



# THE CHURCH KEY

A NEWSLETTER THAT OPENS PEOPLE  
TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION  
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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*a Federated Church of*  
**The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
*and*  
**The United Church of Christ**

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## REMINDERS

- ◆ The cost for a vase of flowers is \$18.00 and the cost to be a bulletin sponsor is \$8.00. Payment may be given to Jane Warmkessel or put the money in one of the flower/bulletin envelopes found in the Gathering Area and place in the offering plate.
- ◆ Any checks written out for the offering, altar flowers, or bulletins should be made payable to **Zion's Union Church Maxatawny**.
- ◆ **Any checks for the cemetery should be made out to Maxatawny Zion Cemetery Company, Inc. not to the church.**
- ◆ We have DVDs of the worship services available for use at home. Contact the church office if you would like to borrow one.
- ◆ Let the church office know if you have been admitted to the hospital. The hospitals **DO NOT** notify the church if members have been hospitalized.
- ◆ Zion's Union Church Maxatawny's website is [www.zionsunion.org](http://www.zionsunion.org). Check out our new website.
- ◆ Zion's has a prayer chain. If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain call Marion Angstadt at 610-683-3918.
- ◆ Sports cleats are not allowed in the church.

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE



It was recently brought to my attention that several of our members have inquired about where our benevolence giving goes. It is an excellent question that I realize I need to bring more attention to. So this month, I would like to share that information with you.

First, the line on our budget that says “Benevolence” is the amount of money our congregation gives to support the ministries of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the United Church of Christ (UCC). Since our two congregations merged in 2013 and we became one “federated” congregation, Zion’s leaders made a sound decision to financially support both our national church bodies equally. So half of our benevolence giving (\$21,000 in 2017) goes to each church and is sent through our local judicatories (in the ELCA, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and in the UCC, the Penn Southeast Conference). A percentage of those offerings are used to support the administration and ministries of these local judicatories and the rest is sent to support the administration and ministries of both national churches.

To explain how that money is used, I thought it would be best to share with you information I have gleaned from the websites of the Synod and Conference, and the ELCA and the UCC. This information can be found on the green colored pages in this month’s newsletter. But these are just cold numbers. There is much more on these websites than what I am sharing here. There is a wealth of information that is very inspirational to read and I would urge all of our members to check further into all of the many exciting ministries our benevolence dollars support. Here are the websites:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: [elca.org](http://elca.org)

United Church of Christ: [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA): [godslove.org](http://godslove.org)

Penn Southeast Conference (UCC): [psec.org](http://psec.org)

It is truly inspiring to see all of the many vital ministries our benevolence giving supports in our local communities, in our nation, and throughout the world. Since our merger, all members of Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny are now officially both Lutheran and UCC, and we can be extremely proud of how our benevolence offerings are used by both churches in so many wonderful ways to further the work of God in a world that is still in great need of the gospel. The mottoes you will see at the top of the ELCA and UCC websites sum up how mission is at the heart of all we do: “God’s work. Our hands.” (ELCA). “God is still speaking,” (UCC). (By the way, the comma in the UCC motto is intentional—see the website to find out why.)

Thank you for your generous benevolence giving to our churches! And always remember the words that God spoke to Abraham 4,000 years ago: “I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:2)

## APRIL AND MAY WORSHIP

April 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 5	Mid-Week Lent		7:30 P.M.
April 9	Palm/Passion Sunday	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 13	Maundy Thursday Service		7:30 P.M.
April 14	Good Friday Service		7:30 P.M.
April 16	Easter Dawn Service		6:00 A.M.
April 16	Easter Day Service	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 23	Second Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 30	Third Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday – Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M.**

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.** Holy Communion.

Good Friday Service – Friday, **April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.**

Easter Dawn Service – Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 A.M.** Holy Communion.

Easter Service – Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 A.M.** Holy Communion.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful recognition of my 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary as organist at Maxatawny. To the congregation and Church Board for their support, thank you so much. A very special thank you to the choirs, especially the Sr. Choir, for their dedication and talents throughout the years. I appreciate everything you have done for me. The door is always open for new members.

Thanks again,  
Theresa

## TIME AND TALENT

Time and Talent sheets are included in the newsletter. Please fill them out and return them to the church office.

# ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2016 Annual Reports are available in the back of the church or on the counter in the Gathering Area. If you are unable to get to the church to pick one up, call the church office and one can be mailed to you.



## SOUP SUPPERS AND LENTEN STUDY

We will be having soup suppers prior to the Mid-Week Lenten study through **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. The soup suppers will begin at 6:30 P.M. The worship service will begin at 7:30 P.M. If you would like to make a pot of soup for one or more of our soup suppers, a sign-up sheet is posted on the second floor bulletin board.



## MUSIC SUNDAY



Theresa is looking for soloists, groups, and instruments to help with Music Sunday on **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. All information must be given to Theresa by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## EASTER FLOWERS

We will be decorating our church with flowers for Easter. Prices are \$8.00 for tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths and \$10.00 for lilies. Any checks should be made out to Zion's Union Church Maxatawny. See Karen Warmkessel to pay for your flowers. Deadline for orders and payment is **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. A tear-off order form is below for your convenience. It may be returned to the church in the offering plate, given to Karen Warmkessel, or mailed to the church office with payment.



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### EASTER FLOWER SIGN UP

NAME ..... PHONE .....

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF (*circle one*) .....

.....

NUMBER OF FLOWERS: *Please place number of each on the line.*

..... TULIPS

..... DAFFODILS

..... HYACINTHS

..... LILIES

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Eucharistic Ministry Team made their visits after the February 5<sup>th</sup> Communion Service. They would like to thank those members who welcomed them into their homes to share the sacrament.

Thanks to: Dorothy Zettlemyer, Elmer Hensinger, Willard Angstadt, Jean Kemp, Mabel Guldin, Althea Moyer, Beatrice Bennecoff, Lennia and Charles Mertz, Lowell and Barbara Thomas, Terry Bennecoff, Mary Kutz, Rev. Willis and Sylvia Heckler, and Clair Seidel.



## INGATHERING

On the first Sunday of each month the Mission Outreach Committee will continue to collect items to fill backpacks with food staples for needy children and their families in the Kutztown, Brandywine, and Fleetwood School Districts. Please participate by dropping off non-perishable items from the list below in the container provided in the Gathering Area.



single serve size macaroni and cheese	peanut butter	canned pasta
single serve size applesauce	canned tuna	canned soup
fruit cups	granola bars	fruit snacks

## EGG HUNT

The Youth Group is sponsoring an Egg Hunt at 1:00 P.M. (rain or shine) on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. All children nursery through grade 4 are invited.



## BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Mobile will be at Zion's on **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board on the second floor by the stairs for people interested in donating blood. You can also sign up online at [giveapint.org](http://giveapint.org) (Group ID: 3303).



## UNWANTED FURNITURE

If you want to donate furniture to Opportunity House, please call Cindy at 610-374-4696, ext. 221 to schedule a pick up date.

# RELAY FOR LIFE 2017, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY

Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is about celebrating survivorship, remembering those we've lost, and bringing awareness to our community. Held over a twenty-four hour period, the Relay for Life involves teams of 10-15 people, asked to raise \$100 each for the American Cancer Society, who take turns walking, running, strolling around the track. Relay for Life will begin on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 P.M. Anyone interested in being a part of the team please see Sue Haas or Enos Bleiler for a registration packet. Zion's Union Church Maxatawny has been a part of Kutztown's Relay for Life since 1996. We hope you can join us as a participant or just come out to cheer us on.



## CHURCH BOARD

February 28, 2017

- Making Church History!! We will be hosting the Kutztown High School Senior Baccalaureate on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Ashley Bleiler approached the Board with this first ever opportunity for the church. The board approved unanimously. More info to follow.
- Look for an updated Behavioral Covenant. The current Behavior Covenant was reviewed/updated and approved. Thanks to Pastor Jeff and Mutual Ministry committee for their work.
- On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrated Theresa Grim's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our organist. She was recognized during the service, cake and celebration after the service, and she was presented a gift certificate.
- The Finance Committee audited the church financial records per bylaws requirements and all records were found to be in great order. Thanks Peggy for all your hard work!
- Currently \$81,000 balance on the building loan remains.
- Lighting in the fellowship area has raised a concern. The Board will contact the company who retrofitted the areas as part of our energy plan to see what can be adjusted to provide more adequate lighting for events.

## STRAWBERRY & ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

The annual Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival will be held **June 9<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. If you would like to help with the festival see Traci Gehringer or contact her at 610-944-1818.



## WOMEN IN ZION

*A group of Christian women in service, mission, and study for the benefit of all.  
Meetings are open to all women of the congregation.*

April 10  
May 8

Meeting & Tea Party at 1:30 P.M.  
Meeting & favors for Meals on  
Wheels at 1:30 P.M.



*For more information contact Linda Ballew-Johnson  
(484-553-1981) or Loretta Flicker (610-683-3627).*

*WIZ collects Campbell soup labels (they no longer accept only the front panel,  
but must have the UPC bars) to support Kutztown Elementary School. A box  
for your labels is located in the back of the church.*

## ZUMBA CLASSES

Zumba classes are Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. Wear clothes you can move in, sneakers, bring a towel, water, and lots of energy! The goal is to have fun and be more active.

## PRAYER SHAWL



Comforting wraps are still available to all who are in need. Please alert the church office or talk to Loretta Flicker or Karen Howard if you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

## SCRABBLE

Scrabble will meet the third Monday of the month at 1:30 P.M. at the Lutheran Home in the social area near Sylvia's room. See Nancy Fulton if interested.

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will meet **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon. Persons attending should bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Games will provide entertainment for the afternoon. Guests are welcome.





# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Youth in grades 5 through high school are welcome to join.*

## Activity Schedule:

April 2	Stuff Easter Eggs from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M.
April 15	Easter Egg Hunt
April 22	Potato cutting for the Potato Project, anytime from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.
May 7	Pioneer Coal Mine
May 14	Mother's Day handout
May 21	Bike Hike



## Offering Schedule:

April 2	Carson Sheetz and Ryan Korutz
April 9	Ben Heffner and Ashley DeLong
April 16 (6 AM)	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
April 16 (10:15 AM)	Lauren DeLong and Maisy Kellum
April 23	Andrew Haas and Jarrett Mohn
April 30	Emma Heffner and Madison Sheetz
May 7	Andrew Schell and Julia Perella
May 14	Hannah Walker and Ashley Bleiler
May 21	Jonah Shorette and Owen Shorette
May 28	Jake Walker and Amanda Noll

**POTATO CUTTING** – Potato cutting will take place for our group on Saturday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, anytime from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. We will leave the church at 12:45 P.M. and return back by 4:00 P.M. Leave an advisor know if you will be traveling with us from the church. Members and family may also come and go directly to the Zion Moselem EL Church, 340 Moselem Church Road, if they so choose. **Bring your own knife, cutting board, drinks, and snacks.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Zion's Youth Group has again been selected to receive a grant from Kutztown's Fraternal Order of Eagles. This year's grant was for \$1,000. (Last year we received \$1,500.) These funds will go toward our upcoming expenses. The grants given are influenced by the service work done by those applying. This past year the Youth Group has donated half the money from their pumpkin/mum sale to flood victims through the Salvation Army, donated soup made at camp to the Food Kitchen, served a meal at Opportunity House, provide a meal for our seniors at our Secret Pal Advent Social, and cut potatoes in spring and picked potatoes in fall for the Potato Project. The group also provides the Easter egg hunt for our children and carols at Christmas time.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Ashley DeLong participated in the PA Dept. of Agriculture’s “Look Before You Leave” drawing contest concerning the spotted lantern fly. She received third place for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, and her drawing was published in their annual calendar – she is the month of October.
- Ashley Bleiler and Michaela Ryan sang in the PMEA Region V Choir Festival at Zoellner Art Center in Bethlehem.
- Andrew Haas was a 6<sup>th</sup> grade contestant in the Fleetwood Middle School Spelling Bee.
- Caleb Krause was seen on the Channel 69 News during the Hamburg High School program on zSpace, a virtual reality system that brings topics like science and math to life.
- Zachary Schell is the treasurer for the Kutztown High School FFA.
- Jonah Shorette and his Northwestern Tigers basketball team went 16/1 and achieved the 2017 LV JV Tournament Playoff Champion.
- Derek Hanna won a half-court free throw contest at the Kutztown Strong three on three hoops tournament.
- Arden Scaffidi just completed her first season swimming 8 and Under for the TRVY YMCA Great White Sharks.
- Archer Scaffidi completed his third season swimming 10 and Under for the TRVY YMCA Great White Sharks. He advanced to Districts for the 50 Free and the 4 X 50 Freestyle Relay. His 4 X 50 Freestyle Relay has advanced to States!!

## **GETTING TO KNOW OUR COMMITTEES**

*We will be highlighting a different committee each newsletter.*

The purpose of the Youth Committee was designed to focus specific energy on the opportunities Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny offers our youth to grow in their faith in relationship to the Lord, their relationship to each other, and their relationship with other members of different age groups of our faith family. The committee consists of 1 committee chair and 3 committee members, with no term limits. The Committee coordinates venues and handles any concerns among youth activities including Sunday School, Church Worship, Music, Youth Group, and Early Communion/Confirmation, or where there is overlap between these organizations. The Youth Committee has made sure some of these activities continued on course, despite pastoral changes. Committee Duties: investigate, inspire, and challenge Zions’s Union Church Maxatawny to call our youth into service, worship, and praise to God, and engages and encourages all organizations and members to bring ideas that would make our church a more inviting place for youth to the committee’s attention.

## **BUILDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MARCH 2017 UPDATE**



As winter is coming to an end and spring is starting to bloom, we have seen a continued support towards reducing the building loan balance. We are below the \$80,000 level. Remember that every dollar makes a difference. We want to thank everyone for their help.

The Building Finance Committee:  
Karen Howard, Ray Wilttrout, Sharon  
Leiby, Evan Slotter, and Richard Haas

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The ceiling tiles and the fire rated doors have been installed. The utility room floor has been tiled and the room is completely finished. Estimates for carpeting are forthcoming. After the carpeting has been installed, molding will be added. Once everything is completed, smoke alarms will be needed. Currently there are sufficient funds to complete everything.

## **KUTZTOWN KITCHEN**

The third Sunday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. a Community Meal is held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W. Main St., Kutztown. There is no cost. All are invited. Parking is in the rear of the church on Sacony Alley.

## POTATO PROJECT

We need your help cutting 17,500 pounds of seed potatoes for the Spring planting. The cutting sessions are scheduled on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 1:00 P.M.



to 4:00 P.M. at Zion Moselem EL Church, 340 Zion Church Rd., Kutztown. This is a rain or shine event. **Bring your own knife, cutting board, drinks, and snacks.** Come 1, or come as a group, stay an hour, stay the afternoon, any and all time given to the project truly appreciated. Check the web site (<http://IHartHarvest.dyndns.org>) if needed.

## SPIRIT ON TAP

Spirit on Tap will be held **April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. at the Reading Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Goodnites Lounge, 1741 Papermill Road, Reading. This event is free and open to all.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Tahara Akmal will present “Role of Women in Islamic Cultures”. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Vicky Heffner and Evans Goodling from the Berk History Center will present “Early Congregations of Berks County”.

For more information, contact Dr. Harry L. Serio at 610-944-7032, [HLSerio@aol.com](mailto:HLSerio@aol.com), Dr. Robert Stewart at 610-775-2836, [rastheo1951@msn.com](mailto:rastheo1951@msn.com), or Dr. Stephen Ohnsman at [ohnsman@comcast.net](mailto:ohnsman@comcast.net).

## QUIET DAYS

Quiet Days takes place **April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville. There is no registration, but a minimum donation of \$5.00 is requested. Bring a Bible, journal, pen, and a bag lunch. For information contact Rev. Wanda Craner at 610-489-2056, ext. 303 or email her at [craner@psec.org](mailto:craner@psec.org).

## THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Theology With a Twist will be held Tuesday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main St., Kutztown. Rev. Barbara K Peronteau will present “A Trans Woman and Her Faith Journey”. Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase. For information go to facebook page Theology with a Twist; email [theologywithatwist@live.com](mailto:theologywithatwist@live.com), or call Maiden creek Church at 610-926-3907.

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Support Mission with Thrivent Choice Dollars

Sometimes opportunities to provide help to those in need come from surprising places. Those in our synod who are also Thrivent Financial members now have the option of routing all or a portion of their Thrivent Choice Dollars to our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

As a non-profit, fraternal organization, Thrivent Financial must return a portion of its revenue to organizations that do good in the world. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA has just been added to Thrivent's list of approved organizations that can receive these funds.



With just a click of your mouse, or a simple phone call to Thrivent's customer assistance, you can help your Synod continue

various ministries through which it carries out Christ's directive to feed the hungry, provide for the homeless, support the spiritually lost, and many other concrete actions taken daily on your behalf.

Please consider how a small portion of your time can help so significantly. Visit [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or call 1-800-847-4836 to take action or get more information.

## Maidencreek Church Toys for Christmas



On Wednesday, December 21, Maidencreek Church received a last minute request for toys from the Second Street Learning Center in Reading. The Center did not have enough toys for the 450 children enrolled in their programs, which includes a 24/7 day care center. These children range in age from 6 weeks to 13 years. Even though most of the parents work, 98% of these families are below poverty level.

Thanks to social media, the church was able to get the word out to its members. The message was shared with coworkers and friends who joined in to assure that all the children would have a Christmas gift. By 5:00 PM Thursday (30 hours after the request) a truck was loaded and 200 toys were delivered to the Center.

There were Barbie Dolls, Legos, footballs, games, baby toys, craft kits, trucks, cars, and everything in between. Every child at the center was able to receive a Christmas gift, and the people at Maidencreek Church gave thanks to God for placing this opportunity before them.

Maidencreek Church Outreach Ministry spent a Saturday morning in December with these children creating crafts as gifts for their parents, grandparents, and friends. In addition, the team provides eight meals a year at Opportunity House, where some of the homeless children live with their mothers.

## FROM THE RECORD BOOK

**BAPTISM:** *Harrison David Zoccola*, son of Robbie and Hillary (Haas) Zoccola, was baptized February 26, 2017 by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz. Harrison was born October 6, 2016.

## Share the Good News!

### GOOD NEWS EVERYWHERE!

The synod has a story to tell: How the Holy Spirit works through congregations,

institutions, and programs to accomplish God's will!

Mission Interpreters tell that story. They are making Christ known by sharing the excitement of our synod and churchwide mission and ministry with their own and with other congregations.

To invite a mission interpreter to your congregation, please contact Georgia Suranofsky at [georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com](mailto:georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com) or Brenda Stauffer at [brenda@nepsynod.org](mailto:brenda@nepsynod.org).

## Subscribe to E-News

Do you know that each Tuesday over 900 people receive the synod's weekly electronic newsletter?

*Synod E-News* contains a list of prayer concerns, various items of interest (both synodical and from the wider church), a list of upcoming events, and various positions available in our congregations.

Are you missing out? You can subscribe by visiting the synod website. Under the "Publications" tab, click on "E-News." Then click on the "Join Mailing List" button and you will be sent to a page where you may subscribe to E-News, Daily Prayers, and other e-publications.

## Sharing a Pastor



Holy Trinity, Palmerton      St. Matthew, North Weissport

One of the first things children learn is to share. Two churches are doing just that. For three years, St. Matthew, North Weissport, has been without a regularly called pastor of their own. At the same time Holy Trinity, Palmerton, came to the realization that they could no longer afford to support a pastor on a full-time basis. They approached the synod office for help and learned of St. Matthew's situation.

The leaders of Holy Trinity decided they would rather share their pastor than see him take another call, so they opened discussions with St. Matthew. This led to the sharing arrangement. Sunday services are held at 8:30 a.m. at St. Matthew and 10:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity. This allows Pastor Frost enough time to talk with the congregation and still get to the second service on time. His only regret is that he is not able to be present for Sunday school at either church. The churches will also worship together for mid-week Lenten services and Holy Week, alternating locations.

Pastor Frost is especially excited about the possibilities this arrangement opens for St. Matthew. "They are very excited to have someone who is their pastor. There's a great deal of enthusiasm." Over the years, the church has seen a decrease in attendance due to the lack of a regularly called pastor. "Worship attendance has picked up since I started," says Pastor Frost. "Morale dips when there isn't a consistent pastor." He looks forward to seeing the church grow.

Pastor Frost leads Bible study groups at Holy Trinity. A Wednesday evening group is studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, and a Thursday morning group is studying the book of Genesis. Pastor Frost hopes there will be crossover and that people get to know one another, leading to new relationships between people of the two congregations.

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## OUR SYMPATHIES TO....

... the family of Herman Dietrich.  
... the family of Kaci Kunkel.

... the family of Dallas Angstadt.

## CARD SHOWERS

We are listing those couples married 50 years or more and those people 70 years or older. If we are missing anyone, please call the church office.



April 1	Betty Mertz
April 4	Richard Jacoby
April 6	Jeremiah Heffner
April 10	Gladys Leibold
April 11	Irene Boyer
April 17	Ralph & Helen Noll, Sr. (63 wed)
April 18	Joseph Zajac
April 19	George & Irene Isamoyer (59 wed)
April 24	Marion Angstadt
April 27	Robert Leibold
April 27	Elmer Hensinger
May 1	Arlan Berger
May 3	Clark & Nancy Held (53 wed)
May 11	Eleanor Nester
May 13	Clark Held
May 13	Terry Bennecoff
May 13	Loretta Flicker
May 20	Richard & Shirley Derr (56 wed)
May 24	Lennia Mertz
May 24	Harlow Bailey
May 28	Jean Bailey
May 29	Ron Fulton
May 30	Charles & Lennia Mertz (64 wed)
May 31	Irvin Miller

## MYSTERY MEMBER

**Hope most of you recognized Hannah Walker, daughter of Joe Walker, as the mystery member last month. God luck to her as she heads to Susquehanna University in fall.**

There is no Mystery Member this month. Check the next newsletter for another Zion's member profile.

**“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?”**

**—Milton Berle**



## MISSION STATEMENT

Energized by the Spirit! Humbled by Christ's Grace! Working for God's glory!

## UPCOMING HOLY COMMUNIONS

You are invited by Jesus Christ to this awesome feast of the Children of God.

April 2	Altar Holy Communion
April 13	Maundy Thursday Table Holy Communion
April 16 (6 AM)	Pew Holy Communion
April 16 (10:15 A.M.)	Pew Holy Communion
May 7	Pew Holy Communion



## APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next issue of the newsletter will come out the beginning of May. If you have any information to be included in the May newsletter, please have it in the church office by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.