

The Good News Courier

Christ Church UMC Jacobus

March 2018



Let God Draw You Close this Lent!

James 8:7-10

“7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Father Joseph Creedon, in Crossing the Desert, has this to say about Lent: It seems ...as if we are afraid of getting too close to God. Perhaps we are afraid of the goodness.

Maybe we think life is going to be dull if we draw too close. It could also be that we are afraid of giving up the illusion that we are in charge of our lives. Lent is all about letting ourselves be loved by God, to be reconciled with God. Since God in His goodness never stops loving us, never stops trying to draw close to us, and never abandons us, we are the ones who must change. Lent is daring to believe once again that we can let ourselves be drawn close to God, that the goodness of God will not overshadow us but empower us. God’s goodness will enrich our lives and help us believe in what we can accomplish if we will just stop fighting Him.

For much of church history, Lent was a time to reflect on the believer’s purpose in life, how they strayed from it, and the desire to draw closer to God towards wholeness and fulfillment. James says in order to draw close to God we need to cleanse our hands, and purify our hearts, which will keep us from being double minded. That’s why the period of Lent is 40 days; it is 40 days of washing and purifying our lives. We give things up that take our time or focus away from drawing nearer to God. If we are giving up ice cream or chocolate or watching a favorite television program for Lent, going back to those things doesn’t present much of a problem or leave our life transformed spiritually.

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The real purpose of Lent is not to just deny ourselves of some pleasures as much as it is to change our lives in preparation for renewal. We should be thinking about the ways in which Satan has a hold on our lives, the ways in which we have not rejected him, all his empty works and all his empty promises. This is what we should be fasting from and praying about during Lent. We should also be trying to let our faith play a greater role in our lives so that it is more evident for all to see.

If we do these things during Lent, we will find that we are different people on Easter Sunday. We will be better people, people who are following our Lord more fully as reflected by our lives. Why would we ever want to go back to the way things were before? Why wouldn't we want to continue on a new and better way? What we are to try to accomplish during Lent – being transformed people. When Lent is over, we will be people who want to continue in their new way of life. As we draw closer to God, He draws nearer to us. This is a life changing decision that should be happening daily. I pray that we each will wash our hands, and purify our hearts so that our minds will be clear and together the body of Christ will be closer to God more than ever before! Amen!

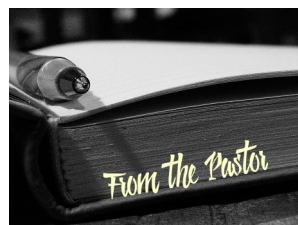
In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

I would like to thank you for your continued support in the life of Christ Church. We have been blessed this past year. God has met our needs so far and we believe He will continue to do so. We are looking at the next stage of repairs to the church building which we are calling phase two. It is revamping the water runoff and drainage issue. The estimated cost will be \$40,443. This year we are enclosing a Lenten envelope with this letter. Please feel free to give as your heart leads. If you would like to give towards phase 2 of the project through your Lenten giving, just write phase 2 on the envelope.

We are also having special services throughout the season of Lent. We would really like to see you and worship with you during this Lenten Season. Our prayer is that you could come and be part of the worship experience, but most of all, be part of our church family during this very important season. Here are the services and we hope to see you there.

Maundy /Holy Thursday March 29th – 7 pm @ Christ Church Combined
Good Friday March 30th –7 pm @ Pine Grove Combined
Sunrise Service Sunday April 1st – 6:30 am
Easter Service April 1st – 9:30 am

May God Richly Bless You this Lenten Season,



SUNDAY FOR FEBRUARY

HOSPITALITY GREETER-Connie Dodson

LAY READERS-Sam Flick

GREETERS-

Flowers –25th March Paula Shearer

Fellowship Gathering-

Nursery/Sunday School-Pam Fry/Jen Trout

Christian Education-

Social Events Coordinator-Wendy Hewitt



**CHRIST CHURCH JACOBUS
UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION
200 North Main Street
Jacobus, PA 17407
Phone 717-428-1424**

Email-cumcjacobus@gmail.com

New Website– www.christchurchjacobus.org

Rev. Dr. Bryan Mann, Pastor

Email-bmann1538@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Services

9:30 AM-Traditional Worship Service

10:30-10:45 AM -Fellowship in Hebrew Café

10:45 AM-Sunday School

Contemporary Worship Service Coming Soon



Births in the Church Family

The church would like to presented the
Birth of Riley Peyton
proud parents of Justin and Becky Ream
born Jan. 28, 2018 at 10:38 PM 9lbs 11.4 oz.
and 21" long

Grandparents of Bryan & Tammy Ream
She is also the great granddaughter of
Rick & Lynn Smith



Garrett Kistler got engaged to Angi Miller

October 6, 2018.

Garrett and Angi met at Country Meadows of
York. Garrett is the son of David and Diana Kistler
and the Nephew of Anne Kistler.



Monday Night 6:45-8:30 PM
NA Meetings
At Lakeview Park Building
18 Water Street, Jacobus, PA 17407

Thursday Night 7:30-8:30 PM
AA Meetings
Christ Church Jacobus in the Hebrew Café

REMEMBER

Margaret Ferree



1928 - 2018 Obituary

Margaret E. Ferree



February 12, 1928 - February 5, 2018
Dover

Margaret Elizabeth (McLaughlin) Ferree, 89, passed away February 5, 2018. Born in York on February 12, 1928, Margaret was the daughter of the late Clarence and Alzetta (Mitzel) McLaughlin. She was an avid gardener.

Margaret leaves to cherish her memory, three sons, Randy Ferree, Danny Ferree and Kenneth Ferree; two daughters, Karol Ashman and Kathy Ferree; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Richard Ferree; and a son, Larry Ferree.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Jacobus Ambulance Club, 18 S. Main St., Jacobus, PA 17407. The Gladfelter Funeral Home, Inc is entrusted with the arrangements. Published in York Daily Record & York Dispatch on Feb. 9, 2018

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kayle Heaton 14 years old	February 11, 2018 Serious Health	Submitted by: Lucille Schackert
Family of Elsie Stone and her Daughter	February 04, 2018	
Patty Greenplate	Health	Cindy Mann
Lucien Boyles	Health	Cindy Mann
Deb Smith	Health	Doris Lerew
	January 28, 2018	
Lynwood Smith	Hospital	Doris Lerew
Walter Dickerson	Hospital	
	January 21, 2018	
Mary Geiselman	Health	Family
Family of US Marshall (Chris Hill)		
Officer Kyle Pitts	Health	
	Long Term	
Becca Reynolds	Brain Tumor	Cindy Mann
Dave Kistler	Health	Anne Kistler
Sharon Smith	non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Stage 3	Renee Eastwood
Anne Kistler	Health	Rev. Bryan Mann
Brooks Argento	Brain Tumor	Kris Clark
Ruby Hoffman	H-ABC	Robin Brunner
Horace Miller	Kidney Transplant	Sonia Heidler
Ruth Ann Peters	Health	Sonia Heidler
Greg Bortner	Health	Sonia Heidler
Denise Wise	Health	Lucille Schackert
Destiny Herrington	Health	Lucille Schackert
Barbara Gastiger	Cancer, Stage 4	Lucille Schackert
Jeanette Curry-member	Health	Connie Miller
Adam Lawicki	Health	Laura Lawicki
Victims and Their Families of the shooting in Parkland, FL Victims and Their Families in Puerto Rico Victims and Their Families of famine in Somalia Victims of Terrorism throughout the world World peace Daughters of Christ Men's Ministry Conflict in North Korea Jacobus Community Pray for the reconciliation in USA Pray for the future of Christ Church UMC Racism in USA DACA and there future Tony Kim; Kim Hak-sung prisoner in North Korea and their families U.S. Law Enforcement Officers and their families Refugees from the Middle East All our friends and family who are in nursing homes All who are serving our country in the military		



KIDS CONNECTION



March 2018

Hello! So many exciting things happening at Kid's Connection! First, we have moved back downstairs to the fellowship hall and we love having more room for fun and games and crafts! Thanks to you all for your patience during this time. Second, we are super excited to announce Kid's Connection will be having a summer camp this year!!! YAY! It will run from June 11 through August 17. There will be trips on Thursdays and water days on Fridays with a trip to a nearby pool a few times a month. Feel free to contact us for more details! J Spots are filling up fast! God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess

Upcoming Events in March

March 8- No School*

March 9- School in Session- Snow Make Up Day

March 26- Half Day

March 30- No School & Kid's Connection Closed,
Good Friday!

Looking Ahead to April

2- No School* (*Snow Make Up Day*)

20- Half Day

*Kid's Connection will only be open if there is enough
interest on full days off school*



Kid's Connection



Summer Camp 2018



Who: All children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade

When: Monday through Friday, starting June 11, 7AM to 5:30PM

Where: Kid's Connection at Christ United Methodist Church in Jacobus, and Adventures to other local places each week!



Summer Camp will venture out each Thursday to for a terrific trip somewhere local. In addition, we have water day each Friday and visit a nearby pool a few times a month!

For more info: Contact Tess at (717) 951-2611 or email us at kidsconnectionat-cumc@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Office Hours
 Monday through Thursday
 8:00 am till 1:00 pm
 Closed on Fridays and Holidays

**THE PASTOR'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 ON FRIDAYS**

Pastor Bryan Hours
 Monday through Thursday
 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM

Pastor Bryan is available
 other times by appointments by
 Email
 cumcjacobus@gmail.com
 717-428-1424



Quilts of Valor

We invite you to join the cause and make an American patchwork quilt for maybe a special warrior/veteran that you may know or one that you don't know but would like to thank. Please join us the quilters will be sewing on Tuesdays March 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 12:30 PM at the home of Linda Wright. Contact Linda if your interested at atlswwri@comcast.net

The individuals listed below are our shut-ins and our members who are currently living in Independent Living Facilities, Assisted Living, and Nursing Homes. Many of them cannot attend church on a regular basis. We encourage you to send cards, visit, and pray for them in order to stay connected.

Sam and Loretta Crane	6788 Seneca Ridge Drive, York, PA 17403-9478 (Sam's Birthday: October 27) (Loretta's Birthday: May 28)
Lorna Hengst	Unknown address Birthday: September 8)
Gladys McWilliams	Colonial Manor (across from York Hospital) (Birthday: August 16)
Myrtle Myers	4 North Pleasant Avenue, Jacobus, PA 17407 (Birthday: June 16)
Betty Snyder	Manor Care Dallastown 100 West Queen Street, Dallastown, PA 17313 (Birthday: March 5)
Percy Stump	238 Pine View Lane, York, PA 17403 (Birthday: July 13)
Ginny McWilliams	1801 Folkemer Circle, York, PA 17404 (Birthday: January 21)

If you know of any other names to be added to the list, please contact the church office at 428-1424 or at cumcjacobus@gmail.com.

Spiritrust Lutheran

Ginny McWilliams

Manor Care Dallastown

Betty Snyder

Colonial Manor (across from York hospital)

Gladys McWilliams



Remember our Seniors

Mission

So far this January and February we helped a single dad with three kids with his water bill.

After assisting a young couple, getting off the expressway, taking them to church, filling their car with gas several times so they could get to work, paying their car payment, insurance, and phone and service a insurance, and offering them a warm place with food for several days, they now have a place in Greensburg and work only 15 minutes away from there. Thanks to those of you who gave cash and food to help them.

We have been delivering food to Loganville Springfield Elementary School for the backpack program for the weekends along with one family meal. The cash given is very much appreciated.

We helped another family with food from the food pantry.

Mission central also out with bed pads and depends for a family member under Hospice care. They are also very thankful.

From Bupps Union a truckload of furniture was given for another family.

As you see nothing is wasted, so if you have any furniture you may not want, we can always find a home for them.

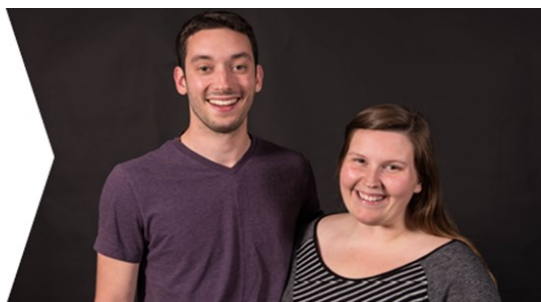
Remember as you house clean, the next yard sale is in July. Bring your things to the park and we will take care of it from there. Whatever you do for one in need you do for Jesus.

Backpack Program: We would like to continue with our backpack program donations please add your items to the box outside of the sanctuary every week thank you for your help. If you have any questions please call **Paula at 428-2381** items needed Crackers, Protein bars/cereal bars, Noodles, Rice, or Monetary donations.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. These, then, are the things you should teach. (Titus 2:11-15)



DISCIPLEMAKERS
MINISTRY UPDATE
from Brandon and Madi Wenger



Dear friends,

Christians are the recipients of God's grace, and God's grace is what saves and changes people and helps them to live God honoring lives in this life. Christians are called to teach about God's grace in Christ Jesus and offer that salvation to others.

Brandon and I are eye witnesses to how God's grace changes students on campus and helps them to live God-honoring lives, teaching them "to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions." **This is why we faithfully labor semester after semester on campus, because God offers salvation to all people, but there need to be people to teach students about these things.**

As this semester begins, we are reminded daily of the need to be teaching students about the grace of God and how he offers salvation to all people.

Disciple Makers Mailing Address:
[365 Science Park Rd](https://www.dmm.org)
State College, PA 16803
wengerm@dm.org

New Life Crafts for Missions

The New Life Crafts Ministry is excited about the upcoming projects that we have earmarked for 2018. In January we made NFL team "yarn birds" to take to our craft shows throughout the year. In February we completed more boxes and star ornaments from the greeting cards that you generously provided. Thank you for your continued support. This month we are making special Easter crafts that will be sold in Hebrews Café. There are samples at the craft table along with a sign-up sheet for ordering. These will be available for pick up on March 18 and 25. Check it out!

This ministry is open to everyone of all ages for the purpose of using our God-given talents to create "new life" out of old, recycled materials, even as we remember the "new life" He gives to us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Won't you consider joining in this fellowship on the following craft nights in March:

Tuesdays, March 13 and 27 @ 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 15 @ 10:00 AM

Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

Join us in
Love, Grow

our Mission to
and Serve.



Easter Services:

Palm Sunday **March 25th** Service 9:30 AM
Maundy /Holy Thursday **March 29th – 7 pm**
Combined Service
with Pine Grove at
Christ Church



Good Friday
March 30th 7PM Combined Service at Pine Grove

Sunrise Service Sunday
April 1st – 6:30 am
Lakeview Park Building



Breakfast to follow

Easter Service



April 1st – 9:30 am

EASTER SUNDAY

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

It's not long until Easter! Once again, we would like to add to the beauty of Christ Church UMC Jacobus on Easter morning with special Easter flowers.

We invite you to place your plants in Honor of, Memory of, or Presented by

The last Sunday to order will be March 11, 2018. We would appreciate payment for the plants when ordered, if at all possible. All checks should be made out to "Christ UMC" marked for flower order. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by March 18.

Daffodil:

- 4.5" Mini Daffodil \$6
- 6.5" Mini. Daffodil 'Tete a tete' \$9
- 8" Daffodil 'Marieke' (Golden Yellow) \$10

Tulips: Color Choices: Red, Yellow, Purple, and Pink

- 4.5" (3 bulbs) \$6
- 6.5" (6 bulbs) \$8
- 7" (8 bulbs) \$10
- 8" (10 bulbs) \$15
- 10" (12 bulbs) \$20

Hyacinths: Color Choices: Punk, Blue, White, and Purple

- 4.5" (1 bulb) \$3
- 6.5" (3 bulbs) \$8
- 7" (4 bulbs) \$10
- 8" (6 bulbs) \$15
- 10" (8 bulbs) \$20

Easter Lilies:

- 6" (4-6 Blooms) \$12
- 6" (7-8 Blooms) \$14
- 6" (9+ Blooms) \$16
- 6" (Double bulb) \$19
- 8" (3 bulbs) \$21

Asiatic Lilies:

- 6" Color Choices: yellow, orange, pink, red \$13

Mums:

- 4.5" Assorted \$6
- 6.5" Cushion: Color choices: yellow, white, lavender \$12
- 6.5" Daisy: Color choices: yellow, white, lavender \$12
- 6.5" Easter Egg Mix \$12



Easter Services

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY March 11, 2018!

Please pick up your flowers after the Easter Service at 9:30 AM on April 1, 2018

Bible Study

Men's Ministries



Meets Tuesday Night
6:30 PM
in our Hebrew Café



Fit for life is a class for anyone
which meet Thursday Nights

6:15– 7:30 PM

Learn how to be fit spiritually !
physically !

Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2018 is located on the bulletin board as you come into the church. If you would like to sponsor altar vases for a particular Sunday in 2018, please sign up on the chart. The cost of two altar vases is **\$35.00**. Payment of flowers should be made to the church treasurer by placing the money in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate that it is payment of altar flowers. If possible, please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder (either in honor of, memory of, etc.).

Fellowship

Looking for volunteers to donate food for our fellowship gathering between Worship Service and Sunday School. Sign-up sheet is on our bulletin board any questions contact Kris Clark at **kclark@arglobal.com**

Worship Folders

If you would be willing to sponsor the worship folders for a month in 2018, please sign the chart on the bulletin board. The cost for the month is **\$25.00**. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as for the altar flowers. Please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder.

Newsletter Sponsors

We are asking for sponsors for the monthly newsletter. The cost for this is **\$40.00** for the month. A chart is placed on the bulletin board for anyone interested in signing up. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as the altar flowers. Please indicate how you would like the presentation to read in the newsletter.

**When you are signing up for flowers, fellowship,
worship folders or newsletter,
please sign up to be a greeter in 2018!
ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD**

New Beginnings

Thank you all for supporting phase 1 , as you know we have phase 2 to complete , we are planning to start sometime in the spring but, we need to reach our goal of funding for this project.

Please search your hearts as we are all in this together. We have many other projects that we are working on and God has blessed us in obeying him. Thank you again for your support and God bless.

Solomon Bailey trustee



*March 11, 2018
Daylight Saving Time Begins*



*March 20, 2018
Spring Begins*



March

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Fleckenstein
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schaefer
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Seitz
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crane



March

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Kaitlin Kot | 22 Faith Boyer |
| 2 Macy Schaefer | 23 Jeremy Wagner |
| Paul Wagner | Rosalyn Wagner |
| 3 James Beard | 24 Lynwood Smith |
| Lisa Jackson | Keith Andrew Warfel |
| 5 Anna Smith | 25 Kenneth New |
| Betty Snyder | 27 Colleen Fleckenstein |
| 6 Shawn Kelly | Nathaniel Mann |
| Tammy Ream | Dakota Weitkamp |
| 7 Lisa Jackson | 28 Wendy Hewitt |
| 8 Lauren Chilcoat | 29 Leroy Koons |
| 10 Lydia Trout | John Swonger |
| 12 Douglas Bortner | Randy Shearer |
| 14 Kristen Wagner | 31 Tori Lyter |
| 18 Jeffrey Bortner | |
| 19 Kaitlin Davis | |



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with a blessing and prayer to*