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OCTOBER 2023

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Dear Jerusalem Members and Friends,

Happy Autumn!! Wow, the seasons of bright colors, pumpkins and chilly breezes is here!! The mountain will be bursting into a marvelous canvas of orange, red and yellow as October arrives! I know that each day as I drive up the mountain and through the tunnel on the turnpike, I will be greeted by many thousands of God's beautiful creations – His trees that stand so tall and help give us the oxygen we need to breathe.

The trees can inspire us to stand together and be a community that shines our beauty and offers "a breath of fresh air" to one another. Are we people who bring hope and encouragement to others? This really is the message of Jesus - to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all whom we meet. We are called to bring new life and oxygen into peoples' lives – with hope, joy, faith, and transformation - in all that we do, think and speak.

I want to express a huge thank you to each of you. You have made this year so beautiful for me. Thank you so much for the generous and loving gift and card acknowledging my one-year anniversary. When Wendy gave the card to me this past Sunday at our worship service, it brought tears to my eyes.

And I am truly in awe of how hard you all work and give your all to help our church so that God's word and love can be shared. The entire process of making all the filling and selling all the happy bowls at the Palmerton Festival was beyond my imagination! The gargantuan efforts and hours required were beyond my comprehension until I experienced this event firsthand. A special shout out to Wendy for chairing the festival committee and to each one of you on the committee who pushed so hard to make it happen! There were also so many volunteers who helped make it all happen!! You are valued and appreciated!

You are all doing an outstanding job! And there are so many other ministries and teams working together with our consistory and staff to create our beloved community as well. Thank you to each one of you for sharing your gifts and your treasure. You are ever blessed! I sincerely encourage each of you to join one of these teams. We are also starting some small groups this fall.

And welcome to all of our new members and new friends. We truly are on the move! And God continues to bless us as we offer His love - authentically, unconditionally and with extravagant measure!

Be sure to join us for our 175th Anniversary of sharing God's Love on Sunday, October 15th for a special 10 am service and Open House immediately following! We will dedicate our new remodeled sanctuary and our new addition, Hope Hall! Refreshments will be served, of course! See you soon!

Many blessings always, Pastor Marian

OCTOBER - Weekly Scripture

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – Romans 15:13 *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Psalm 34:8 *"Oh, look and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who trusts in Him!"*

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – Proverbs 16:20 *"One who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy are they!!"*

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – Psalm 144:15 "Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!"

Sunday, October 29, 2023 – Hebrews 12:1-2 "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT OCTOBER 2023



Greetings,

What an amazing weekend we had this 2023 Palmerton Festival! The weather did cooperate for the most part, making it a very busy weekend. I know I say this every year, but we couldn't have possibly done it without all of you! I did some unscientific figuring this year and I should really underline unscientific, due to my personal observations - but I came up with some mind-boggling numbers. From start to finish - that would be from the first meeting until the very end when the food trailer was pulled away from the park, product put away - over 150 helping hands had contributed over 1850 manpower hours. How much did we sell? Our very hungry Palmerton Community consumed 116 large banquet pans of Filling (we created approximately 1556 lbs. of Filling) 410 lbs. of Chicken Bar BQ and 46 Gallons of Gravy!!! Isn't that insane? I could track 448 Chicken Bar BQs because of the number of rolls we used, but let's just say an uncountable number of Happy Bowls and Filling Bowls. We had 1,650 take out containers and ran out early on Sunday. 15 Cases of Soda and 15 Cases of Zimmermans Tea products and numerous cases of Water. Oh, and 10 Cookbooks! That's a lot of items flying out of the stand and lots of customers who patiently stood in line some days.

I would like to thank all the people that not only volunteered their time, but also donated items of parsley, foil pans, broth, gravy, milk, potatoes and numerous grocery items that never submit a bill, all that adds up and makes for an even bigger profit. It's all those little things that mean a lot.

Every time we have any kind of fundraiser, I know we don't like to mention names for fear we forget someone, so let me just say a big thank you to all our men that did all the physical labor. Starting with setting up the stand, making the filling in a very hot and humid kitchen, transporting all the filling and kitchen items down to the park, and then dismantling and returning everything back to the church, as well as volunteering for many shifts. Thank you, Gentlemen, as well as all the Ladies and our Youth for putting a lot of hard work and sweat into this long but profitable weekend. As this article goes to print, we don't have a final profit amount, but I can say it was profitable.

I think God smiles as we sell Happy Bowls, not only do we work very hard on this fundraiser, but I like to think this is a Mission in Motion. As we earn money for our church, the community sees us as Jerusalem UCC, sees us having a very good time serving Happy Bowls, sees us reaching out to serve others as we have fun working together and loving each other. What a fabulous message to send to the public and our community that surrounds us.

Blessings and Many Thanks to You All! - Wendy



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:00AM outside in our beautiful picnic grove!

(In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church sanctuary) Bring your lawn chairs and dress comfortably. You can also remain in your vehicle and park in the grove so you can see the band stand and listen to the service on 95.5 FM. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Sunday, October 1st is Holy Communion. Elements are provided by the church. Thank you to Kim Williams & Shirley Hawk for volunteering to perform this service.

& Greetings



JERUSALEM UCC

175th Anniversary and Dedication Sunday October 15th, 2023 Sunday Service at 10:00 am Blessing of New Sanctuary and Hope Hall Open House 11:30am - 1:30pm

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Meeting dates for our 175th Anniversary are Thurs., Sept. 28th at 6PM & Tues., Oct. 10th at 6PM. If you have any questions or information you would like to share and cannot attend the meeting, please see Pastor Marian or Paul and Wendy Hoppel.

<u>Celebrating 175 Years - How can you Help?</u>

It's amazing as we finish one activity, we head right into the next. No stopping us, no slowing down, no sitting back and taking it easy. From the Festival to Applefest to our 175th Anniversary to our Basket Social. Whew! No wonder we're tired all the time.

The Anniversary committee has been working very hard - creating a new T-Shirt Design (we all looked amazing at the Picnic and Festival) creating our 175th Anniversary Cookbook; a true work of art, searching for some special commemorative items for all ages and then finally our celebration day on October 15th. It's hard to believe our celebration day is almost here! Our service will include a presentation from PNEC, a message from Pastor Marian, an awe-inspiring special video, moving music, dedication of our addition and then celebrating with food. In an open house type of forum of come when you can, leave when you must, please note the times on the invitation. It will be a light lunch with lots of accompanying desserts. If you would like to bring a dessert to share that day, it would be most appreciated. Something simple like cakes, cookies, cupcakes, dessert bars, fudge, candy or finger desserts. JUCC IS LEGENDARY for our desserts. If your dessert is in our cookbook, make a label and write the page number where you can find it in the cookbook. We would love to taste your talents. Thank you to all you dear bakers!



"...pray for one another, so that you may be healed." (James 5:13) "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing..." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17) As disciples of Jesus, we seek to pray daily. Below is a list of those who need our prayers.

Please speak to Pastor Marian or a member of our Care Team to make any additions or changes. Shorter term prayer concerns:

Jillian Hessinger	Ron Frable	Baby Grace
Buzz Hill	Mary Beth Beers	Katie Huelskamp
David	Doris Behler	Marveline Costenbade
Barbara Borger	Danielle & Family	Our Troops
Our Church Family	Kelsey	Chris Hahn
Kathy Kuehner	Crissa Carroll	Ed Strohl
Neal Murphy	Dean Hahn	Dennis Smale

Longer term prayer concerns:

Dalton Fredericks	Linda Mackes			
Timothy Henning	Joanne Frable			
Anna Bowman	Marla Schmidt			
Lana Kuehner	Mildred Green			
Bill Yelland and Family	Jean George			
Sharon	Bob Buck			
Lori George	Tina			
All who have experienced a loss				
All people and families in need				

Answered Prayer

Duane Hawk	Kathy	Larry George				
Ed Hoppel	Perma Berger	Lew				
Mitzi and Tim O'Donnell	Dwight Hawk	Barry Smale				
Cathy	Mark Goodhile	Rev. Don Quayle				
Tori	Cathy Smith	Megan Fredericks				
Michael	Bonnie Beers	Dean Berger				
Gerald & Lenora Robertson Carey & Family						

MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC meets twice a month – on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, and the 4th Thursday at 6:30pm. The group is presently being held on a web platform. Directed by professional counselor, Sue Featro, M.E.D., E.D.D., M.S. Counseling, this group is for people experiencing grief due to trauma, loss or death. It is an effort to assist people in the surrounding community to heal and find peace. Please contact the church office for the link, or check for the invitation link on our Facebook page. Thanks to God and to the members of JUCC who make it possible!

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Elizabeth Krause Helen Smale Michael McCabe Alverta Strohl Susan **David Garrigues**

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – October 1st

We will celebrate Harvest Home on *Sunday, October 1st*. Everyone is asked to please bring a non-perishable food item. Donated items will be given to CACPAC. Help us celebrate God's abundance in our lives!





REFORMATION SUNDAY

Please join us for Reformation Sunday on *October 29th* at 10:00 a.m.



On Sunday, October 29th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day.

Please join us to celebrate the lives of those who were connected with JUCC who have passed away since the last *All Saints' Day.*

On this day, we will celebrate the lives of:

Marie Andrews ~ Mildred Lehman ~ Sharon Longacre ~ Janet Tomsic ~ Barry Mackes

Our Jerusalem UCC Family Pantry will be holding a Drive-Thru Food Pickup on Saturday, October 21st, from Noon to 2 p.m.

We will be giving away approximately \$50 worth of non-perishable food items to each family that signs up. If you know of anyone who can use the help this time of year, please let them know about this! We are taking reservations so we know how much to buy, so **please call the Church office to reserve your order by Friday, October 6th, 1 p.m**.

If you would like to help by contributing funds to help our Church with this worthwhile mission, you can either send a check payable to Jerusalem UCC (memo line-Family Pantry), or put your check or cash in an envelope in the offering plate on any Sunday (marked Family Pantry). Our congregation has always come through to help those in need, and we know we can depend on you!

We will also be doing family holiday dinners for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Any funds left over from this collection will be put towards those. We try to do 2 or 3 Pantry drive-thru events each year, along with our holiday dinners! Any contributions or help is always appreciated and never wasted!

Thanks!

JUCC Family Pantry Committee: Steph Anderson, Kelli George, Amy Shupp

Music & Worship Recap

- Our summer 9:00 a.m. schedule continues, and Holy Communion was celebrated in Oak Grove on Sunday, August 6th. Pastor Marian's sermon was titled "Jesus Multiplies Our Efforts", and we sang the old favorite 'Sweet Hour of Prayer'.
- After a Saturday of clouds and some rain, August 13th brought sunny skies to Trachsville as we worshipped outdoors and looked forward to our Annual Picnic which was rescheduled from the day prior. We thanked Kelly Heinick for sharing her beautiful voice with us this summer and wished her well as she returns to her studies at college for the Fall semester.
- We worshipped once again in Oak Grove on August 20th, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. It was a perfect late summer day, but signs of Fall were present as Marcia Heinick gathered her team to begin planning for the upcoming Sunday School year. Pastor Marian's sermon was "Allow Your Heart to Change".
- Another beautiful grove service on August 27th. Lisa Hawk and Kim Williams read the Scripture Lessons and Pastor Marian preached the theme of 'being called to serve', reminding us that bringing our compassion to the world is a way of serving God and others. The Praise Band added their uplifting ministry with the closing song, 'Soul on Fire'.
- We look forward to all that Fall brings to our church, we have so enjoyed the summer days worshipping and spending time as a church family in our beautiful Grove. Thanks to all who help make this happen, and to all who come to share in the fellowship and work of Him who teaches us how to love God and one another.

Shelba Scheffner



QUILT & CRAFTS GROUP

Our group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 10:00 – 3:00. We are now in Hope Hall, our beautiful new addition (with SUPERIOR lighting!). We generally work on our own projects, or do some group work on charity quilts. If you've always wanted to learn to make quilts (of any kind), we have experts who love to teach! We also have machines to use, if you don't have your own. Recently, we have branched out into basket-making at a different location. This is fun, too. We just love creating!

For more information, feel free to contact Shelba Scheffner at 610/704-3756 or our church office.



JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP

The JUCC youth group has a schedule of fun events and activities planned! Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of every month, after worship. In these meetings, our young people (grades 7-12) can find support among each other, the leaders, and with God as our guide. All Are Welcome!!

Youth Group Directors Rick Anderson, Jonathan Borger, Jaclyn Wonderly & Melissa Waibel



<u>The Youth Group is hosting a breakfast before worship on</u> <u>Sunday, November 19th from 8:30am - 9:45am.</u> They will also be holding a bake sale before & after church. <u>Donations of baked goods are appreciated.</u> Funds raised will go towards Youth Group activities.

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Oct. 8th at 7:00pm – Bear Rock Junction. The kids will not have school on Monday, Oct 9th so, the kids voted this day to golf with glow in the dark balls.

Sunday, Oct. 29th - Hike for Hunger after church service. We will be having a food drive for the month of October to raise funds for the hunger.

Sunday, November 19th (tentative) – Bake Sale before and after church service to help raise money for the Youth Group activities. Spread the word to everyone to donate baked goods.

November - Feed the family - Details to follow

December – Cookie Baking – date to be determined

Cosmic Bowling and Roller Skating are activities that were also discussed at our last meeting. We will determine a date for some time during the winter months.

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 175TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK'S HAVE ARRIVED!!!



They include: 239 RECIPES, 175TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS & HISTORY OF JUCC Cost is \$18.00 each



IT'S A POT LUCK!! Join us for great food, fun & fellowship SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AFTER CHURCH IN HOPE HALL

Bring your favorite dish to share.





OCTOBER FLOWERS & BULLETINS SPONSORS



<u>October 1st</u> – Penny & John Kleintop in honor of Kevin and Rebecca Kleintop's 9th wedding anniversary on October 10th. Love, Mom & Dad

<u>October 8th</u> – Donna Mackes and family in memory of parent's Pauline and LeRoy Keller, whose birthdays are celebrated October 9th and October 18th.

<u>October 15th</u> - Rick & Steph Anderson in honor of son's birthdays - Logan Kresge on the 8th, Dustin Meckes on the 16th and Ricky Anderson on the 27th.

<u>October 22nd -</u> In honor of granddaughter Jailene Marie Beers 13th birthday on October 24th, grandson Landyn Jacob Beers 10th birthday on October 28th.



If you would like to sponsor flowers & bulletins (\$35 donation) for a Sunday in 2024, please contact Jillian Adamson at the church office.

You can reach her by phone at 610-681-4412 or by e-mail at juccsecy@ptd.net

OCTOBER LAY LEADERS

 $\frac{October 1^{st} - \text{Lisa Hawk \& Kim Williams}}{October 8^{th} - \text{Rachael Andrews}}$ $\frac{October 15^{th} - \text{Lynn Mastio Rice}}{October 22nd - \text{Steph Andreson}}$ $\frac{October 29^{th} - \text{Ed Brader}}{October 29^{th} - \text{Ed Brader}}$

PLEASE CONSIDER....

Volunteering to read scriptures during our Sunday morning service. We are always in need of lay leaders and would love to have some new voices! Contact Jillian at the church office for available dates!



Homemade food, including apple dumplings, cobbler, funny cake, shoo fly pies, funnel cake fries, apple or regular sausage sandwiches, soups, Bar-BQ, hot dogs, our famous "Happy Bowls", macaroni & cheese & ice cream! Wagon with apples, apple cider, pumpkins, mums and fall items.



Volunteers are needed!! We need help on Thursday, October 5th at 9:00am to make soup, sausage and macaroni & cheese and on Friday, October 6th at 9:00am to bake apple dumplings and set up.

There's a sign-up sheet for the Apple & Fall Festival with stations and times that need to be filled. The sheet is on the table at our Sunday services or please see Lorrie Nothstein.

APPLE & FALL FESTIVAL "TRICKY TRAYS"

<u>Apple Fall Fest "Tricky Trays"</u> of assorted items with an apple or fall theme or home decorative items, plants, etc. make nice prizes for this corner of our festival. Please bring any items for the "Tricky Tray" Auction for the Apple Fall Fest to the church during office hours or to the festival by 9 AM, Saturday, October 7. All donations are appreciated. This "Tricky Tray" corner has been a popular area at the festival for many years. Let's keep it going!

APPLE & FALL FESTIVAL MEAT RAFFLE TICKETS

The meat raffle tickets are printed! Tickets are on the picnic table in the grove during Sunday worship along with flyers for the event.

Annual Basket Raffle & Bazaar Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- BASKETS TO BE RAFFLED
- BAKED GOODS
- HOLIDAY ITEMS

Drawing at 2:00pm

Food to eat in or take out: HOMEMADE SOUP, HOT DOGS, BARBEQUE, HALUSHKI & BEVERAGES







We will need donations of Baskets filled with items, OR gift cards, gift certificates, or cash prizes with a MINIMUM \$20.00 value. New & gently used Thanksgiving & Christmas items or crafts may be donated to sell! Everyone enjoys the Bargain Table!

PLEASE NOTE: We have FREE baskets available at the church.



Baked goods will be needed for our Bake Sale!

Donated items & baskets may be brought to the Church office between 9:00am & 12:00(NOON) on Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday, November 2nd or Friday, November 3rd!

The Work Schedule Is As Follows:

Wednesday, November 1st - 1:00pm - Make Soups in Hope Hall Friday, November 3rd - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Set up Saturday, November 4th - 7:30am - Final Set up 9:00am - Event Starts

2:00pm - Baskets Raffled followed by cleanup

Anyone willing to help or needs information PLEASE CONTACT Beverly Waibel.

LET'S CONTINUE THE GREAT SUPPORT, FELLOWSHIP & FUN WORKING TOGETHER!

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OPERATION WARM-A-CHILD



JERUSALEM UCC – TRACHSVILLE IS DOING A NEW OR GENTLY USED COAT DRIVE FOR INFANT TO BIG KID'S (SCHOOL-AGED).

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

DRIVE ENDS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH



Office hours: Tuesday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm 610-681-4412



Donations for Operation Christmas Child do not have to be put in a shoe box this year! If you would like to contribute, you can either buy items for one or multiple boxes or multiple items (like small notebooks or crayons or pencils, balls, socks, personal care items, small stuffed animals). Keep in mind everything must fit in a shoebox. We are not allowed to put any food-type items in the boxes, used items, war-related items, liquids or lotions). If you want to see a list of items, please go to <u>www.samaritanspurse.org</u> and look for the info on shoe boxes. Or if you don't like to shop, you can drop a check or envelope in the offering plate and mark it OCC. This is a mission started by the family of Reverend Billy Graham. Our church has participated in this mission project for the last few years.

THE DEADLINE TO DONATE ITEMS IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.



<u>Family Campfire</u> Friday, October 20th 7:00pm Fun & Fellowship Guaranteed!

Bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverage and snacks! Everyone is welcome!

IT'S HOLIDAY FILLING TIME!

Jerusalem UCC is selling containers of homemade filling! \$8.50 for a 2 lb. container

\$18.00 For a 5 lb. container

Last day to order is Saturday, November 4, 2023

Pick up at church on November $18^{th} \sim 12:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. OR$ November 19^{th} after church service (between 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.)

To order, call Beverly at (610) 377-5811 or the church office at (610) 681-4412 There will also be a sign-up sheet at our Sunday morning services starting in October.

We will cut bread for the filling on Thursday, November 16th at 1:00pm. Friday, November 17th at 8:00am we will prepare the filling. All help is appreciated. Check the Weekly Bulletin for important updates!

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If you have an article to submit for the November Newsletter, Please email it to Jillian by <u>Friday, October 20th</u>. FMI call 610-681-4412 or email <u>juccsecy@ptd.net</u>



We have sign-ups for "teams" to help with the coffee and snack preparation on Sunday mornings. If you are available to assist, please see the sign-up sheet on the table each Sunday or contact the church office.



For our members that use Facebook don't forget you can share our online services with your friends and family. In this way, we can reach more people with our messages of love and hope. Simply click the "share" button under our Facebook video!



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