

March Newsletter



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Missions Meeting	3  CHOIR 7:15 Praise and Worship 6:30	4  WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action	5
6  Donut Social	7  Discussion Group	8  FAT TUESDAY 	9   Ash Wednesday Pot Luck Dinner	10  CHOIR 7:15 Praise and Worship 6:30	11	12  Soup Pick-Up 10-noon
13  	14	15 Bulletin and NewsLetter DEADLINE	16   Day Care Board Meeting  Lent 7:00 Lutheran Church	17  CHOIR 7:15 Praise and Worship 6:30 Stewardship Mtg Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19  Scrap Book Day!
20  Daffodil Sunday  YOUTH GROUP 5:30PM	21  Discussion Group Consistory 7PM	22	23   Lent 7:00 UCC Church	24  CHOIR 7:15 Praise and Worship 6:30	25	26 Social Hall 
27  VBS Meeting @ Subway	28	29  Young At Heart 	30   Lent 7:00 Lutheran Church	31  CHOIR 7:15 Praise and Worship 6:30		

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Spring! If I keep saying that enough times, I keep hoping it will happen. I don't know about you but I have cabin fever. I have had enough of being cooped up with the dogs, the kids, housework, etc....

The good news, is that it is March. We have a lot of great events scheduled for the month. We begin with the Donut Social on the evening of the 6th. We then celebrate Lent beginning on March 9th. Once again we will be joining our brothers and sisters from Saint Jacob's Lutheran Church. The service will be held at our church. We will begin with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm followed by service at 7. We celebrate the Service of Ashes and Communion that night. March 13, is the first Sunday of Lent. We will have service with communion. Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a joint Bible study on the "Bad Girls of the Bible." The service will begin at 7 pm and we will be alternating churches with Saint Jacob's Lutheran. If you are uncomfortable driving at night, please let me know and we can arrange car pools.

So questions always seem to be raised about some of the traditions of Lent.

Do we eat meat on Friday? The answer is yes. The practice of fasting and abstaining from certain foods is an ancient one that has been practiced by many religions. In the early years of Christianity in Europe, the Church instituted the practice of requiring the faithful to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in memory of Christ's death. During the season of Lent, the Church also called for abstaining from eating meat on Wednesdays as well as on Fridays.

While the Church called upon all of the adult faithful to abstain from meat on these days, the rule really only applied to the rich as the poor generally could not afford meat. Protestants generally do not follow that tradition although some churches are re-introducing the idea as a way to make Lent more meaningful.

Do we/should we give up something for Lent? Again the tradition was started as a way to remember Christ's sacrifice for all of us. Officially it is not part of our tradition. Newer traditions encourage the faithful to "take something on" during this season. We do not strictly adhere to the tradition but I would like to challenge you to take something on or give something up during the season. It is one way to make this season more meaningful. Could you take on praying with our prayer list in hand during the season? Praying for each name listed. Could you give up soda, so that each time you reached for one you remind yourself this is the season of Lent and Christ sacrificed all for me. And then say a quick prayer of gratitude. Could you take on the Bible study during Lent to grow in faith? Could you give up one hour on the computer or watching TV and spend time reading the Bible? Those are just a few ideas. May God bless you in the season of growth and sacrifice.

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa





Give Daffodils.....Give Hope

**March Mission
Daffodil Days**



March 20th will be Daffodil Day Sunday. As the first flower of spring, the daffodil is a symbol of hope. To the American Cancer Society, it represents the hope we all share for a future where cancer is no longer a life-threatening disease; no longer threatens those we love. You can provide hope to all people affected by the disease by participating in the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days. Daffodils may be sponsored in honor or memory of loved ones. Available this year is:

- Individual Bunch (10 daffodils) \$10 each
- Mini Potted Daffodils \$12 each
- Vase and a Bunch \$15 each
- Bear and a Bunch of 10 flowers \$25 each

Again this year as part of the Daffodil Days product line are Project Care and The Gift of Hope. Project Care will deliver a Bear anonymously to children in local hospitals, and many more places in your community. It will bring a smile to a child's face comforting them in their time of need. The Gift of Hope is a bouquet of 10 daffodil stems in a vase that is delivered to people with cancer in hospitals and treatment centers in our community. It is also delivered anonymously, and it's meant to share hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens us, or those we love. These new items are available for a \$25 or more donation and are 100% tax deductible; contribution record forms are available.

Deadline for orders is March 6th.

Please see **Wendy Bubb or Amy Meyer** for a donation form. By sending daffodils you are sharing a message of hope and raising funds and awareness to help defeat cancer. Thank you for your support.



ANNUAL DONUT SOCIAL

Keep **March 6th** open on your calendar!

Join us for our

Annual D  nut Social.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please do not forget we continue to collect donations for the St. Jacob's food bank.

Non perishable food goods as well as monetary donations are accepted. Food is distributed the first Saturday of every month. What better way to honor our Savior than by feeding one of his who is hungry.



Do you have a little angel that Is in need of childcare?

St. Jacob's Child Care has openings. Full & Part-Time Available for children ages 6 weeks - 13 years. Call 792-4322 to schedule a tour.

Communion Schedule:

- * Pew Communion
- ** Altar Communion
- ** March 9
- * March 13
- ** April 21
- * April 24
- * May 22
- * June 12
- * August 7
- * September 11
- * November 27
- * December 24

- Ash Wednesday
- 1st Sunday of Lent
- Maundy Thursday
- Easter
- Confirmation
- Pentecost
- Summer Communion
- 1st Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Eve



ONGOING FUND RAISERS



A Taste of Heaven Cookbook- \$10

Makes a wonderful gift or a great addition to your cookbook collection. Please contact Kim Criswell or the church office to order your copy today.



TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life is in full bloom with Sponsored Leaves. You may pick up your information/order form on the table by the sanctuary. Please contact the church office with any questions or to turn in your forms. Tammy, our office administrator, will be willing to work out a payment plan with you.



FOOD MARKET CARDS

WEIS MARKET and GIANT FOOD store grocery cards are available for purchase. Cards are available in either \$50 or \$100 amounts and like cash would be used at checkout to pay for items purchased. If your grocery total is less than the card amount, a balance would remain on the card, available for your next visit to the store. If you normally shop at either Weis or Giant please consider purchasing these cards and using them at the checkout. The St. Jacob's Child Care program purchases the cards at a 5% discount and will use the 5% savings to reimburse our church's general fund for utility and other operating expenses. You may purchase one or more cards after the weekly worship service in the office or you may stop by during the week between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. This program allows our church to benefit from your patronage at either of these stores. **Giant and Weis \$25 food cards are still available.**



Please check the Bulletin Board for the 2011 Flower/Bulletin sponsor sheets. The prices to sponsor have not changed.

- 1 Altar Vase—\$12.50,
- 2 Altar Vases—\$25.
- 1 Chancel Vase—\$17.50,
- 2 Chancel Vases—\$35
- Centerpiece—\$35
- Bulletins—\$7.

Old Ink Cartridges

We are collecting all types of old ink cartridges. Staples allows us to turn in old cartridges for rewards which can be used to buy supplies for the church. There is a box located in the office for cartridges.



SUNSHINE BOX COLLECTION—

Stacy Wagaman has been put on bed rest since Jan. 12th and her babies are not due till May. If anyone would like to give a small gift we will have a box in the vestibule on Sunday. Cards can also be sent to cheer her up. She is expecting twin boys.

—Thanks Lorrie Bechtel

CAMPBELL'S LABELS



(RE: 2009-2010 Campbell's UPC Eligible Products/etc.)

Subject: HEPHZIBAH MINISTRIES -

Hephzibah Children's Home - Macon, Georgia

I attended "The Great Smoky Mountains Gathering" in Pigeon Forge, TN the end of April which was again a very successful meeting. A few weeks before the Gathering, Hephzibah Children's Home ordered a new van which took 1.3 million Campbell Labels. They were so excited to share this information with us. On behalf of Hephzibah Ministries & myself I want to say "Thanks to every one of you folks that participated in this project at St. Jacob's" to make this purchase possible.

Also regarding the Prego Product-****Note: Starting 2009/2010 they want the UPC code on the label, not the lids from now on, please make a note of this!

Another thing that is very important, the Campbell Company will not except any labels that do not have the COMPLETE UPC CODE, must be all the numbers, can't be torn, nor taped, etc. or they will be thrown out. Please continue to drop off your labels in the Campbell's Baskets located in the Vestibule and in the Narthex. The new flyer is attached to the Campbell's Baskets.

WE NEED ALL THESE NUMBERS



Thanks Again!



Prayer P.U.S.H
(Pray Until Something Happens)
List



- Samantha Barley
- Iola B.
- Chanda Bloom & Family
- Ralph Bollinger
- Charles B.
- Barb D.
- Charles Dove
- Glenda
- Vance and Jan E.
- Terry Fink
- Kim Fitzkee Family
- Terry Forry
- Brandon G.
- Ralph Gilbert
- Judy G.
- Megan Harbold
- Pastor Lisa Hair
- Joe Heltebridle
- Harry Hoke
- Jim H.
- Barb Hoover
- Dylan Hughes
- Jacob
- Keith
- Art K.
- Clyde & Viola Keeney
- Glenn Keeney
- Dan Landis
- Trevadel Landis
- Tom Larson
- Charles Laughman
- Keith Lentz & Family
- Robert Morrow
- Joan Murray
- George Noel
- Roy Riley
- Jim Ristine Family
- Chase Rudisill
- Charles Schackert
- Isiah S.
- Kathy Shearer
- Shirley Smith Family
- Randy Tate & Family
- Donna Wagner

March Birthday's:



- 3rd Erin Claycomb
- 5th Linda Wolfe
- 6th Brianna Yost
- 10th Pastor Teresa
- 11th Lori Clark
- 14th Emily Forry
- 21st Nichole Shubert
- 23rd John Stough
- 26th Loretta Landis
- 27th Corey Markle
- 28th Richard Forry
Eugene Goodling
- 29th Linda Claycomb
- 31st John Eyster

March Anniversary's:



28th Earle & Linda Wolfe

A Special Message From:
Kathy Shearer

I'm almost finished! I'm about to graduate from Consolidated School Of Business. YEAH! But now I need to start looking for work. This is where I need your help. We were taught that networking is one way to find employment . If anyone knows of any jobs in the accounting field such as payroll, billing clerk or office work please let me know. You just never know someone might know someone who is looking for someone to hire with my new skills. I ask that you would pray that God will give me the courage and self confidence to find a job. He already knows where my next place of employment will be I just need to trust him.

*Thank you,
 Kathy Shearer*



Bulletin Announcements

There will NO longer be announcements added into the weekly Sunday Bulletins. **All announcements for the Newsletter and the Monthly Bulletin Announcement will be due by the 15th of every month.** You may drop off your announcement in the church office or email to the church office at st.jacob_ucc@verizon.net. If the announcement doesn't meet the deadline date it may be posted on the vestibule bulletin board. Also, for those who get their Newsletter by paper copy we will pass them out during the worship service for two Sundays before mailing; to help save on postage.



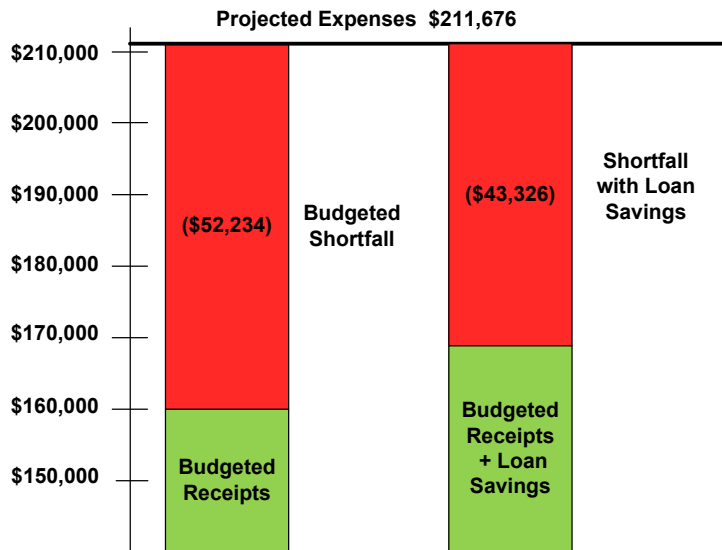
"A big thank you to all who generously donated "Birthday Kits" to be given to St Jacob's Lutheran food bank. Before the month ended we had collected around 20 kits. It was exciting to see the collection of brightly colored bags grow from week to week.

"A warm 'thank you' goes out to the many wonderful and generous members and friends for all of their time, talent and donations for the February Basket Bingo. Your support of this fundraiser is truly a blessing to St. Jacob's.

Budget Update for Full Year Numbers

As those of you who were at our annual meeting the end of January heard People's Bank agreed to a loan modification on our mortgage. The interest rate on the loan was changed to 5% from 6.14% and will stay in place for the next four years. The overall budget numbers for the year have changed as a result, with a reduction in the total expenses for the year, a reduction in our shortfall in meeting the expenses:

2011 Stewardship Update 2



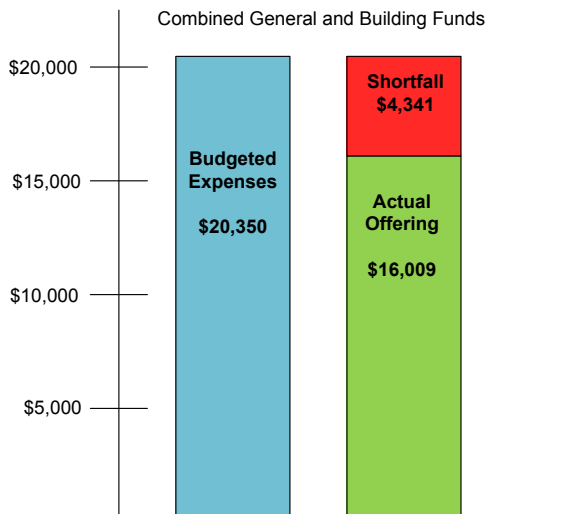
The consistory, and stewardship committee, will continue to look at expenses for the remainder of the year and in hopes of finding ways to intelligently reduce them.

Budget Update for January 2011

The following chart shows the budget numbers for the month of January. They were encouraging in that the level of giving has not fallen from last January. However, the numbers were not encouraging in the fact that we had a shortfall of over \$4300 for the five Sundays in the reporting period.

January 2011 Budget Numbers

(Covers 5 Sundays)





The Spiritual Life Board

Some members of the congregation have been asking about the fact that the members of consistory, and Pastor Teresa, have begun referring to ourselves as the Spiritual Life Board. Our reason - the change in name is a way to remind us of that we need to be more focused on the spiritual life of our church, not just the business of the church.

Our church's Bylaws state that "administration of the church is vested in the Consistory" and that the consistory "shall transact the business of the church". Most members of the congregation accept this "as a given" – the consistory is to take care of church business.

What a lot of members may not know is the Bylaws also state that "the Pastor and the Consistory shall act as a Spiritual Council for the church" which "shall be authorized to act upon all matters related to the church membership". The council is also tasked to "devise plans looking toward the quickening of the spiritual life of the church".

So an important duty of the consistory is to look for ways to awaken and grow the spiritual life of the congregation at St. Jacob's. Our goal for this year is to make this the highest priority. And no, it does not mean we will be neglecting the business part of our responsibilities. What it does mean is that we will work harder on ways to do God's business.

One thing we've done to start gathering ideas was to have the youth come to our February meeting. Last year the youth studied Paul letters in Sunday School, Pastor Teresa then had them write letters to the congregation stating what they did and didn't like about the way we do things here at St. Jacob's. Meeting with them was a way to get their input in person, and for them to see how the "regular" business of the church is conducted.

I strongly encourage anyone in the congregation, young or old, to attend our monthly meetings and let us know what you like, or don't like, about the way we are doing things at St. Jacob's. If you can't attend a meeting, but have ideas about how we can awaken and grow the spiritual life of our church, please talk with any of the Spiritual Life Board members.

Scott Becker
President, Spiritual Life Board

New Video Equipment

At the last meeting of the Worship Committee in January, the committee decided, along with the Spiritual Life Board's approval, to continue our twice monthly blended worship services. As a result the decision was also made to look into a permanent installation of video equipment in the sanctuary, versus the temporary screen and projector we are currently using.

The plan is to install a motorized screen in the ceiling of the choir loft, just forward of the visible organ pipes. The projector would also be mounted in the choir loft, on the altar side of the arch. A switch would be installed at the rear of the sanctuary, where the sound system is currently set up, to control the screen. The screen, when not in use, will retract into the ceiling.

A preliminary estimate was done on the cost of equipment for a screen, a new projector, and the needed hardware to install the equipment. The overall estimate was \$2,463.98. We have had one member of the congregation already agree to donate \$700 toward the cost of the screen, bringing the cost to the church down to \$1,763.98.

As I said, we do plan to move ahead with this project – and what we are looking for is other members of the congregation who would be willing to make donations toward the cost of this project. Any amount will be appreciated, and your donation will be going toward an important way to help our congregation move forward.

Scott Becker
President, Spiritual Life Board



ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD MEETING – December 20, 2010

Present: Reverend Teresa Hughes
Scott Becker
Matthew Harbold

Amy Meyer
Eric Barley
Heather Kuhn

Kim Criswell
Dave Wakeland

Tim Forry

Absent: Wendy Bubb Samantha Barley Karl Hoffman Claude Rohrbaugh Kim Wilhide

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with a small Christmas Service reading and prayer by Rev. Teresa Hughes.

Day Care Report – Eric Barley - Day Care held two Christmas Programs this year. The programs were taped and about 65 DVD's were sold.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Barley - Eric reviewed the report and it was approved as given. Budget Report was reviewed; only 20 Pledge Cards have been received. Tim Forry made a motion to accept the 2011 Budget. Kim Criswell, 2nd. Motion carried. January 9th a Congregational Meeting will be held after the service for the congregation to pass the Budget.

Secretary Report: November report approved as given.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Teresa Hughes.

Pastor Teresa distributed November and December's Pastor's Reports. Consideration was given of making an optional online offering for church members available. Committee restructuring has been completed. Claude Rohrbaugh agreed to remain on as head Trustee but does not want to remain on Consistory. Karl Henry will again head our fund raisers. An abbreviated Annual Report will be done this year focusing on the new committee restructures in lieu of the Yearly Annual Report due to the fact that most committees have not met on a regular basis throughout the year. Four adults have approached Pastor Teresa and would like to join as members. Pastor has 5 vacation days left for this year and will be cutting back on office hours throughout the rest of the year to use them. Motion made by Tim Forry, 2nd Kim Criswell and motioned carried to give a Grocery Gift card to Tammy and Annabel as a small token of appreciation for their service. Pastor Lisa and Pastor Teresa will be starting up a new Women's Group. Also, a joint Bible School is being discussed.

Trustee: The ice machine will be disconnected this week and ready for removal. Fellowship Hall floors were redone again; however we are still not satisfied with the job that was done in that area of the church.

Fellowship: Kim Criswell –About 104 attended the Dec 4th Church Christmas Dinner.

Discussion Items:

2012 Communion dates should soon be set and given to Lorrie Bechtel for her to order the Weekly Offering Envelopes.

December 4th Breakfast with Santa Claus and Friends had 66 attend.

2 Rental Agreements:

January 9: RaeJean Forry. Motion made by Matthew Harbold, 2nd Dave Wakeland, motioned carried.

March 26: Kathy Shearer. Motion made by Tim Forry, 2nd Kim Criswell, motioned carried.

February 6 is the UCC York Association Banquet. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those wishing to attend.

Meeting concluded at 8:30PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Meyer

Lent



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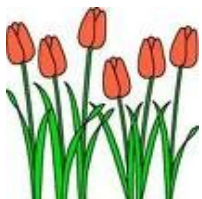
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 Resurrection
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Spring Time Is Here!



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Landscape
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Flowers
Rain
Showers
Sprinklers
Warm

Games
Celebrate
Season
April
Break
Vacation
Cruise

Swimming
Sunshine
Gardening
Budding
Kites
Birds

