

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 TRUE MEANING OF LOVE"

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. I Corinthians 13:4-8

Perhaps the most abused word in our English language is the word "Love." We tend to associate love with our feelings when in reality feelings are only one aspect of love. True love will manifest itself in actions or deeds. Often in a marital counseling situation, I will ask the couple to compare the way they respond to one another in relation to the description of love found in I Corinthians 13:4-8. For example, each person will question whether they were patient and kind in relating to each other. They will also reflect on whether or not arrogance, rudeness, jealousy or boastfulness dominated their interaction in the recent past. Such an exercise can truly lead to better communication between husband and wife.

I remember quite a few years ago seeing a movie entitled "Love Story." In that movie the statement was made "love means never having to say you're sorry." *I never agreed with that definition of love.* There are times when saying "I'm sorry" and admitting mistakes is the most loving thing you could do.

The Bible says that "there is no greater love than this; that a person lay down his life for another person." Love by the Biblical standard is a sacrificial act. Love means spending our precious time with a lonely, depressed person. Love means volunteering our time and talents to help the needy and oppressed. Love means dipping into our pocketbook and denying ourselves for a person or worthwhile cause. Love means forgiving those who hurt us throughout our life.

The central theme of the Christian faith is one of love. In the most familiar verse of the Bible—John 3:16, "**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,**" we see God's sacrificial love to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

We should all remember that true "love" is not just emotions, but a sacrificial act of giving.

God Bless You!

Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

June 4, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler, Dave Zoghby

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

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Visitors: Harold Redline, Bob Stufflet

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Harold discussed old piano. Harold and Bob brought recommendation for new piano to the board. Motion made to accept recommendation by Mike Follweiler and seconded by Ron Belknap. The motion carried.
3. Tad Schlegel reviewed current status of all youth groups and volunteer opportunities for the congregation to serve with the youth.
4. Tad Schlegel updated on the website and social media.
5. The Stephen Ministry training date will be set for after VBS.
6. Leslie Ford discussed start of Evangelism Class.
7. Pastor Shay stated new Church Secretary is settling in nicely.
8. Christian Education Committee reports VBS preparations are on schedule.
9. Tad Schlegel reports Shine Fest is set for August 25th and plans are in motion.
10. Mission Committee is actively searching for a replacement for Gary Readnack.
11. A Deacon replacement was discussed and voted on. Motion was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by Dick Oswald. The motion carried.
12. Update was presented on CLUI and the Wuchter House. House does not suit their needs and use of the Wuchter House has been tabled.
13. Lifeline screening program was a success.
14. Evangelical Association would like to present Jacob's Church Congregation with a Certificate of Membership.
15. Pastor Shay's 30th Anniversary Luncheon set for July 22nd.
16. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler as follows:

Balance at May 2018 meeting		\$56,522.39
Income	\$22,005.45	
Expenses	\$23,673.85	
Balance at June 2018 meeting		\$54,853.99

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made Leslie Ford and seconded by Dick Oswald. The motion carried.

17. A motion to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2018 meeting was made by Leslie Ford and seconded by Dick Oswald. The motion carried.

18. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Belknap and seconded Dick Oswald. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, August 6, 2018.

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

At our December 3, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,988 per week in order to meet our 2018 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in June 2018:

June	6	\$6,330.00
June	10	\$3,311.00
June	17	\$4,531.00
June	24	\$5,181.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – June	\$99,700.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – June	\$114,749.19
Amount Over Budget for January – June	\$15,049.19



Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar vases	\$25.00
(1) Floral stand	\$15.00
Bud vase	\$ 5.00
Bulletins	\$ 5.00

Contact Pam Zoghby to order Flowers
 610-298-3002

Greeters/Ushers for August

- August 5 Choir Members
 - August 12 Church Board
 - August 19 Sisters of Esther
 - August 26 Men's Prayer Breakfast Group
- Greeters should be at church by 9:45am**

Flowers for August

- August 5 Alice Lintz Memorial
- August 12 Altar Committee
- August 19 Altar Committee
- August 26 In memory of Larry Ralston



August Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and Best Wishes to The Following Couples
Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversaries:

Lester and Nancy Backenstoos
Keith and Jennifer Bergenstock
David and Donna Berger
Steve and Marnie Feinour
Andrew and Amy Garger
Roger and Cindy Kuhns
Keegan and Sherlyn Moyer
Bryan and Robin Rassler

*John and Lorrie Rauch
James and Jocelyn Reppert
Pastor Scott and Donna Shay
Eric and Christina Staudt
John and Doris Turko
Ralph and Diane Wertman
Christopher and Donna Wilson*

2018 Easter and Pentecost Home Communion:

Eddie Bartholomew
Marion Hamm
Russell Hartman
Lester and Linda Lutz
Ray and Karen Moyer
William and Shirley Ruppert
Hermie Schappell
Madeline Seidel
Gary Womer

New Arrival

Adam and Sayward (nee Mannino) Croshaw welcome their second child!
Cora Waverly Croshaw was born on July 18, 2018 on her father's birthday.

Cora joins her brother, Kinsley Charles. Grandmother, Susan (nee Rauch) Mannino is also excited about this new addition. Congratulations to the Croshaw and Mannino families!

What's coming up?

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS there is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor up for the new 2018-2020 Confirmation Class forming in the fall. Students must be in at least the 7th grade to be in the class. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 23rd at 9:00AM.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with the 2018-2019 KFC and/or FUEL Youth Group Activities. If interested, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717.644.1153.

EVANGELISM GATHERING: Your help is needed! We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00pm in the Activity Center to decorate door hangers as invitations to **SHINEFEST**. When completed we are asking the congregation to take a few with them on Sunday, August 5 to invite their neighbors to this outreach event. Please contact Leslie Ford 610.730.4477 for additional information.



THE 7:00AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

SUMMER COMMUNION:

Summer Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 5th during the 10:15AM worship service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Plan to attend this special service.

PASTOR SHAY AND DONNA WILL BE ON VACATION from Sunday, August 5th (after church service) to Wednesday, August 15. If you are in need of routine pastoral service, please contact a member of our Church Board. For emergency pastoral service, please contact our Church Secretary, Faye Foulk (610.751.5742/novaps@aol.com), to assist you with the contact information for Rev. David L. Long, pastor at Salem E. C. Church in Lenhartsville. If you feel more comfort contacting another pastor of your own choice, please do.



Mark your calendar! Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 17th at 7:30pm! Join us for a night filled with fun and fellowship! Hope to see you there!



CHOIR will resume on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:30PM.** There are still some open dates for special music on the sign-up sheet in the parlor area. Please do not hesitate to sign-up more than once. If God has given you the gift to sing, please take advantage of this opportunity to sing praises to the Lord.

Thank You!

VBS Thank you:

The Answers in Genesis Time Lab VBS this year was once again a huge success! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way and to parents for bringing their children each day. We had 77 students attend and raised over \$1,300 for Cure International. Mark your calendars for VBS 2019 - The Incredible Race!

Thank you again and God Bless you! Melissa Smith and Jane Wessner

Dear Friends from Jacob's Church,

Thank you so much for acknowledging and celebrating our 30-year milestone of ministry at Jacob's. We appreciate all of the planning and preparing that went into the day. Everything was wonderful... the **hoagies**, soups, salads, and desserts! Through the years, food has always been yummy here! The slide presentation, the confirmation photos, and the time of sharing were great, too. We're blessed to have such good memories from our 30 years at Jacob's Church, and it was really fun to see all those pictures and to hear a few stories.

Thanks to all who contributed to the special day and to all who attended. We're truly blessed to have shared in your lives throughout the years. We look forward to sharing the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ as we continue working together!

God bless you!
Pastor Scott and Donna

Thank you for your partnership in sharing the Gospel to 157 million children in over 160 counties. Now 25 years, shoebox outreach was made possible by your dedication and prayers. God Bless, OCC Lehigh Valley Team (Samaritan's Purse Operation-Christmas Child)

Scholarships!

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The following seven candidates applied:

Quentin Bernhard

Lydia Danner

Mckenzie Greenawalt

Kristina Biegley

Katelyn Greenawalt

Juliet Long

Brandon Smith

All applicants submitted the necessary information and qualified for a portion of the funds.

SHINEFEST: Saturday, August 25th 2:00PM-10:00PM-
A full day of free events-Rock and face painting, Tractor Show, Christian bands throughout the day, extreme inflatables, glow party and so much more!!! **We will need lots of help from Jacob's Church members and friends to make this a successful event. Please contact Youth Group Leader, Tad Schlegel at 717.644.1153**

Jacob's Church Presents

SHINEFEST

SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST

AUG 25th

2-10PM

jacobschurch.org/shinefest