

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 BOOK"

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev. 20:12 KJV

There are many familiar books in today's culture. If we were asked to name some classic works of literary area many would give answers such as "Moby Dick," "The Red Badge of Courage," or hundreds of other "classics."

Several years ago our beautiful Pictorial Directory was completed and distributed to our members. This book certainly is a blessing for us at Jacob's Church as we study our history and familiarize ourselves with many of our members.

Our best seller and most important book for our spiritual growth is the Bible. I believe that the Bible is God's Holy and Inspired Word. (2 Timothy 3:16). I know that God's word has comforted me in hard times and has kept me from stumbling and falling prey to many sins. (Psalm 119:105)

In Revelation 20:12 we read about another very important book called "The Book of Life." According to Revelation 10:15, anyone whose name is not found in this book will not dwell in eternity with God in His Heavenly Kingdom. My dear friends, having your name on a church membership list is no assurance of your salvation.

How does one get His or Her name in the Book of Life? Our name is written in this book by totally trusting Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. (John 3:3, 14:6, Acts 4:14, Romans 8:1, 10:9,10)

As a people tainted with sin (Romans 3:23) we need to trust totally in the Righteousness of Jesus Christ and not our good works (Eph. 2:8,9) for our forgiveness and acceptance into heaven.

It is my prayer that all of us would have our name written in the Book of Life.

If any of you are not sure of your eternal salvation I would love to meet and pray with you!

God Bless You!

Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

August 1, 2016

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ralph Hill, Dave Zoghby, Lou Schimpf

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

Ministry Assistant: Jim Reppert

Excused Absences: Dick Oswald, David Follweiler

Guest: Perry Long, Jane Wessner

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay
2. Kevin Dellicker will be contacted about scheduling his presentation on the Muslim religion.
3. Lou Schimpf moved to suspend the children's Sunday School class for the remainder of 2016 due to the lack of participation and volunteers. The adult Sunday School classes will not be affected. Ralph Hill seconded and the motion carried.
4. The board received a request from a member to be removed from our rolls because he has moved to Florida. A motion was made by Ralph Hill to grant the request and seconded by Jim Moyer. Motion Carried.
5. Pastor Shay will be on vacation from September 10-17th. Jimmy will give the sermon at both the Blended and Contemporary Services on September 11th.
6. The porch roof on the Fenstermaker house needs immediate attention. The roof will be removed as soon as possible.
7. Funeral Lunch Cost Schedule may need to be updated. Dave Zoghby will look into the current costs and the board will discuss it further at the next meeting.
8. The Property Committee will be having a work night on August 2nd.
9. A date will be scheduled for volunteers to help with cleaning up the School House.
10. The church's copier is no longer working properly. The repairs will be made instead of purchasing a new one.
11. Ned Rauch-Mannino has scheduled meetings with most of the church employees to review the Job Descriptions.
12. Discussed progress on Website updates. Jim Reppert has not been able to reach the site manager but is hopeful the updates will be completed.
13. An update was given on this year's Vacation Bible School. It was a great experience for all involved.
14. Progress is being made with the family housed in the Fenstermaker house as they are actively looking for other arrangements.
15. There will be no KFC Fair this year. All youth groups will have a kick off the first week in September. Jim Reppert is working on organizing the event.
16. The position for KFC Leader is still open. Jim Reppert is speaking with a few people about it but no one has committed yet. Someone is also needed to help supervise the other Youth Groups.
17. Stephanie Rauch-Mannino will be starting a Ladies Prayer Night on September 8th and will take place every other Thursday.
18. The Board continued to discuss the vision for Jacob's Church. All agreed to be in prayer for God's guidance as we look to and plan for the future of our church.
19. A motion was made by Lou Schimpf to accept the minutes from the July 2016 meeting. Ron Belknap seconded and the motion carried.

20. At 10:15 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 August, 2016:

August 7	\$4,635.00
August 14	\$4,151.00
August 21	\$3,261.00
August 28	\$2,832.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$165,725.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$142,250.03
Deficit for January – August	\$ 23,474.97

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 October

Oct. 2 Charlene, Jared, Lexi Silva

Oct. 9 Church Board

Oct. 16 Earl & Marie Muth, Curtis & Joan Staudt

Oct. 23 Confirmation Class

Oct. 30 Ron & Donna Smith, Ron & Bonnie Belknap

Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am

Flowers for October

Oct. 2 Bob Nester

Oct. 9 Mary, Khalan, Khrystyna VanBlargan

Oct. 16

Oct. 23

Oct. 30

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



October Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples

Chris & Shani Feinour
Michael & Denise Follweiler
Andrew & Katie Foulk
Jared & Andrea Hermany
Zach & Jennifer Madtes
Robert & Tracy Miller
Donald & Eileen Myers
Adam & Tonya Peter

Justin & Katelyn Pradel
Kevin & Jennifer Randall
Wilson & Michelle Reppert
William & Shirley Ruppert
Ray & Kaitlyn Sacks
James & Melinda Wessner
Vadim & Amanda Yamayev



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Dedication

Victoria Hope Rauch-Mannino, born June 6, 2016, was dedicated to the Glory of God September 4, 2016. She is the daughter of Ned and Stephanie Rauch-Mannino from Allentown, PA. She has three sisters: Noelle age 5, Alexandria age 3, and Quincy age 1. Her sponsors were Brian and Lauren Bachner.

We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His church!

On September 25, 2016, Wade Elijah Gehringer, born April 25, 2016, was baptized at Jacob's Church. He is the son of Cyrus and Jennifer (Rassler) Gehringer from Kutztown. His big sister, Ashtyn, is 2 years old. The sponsors for his baptism were Brandon and Jordan (Rassler) Wessner. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His Church.

Wedding

Janine Reppert and Robert Oplinger were married at Jacob's Church Sunday, September 4, 2016, by Rev. Scott L. Shay. Congratulations and best wishes!

Congratulations

And The Winner Is... There were eight entries in the homemade pie baking contest at the Annual Church Picnic. The three judges had a difficult job determining the best. One judge said they all deserved to win!

- 1st place – Leslie Ford for Cinnamon Roll Apple Pie
- 2nd place – Pam Zoghby for Old Fashioned Peanut Butter Pie
- 3rd place – Liz Long for Fruit Cocktail Pie



Looking Ahead

New Worship Schedule!!! – There is a change in times as follows:

9:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class
10:00 am Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 am Revive Worship in the Activity Center

Just a reminder, these time changes are in effect immediately!



New Confirmation Class for 2016-2018 meets during the Sunday School hour 9:00 am in the Fenstermaker house.

Plan to Attend! Sunday, October 2, Mr. Kevin Dellicker will present a teaching on “Understanding the its relationship with Islam and how it impacts American policy, both at home and abroad. This teaching will be held in our church parlor during the adult Sunday School hour.



Harvest Home Sunday is Sunday, October 9. Bring packaged food to replenish our local food bank.

Ladies Annual Retreat at Jacobs - Saturday, October 15th from 9am to 3am in the Activity Center. Registration and free breakfast at 8:30 am. \$6.00 for lunch! Join us as we experience His presence and celebrate the depths of His love. Our sessions are focused on “The Power of Christ in you, the Hope of Glory.” (Col. 1:27 and Phil. 3:10)

Come and be encouraged by the joy of healing prayer, God’s guidance through prophetic messages, and the beauty of His sanctification as we seek the Lord together.

Light the Night Event October 29th It is at the Ford’s house during trick-or-treat night in New Tripoli. Helpers are needed to make this a successful outreach for the community. We are also looking for people to **donate large lights, extension cords and candy**. LOTS OF CANDY! There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor or they can speak with Leslie Ford for more information (610-730-4477)

Life’s Choices Annual Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction – Thursday, November 3, at the Inn at Reading at 6:15 pm. You will hear the stories of Life’s Choices and an inspirational message from Pastor Bryan Koch from Glad Tidings Church in Sinking Spring. Please attend if you feel called to be a financial supporter of Life’s Choices and to help us reach our goal of raising \$41,000. Seating and Silent Auction begin at 5:15. Register online at www.LifesChoicesSupport.org or sign-up on the sheet provided in the church parlor.

THRIVE! “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it *abundantly*.”

Twin Pines Adult Retreat - Friday November 11 - Sunday November 13. The topic is “The Beautitudes” from Matthew 5-7. The leader will be Bruce Wagner. The cost is \$75 per person. The sign-up sheet is in the church parlor and the last day to sign up is Sunday, October 16.

Youth Events!

Wed. Oct. 26 @ 6:30 pm Creation Celebration

Sun. Nov. 6 time TBA Operation Christmas Child Shopping and Packing (the Shoebox Ministry)

Friday – Sunday, Nov. 18-20 New Life Retreat

- KFC will meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm
- Jr. High Youth will meet every Thursday at 6:30pm
- Sr. High Youth meetings will be announced

FUEL Summer Report

Youth group changed gears in June. We wrapped up normal youth group with our annual picnics. The energy and excitement to see the summer schedule begin was great. Instead of having youth group weekly, we planned 5 big events to keep youth group fellowship, excitement and accountability for the summer.

Knoebels was the first event on the list. We had a nice group of students come with to the amusement park. We took the bus and left at 9 a.m. and stayed till closing. It was a long day, but we had a great time building relationships and learning patience in getting to all the rides. Over all it was a great day of ministry.

We had scheduled a campout and bonfire at my parent's farm for the second event. Due to weather we moved it into the Activity Center. It is always great to see how God's plans are so much bigger than ours. This event was combined with another youth group. Since we had it at the Activity Center the students had an opportunity to enjoy Revive. We played games and had fellowship most of the night and went for breakfast in the morning.

Our annual stop at the Foulk's pool was the third event of the summer season. We are always blessed by the generosity of Tom and Faye. We enjoyed swimming, fellowship and food.

The youth group had a unique opportunity to see me race and spread the love of Jesus with some strangers. We had 8 students participate in the outreach event. We went to Big Diamond Speedway and gave away ice cream, popcorn, prizes and the Salvation message. The event grew and stretched all that were involved.

The summer wrapped up by giving ice cream away at the Townhomes. We took a few students to the Townhomes and enjoyed meeting new people and seeing people we already knew. We were there till almost dark enjoying fellowship and laughter with our friends.

Jim Reppert

JACOB'S CHURCH

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

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

September 22, 2016

The following activities were held in the Jacob's Church Activity Center during the month of September. Upcoming October events are also included in this report.

- Twirling practice was held on Friday, September 9, 16, 23 and 30, beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 9:00pm.
- The youth groups began their new year with a combined "kickoff" program, held Wednesday, September 7. KFC began meeting regularly on Wednesday, September 14. KFC will meet every Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:30pm. Junior High Youth Group began meeting regularly on Thursday, September 8. This group will continue to meet on Thursdays beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm. The Senior High Youth Group will meet on Sunday at Spade. Please contact James Reppert for further information.
- A Life Screening Event will be held in the Activity Center on Friday, September 30, 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- The Annual Sunday School Picnic was held on Sunday, September 18.
- Private celebrations are scheduled for Sunday, September 25; Saturday, October 8; Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22; Saturday, October 29.
- 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. A Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 15.
- The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group continues to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings.

God Bless You, Faye M Foulk

Ministry Assistant Summer Report

Community Day kicked off the summer season. We always have a great time planning and enjoying the outreach event. This year we invited cars and tractors to show off their shine. Also the very popular grilling contest came back again. A special thanks to all the grillers this year. You all did a great job and once again created a great opportunity for fellowship. James Harvey also blessed us with booking live bands to set a great mood. Sadly, we had to change the date from the original date and in turn the blood mobile had to come the following week. We did however have a good turnout of blood givers. Thanks to all who helped to make event go smooth and produce fruit.

This summer we had biweekly movie nights at the Ford's house. Chris and Leslie have a great location to put on a community movie night. We showed all sorts of different movies throughout the summer. The attendance was fair and we met new families at almost every movie.

VBS was such a blessing again this year. Jane Wessner and her helpers did a great job proclaiming truth and love to all the kids and their families. This year I had the opportunity to do the opening time and run games. It was a great blessing to me.

When the summer started, I started praying that God would supply a consistent attendance for Revive throughout the summer. He was faithful to me and the ministry. We not only saw a consistent amount of people, we gained 2 new families during the summer. We were blessed to have a few services lake side. It was a great blessing to worship our Creator in His masterpiece. We were also blessed by conversations we had with people that were at the lake. Many great stories of God's divine plan and our love going forth to the lake community.

Jim Reppert

The Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar
October 2016

1. CUBA-pray for Christians who have been beaten by government authorities
2. NEPAL-pray for pastors who are persecuted by radical Hindu groups
3. MEXICO (southern) pray for displaced Christian families exiled because of their faith
4. INDONESIA-pray that God will protect Christian families in Poso from kidnapping and murder by Muslim terrorists
5. SYRIA-pray that the Lord will continue to help Syrian Christians minister to those in continual pain
6. BAHRAIN-pray that high-profile evangelists will be used by God through their notoriety
7. MYANMAR-pray for front-line workers who are provided motorbikes to help them in their work.
8. EGYPT-pray that the church in Egypt will always be ready for persecution.
9. SUDAN-pray for Pastor Morris as he provides food and clothing to Islamist POWs and shares the gospel with them.
10. AZERBAIJAN-pray that church leaders will not be affected by the country's widespread corruption.
11. KYRGYZSTAN-pray for more pastoral training and discipleship as restrictions on Christians increase.
12. UZBEKISTAN-pray for the continued growth and multiplication of house churches.
13. COLUMBIA-pray for VOM's safe house and the families who use it.
14. UZBEKISTAN-pray for VOM's work in assisting pastors with training opportunities and ministry tools.
15. COLUMBIA-pray for evangelists who share the gospel in "red zones" controlled by guerrilla groups.
16. BAHRAIN-pray that the royal family will come to faith in Christ
17. JORDAN-pray that Christians will continue to find ways to share Christ with Muslim refugees
18. COMOROS- for the encouragement of believers
19. PHILIPPINES (MINDANAO)-pray for widows, orphans and others whose relatives have been martyred.
20. KUWAIT-pray that persecuted believers will be comforted by God and feel His presence.
21. BANGLADESH-pray for front-line workers receiving discipleship training.
22. CUBA-pray for pastors who are under constant government scrutiny.
23. BANGLADESH-pray that believers will be encouraged by a daily Christian radio broadcast
24. VENEZUELA-pray that VOM partners will be given permission to visit churches and hospitals and to evangelize publicly
25. IRAN-pray for Iranians who are engaged in evangelism and discipleship efforts
26. INDIA-pray for the training of 1,000 church planters serving in hostile areas
27. LIBERIA-pray that local pastors, evangelists, & missionaries will have training opportunities
28. INDONESIA-pray for successful Bible distributions in Indonesia
29. INDONESIA-pray that God will provide a place for believers to meet when their churches are closed by the government.
30. SRI LANKA-Pray for pastors facing harassment and discrimination by the government.
31. KUWAIT-pray that more of the royal family will embrace Jesus as Savior.

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

October 2016

***Sr. High Youth Group TBA**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2	3	4
9am Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	7 pm Kitchen Comm. Meets	9:30-11:30 am
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary	7:30 pm Church Board Mtg.	Women's Bible Study
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer Min.
9	10	11
9am Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class		9:30-11:30 am
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary	7 pm Elders Meeting	Women's Bible Study
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer Min.
<i>Harvest Home Sunday-bring packaged food for local food bank</i>		
16	17	18
9am Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class		9:30-11:30 am
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		Women's Bible Study
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		7 pm Healing Prayer Min.
23	24	25
9am Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class		9:30-11:30 am
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary	7 pm Church Board	Women's Bible Study
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center	Vision/Planning Meeting	7 pm Healing Prayer Min.
30	31	
9am Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class		
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary		
11:15 am Revive Ministry/Activity Center		

October 2016

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer			
Breakfast	6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group		
6-7:30 pm KFC	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
	7:30 pm Ladies Tea &		
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	Prayer Night		
12	13	14	15
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer	6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group		
Breakfast	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
6-7:30 pm KFC			
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study			
19	20	21	22
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer	6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	pm Wedding Rehearsal	Wedding in Sanctuary
Breakfast	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
6-7:30 pm KFC	7:30 pm Ladies Tea &		
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	Prayer Night		
26	27	28	29
6-6:45 am Men's Prayer	6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group		
Breakfast	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
6-7:30 pm KFC			
7pm Mid-Week Bible Study			