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Thanksgiving: the religious freedom holiday



As we think of the Pilgrims who established the first Thanksgiving Day, we need to recall the reason they left the land of their birth and came to the New World. The Puritan separatists were not allowed to worship freely in England according to the dictates of their hearts and minds. In August of 1620, they boarded two small ships, the Speedwell and the Mayflower, in search of religious freedom in undeveloped America.

The Speedwell soon sprung leaks and most of the crew and passengers transferred to the Mayflower before the Speedwell turned back. There were 102 Pilgrims who suffered the 67 days of rough sailing before they finally landed in Plymouth Bay in November, 1620. Their troubles were just beginning. No housing awaited them. No reception group. No physicians or medical facilities. There were no stores. A cold winter lay ahead with sickness for most of them. At one point, only six people were well enough to help the sick and the dying.

By March 1621, not even a year after arriving, only 51 of the original 102 remained alive. It would be another two years before a ship arrived carrying supplies to help them. They were compelled to live off the land in whatever way they could. Fortunately, some Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, how to fish the waters, how to find game, how to live without the comforts of England or Holland. The newcomers built houses. They farmed. They fished. They filled a storehouse with corn and other foods. At the end of the first harvest, they decided to hold a feast of celebration and have a time of thanksgiving to God for their freedom to worship as their hearts desired.

They invited their Native American friends to enjoy the occasion with them. Ninety came and stayed for three days. They must have enjoyed the worship, feasting and merrymaking.

The main point to remember is that the Puritans were willing to pay an enormous price for the privilege of freedom of worship. They were profoundly grateful to God! Here, in America, no established church harassed them, no government agency restricted them, and no one ridiculed them. They were free to worship in the manner they chose. And they did just that! On Thanksgiving Day we will be grateful for our abundance, thankful for our manifold blessings. Let us also be profoundly appreciative of our freedom to worship according to our hearts and minds.



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The Ladies Aid would like to thank all those who made the recent Penny Social a success.

To all who help transport our parishioners who need transportation to & from church.

To **Pastor Linda Bohs**, Eldred United Methodist Church for substituting for Joy Stebbins as she recovers from back surgery. Pastor Bohs will be directing us on Tuesdays starting Sept 23rd @ 7pm.

Please join us! All are welcomed!

To **Dale Siemers** for keeping our sign current with those sayings and doing the yard work.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-

Box wrapping will be Oct 23 at 6 pm-

Box Packing will be on Tuesday November 11 @ 10 am

Please remember this outreach ministry when shopping. Items needed are flip flops, (all sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys, also heat resistant plastic small bowls. Thank you for all your support for this ministry.

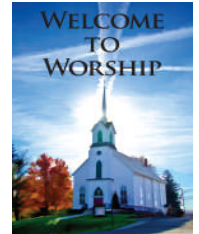
Remember when baking cookies bring some to share with our Seafarers Mission- Bruce & Anne are transporting these cookies to NYC-

ANNUAL MEETING NOV 9TH, following church service.



Our Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Darlene Bennett.

Our own Pastor Spohn has written a book titled "My Book- My Life's journey, artifacts and gems along the road". If you would like a copy of this book contact Pastor Spohn at email: Psp04@aol.com or call 610-530-5727. Make sure to include you address. A \$20.00 donation is suggested. All proceeds will be donated to Muhlenberg College Scholarship fund that has been established in Paul & Jane Ann honor.



Ser-vice at 11 am.



Remember that the Wednesday quilters meet Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. @ St Mark's social hall, they do quilts for the different charities, shelters and homeless in Pike County and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining them in this endeavor would be so welcome.

You don't have to be a quilter to help this group with their sewing.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL HAS BEGUN
EVERY TUESDAY- @ 7pm St. Jacobi church
PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS COMMUNITY OUTREACH
PROGRAM.**

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JOY STEBBINS & PASTOR
LINDA BOHS, OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR'S.**



**Please contact Grace Criscione, with any information for our newsletter.
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St. Jacobi Council Corner

Highlights from the October 9, 2014 meeting. Attendees were Pastor Owens, Joe Criscione, Dale Siemers, Ingrid Vogel, Karen Nieke, Elfriede Galuschak, Petra Kluge, Chris Protsko, Greg Protsko, Dotty Luca and Nick Luca.

Approved the minutes of the council meeting held September 2, 2014.

Reviewed and approved Treasurer's Reports for September 2014.

All NEWSLETTER items are due on or before the 15th of October.

Making plans for a youth movie night. Additional information to follow.

August 3rd we celebrated Christmas in July, the official kickoff of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) for this year. Donation of flip-flops and heat-resistant plastic bowls are still needed. Wrapping of boxes will be on Thursday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help. Packing of boxes will be on Monday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are also needed on that day. Packed boxes will be delivered by Petra between November 16 and 20th. Thanks to Petra for leading this effort.

Bible study, conducted by Anita O'Donnell, has been completed. Anita is now basking in the Florida sun. All those who attended Anita's bible study thank her for leading this enlightening effort.

The Penny Social held October 4, was productive and enjoyed by all.

It was reported that Pastor Mary K. Rhodes, has been conducting a bible study for women, once a month. Pr. Rhodes needs a place to conduct the study starting in January 2015. Ingrid Vogel will contact Pr. Rhodes to let her know that the social hall at St. Jacobi could be used for this effort. Further information on this matter will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Events:

October 17, 2014 – Set up for Thrivent Breakfast October 18. Set up will occur at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help

October 18, 2014 – Thrivent Breakfast. Volunteers to help in the kitchen are needed.

October 23, 2014 – 6:30 p.m., wrap shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Volunteers needed.

November 6, 2014 – 7:00 p.m., next Council Meeting. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

November 11, 2014 – 10:00 a.m., packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Volunteers needed.

November 16-20, 2014 – Deliver OCC wrapped Christmas Gifts to shipping point. Thanks again to Petra for leading and completing this important Christian effort.

December 7, 2014 – Musicfest, 3:00 p.m. Pastor Linda Bohs has been leading the practice sessions for this event, and has been doing an outstanding job. It was reported that Joy Stebbins plans to be back on or about October 21.

December 13, 2014 – Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon.

December 21, 2014 – German Christmas Service, 3:00 p.m. Pastor Buchmann officiating.

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Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Pastor Mary
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 Geneva Ranker
 Alfred Loeser
 Barbara Scocossi
 Sandra Faro
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 Sue Knoll Edwards
 Keith Blaut
 Joy Stebbins
 Paul Komorovski
 Lisa & Tom Smith
 Erin McCotter
 Joy Carrol
 Krischan Vogel
 Rev. Scott Jurgens
 Sue
 Roseann Prigge
 Family of Darlene Bennett
 Ibrahim Kenneth Ozdemir & family
 AnnaMarie Peterson
 Family of Corey Phillips
 Family of William Gunther

Ashley Cobb
 Brian Becker
 Nancy Rapenski
 Grace Koehler
 Margaret Shea
 Dennis Faro
 Tom Wulforst
 Lynn Salvati
 Ed Grotecloss
 Janice Iaccovino
 Marion Finch
 Magee Hoey
 Tom Neuviller
 Paul Ludwig
 Cheryl Jurgens
 Bettina Buchmann
 Pauline
 Horst Breuer
 John Page
 Tessie & Charlie Stover
 Louise Kuhn
 Charlie & Tessie Stover
 Family of Lois Schmidt

Chris Protsko
 Katherine O'Toole
 Rev Paul Spohn
 TQ Smith
 Bob Gillespie
 John Wilkens
 Joseph Mead
 Joe Carver
 Jane Neuviller
 Carolyn Loucks
 Bud Ray
 Bianca Aran
 Rev. Eddie Nilsen
 Donald Colburn
 E.B. Herling
 Maximus & his parents
 Renee Moret
 Walter Prigge
 Astrid Jimenez
 Peter Finck Sr
 Paula Schlichter
 Eleanore & Rudy Rudolph
 Randi Nilsen



4-RoseAnn Prigge
 4-Lynn Desseauve
 7- Catlin Roa
 9- Herta Zidek
 15-Justin VanTuly
 19-Petra Kluge
 23-Marianne Wolf
 28 Tomas Protsko
 29- Diane Bassani



27- Diane & Pete Bassani



**All Armed Forces
 Service Men,
 Women &
 their families.**

Please contact, Grace Criscione, if you wish to add and/or keep the name of your loved one on the prayer list. I can be reached at 845 856 8912, or email: purplegrace@hvc.rr.com or stjacobicouncil@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with keeping this list current. Let me know if you would like a birthday, anniversary or important date listed.

2014



- Oct 18- Thrivent Breakfast
Shohola Parks & Rec. run/walk & Pumpkins in Park
- Oct 23- OCC box wrapping 6 :30
- Nov 5- St Jacobi Ladies Aid Meeting
- Nov 6-St J Council meeting
- Nov 7- Lasagna dinner St Luke's
- Nov 9- Annual Meeting
- Nov 11- OCC packing boxes 10:30 am
- Nov 26- Ecumenical Service St Ann's
- Dec 5- Shohola Parks Tree lighting 6:30pm
- Dec 6- Shohola Railroad Santa @ Caboose 1-3pm
- Dec 7- CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST 3pm**
- Dec 21- German Service
- Dec 24- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 8 8PM**

2015- Mar 4- St Jacobi Ladies Aid Meeting



SHOHOLA RAILROAD & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Oct 18-- Shohola- Barryville Bridge 5K Run/Walk @ 9:30 am & Pumpkins in the Park 11:30 am
- Dec 5- 6:30 pm- Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Dec 6- Santa at the Caboose

The Shohola Railroad & Historical Society has a DVD for sale (\$12.50) on the history of Shohola. St Jacobi church has played an important part in this history. Please contact Nick Luca to purchase a copy.

Dennis Lee, Producer/Director for Tribute New York/ Bringing Memories to life

Books for Sale: Civil War Letters of Ira Austin to Minerva Drake of Barryville, NY - \$6.00
The Great Prison Train Disaster in Pike Cty, PA by George J Fluhr, Pike Cty, PA Historian & Shohola Twnp Historian \$15.00
Cat's Meows Building Collectables—the Caboose, St Jacobi Church, St Ann's Church, Rohman's Inn or Higby's Store.

To purchase these books or Collectable buildings please call Martha Shadler Pres. 570-296-2304.

Dec 5- Tree Lighting Ceremony at Rohman Park. 6:30pm

Dec 6- Santa at the Caboose from 1pm to 3 pm

Give thanks always

Full many a blessing wears the guise
of worry or of trouble;
Far-seeing is the soul, and wise,
who knows the mask is double.
But he who has the faith and strength
to thank his God for sorrow
Has found a joy without alloy
to gladden every morrow.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Remember The Gideon's International Bible organization! They are an organization that places Bibles in hotels, prisons & sends the Gospel throughout the world. Web site: gideons.org/give or pick up a pamphlet in the narthex of the church.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE— 8 PM

Shoe box wrapping will be Oct 23 at 6 pm.

Operation Christmas Child packing will be Nov 11th= St Jacobi social hall— 10:30 am

Packing Party



Pastor Eddie Nilsen is now a resident at Twin Cedars Assisted Living in Shohola. If you wish to visit with him, it would be wonderful. If you have any questions regarding the best times to visit you can call them. The phone number there is 570-296-7471. Years ago Pastor Nilsen used to do worship services and bring communion to the residents there. If you would like to send a card or a note to Pastor Nilsen, please send them to their home and Randy will bring them over to Eddie. He would be happy to hear from you.

That address is **212 Rowland Road, Greeley, PA. 18425**

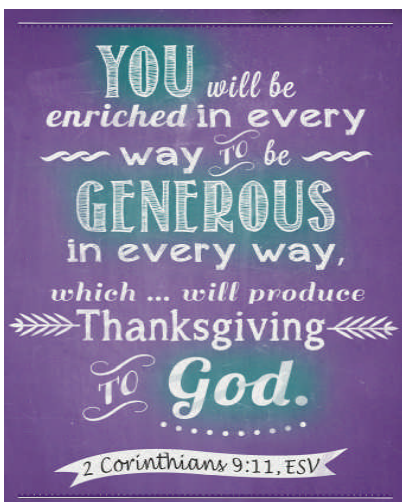
Joy Stebbins had back surgery & is home recuperating—

Prayers & Get well wishes can be sent to her home:

Mrs. Joy Stebbins

1261 Rt 402 Rd

Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328-7720.



THRIVENT NEWS:

The Pocono Chapter will hold their annual Chapter Member Appreciation Breakfast on Oct 18th starting at 9:30 at St Jacobi Social Hall, Rte. 434, Shohola, PA.

We look forward to seeing all our members.

Voting for your Chapter Leadership Board will be:

Nov 9th at 10:30am. Please bring your completed ballots on that day & give them to Grace Criscione. You can also vote on line.

Prayers and Cookies for Seafarers



Please remember this outreach program while baking your Christmas cookies. Tin are available at St Jacobi. Thank you to Bruce & Ann Rajwasser for chairing this outreach program.





October 25th Saturday
 November 4th Tuesday
 November 22nd Saturday
 December 2nd Tuesday
 December 20th Saturday

Pond Eddy Food pantry Schedule 2014

Pantry is open from 11:00am to 1:00pm and of course weather permitting. If the weather conditions are bad we will reschedule and do our best to let all the people know. So if weather is bad and someone would be new coming to the pantry they should call me to see if it is on or rescheduled.
 Phone #845-977-6399.

November 22nd will be Thanksgiving baskets and December 20th Xmas baskets; As well as regular food pantry. As always if anybody needs food in between you may call Theresa at 845-977-6399. This is a magic jack # if you get my voice mail please leave a message. It simply says the magic jack customer you have reached is not available.

God bless you all, Theresa

GOOD CHEER FOOD PANTRY

Located in St. Luke's Center (the lower level of St. Luke Pre-School) is open the First Sunday of each month from 10:30-11:30 AM. Thanks to all who donate their time, food and money..

It is truly appreciated. This is such a great service to our community!

PLEASE NOTE: For further information please call 570- 226-3966.

If your call is answered by an answering machine, please leave your name and a valid telephone number and a volunteer will call back.



An adorable story from Great Grandmother, Linda, about her great grandson Finn:

I had developed a sore throat and a few days later laryngitis. My voice got worse in the morning during quilting. Phineas, my great grandson (four years old), came over in the afternoon.

Me: Hi Phin, how are you?

Phin: What's the matter with your voice?

Me: Oh, it is some kind of virus or bacteria that does it to me.

Phin: Will your voice get better again?

Me: Yes.

Phin: When?

Me: I don't know exactly when.

After a moment of reflection he looks at me and asks: Do you need new batteries?



The next day my voice was normal again. With a sigh of relief he said: "I did not like that robot voice".

Thank you Linda for sharing this cute great grandson story with us!



If you have a story that you would like to share, please submit it to Grace.

Email: purplegrace@hvc.rr.com or 845 856 8912.



Hello all,

Help for the Homeless is an organization which ministers to the homeless, almost homeless, and people living in need of the basic necessities for living, within the Pike community. I am attaching a list of items that they are collecting during the next two weeks. If you are able to help out by donating any of these items, please bring them to the church, during the next two Sundays, and I will see that they are delivered.

I believe that this agency has been working with churches in the Pike area to serve one meal a month, as a community outreach. Perhaps this is something we may consider doing? Let me know your thought on this?

In Christ,

Pr. Mary

Towels/facecloths
twin sheets/ comforters (Maybe some of the ladies quilts will be good?)
paper towels
individual rolls of toilet paper
soap (regular size bars)
women's sanitary items
men's razors/shaving cream
8 ounce bottles of shampoo/conditioner
disposable diapers/wipes/ baby shampoo 8 ounces.
deodorant for men and women.
children's winter gloves.
Please bring items to church by October 26th..



A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips


Articles & ideas are always welcomed for our newsletter. Please submit on or before the 15th of the month.

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Call 570 559 7676 or 845 856 8912 (leave message)



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