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## **ZION'S UNION CHURCH MAXATAWNY**

Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ

329 Church Road

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz, S.T.M., Pastor

*In this shared (UCC & Lutheran) liturgy, congregational responses are printed in “bold” type and the hymns not printed in the bulletin are found in the **RED** hymnal.*

**ABOUT THE DAY**

*Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.*

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

Acolytes

**PRELUDE**

“We Three Kings”

Hopkins

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Pastor

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as a people of God.*

*All who are able please stand.*

**HYMN**

“Christians, Awake”

# 115

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of peace,

**we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The pastor and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace be with you. Response: And also with you.*

*All may be seated.*

#### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, prayer, and song.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Isaiah.

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Ephesians.

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

*All who are able please stand.*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1–12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

The Holy Gospel reading for Epiphany Sunday is taken from the Gospel of Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated.*

*"Jesus Loves Me"* (1<sup>st</sup> verse)

SONG

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

*"Away in a Manger"*

*"Light for the Gentiles"*

Pastor

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Pastor

*All who are able please stand.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to name aloud names of individuals, families,  
and circumstances when indicated in the prayer.*

P: Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

- A: Let us pray for the church throughout the world; for those who proclaim the gospel; for those seeking faith and those looking for hope; for congregations in communities large and small, near and far. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A: For the land and the seas; for all plants and animals; for astronomers and other scientists; for explorers and map makers; for librarians and all who seek to increase and preserve knowledge. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A: For wise leaders and tireless peacemakers; for those whose lives are threatened by violence; and for those who leave their homelands in search of safety or to provide for their families. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A: For those who face prejudice, abuse, or neglect; for those who experience depression; for those yearning for light within dark spaces in their lives; for those who grieve; and for all who are sick especially those identified in our bulletin and all those we now name before you with heart and voice (*here names of individuals are offered by the assembly*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A: For this assembly; for those who offer their gifts to your service; for those who lead us in worship; for all who reach out to welcome those who are seeking; and for those who guide us in faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- A: With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and those whose lives have inspired us to follow you with joy and hope. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**
- P: Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

VOCAL DUET

*“Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”*

Richard Haas and Joe Karaisz

OFFERING

*The Offering is received.*

OFFERTORY

*“Christmas Auld Lang Syne”*

Curtis

*All who are able please stand.*

OFFERTORY SONG

*As the gifts are presented, the following is sung by all.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above you heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things in all of life, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

INVITATION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the crucified and risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread and wine.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth creation and raising us up from dust by the breath of your being. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ whom you sent, in the

fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, and, as we celebrate with joy this day, to be raised from death on the third day to live in glory. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters in faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of the heaven-ly host; Heav-en and earth are



full, are full of the maj-es-ty of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho-



- san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of our



God, Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying “*Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*” Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.*”

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection, and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

**Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we**



**may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Now in the words our savior taught us, we are bold to pray.

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God. You are invited to the Lord's table.

*All may be seated.*

*Distribution of the bread and wine is done in the pews.*

*After all have received the bread, all eat following these words:*

*The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat!*

*After all have received the wine, all drink following these words:*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink!*

*After all have communed, all who are able are asked to stand.*

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSINGS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

*(Parents place their hands on the shoulder of their child(ren).)*

May those who have been brought to everlasting life through their Baptism receive again the continued promise of God's peace.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good gifts of your grace.

Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission into the world.*

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with his countenance and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.** (*sung: three times*)

**HYMN**

*“O Thou Joyful”*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

Acolytes

**POSTLUDE**

*“Christians Awake”*

Wainwright

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Sunday School 9:00	Worship 10:15
Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz, S.T.M.	Pastor
Rev. Willis K. Heckler	Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Theresa K. Grim	Organist
Dan Blanchard	Reader
Lisa and Joe Walker	Greeters
Alex Warmkessel	Security
Richard Warmkessel	Video/Audio
<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Bulletin Ushers
Jim Laub and <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Offering Ushers
Jim Laub and <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Communion Ushers
Jillian Siefert and Mitchell Grim	Youth Offering
Jewel Karaisz and Jonah Shorette	Acolytes

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In keeping with the life and teaching of Christ Jesus, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God’s image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

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## **HELPFUL WORSHIP TIME INFORMATION**

**WELCOME** – We welcome all persons visiting this day. Please take time to fill out a visitor’s card (found in the pew racks) and place it in the plate during the offering. You are invited to join us again! God be with you.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP BAGS** – The Evangelism Committee has prepared bags filled with crayons, pencils, coloring books, and a puzzle. These bags are for use of children ages 4-8 during the worship service. They are available prior to the service on a rack in the hall. Following the service, bags are to be returned to the rack for use on other Sunday mornings.

**SAFE AND SECURE REQUEST** – We at Zion’s hold our regular worship services in our “2<sup>nd</sup> floor” worship area, well away from the entrances to our building. In order to secure those in attendance and our building during our worship times, we provide a Security Person each week to monitor the building and keep track of people in/around the building in case an emergency situation might arise. In order to help keep all people safe and secure during the times we are gathered for worship, we ask all to limit movement around other portions of the building to necessary purposes. Thank you.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER** – Please, for safety and liability reasons, we ask that, if your young child(ren) move from the worship area to other areas of the building, use the elevator, or sit in the balcony during our worship time together, they would always be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BALCONY SEATING** – Those who desire to sit in the balcony are asked to sit on the east (Maxatawny) side of the balcony, so as not to interfere with our ministry of recording of the worship for our members with special circumstances who cannot be with us. Thank you.

**CELL PHONES** – In order to avoid any unneeded disruptions during our worship time together (unless you are an emergency responder), please make sure that all cell phones and other electronic devices are turned off before the start of worship. Thank you.

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – In order to be good stewards of our worship time together, as we share announcements during our *Congregational Announcements*, we ask those sharings be limited to information concerning the ministries of the congregation (the committees, taskforces, organizations, and groups) and of our wider church, through our denominational and ecumenical affiliations.

**BULLETIN RECYCLING** – If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, as you leave, please drop your used bulletin in the recycling baskets located in the hall (by the doors) outside of the worship area. Thank you!

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Everyone Please Fill Out a Communion Card** and deposit it in the offering plate. We need to keep our records up to date. Visitors please note home church and address.
- As the usher comes to your row with the plates of bread and wine/grape juice, please pass them to the person in the center of the pew first. As the plates are passed back toward the aisle, then take the bread or wine/grape juice (juice in inner circle). All will take the bread and then the wine at the same time at the direction of the worship leader.
- Here at Zion's the bread is wheat and we offer both red wine and white grape juice (the center glasses in each tray). If you wish grape juice instead of wine and find that there is none in the tray when it comes to you, please alert the Communion Assistant. If your personal circumstances do not allow you to receive both the bread and wine/grape juice, please know that the gifts God graciously gives in this sacrament are fully given even if you only receive the bread or the wine/grape juice.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Katelyn DeLong's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday from her family **AND** in celebration of Jake's birthday. Love, Mom, Dad, and Rachel.

**BULLETINS** are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Randy and Karen Warmkessel **AND** Happy Birthday, Katelyn, from her grandparents.

**NEEDED – 2 Flower sponsors and 2 Bulletin sponsors are needed for January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and February 7<sup>th</sup>. The flower/bulletin sponsor book for 2016 is really empty. Please sign up today.**

## TODAY AT ZION'S:

- Thank you to Richard Haas and Joe Karaisz for the special music this morning.
- Youth Group from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. Dr. Mary Laub will educate us on Mennonite customs. Congregation and parents are welcome.
- Zumba Gold at 6:00 P.M.
- Regular Zumba at 7:15 P.M.

**UPPER ROOM and CHRIST IN OUR HOME** – The January - February issue of the *Upper Room* and the January, February, March issue of *Christ in Our Home* are available in the back of the church and on the rack in the Gathering Area.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** – Worship service/Sunday School/activities cancellation in case of inclement weather: WFMZ (TV Channel 69) or [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) (click on “storm center update”), WAEB am 790 Allentown or [www.waeb.com](http://www.waeb.com) (click on “operation snowflake”). The church office (610-683-7485) can also be called. Information about meetings, Sunday School, and worship cancellation will be on the voicemail message.



### THIS WEEK AT ZION'S:

- **The snow removal team for this week is Randy Warmkessel, Enos Bleiler, and Mike Dietz.**
- **Tuesday** – Men’s Group at 7:00 P.M. at Ron’s house.
- **Wednesday** – Zumba Gold at 11:00 A.M.
- **Wednesday** – Dart Ball at 7:15 P.M. here at Zion’s.
- **Thursday** – Sr. Choir rehearsal at 7:00 P.M.
- **Saturday** – Church Board Reorganizational Meeting from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. All leaders of committees, task forces, and organizations are asked to attend at 10:00 A.M.



**CARD SHOWER:**                      January 4                      Marian Stettler

### NEXT SUNDAY AT ZION'S:

- Jr. Choir rehearsal at 8:45 A.M.
- Cemetery Board meeting at 9:00 A.M.
- Installation of officers. All Church Board members; Sunday School Teachers, Officers, and Staff; Women’s Group Officers; Cemetery Board Officers; Youth Group Advisors and Officers; and all Committee and Task Force Officers and Chairs are asked to be here.
- Zumba Gold at 6:00 P.M.
- Regular Zumba at 7:15 P.M.

### WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Lisa Krause	Reader
Desiree and Ben Haas	Greeters
Julie Karaisz	Security
Richard Warmkessel	Video/Audio
<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Bulletin Ushers
<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Offering Ushers
Madison Held and Jewel Karaisz	Youth Offering
Emily Bortz and Dane Fegely	Acolytes

**SNOW REMOVAL** – The snow removal team for the week of **January 10<sup>th</sup>** is Randy Noll, George Leiby, and Joe Karaisz.

**OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** – The Mission Outreach Committee will serve the evening meal at Opportunity House on **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church. An questions can be directed to Cindy O’Neil.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY** – The Mutual Ministry Committee will meet **January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 P.M.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** – All information for the Annual Report is due by **JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

**NEWSLETTER** – The deadline for any information for the February newsletter is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**YOUTH GROUP** – The Youth Group will be making pizzas at Fiore's in Fleetwood on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 A.M.

**SCOUT SUNDAY IS JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>** – Any active scout or active leader should wear their Class A. Contact Randy Noll as soon as possible so he knows who you are.

**GAME NIGHT** – The Adult Fellowship is having a Game Night on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Theme will be familiar advertising phrases from the past (do you remember “Let Your Fingers Do The Walking”). Potluck dinner at 5:30 P.M. starts the night off. Sign-up starts in January. Looking for contestants for teams. See Peggy Morgan.

**RETREAT** – The Women in Zion's are having a Women's Retreat on **February 20<sup>th</sup>** (snow date February 27<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Zion's Union Church Maxatawny. The topic is Angels and Grace led by Rev. Lori Esslinger. Cost is \$10 per person. Breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Sign-ups will start **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. See Peggy Morgan for more information.

**SEEDERS AND SOW ON – BUS TRIP** – The Seeders and Sow On group is sponsoring a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Wednesday, **April 20, 2016**. The landscape there will be **BURSTING** with colors as vibrant tulips, daffodils, wisteria, and flowering trees herald spring's blessed arrival. The beauty is absolutely inspiring and breathtaking. A chartered bus will depart Zion's parking lot at 9:00 A.M., and departure from Longwood will be at 3:30 P.M. The cost per ticket for admission and bus transportation is \$46. You are welcome to bring a bagged lunch or eat in Longwood's cafeteria (their mushroom soup is renowned!). Please plan to join us for this fun day celebrating God's goodness. It is a rain or shine event, and tickets are non-refundable. Contact Lisa Krause ([lkrausewbpt@gmail.com](mailto:lkrausewbpt@gmail.com)/610.488.0289) or Sherie Mohn ([smohn@ptd.net](mailto:smohn@ptd.net)/610.683.8391) for tickets.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – The Blood Mobile will be at Zion's on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board on the second floor by the stairs for people interested in donating blood.



**PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT** – The Property Committee is looking for anyone who has a talent in repairs such as plumbing, electrical, or other areas who would not mind helping with repair problems at the church. The Committee is also looking for individuals who would like to join the committee. Please see Randy Noll if interested.

**PLEASE REMEMBER – ALL interior doors must be closed when leaving the building.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

IN OUR PRAYERS: We ask God's blessings upon those who are ill, recovering from surgery, homebound, or have asked for our prayers:

*Persons:* Jean Kemp, Adam Noll, Ernest Wiltrout, Walter Dietrich, Irene Stauffer, Sam Stettler, Rev. Willis Heckler, Alberta Haas, Walter Seidel, George Isamoyer, Donna Slotter, Jeremiah Heffner, Ruth Miller, Janet Dannelly, Mary Kutz, Althea Moyer, Ruth Carolyn Swoyer, Terry Bennecoff, Elmer Hensinger, Minnie Schlenker, Gladys Leibold, Ed & Donna VanDeCar, Charlie Mertz, Mary Jane & Jack Williams, Tina Arndt, Elaine, Heidi Bartholomew, Craig Koller, Drew & Mary Jane Stump, Donald, Julie Fisher, Grace Hertzog, Aidan Fowler, Dorothy Mathias, Gary Sell, John, Mary, Betty Weaver, Carl Dietrich, Kerrie, Darrell, Roma Sell, Marie Moyer, Mary Jane Kelly, Scott Blatt, Russell Peden, Linda Henninger, Jim, Caitlin Dickey, Mabel DeLong, Emory Fenstermacher, Gail, Lee Moyer, Lorrain Miller, Grace Silliman, Julia Cooper, Mary Fox, Sue Zimmerman, Christopher Woods, Gary Deder, Katelynn Ernst, Robin, Larry Hockman, Anna Louise & Frances Miller, Patricia Rothermel, Randy Beach, Joan Lengel, Candace Holzman, Harriet Boyer, Frank Knight, Linda Decker, Betty Houck.

*Other:* Property Committee.

*Churches:* Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Bible Fellowship Church, Grace UCC (West Point), New Jerusalem Lutheran Church (New Jerusalem).

If you know of other persons in need of prayer and you wish to have a name included in next week's bulletin, please call the church office or leave a message on the answering machine. If you want a name included on Zion's Prayer Chain call Marion Angstadt at 610-683-3918.

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**December 24, 2015 RECORD: 6:00 P.M. 171 10:00 P.M. 109**

**December 27, 2015 RECORD: School 78 Church 191**

<b>FEDERATED</b>	<i>Given</i>	<i>Needed Weekly</i>	<b>BUILDING FUND (phase 4)</b>		
Current Total	\$ 4,482.47	\$ 3501.42	Weekly Total	\$ 2,151.00	
Envelopes	\$ 370.00	(12/24)	Envelopes	\$ 661.00	
Loose Plate	\$ 206.95	(12/24)	Simply Giving	\$ 190.00	
Envelopes	\$ 1,810.00	(12/27)	Memorials	\$ 550.00	
Loose Plate	\$ 100.52	(12/27)	Donation	\$ 750.00	
Simply Giving	\$ 1,995.00	(12/27)	Grand Total	\$ 64,209.00	
Christmas Fund	\$ 60.00	(12.24)	<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>	<i>Given</i>	<i>Needed Weekly</i>
Christmas	\$ 1,693.00	(12/24)	Benevolence Total	\$ 699.00	\$417.31
Christmas	\$ 130.00	(12.27)	Envelopes	\$ 25.00	(12.24)
Jackson Fire Aid	\$ 321.00	(12/24 & 12/27)	Envelopes	\$ 262.00	(12/27)
Flowers/Bulletins	\$ 132.00		Simply Giving	\$ 412.00	(12/27)

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