the conversations that have transpired through these meetings. Along with meeting with the congregation I also met with our praise team. God is doing a great work and I am very excited about what He will be doing with this ministry at Jacob's in the future.

Our website continues to be used as a great tool. Chris Ford has been helping with some tech stuff on the site. I met with him to receive his help with setting up the rest of our emails. We do have emails for different ministries on the site. However, there is still one more issue that we have to address before they work properly.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

March Youth Report

At the end of February, Jr. High was switched to Tuesday nights. It has created an opportunity for some new students as well as some old students to return. Jr. High was blessed to have Solomon Johri teach them about Love. He walked the group through the attributes of love according to the Bible. His comparison of the world's definition of love to the Biblical definition of love challenged many with great questions. On the heels of the Twin Pines Retreat the month of March didn't have any extra events for the group.

KFC continues to grow. I would say attendance has gone up quite a bit in the past month. We have been blessed to meet and fellowship with two new families on Wednesday nights. The one mom has been staying to help with the evening. It is a great blessing to have the adults stay and participate in the ministry.

Springtime and the end of the youth group season are just around the corner. It is so important for us to be praying for all these souls that participate in the youth groups. Summer is a time that we all need prayer to stay connected and focused on the One who gives us life.

Coming up:

April 8	Egg Hunt
May 9	Jr. High Picnic
May 10	KFC Picnic

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

April 21, 2017

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

- Kutztown Twirler practices were held on Friday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 9:00pm.
- KFC meetings were held on Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 and 26, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:30pm. Junior High Youth Group meetings were held on Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 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 9:30 to 11:00am.
- A private celebration was held on Saturday, April 22. Several Northwestern Softball teams used the gym for practice on Saturday, April 1, Sunday, April 2, Monday, April 3, Thursday, April 6 and Sunday, April 9.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 15.
- 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

May 2017

***Sr. High Youth Group TBA**

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
			1		2
				9:30-11:30 am	
		7:30 pm Church Board		Women's Bible Study	
				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
				7 pm Healing Prayer	
	7		8		9
9am Sunday School for Adults & Young Adults				9:30-11:30 am	
9 am Confirmation Class				Women's Bible Study	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Picnic	
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7:00 pm Elders Meeting		7 pm Healing Prayer	
				Ministry	
Mothers' Day	14		15		16
9 am Sunday School for Adults & Young 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	
	21		22		23
9am Sunday School for Adults & Young 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	
	28		29		30
9am Sunday School for Adults & Young 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/ AT THE LAKE				7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	

