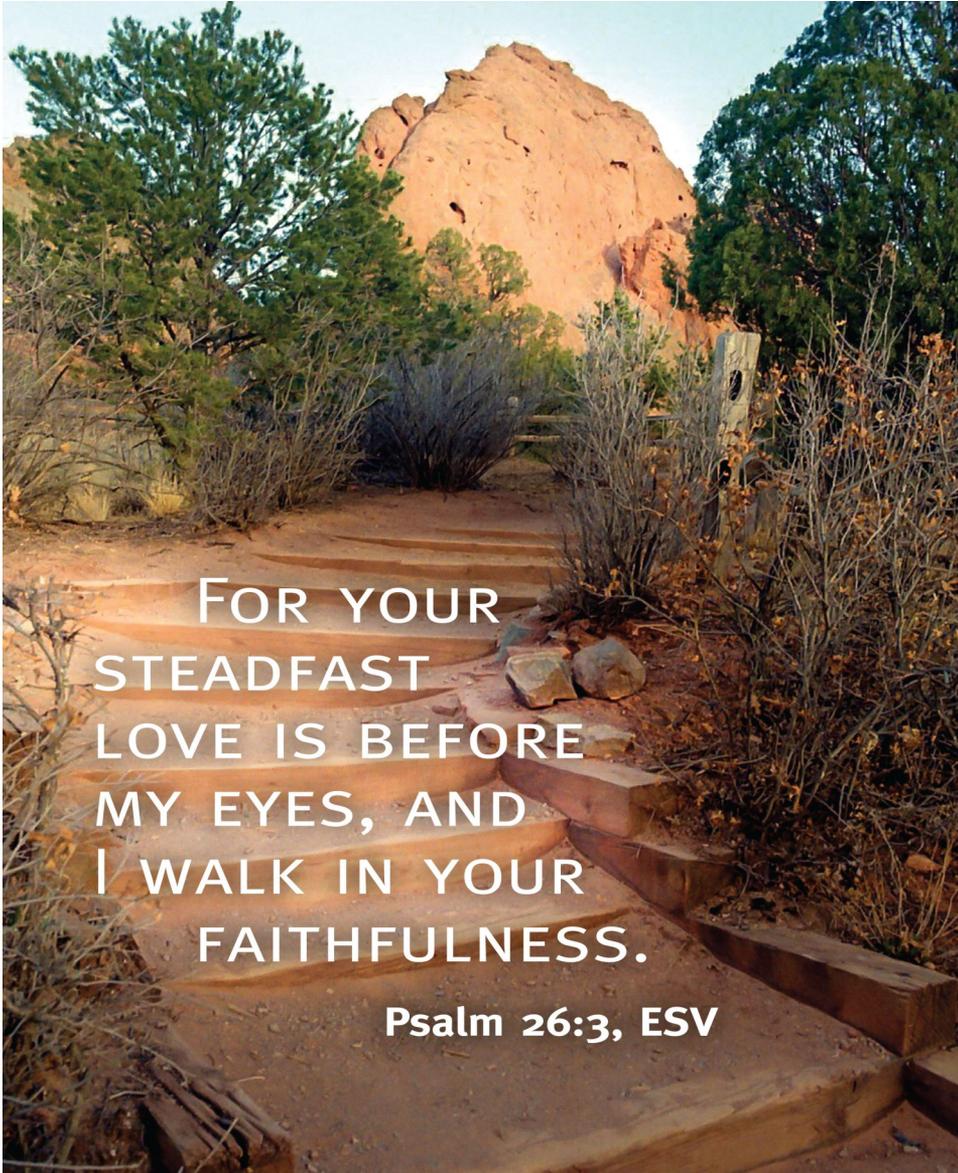


The Good News Courier

October 2018

*Christ Church UMC Jacobus
200 N Main Street
Jacobus, PA 17407*



FOR YOUR
STEADFAST
LOVE IS BEFORE
MY EYES, AND
I WALK IN YOUR
FAITHFULNESS.

Psalm 26:3, ESV

“RESTORED”

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

The Babylonian captivity or exile refers to the time period in Israel’s history when Jews were taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon. It is an important period of biblical history because both the captivity/exile and the return and restoration of the Jewish nation were fulfillments of Old Testament prophecies. As prophesied in Scripture, the Jewish people would be allowed to return to Jerusalem after 70 years of exile. That prophecy was fulfilled in 537 B.C., and the Jews were allowed by King Cyrus of Persia to return to Israel and begin rebuilding the city and temple. Ezra was the second of three key leaders to leave Babylon for the reconstruction of Jerusalem. Zerubbabel reconstructed the temple (Ezra 3:8), Nehemiah rebuilt the walls (Nehemiah chapters 1 and 2), and Ezra restored the worship.



Ezra returned to Jerusalem expecting to find the people joyfully serving God but he found the complete opposite. Even though he was frustrated and his heart ached, he still trusted in God. Ezra wanted the people to know how important and essential the Word of God was to all. He felt that nothing was more important than worshipping God, and that obedience is not optional. Even when His plan seems to be interrupted, as with the rebuilding of Jerusalem, God steps in at the appropriate time to continue His plan.

God is just as intimately involved in our lives, and like Ezra we are sometimes enabled to do the impossible. Ezra did the impossible, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him (Ezra 7:9). Every believer is a living temple (1 Corinthians 6:19) in which the Holy Spirit dwells. The opposing forces in Ezra's day were people with evil in their hearts. The opposing force in our Christian lives today is the evil one himself, Satan, who has come to destroy us and in turn destroy God's temple (John 10:10). Our goals should be worthy in God's eyes as well as our own. Ezra's goal was worthy in God's eyes and with the hand of God upon him, he effectively rebuilt God's city and restored worship.

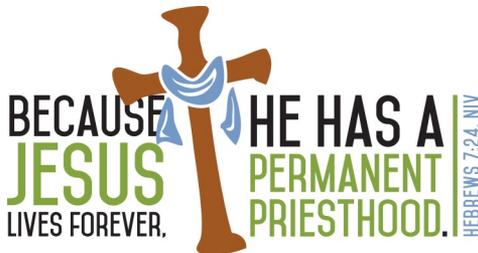


We've been back in Christ Church for eight months now. Worship has been restored and we have been about God's business. Phase one has been completed and our fire exits are safe, but we have to stop the water problem. Phase Two has started which will correct that particular issue and we can then say the church building has been restored! Just like Ezra, if our goal is worthy in God's eyes, it will be restored.

The finished product also has a cost. Funds have been donated but we still need more to complete the restoration. If you feel led to donate to Phase Two, we would greatly appreciate it. Please make sure you mark your contribution "Phase Two." "Together we anticipate saying, "The church building is restored!" Thank You for your continued support.

In Christ,

Pastor Bryan



SUNDAY Services

HOSPITALITY GREETER-Connie Dodson

LAY READERS-Sam Flick

GREETERS-

Acolyte-

Flowers –

Fellowship Gathering-

Nursery/Sunday School-Pam Fry

Christian Education–



We are seeking individuals or groups who would like to provide special music during worship. If you are interested please contact Pastor Bryan or Kris Clark. We would love to have you share your talent with us on a given Sunday

[Email-cumcjacobus@gmail.com](mailto:cumcjacobus@gmail.com)



Finance Budget

August income = \$11,796.80

August expenses = \$21,028.99

minus building = \$329.00

minus building = \$534.92

minus Kids Connection = \$3,145.80

minus Kids Connection = \$5,498.19

Total = \$8,322.00

Total = \$14,995.88



Sunday Morning Services

9:30 AM-Traditional Worship Service

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

10:45 AM-Sunday School



TRUE NORTH, PRAISE, WORSHIP
and
PRAYER CONTEMPORARY
SERVICE.

Starting Sunday October 14th at 6:30 pm a new service will begin!

If you are looking for an alternative for Sunday morning due to work, sports or you just want something that will feed your soul. Come and join us to find your True North!



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

Rev. Dr. Bryan Mann, Pastor

Email-bmann1538@gmail.com



CHINA OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Ben & Cathy Bidelspach

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Serving Chinese Locally
Reaching the World for Christ

Praise God!!! The cancer surgeon gave me good news this afternoon. The mass is a desmoid tumor which is not cancer. Because surgery would be very extensive, he doesn't recommend surgery unless the tumor grows or causes problems. Since I am not in pain and do not have any symptoms, we are going to watch it to see if it grows or begins to cause problems. It could even shrink or stay the same and I can live with that! Thanks so much for all your prayers. We are so thankful for God's grace and mercy. I can't imagine living without knowing how much I am loved by my heavenly Father.

Another praise: Ben's mother is no longer suffering. Yesterday, she went home to be with her Savior. Instead of me having surgery next Thursday, we can attend Mom's celebration of life. Please continue to pray for Ben and his sister Shirley, his brothers Harry and Truman and the rest of the family this next week.

Thankful for our COM family,
Cathy & Ben





DISCIPLEMAKERS
MINISTRY UPDATE
from Brandon and Madi Wenger



London Mission Trip 2018

Hello Dear Friends,

I was standing on a crowded street in London with a smile on my face and a stack of Bibles in my hand, when a Middle Eastern man walked by. "Al-injeel, mejani!" (New Testament, a free gift for you!), I implored while offering him a Bible in my extended hand. He nodded but shook his head silently as if saying, "Thank you, but no thank you," and kept walking down the street.

A group of Middle Eastern women walked by, and I made the same offer. This time they looked at the Bible in my hand, considered it for a brief moment, and kept walking.

Some laughed at the fact that we were handing out Arabic Bibles, others responded in passionate debate, and many simply ignored us as we offered them a Bible in their own language.

There were times on the street when I felt discouraged as people would walk past and question, "Why am I here?" or think to myself "No one wants a Bible." But then someone would stop and ask if they could have a Bible. In that moment, I would be reminded that the Bible is a gift that many people do not have access to in their home countries.

Remember the man that originally walked past and said "Thank you, but no thank you" with his nod? Well, he walked back a few minutes later and asked in broken English if he could have the Bible in my hand. I smiled and offered it to him. He began thumbing through its pages as he walked away.

Why the Work Mattered

Standing on the street, smiling, and saying "Al-injeel, mejani!" might not sound like a meaningful or effective way to spend a mission trip, but here are a few reasons why it mattered:

- For thousands of vacationing Muslims, this would be their very **first encounter with a Christian**.
- People of Middle Eastern culture strongly value hospitality, so **gifts are inappropriate to refuse**
- Some people who were hostile to our team distributing Bibles visibly softened as we **calmly defended our faith and read scripture** to them.
- God often speaks to Muslims in dreams and visions, so our "sowing of seeds" was a small part of the process. We shared the gospel and, while some prayed to receive Christ, **we now trust God to open any or all of their hearts** however He wishes.

We were just one team of fifteen people. Many teams of people from across America did this work in London earlier this summer. Some do it **every summer**. Below are the results of this year's work accomplished in London. For every number you see, **someone can know who Jesus is!**

THANK YOU for praying for this trip! Beyond these stories, we have many more stories of how God was at work in the Middle Easterners that we met and in our team members throughout each day of this trip. If you would like to hear more, feel free to send us an email.

Also, would you pray with us that the Lord would use the Bibles that many received to soften their hearts to know him and to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior?

For God's Kingdom,

Bible Study

Christ Church offers bible study for both men and women.

Sunday : 10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Forge Men's Ministry

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Adult Table Talk

Thursday: 6:15 PM Fit for God Bible Study



Community Food Bank

October 13, 2018 Free Breakfast from 8:30 AM– 10:30 AM.
Second Saturday of Every Month with food pantry until Noon

Lakeview Park Building

18 Water St. in Jacobus

Other times available by appointment Call– 717-428-1424

Thanks to all the kitchen staff and others who helped to greet and distribute food from the food pantry. We could not have done it without you. Also a big thank-you to Paula Shearer who organized the Food Pantry distribution.

This will be an on- going mission at CUMC

We will be having the free breakfast and Food Pantry every 2nd Saturday of the Month. If you would like to help with this mission, there will be a signup sheet on the table in the entrance of the church for food donations or to help on the day of the event. You may also donate money to help defray any additional food costs. If you have any questions please call

Marie Routson (717-578-5728) or Paula Shearer (717-428-2381).

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Team



Upcoming DEADLINES

POSTCARDS: Please send in your postcard to the church office asap with your updated information please even if it is correct or not. Any questions please contact Robin Beck at cumcjacobus@gmail.com or Pastor Bryan Mann @ bmann1538@gmail.com thank you to the members that have replied already. We are still missing over 100 post-cards!



LIGHT THE NIGHT...

Wednesday, October 31st we will be joining the community on Trick or Treat night. We will be set-up on the lawn again this year and will be providing hot dogs and drinks. We want to show the community that Christ is alive and working through us by sharing his love with them.

We will need volunteers to help that evening with set up and clean up along with being a part of the activities for the evening. We will also be in need of donations for the evening.

I will have more details to follow and I will provide a sign-up sheet for volunteering and donations.



Light
**The
Night**
Wednesday October 31
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Christ Church Jacobus
ON THE FRONT LAWN BRING YOUR FRIENDS

MISSIONS HEADLINES

Helping Hands Missions Group

We are looking forward to **our Bazaar, October 4, 5, and 6.** By now you will have had the chance to look for anything you no longer need and bring it to the park. Over the years much has been given and sold to help those in need. I am so thankful to all of you who not only give but also help serve during those days.

We will also be selling chicken corn soup, vegetable soup, ham and bean soup, and crab vegetable soup along with subs, hot dogs, Hamburg barbecue, and desserts.

We've just finished roasting and cutting off the corn for our soup. Twenty gallon should last us for a while. Thanks to all who helped.

The Back Pack Program for the kids at Loganville Elementary School will begin again in October on a weekly basis. A list of food needed will be in your weekly bulletin.

We are still supporting our missionaries with China Outreach Ministries, SEND International, Disciple Makers, Malawi, Neighborhood Center, York Teen Haven, and House of Hope. We are also looking to support "Borderless Hope" in the Dominican Republic. If you would like to help support any of these ministries, just place your donation in an envelope with the mission you would like to support and your name and place it in the offering plate with your regular offering.

God bless all of you. Together we will stand.

Paula Shearer





October

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Kara Howington
Amanda Dougherty
Sam Flick | 18 | Lori Shaulis
Don Dodson |
| 3 | Linda Lehman | 19 | Denise Miller |
| 5 | Joni McKenzie | 21 | Joyce Johnson |
| 7 | Luke Wright | 22 | Cecelia Feree
David Kistler |
| 8 | Barry Gohn, III
Keith Hopkins
Grace McWilliams | 23 | Amy Flick
Jacob Fleckenstein |
| 9 | Ashley Arndt
Lynn Stump
Kendall Hake | 25 | Kevin Winter
Sam Crane |
| 16 | Tom McWilliams
J. Michael Brunner | 27 | Pam Fry
T. J. Kot |
| 18 | Ashley Eisensmith
Sonia Heidler | 29 | Richard Smith
Jeremy Yohe |
| | | 31 | Carroll Nace |



October

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey McGuire
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wright
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Winter
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Brunner
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Truman Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stump
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Laird
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. David Kistler
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark

Friday Sept . 21 they will pour part of the side walk , next week they will work on other parts, if weather holds up. Thank you for your support . Trustee, Solomon Bailey



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Kid's Connection

October 2018 Newsletter



“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Happy Fall!! What a beautiful season! We are so excited at Kid's Connection to have an amazing start to the school year. It is such a blessing to see the children's smiling faces each day! God bless you now and always, ~Miss Tess

What's Happening in October

4- No School; Full day In-Service

5- No School; Full day In-Service

Looking Ahead to November

19-Half Day

20- No School, Full Day In Service

21- No School

22-23 No School; Kid's Connection CLOSED for Holidays

26- NO School

PRAYERS

September 23, 2018

Submitted by:

Janet Gladfelter	(hospital)	Connie Miller
Robin Brunner	(health Concerns)	
Leroy Koons	(hospital)	Chevy Nace
Loretta Crane	(nursing home)	
	Manor Care South	Daughter
Sean Kiselnicki	(hospital)	Kris Clark
Randy Smith	(ICU)	Lynn Smith
Paul Stoner	(Kidney Stones)	Doris Lerew

September 2, 2018

Family of Senator John McCain

Long Term

Verna King		Glenda Farr
Glenda Farr	(health concerns)	self
Ed Roberts	(health concerns)	self
Kathy Sterner	(cancer)	Paula Shearer
Danny Hildebrandt	(health concerns)	Paula Shearer
Anne Kistler	(health concerns)	Pastor Bryan Mann
Sharon Smith	(non Hodgkin's Lymphoma)	Renee Eastwood
Brooks Argento	(brain tumor)	Kris Clark
Ruby Hoffman	(H-ABC)	Robin Brunner
Horace Miller	(health concerns)	Sonia Heidler
Ruth Ann Peters	(health concerns)	Sonia Heidler
Greg Bortner	(health concerns)	Sonia Heidler
Denise Wise	(health concerns)	Lucille Schackert
Destiny Herrington	(health concerns)	Lucille Schackert
Barbara Gastiger	(Cancer, Stage 4)	Lucille Schackert
Kaylie Heaton	(health concerns)	Lucille Schackert
Jeanette Curry	(health concerns)	Connie Miller

Victims and Their Families of Hurricane Florence
 Victims and Their Families of York and Lancaster County Flooding
 Victims and Their Families from California Wildfires
 Victims and Their Families from Western wild fires
 Victims and Their Families of Abuse
 Victims and Their Families of immigration policy
 American Migrant Asylum Seekers in US
 Victims and Their Families in Puerto Rico
 Victims and Their Families of famine in Somalia
 Victims of Terrorism throughout the world



MINISTRY TO THE **Homebound**

Sam and Loretta Crane

6788 Seneca Ridge Drive, York, PA 17403-9478
(Sam's Birthday: October 27)
(Loretta's Birthday: May 28)

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)

Spiritrust Lutheran

Ginny McWilliams

1801 Folkemer Circle, York, PA 17404
(Birthday: January 21)



Electronic Distribution

Our bulletins and newsletters are always available on the church's website at: <https://www.christchurchjacobus.org> The monthly newsletter will be sent as a PDF attachment to an email though our church please take a minute make sure your email is correct with the church office. There are still some concerns in regards to reaching everyone, so please make the church office aware of any issues. Other forms of distribution include mailing or picking up your copy at Sunday worship. However you receive your monthly newsletter, our goal is to provide everyone with an option that best suites their needs. We will not be mailing the newsletter unless you notify the church at 717-428-1424 Thank you .

You can also find the [Electronic form for giving](#) on our website Under Event Tab /community. The Electronic Giving form is located at the bottom left.



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