

## Christ Church UMC Jacobus

March/April 2017

### The Journey of Faith

*Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.*

Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> will be Ash Wednesday in which we start the forty days of Lent. Jesus said if we are to walk the journey successfully we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Him. Some call these forty days, "Walking the Way of the Cross" where we join Jesus in the journey to the cross.

We have a hard time taking a journey in today's world. We don't want to wait for anything. It's instant gratification or nothing. If we need cash now, we use an ATM. If we want to eat now, we use the drive thru where we order, pay and pick up the food in the matter of minutes. I can remember a McDonalds that had a sign that read, if we don't have your order in 90 seconds, the meal is on us. When we go grocery shopping we can get instant rice, coffee, oatmeal, and other microwavable items that cook within minutes. It's instant gratification, and a journey takes time.

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Cont. from the Pastor.....

I believe that God has orchestrated this venture to bring us together and not just to provide a place to worship, but to be in a position where we have to trust him with all our hearts. Pine Grove Church has been so gracious and loving that it has lightened the burden we carry. It is also bringing renewal and healing but as in all journeys, it will take time. Since Pastor Joel has announced his moving on to a call to another ministry, it's our time to reciprocate what they have brought to us.

Like the scripture says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight."

I don't know what the path will look like after this is all over, but I do believe that if we trust in Him, we will all appreciate the journey!

In Christ,  
Pastor Bryan

**Worship Service Times @**  
Pine Grove UMC  
2523 Pine Grove Road  
York, PA 17403

March 1 Ash Wednesday 7 PM  
March 5 First Sunday Lent Service  
March 12 Second Sunday Lent  
March 19 Third Sunday Lent  
March 26 Fourth Sunday Lent

April 2 Fifth Sunday Lent  
April 9 Palm Sunday  
April 13 Maundy Thursday 7 PM  
April 14 Good Friday 7 PM  
April 16 Easter Sunrise Service 7  
AM @ Pine Grove UMC Cemetery

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**Sunday March 12, 2017**

Remember to turn your clocks ahead  
One hour before retiring  
Saturday Evening.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Egg hunt at Lakeview Park, 18 Water Street, Jacobus, PA 17407 Saturday April 8 at 10 am. Ages 0-6th grade. Please send donations of money or candy to Robin Brunner or Rachel Gainer. Candy MUST be small enough to put in eggs - last year so much of the candy was too big and the eggs opened before the hunt! Volunteers to help appreciated that morning at 8:30!



## Building Project Christ Church UMC Phase I

The church has received in cash \$16,761.40. Pledges of \$14,500.00 from missions which will be held in their account. We also are working on receiving \$6,000 from the endowment fund which would bring the church total to \$37,261.40. We have reached the goal of \$36,000 for phase I! Please continue sending the checks to the church using the building fund envelopes or address the envelopes in care of the building fund. We still have phase II to reach. Thank you

## Christ Church Jacobus

Pastor Dr. Bryan L. Mann Office Hours Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM closed on Friday Pastor Bryan is available other times by appointments by calling 717-428-1424 to set one up. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM closed on Fridays and holidays. You also may email the church @ [cumcjacobus@gmail.com](mailto:cumcjacobus@gmail.com)

## Christ Church Jacobus UMC temporarily worship with

### Pine Grove UMC

2523 Pine Grove Road  
York, PA 17403

Sunday Morning

Sunday School  
8:30 AM

Traditional Worship  
Service 9:15 AM  
Contemporary Worship  
Service 9:30 AM

# Kid's Connection



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*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

Hello! Happy spring! Spring is one of my favorite times of year - the weather gets warmer and we can see God's beauty blossoming all around us. Kid's Connection will also be excited to be able to enjoy the outdoors again! First off, thank you to everyone for making it a smooth transition to the different classrooms as Christ UMC goes under some construction. So far, it has been going great! In addition, just a note, our newsletters will now come out every other month, instead of every month. Happy Easter to you all- hope you are able to celebrate with friends and family and remember the reason behind this very special holiday. God bless you now and always!

~Miss Tess

## Upcoming Events in March

6- No School\*

27- Early Dismissal

## Looking Ahead to April

14- No School & Kid's Connection Closed (Good Friday)

17- No School\*

28- Early Dismissal

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

We are faithfully supporting our missionaries every month: COM, Disciple Makers/Madi Zoller, Teen Haven of York, Neighborhood Center, House of Hope, SEND-Linc Kay Myers, Malawi/Reverend Blessings, and apportionments to the UMC-remember getting your gifts cards for Giant, Nell's, Weis (proceeds from that as well as 10% of yard sales will help to support that).

**Memorial Day Weekend:** One way to help is having another yard sale Memorial Day weekend- so start now as you house clean and bring your things and drop them off at the band stand at the park or call me (717) 428-2381.

Many thanks to our brothers and sisters at Pine Grove church for opening their doors to be able to come and worship with them.

*A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.*

# New Life Crafts for Missions

Meetings will continue at Christ UMC the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the lower level Sunday School classrooms. Please join us as we look ahead to the Jacobus 4<sup>th</sup> of July Blast and Labor Day community events. We are planning specific crafts for sale and give-a-way crafts for children for these two events. Many hands are needed at this time to complete these projects.

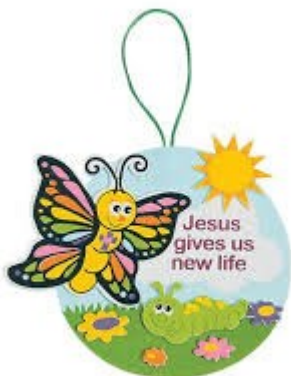
We are grateful to Pine Grove Church for providing our Craft Ministry with space in their vestibule area to display and sell our crafts during this time of construction at our church. Please check this out, as new crafts have been added for the Easter season. As we did in Hebrews Café, purchases can be made by placing monies in the money box provided.

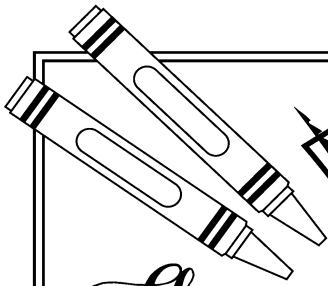
Meeting dates for March and April (6:00 PM)

- March 14 and 28
- April 11 and 25

All are welcome to join us as we create "new life" out of old, recycled materials - just as Christ gave us "new life" through His life, death and resurrection.

*"Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." - Psalm 115:1*





# PUZZLE

## The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

**Directions:** Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.  
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	_____
A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	_____
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R T U V W X Y Z	_____
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When I am in \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
because you \_\_\_\_\_ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.  
Psalm 86:7, NIV



Please join Christ Church Jacobus as we have been welcomed to combine our Wednesday night connect @ Pine Grove UMC starting with dinner at 5:30 PM.



### Wednesday Night Meals

**3-1-17**

Soup and Salad  
Chicken Nuggets  
Chicken and Dumpling  
Maryland Crab  
Loaded Baked Potato  
Salad Bar & Fruit  
Bread

**3-8-17**

Taco's and Taco Salad  
Mexican Rice  
Fruit

**3-15-17**

Baked Potato Bar  
Pulled Pork and Ham  
Salad & Fruit

**3-22-17**

Breakfast for Supper  
Pancakes  
Scrambled Eggs  
Baked Oatmeal  
Hash Brown Casserole  
Bacon & Sausage  
OJ & Milk

**3-29-17**

Hamburger Stroganoff  
Peas  
Cole Slaw  
Fruit  
Pickles & Veggies

**4-5-17**

Hibachi Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Fruit

**4-12-17**

Hot Dogs and Bratwurst  
Baked Beans  
Veggies & Dip  
Fruit

**4-19-17**

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Fruit

**4-26-17**

Subs  
Soup  
Carrots and Dip

**5/1/17**

Pizza  
Salad Bar

### Chili's was Proud to Support Christ Church UMC Jacobus

With a give Back fundraiser for the church on Monday February 20, 2017. Thank you to all who participated in our first Give Back Night at Chili's! In addition to the many members of



Christ UMC Jacobus, some others from the community came out to support our church, including our brothers and sisters in Christ from Pine Grove UMC! Praise God for wonderful and supportive neighbors and friends! Seth estimates there were over 100 people who were dining in or who got Chili's To Go. He also said that it was one of Chili's most successful Give Back Nights they've ever seen!

As for how much the church earned from the fundraiser, we are still waiting to hear the total number from the Chili's corporation. From there, we will get a check with the final amount. According to the Chili's staff who were working during the event, it was a success!

Thank you all!

Rachel and Seth Gainer

Christ Church will be receiving a check for \$320 from Chili's.



# March/April Anniversary!

## MARCH

- 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

## APRIL

- 6 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bortner
- 9 Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ream
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shaulis
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Nace
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Koons
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Wagner



## Visit Our Shut Ins

Sam Crane	10/27
Loretta Crane	05/28
6788 Seneca Ridge Drive	
York, PA 17403-9478	

Margaret Ferree	02/12
39 York Road	
Jacobus, PA 17404	

Ginny McWilliams	01/21
The Village at Sprenkle	
1801 Folkemer Circle	
York, PA 17404	

Gladys McWilliams	8/16
18 Park Street	
Jacobus, PA 17407	

Myrtle Myers	6/16
4 North Pleasant Avenue	
Jacobus, PA 17407	

Betty Snyder	3/5
Manor Care, Dallastown	
100 West Queen Street	
Dallastown, PA 17313	

Percy Stump	7/13
238 Pine View Lane	
York, PA 17403	

The individuals listed above are our shut-ins and 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.



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Mary Geiselman
- 3 Glenda Gohn  
Carson Schaefer  
Edith Sielsch  
Gary Wright
- 5 Evan Eberly
- 7 John Krall
- 9 Melissa Beard
- 10 Donna Bortner
- 11 John Waltemyer
- 12 Amelita Cunningham
- 13 Kraig Rishell  
Bonnie Seitz
- 14 Luke Ganley
- 18 Frank Curry  
Scott McKenzie
- 23 Brent Bortner  
Bethany Kelly
- 24 Lindy Ann McDonald  
Connie Dodson  
Anita Viands  
Dana Warfel  
Kelsey McGuire
- 26 Lamanda Mills
- 27 Sydney Plitt
- 28 Rebekah Ganley  
Nick Loucks  
Linda Warfel  
Casey Wright
- 30 Lee Cunningham  
Brenan McDonald  
Aaron Wright

# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

**February 26, 2017**

Shannon Whitmore

brain surgery

Sharon Smith

non hodgkins Lymphoma, stage 3

**Submitted by:**

Edith Sielsch

Renee Eastwood

**February 19, 2017**

Family of Shirley Wolf-Sloat

Anne Kistler

**February 12, 2017**

Edith Chesney

health issues

Edith Sielsch

**February 5, 2017**

Pam and Jim Love

Pam is fighting for life  
do to recent surgery

Renee Eastwood

**Long Term**

Owen Taylor

Heart transplant

Diana Kistler

Ayden Zigler-Kohler

8 year old brain tumor

Anne Kistler

Hudsen Wolfe

7 year old brain tumor

Anne Kistler

Steve Martin

stage 4 pancreas cancer

Dave Kistler

Horace Miller

Kidney transplant

Sonia Heidler

Ruth Ann Peters

Sonia Heidler

Greg Bortner

Sonia Heidler

Joanne Kaufman

Cancer

Paula Shearer

Heather Doyle

Melanoma treatments

Deb Schaefer

Brooks Argento

Brain tumor

Kris Clark

Ruby H-ABC

Robin Brunner

Diane Cambell

Cancer

Carolyn Koons

Barbara Gastiger

4 stage cancer

Lucille Schackert

Kevin Stough Family

Lucille Schackert

Jeanette Curry-member

Connie Miller

Frank and April Serra

deployed national guard  
(6 months left 10.23.16)

Pastor Bryan

Tori Brackbill 15 month old severe health concerns

Marcus Josey 18 years old Leukemia

Mason Heffelfinger 9 year old with Cancer

Nadine Troia Brain tumor

Pastor Harold Snyder-member Health

(Butch)

## **Our missionaries:**

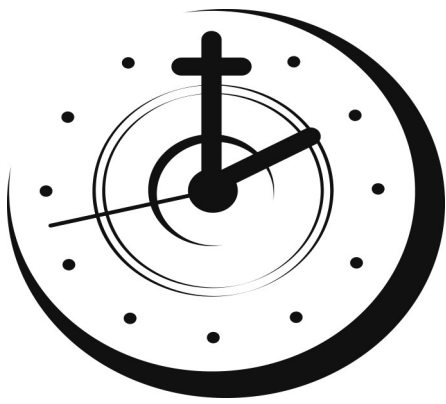
COM-Ben and Cathy Bidelspach,  
Rev. Ken Wagoner  
SEND-Linc and Kaye Myers  
Disciple Makers- Madi Wenger  
Malawi-Rev. Blessings Magomero  
Neighborhood Center  
York Teen Haven  
House of Hope

## **Passed away:** Susan A.

"Sue" (Folkenroth) Olp, 69,  
died Saturday, January 21,  
2017, at her home. Sue and her  
husband Bob owned and oper-  
ated the Olp's Flower Shop in  
Jacobus where she worked for  
34 years

## **Prayers for**

Pray for the reconciliation in USA  
Pray for the future of Christ Church UMC  
Victims and Their Families of Quebec  
City  
Victims and Their Families of Southern  
Tornado's  
Victims and Their Families of New Orleans  
Victims of Terrorism throughout the world  
World peace  
Jacobus Community  
Caitlyn Coleman & Joshua Boyle  
(prisoners in Afghanistan) 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



**Our life is like the dial of a clock.** The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again — the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure point: the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

—Virginia Brandt Berg

## **Easter lifts the fog**

A friend stood one day where he could view the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. At first it was completely shrouded in early morning fog. But as the sun rose, the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, leaving the land anchors still unseen.

Is it not so with life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts the fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life.

—George Mecklenberg

## **First Sign of Spring**



**In *The Story of the Easter Robin*** (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early-spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.





## Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies you may place an order on the sign up sheet in Pine Grove lobby on the bulletin board. Please put your money in either offering plate marked for Easter Lilies. The dates for ordering are on the sign-up sheet. Any questions call 428-2414 church office.



## First Evening

with our new friends from Pine Grove UMC for our Wednesday night correct.



**Quilts of Valor** The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Christ Church of Jacobus has been proud to hand out several quilts to our veterans. If you would like to help please join us as we sew at the home of Linda Wright on Mar. 7, Mar. 21, April 4, and April 18.

## Bible Study Join Us!

### Christ UMC Jacobus Church

Men meet every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM

Daughters of Christ (Women's Ministries) meet the second Saturday of Each month at 6:00 PM

Thursday night @ 6:15 PM everyone is invited to learn about Fit for God bible Series



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