

# 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 LOOK AT OUR MOTIVES"

*And in 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

## Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Michael Follweiler, Forrest Wessner, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Solomon Johri, Jimmy Moyer, Dick Oswald, Ned Rauch-Mannino, Gary Readnack

Ministry Assistant: Jimmy Moyer

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The CLIU will begin using the first floor of the Fenstermaker House this fall.
3. The Revive Ministry had an excellent weekend of ministry at the Blue Rocks Campground.
4. The WiFi signal to the various church buildings has been strengthened.
5. Employee reviews have been completed.
6. Prayer meetings will be held at 7PM on August 14,15,16 at the Oswald, Dellicker, and Wertman homes, respectively.
7. Combined service and picnic scheduled for September 17 at Leaser Lake.
8. Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 30.
9. The treadle organ will be picked up from the home of Karen Freeman.
10. Harold Redline has been researching the cost of organ improvements.
11. Pastor Shay will be away on Sunday, September 10.
12. Ron Hartman made a donation to the Jacob's Church Youth Program.
13. Heating oil will be purchased from Eastern Propane.
14. Solomon Johri made a motion that \$1000 be given to the Andrea's Home Orphanage in Bolivia and that a love offering be taken for the Schimpf's. Michael Follweiler seconded and the motion carried.
15. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler as follows:
 

Balance at July 2017 Meeting		\$40,464.14
Income	\$16,825.03	
Expenses	\$15,758.20	
Balance at August 2017 Meeting		\$41,530.97

Motion to accept report was made by Forrest Wessner and seconded by Solomon Johri. Motion carried.
16. Dick Oswald made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10 meeting. Jimmy Moyer seconded and the motion carried.
17. Michael Follweiler made a motion to adjourn. Dave Zoghby seconded and 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 August 2017:

August 6	\$6,683.00
August 13	\$5,026.00
August 20	\$4,029.00
August 27	\$3,469.72

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$155,365.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$150,331.51
Deficit for January – August	\$ 5,033.49

**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/Ushers for October</b>	
Oct. 1	Corinne Bast, Betsy Hauser, Marie Muth, Christine Morehouse
Oct. 8	Church Board
Oct. 15	Tom & Faye Foulk Curtis & Joan Staudt
Oct. 22	Don & Eileen Myers Roger & Cindy Kuhns
Oct. 29	Confirmation Class
<b>Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am</b>	

<b>Flowers for October</b>	
Oct. 1	Van Blargan Family
Oct. 8	
Oct. 15	
Oct. 22	
Oct. 29	



*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

*Acolyte for October is Elijah Johri*

# Praying God's Blessings on the Reppert Family

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On Tuesday, September 5, 2017, Jacob's Church Board sadly accepted the resignation of James "Jimmy" Reppert as our Ministry Assistant. It's amazing how fast ten plus years go by!

What gave us peace about his decision was the leading of the Holy Spirit in Jimmy's life. We read in Acts 20 the story of the Apostle Paul saying his farewell to the Ephesian Church. It was a sad time for all, yet the Lord was in control of the situation.

We praise God for the wonderful influence Jimmy had on the youth during his time here at Jacob's. We have full confidence that the salvation message of Jesus Christ, His life, Death, Resurrection and Second Coming was faithfully shared with each young person. Also, the forgiveness of sins and a personal relationship with God was always at the heart of Jimmy's teaching.

We will miss him and his family Jocelyn "JJ," Jaidyn, Josiah and Jonah. We will always lift them in prayer before the Lord. We know also that he will be missed by the "Revive" service and has left an impact on many lives.

We leave him and his family with these words: "Friends" by Michael W. Smith

## "Friends" By Michael W. Smith

Packing up the dreams God planted  
In the fertile soil of you  
I can't believe the hopes He's granted  
Means a chapter of your life is through

But we'll keep you close as always  
It won't even seem you've gone  
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways  
Will keep the love that keeps us strong

And friends are friends forever  
If the Lord's the Lord of them  
And a friend will not say never  
'Cause the welcome will not end  
Though it's hard to let you go  
In the Father's hands we know  
That a lifetime's not too long  
To live as friends

And with the faith and love God's given  
Springing from the hope we know  
We will pray the joy you live in  
Is the strength that now you show

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God bless you and keep in touch,  
Pastor Shay, Jacob's Church Board and the Congregation of Jacob's Church

# October Wedding Anniversaries

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

*Chris & Shani Feinour*

*Michael & Denise Follweiler*

*Andrew & Katie Foulk*

*Jared & Andrea Hermany*

*Sol & Ginger Johri*

*Robert & Tracy Miller*

*Don & Eileen Myers*

*Donnie & Blaise Malloy*

*Zach & Jennifer Madtes*

*Adam & Tonya Peter*

*Justin & Katelyn Pradel*

*Kevin & Jennifer Randall*

*Wilson & Michelle Reppert*

*William & Shirley Ruppert*

*Ray & Kaitlin Sacks*

*James & Melinda Wessner*

*Vadim & Amanda Yamayev*



## Baptism

Julia Donna Farber who was born on February 26, 2012, was baptized Sunday, September 24, 2017. She is the daughter of Chad Farber and Audra Horwith from Germansville. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His Church.

## Thank You

We want to thank Jimmy, JJ, and Jacob's Church for the generous gift they gave to us in our time of need. It was greatly appreciated.

Love,

Stephen, Lauren and Sarah Fly

### YOUTH LEADER POSITION

We are now accepting applications for the position of Youth Leader for our three (3) Youth Groups. We are considering 15-20 hours per week at approximately \$10 per hour. (this is negotiable) over a 10 month period (summer excluded). If you sense God's calling on your life in this area, call 610-802-5251.

In the event that a permanent leader is not immediately secured, we would need a temporary youth leader which would also receive compensation.

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# What's coming up?

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** has started up again! This ministry is available to children age 3 and up on Sunday mornings during worship. "The Answers" Bible Curriculum will be taught with Bible lessons, songs, and activities. Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend. Also, we are looking for individuals to fill in from time to time with the teaching schedule. Please see Jane Wessner if you can help with this ministry.

## Jacob's Church Women's Retreat

*Saturday, October 28 in Activity Center*

"Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving and His Courts with Praise"

- 8:30-9:00 am Breakfast Served
- 9:00 am Conference Begins
- \$5.00 for Lunch (scholarships funds available)

For Registration or Questions:

Call Christine Morehouse 610-393-6068 or Eileen Myers 610-767-8970



**LIGHT THE NIGHT OUTREACH** *Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>* Light the Night Event will take place next to the New Tripoli Bank 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 water and candy**. **LOTS OF CANDY!** There is a donation box located in the Church Parlor.

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**Please Help!** Tues. Oct. 17 at 7:00 pm in Church Basement

**425 bags** need packing for **Light The Night**

If you have questions call Leslie Ford (610-730-4477)

## TWIN PINES ADULT RETREAT

*Friday, November 10 – Sunday, November 12 \$80/person*

Sign up now (in Church Parlor) for our Annual Adult Retreat at Twin Pines Camp. Pastor Bruce Wagner from the E.C. Church will lead us this year. He will be sharing insights on the book of Hebrews with us. This will truly be a wonderful blessing!



## Youth Schedule for October

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- Kids For Christ (KFC)
- Jr. High Youth Group
- Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in Activity Center  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center  
To be announced

## Oyster Supper

Fried Oysters, Raw Oysters, Oyster Stew, Oyster Pies  
Fried and Steamed Shrimp, Turkey BBQ, French Fries  
Homemade Pepper Cabbage  
Bread and Crackers

Beverages and assorted pies and cakes are available for purchase  
Whole pies & Oyster Pies available  
Take-out meals available!

DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2017

TIME: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

WHERE: Jacob's Church Activity Center

8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA

For information: Faye Billig 610-298-2271 or Ruth Kaley 610-562-7406.

### **Beth Moore's Poem** (Shared by our ladies Bible Study "Sisters of Esther")

Amazing how when we try to classify God we don't do Him any justice

He is Elohim, Creator, the Omnipotent who rules.  
He's the Sovereign King of glory, and earth is His footstool.  
He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.  
He sends forth lightning that later checks back in with Him.

He speaks worlds into existence and spins them out in space  
He gives orders to the morning and shows the dawn its place.  
He prophesies the future; then orders it fulfilled.  
He bears fruit from a landscape that man has never tilled.

He feeds the beasts of the field from the palm of His hand.  
He watches while they bear their young; then teaches them to stand.  
He gives the seas their boundaries and hides His creatures deep.  
He teaches eagles how to fly and nest upon the steep.

He makes the clouds His chariot and rides on wings of wind.  
He champions the victim and brings proud men to end.  
He is Immanuel, God with us – come to earth through Christ.  
He is the Kinsman-Redeemer, who paid the slave-man's price.

He is the King of kings, Lord of lords; and worthy is the Lamb!  
He holds the keys to eternal life where the dead in Christ now stand.  
He is enthroned between the cherubim; and great is His reward.  
The devil – His defeated foe; the weapon – His swift sword.

The story has a moral, so I'll hasten, lest you tire.  
Whoever you perceived He is, you might aim a little higher.

## **JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

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

September 21, 2017

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

- The Well Home School Group began their 2017-2018 school year on Monday, September 11, 2017 starting at 9:00 ending approximately at 11:30am
- 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 continue to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings.
- The KFC Group started their weekly meetings on Wednesday, September 13; Junior High started their weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 12.
- The annual Sunday School picnic was held on Sunday, September 17. The Community Day event will be held on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 4:00 and ending 8:00pm.
- The Revolution Twirlers will begin their 2017-2018 practice schedule on Friday, September 29; beginning at 6:00pm and ending at approximately 9:00pm.

God Bless You,  
Faye M Foulk



# October 2017

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
	1		2		3
				9:30-11:30 am	
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults		7:30pm Church Board Mtg		Women's Bible Study	
9 am Confirmation Class				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				7 pm Healing Prayer	
<b>World Wide Communion</b>					
	8		9		10
9 am Sunday School - Adults & Young Adults				9:30-11:30 am	
9 am Confirmation Class		7:00 pm Elders Meeting		Women's Bible Study	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
				7 pm Healing Prayer	
				Ministry	
	15		16		17
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9 am Confirmation Class				Women's Bible Study	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
				7 pm Healing Prayer	
				Ministry	
	22		23		24
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9 am Confirmation Class				Women's Bible Study	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
				7 pm Healing Prayer	
				Ministry	
	29		30		31
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9 am Confirmation Class				Women's Bible Study	
10 am Blended Worship Service/Sanctuary				6:30 pm Jr Hi Youth Group	
				7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	

