

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 "DON'T WORRY"

So my counsel is: Don't worry about things – food, drink and clothes. For you already have life and a body – and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat – they don't need to sow or reap or store up food – for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than they are. Will all your worries add a single moment to your life? So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time. *Matthew 6:25-27, 34*

We live in a world of ever-increasing stress and worry with school, work, family, financial, and social pressures. Not many people are free from worry of some kind. Worry or anxiety is a major problem of contemporary society. In excessive amounts it can take years off your life.

Long ago the Bible pointed out that "a relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life." Jesus himself said, "Don't worry about things – food, drink, and clothes...don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." And the Apostle Paul wrote, "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything, tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

Although it seems natural to have stress and to worry when events go wrong in your life, it is possible to handle worry and stress in a positive way.

We here at Jacob's Church are a Family of God's People. We should care for one another and try to "bear one another's burdens" when we are able. In our Sunday morning bulletin we state that every member of the congregation is a minister.

Yes, we all will face hard situations in life and they will cause us concern, but with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit we can overcome the hardships of life. Try not to worry, but instead cast your burdens on the Lord and call a Christian friend for prayer. Don't let the attitude of worry rob you of God's Joy and Happiness.

May the Lord Bless You!
Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf

Deacons: Ron Belknap, Christine Morehouse, Dick Oswald, Ned Rauch-Mannino,
Paul Schick, Gary Readnack

Ministry Assistant: Jimmy Reppert

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Guest: Curtis Staudt

Dave Zoghby is excused

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with a prayer.
2. Revive Ministries is flowing well; the attendance should increase when school starts. They are looking for a new worship leader.
3. Church Board is looking for a new KFC Coordinator. A job description has been developed. Lou Schimpf made a motion to accept the job description and Gary Readnack seconded it. Motion carried with one nay vote. Paul Schick made a motion to pay the position \$2,200 per year and Ron Belknap seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. The website was updated by Jimmy Reppert.
5. Discussion of the sign repairs continues.
6. The Church picnic will be Sunday, September 20, 2015. This will include Youth Sunday, Rally Day and a combination service with Revive Ministries.
7. A motion to remove Mark Reppert and Ryan Meier from our membership list, as they requested, was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Paul Schick. Motion carried.
8. Minutes from July 7, 2015 Church Board meeting were reviewed. Number 3 was changed to: reviewing the job descriptions. Motion to accept with the change was made by Paul Schick and seconded by Lou Schimpf.
9. The treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler. A motion to accept the report was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Christine Morehouse. Motion carried.

Balance at July 2015 Meeting		\$20,542.16
Income	\$21,481.47	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	
Expenses	\$47,101.07	
Balance at August 2015 Meeting		\$14,922.56

10. Motion to close meeting was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by Christine Morehouse at 9:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Morehouse

At our December 7, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,796.00 per week in order to meet our 2015 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected over the last two months:

	August 2	\$3,141.00
	August 9	\$4,497.00
	August 16	\$4,368.00
	August 23	\$3,111.00
	August 30	\$3,996.00
July 5	\$4,087.00	
July 12	\$5,662.50	
July 19	\$2,879.00	
July 26	\$2,743.00	
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-August		\$167,860.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-August		<u>\$126,459.83</u>
Deficit for January-August		\$ 41,400.17

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 Mr. David R. Follweiler
6893 Whitetail Court
New Tripoli, PA 18066

Greeters for October

October 4 Tom & Faye Foulk
October 11 Church Board
October 18 Sisters of Esther
October 25 Confirmation Class
Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am

Flowers for October

October 4 Bob Nester
October 11 Don & Eileen Myers
October 18
October 25 Kathleen Rumfield

October Wedding Anniversaries

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

Chris and Shani Feinour
Scott and Stephanie Feinour
Michael and Denise Follweiler
Andrew and Katie Foulk
Deane and Tammy Hamm
Jared and Andrea Hermany
Robert and Tracy Miller
Donald and Eileen Myers
Adam and Tonya Peter
Justin and Katelyn Pradel
Kevin and Jennifer Randall
Wilson and Michelle Reppert
William and Shirley Ruppert
Ray and Kaitlin Sacks
James and Melinda Wessner



We celebrate with Joshua and Tania Hemsley of Kempton the baptism of their daughter Sara Drew Hemsley who was born May 26, 2015. Sara has two sisters: Isabella who is 3 years old and Jayda who is 12 years old. Her sponsors were Jeannine and Jeremy Johnson. Larry Hemsley, her grandfather, assisted in the service. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His church.



Women's Retreat "Finding God"

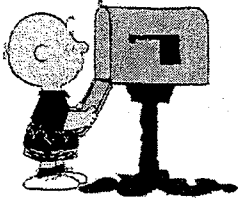
Jacob's Church Activity Center
Saturday, October 31

- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Registration 8-8:30 am)
- Continental breakfast
- Lunch available - \$7.00 (may pay at the door)
- Presentation on: God, the Father, Jesus, the Son & the Holy Spirit
- For more information, contact:
• Eileen Myers 610-767-8970 or
• Christine Morehouse 610-393-6068
- Look for information on the website:
www.JacobsChurch.org

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The "Sisters of Esther" (Ladies Bible Study) meets every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. in the Activity Center's meeting room. We are doing a new study entitled "Experience the Impossible" by Bill Johnson. We would like to invite all ladies in the congregation or in the community to come and join us on Tuesday mornings! You are welcome to come to every meeting OR maybe you're only able to come once a month OR 3 times a year!! Maybe you find you are in need of spiritual uplifting. We are a group of between 10-15 ladies and lots of times we laugh together, sometimes we cry together, we always lift up one another during difficult times. Drop in for a visit if you like. We will welcome you in the love of Jesus Christ. He is our Savior, our light and our life. Come join us!! For information contact Eileen Myers at (610) 767-8970.

Some Address Changes:



Russell Hartman
225 Saucony Meadows
Kutztown, PA 19530

Russell & Virginia Henry
123 Tower Court
Topton, PA 19562
Ph. 610-641-1828

Hermie Schappell Rm.215
Woodland Terrace at the Oaks
1263 S Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18103

Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX MINISTRY

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

Fill your own shoebox or pick up one in the church parlor (boxes available October 18). Drop off your filled boxes by November 8 in the church parlor.



REMEMBER: Jacob's Church has Sunday School for children and adults every week at 9:00 am!

The FALL SCHEDULE is in full swing.

Children, ages 3 and up, meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

There are songs, Bible lessons, and fun activities.

You can choose from two adult classes:

One meets in the parlor and is studying the gospel of John.

The other one meets downstairs,
and they are learning about the importance of "right" believing and God's grace.
(Often the aroma of coffee drifts out of this room.)

IN CASE OF A CHURCH EMERGENCY: In the event that Pastor Shay cannot be contacted during an emergency, please contact our new church secretary, Cindy Kuhns at home 610-562-7025 or cell 484-529-2835. Or you can contact any member of our church board. The elders are Ralph Hill, Lou Schimpf, and Dave Zoghby.

August Ministry Assistant Report

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Jacob's Church has a heart to see this verse come alive. As ministry assistant my vision is to pour my energy into reaching out to our lost community. Revive Ministries is a tool that, as a church, we can use to meet the people outside of our walls and encourage them to join us in fellowship. Through this ministry, I see an opportunity to reach people at a different angle. We must realize that not everyone will fit into the same style and shaped box of worship. I see this outreach ministry meeting our community where they are. Jesus says in this verse that we must go. That is the vision of Revive. What we can see in this verse is two different theologies of our worship to God almighty. One, we see the truth of going into the nations. That is my heart to go and reach outside of our comfort zone and reach people with the message of Jesus. That is the goal of Jacob's Church. But the second side of this is make disciples. This aspect shows us that we need to build people up in their faith. So in these verses we see outreach and discipleship. That is what we have as the body of Jacob's Church. Revive is the outreach and the blended service along with the other ministries at Jacob's Church are the discipleship aspect of these verses. I am asking you to partner with the vision of Revive and see it as a ministry that will go and as a church we can use the tools we have to make disciples.

My hope is that you have visited our website recently. Keeping up with all the events and ministries is made easier right there on the site.

(Jacobschurch.org)

As we move forward with the vision of Revive. I have been working on different outreach ideas for the ministry. In the months to come we will be: going to Leaser Lake twice for Service, having a movie night at the Ford's house in New Tripoli, planning a harvest ride through New Tripoli and be an active part of light the night in New Tripoli. If any one feels led to serve please let me know. Would love to see Jacob's church come together to reach our community.

August F.U.E.L. Report

The month of August came and went as fast as the rest of the Summer. With four more weeks of the summer schedule coming up, the students and I are ready for normal youth group to be here. God had been so very faithful in showing us relational fruit through this summer. I feel like some of the relationships we have with the students have been strengthened because of this summer.

First on the schedule was a day at Knobels. We spent all day at the amusement park. We got there shortly after they opened and purchased all day ride passes. Being that far away from home, God blessed us with seeing people that the students knew. God also gave me an opportunity to reach out to one of my neighbors while we were there. God is so awesome, especially at working in mysterious ways.

The following week we were blessed by the Foulk's. They opened their pool up to the youth group. We had a great time of fellowship. The students looked like they really enjoyed the time in the water. We did have a new friend come to the pool party. Hopefully, she will come to regular youth group when the new season starts.

We ended the summer schedule the best way we know how. We went to New Tripoli and gave out ice cream. We had a great turn out of students who came to serve our community. We met quite a few new families and kids. Our hope and prayer is that God will help us reach the unchurched people in our community and this is one simple way to start that ball rolling.

Coming up:

KFC Fair	September 2
Jr. High kick off	September 3
Sr. High Kick off	September 14
Youth Sunday	September 20
Sr. High road rally	September 28
KFC Creation Celebration	October 28
New Life Bible Camp Retreat	October 23-25
Light the night	October 31

JACOB'S CHURCH

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

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

September 1, 2015

Listed are the activities that were held in the Activity Center during the month of August. Included in this report are upcoming September events.

- *Junior and Senior High Youth groups held combined meetings throughout the month of August on Thursday. Starting Thursday, September 3, Junior High Youth Group will start their fall schedule; starting at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm. Starting Monday, September 14, Senior High Youth Group will begin their fall schedule; starting at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm. The youth groups will not be combined in fall except for announced events.*
- *Kids For Christ Youth Group will kick off their fall schedule with the KFC Fair. This activity will be held in the Activity Center on Wednesday, September 2; beginning at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 8:00pm. KFC will be held each Wednesday in September starting at 6:00pm and ending approximately at 7:45pm.*
- *A luncheon was held on Wednesday, August 19, after the funeral of John A. Lindahl. Private Celebrations will be held on Saturday, September 19 and September 26.*
- *Jacob's Revive Ministries continue to use the Activity Center on Sunday mornings.*
- *The annual Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20; starting after the church service.*
- *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 Nations. Here. Now.



Alex's first day of kindergarten

Dave and a student volunteer talking with Penn students

GSE

August 2015

New Adventures

September is always a time of busy transitions.

Students return to school and we host lots of opportunities for international students to know a community of Christians exists on their campus. The biggest transition this September is with our family; Lilia started 3rd grade, and Alex started kindergarten!

It feels weird to say I (Katie) have a 3rd grader, but its more strange to have Alex in full-day kindergarten. It was a rough first day, filled with tears, but as we headed toward home he said, "I'm glad the school day is over, but I liked it."

Throughout the previous school year I had been anticipating being back on campus, so I have been praying for God to lead me in the things He wanted me to be a part of this year. Of course He is so faithful! I will be continuing with the Curtis Bible study each week. I will also be partnering with two coworkers to do ministry on Penn's campus to the Grad School of Education, known as the GSE.

We estimate that there are around 120 students from China in this school. We have enjoyed every GSE students we have met the past few years. They have great English, want to learn about American culture, and will be influencing hundreds of kids lives every year. Between myself and my two coworkers, our goal is to share the gospel with each one of them.

Prayer Requests:

1. PRAISE: Kathleen found and home, and our student volunteers are really running with things.
2. For our outreach on Sept 13th and for God to lead us to the students with open hearts within Penn's GSE.
3. PRAISE AND REQUEST: Dave helped form a coalition of international ministries at Penn. We support each other by providing manpower and advertising for each others activities. It has gone amazing! By the end of the first week of class, 133 students have signed up, including 66 who would like a meal in an American's home. If you can provide a meal for a pair of students, see the volunteer section of globalconnectucity.org.

Our first event with them will be a pizza making party on September 13th. Our goal is to have spiritual conversations in order to see where these students are at.

I am really excited for this coming year. I'm looking forward to playing a more direct role with the students and seeing God's hand at work!

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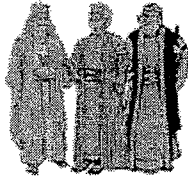
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SS = Sunday School AC = Activity Center				6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group		
				7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5pm Wedding Rehearsal	2pm Wedding
4 9 am Children's SS Confirmation Class Adult SS-Baseament Adult SS-Parlor	5 6:30 pm Sr High Youth Group	6 9:30-11:30 am Womens Bible Study	7 6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	8 6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group	9	10
10:15 am Blended Worship Service - Santuary Revive Ministry - AC		7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry 7:30 pm Church Board Meeting	6-8 pm KFC	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
11:30 Refreshments and Fellowship in AC			7 pm Mid-week Bible Study	6pm Wedding Rehearsal		1pm Wedding
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am same as Oct. 4	6:30 pm High Youth Group	9:30-11:30 am Womens Bible Study	6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group		
10:15 am Worship - same as Oct. 4 Harvest Home		7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	6-8 pm KFC	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		
11:30 same as Oct. 4 Harvest Ride		7 pm Elders Meeting	7 pm Mid-week Bible Study			

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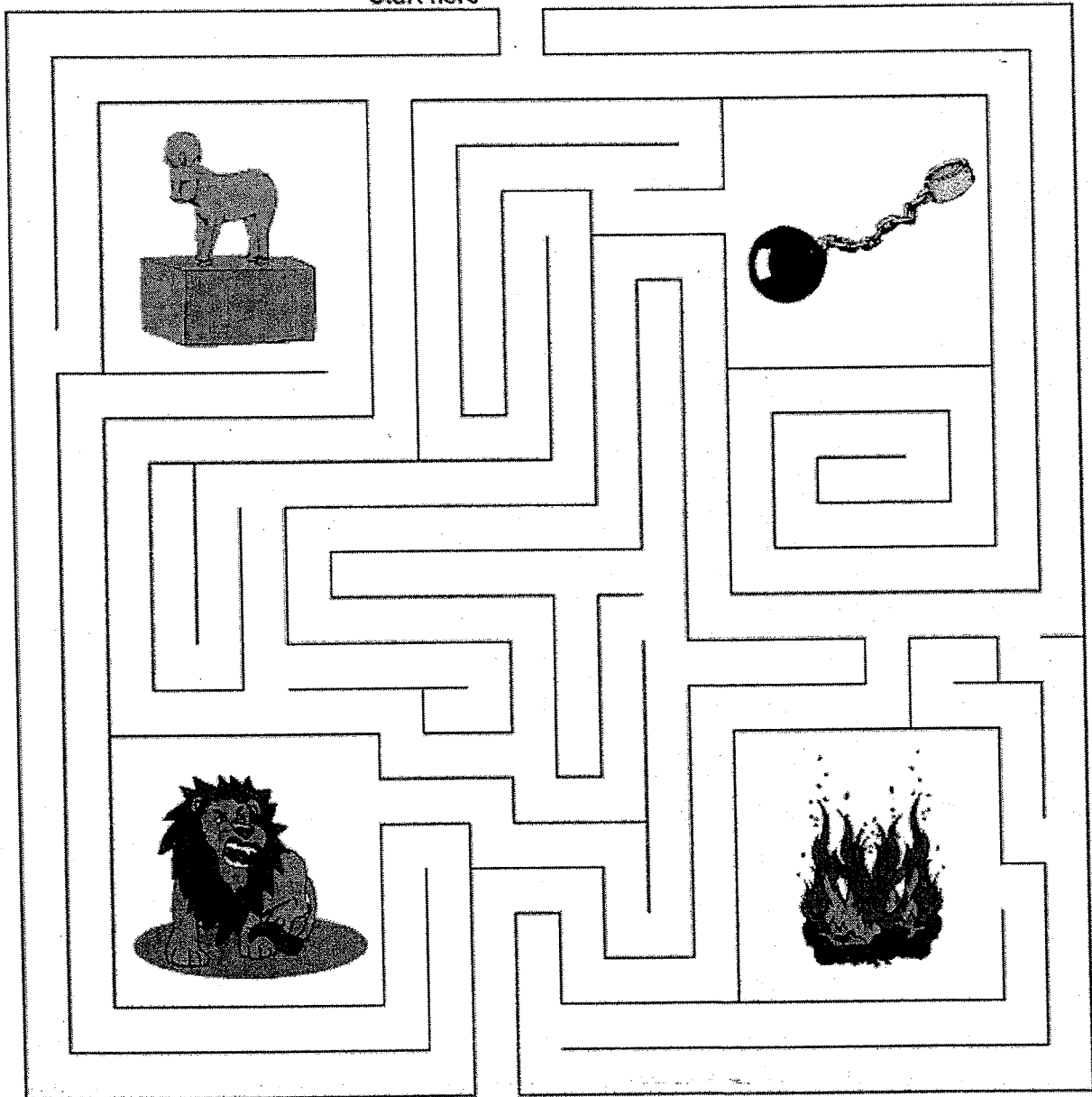
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am same as Oct 4	6:30 pm High Youth Group	9:30-11:30 am Womens Bible Study	6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30 pm Christian Ed.		
10:15 am Worship - same as Oct. 4		7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	6-8 pm KFC	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	New Life Bible Camp Retreat 23rd-25th	
11:30 am fellowship & refreshments in parlor			7 pm Mid-week Bible Study	Wedding rehearsal	3 pm Wedding	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 am same as Oct 4	Sr. High Road Rally	9:30-11:30 am Womens Bible Study	6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group		8 am -3 pm Women's Retreat in Activity Center
10:15 am Worship - same as Oct. 4		7 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	6-8 pm KFC Creation Celebration	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		Light the Night @ Ford Residence
2015 Committee Reports due to Cindy Kuhns			7 pm Mid-week Bible Study			

FIRE ESCAPE

Help Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego find their way to safety.
Daniel 3:12-30



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