

CHURCH KEY

A NEWSLETTER THAT OPENS PEOPLE
TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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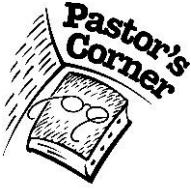
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REMINDERS

- ◆ The cost for a vase of flowers is \$20.00 and the cost to be a bulletin sponsor is \$10.00. Payment may be given to Karen Warmkessel or Tara Berger or put the money in an envelope with your name, date, and what you are paying for 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.**
- ◆ 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. Check out our website.
- ◆ Zion's has a prayer chain. If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain call Mary Laub at 610-248-2801.
- ◆ Sports cleats are not allowed in the church.
- ◆ Refreshments should be kept on the first floor of the church.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Happy Eastertide!

Over the next 50 days, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. We give thanks that Jesus has risen just as he said! Continuing to teach the disciples, Jesus also equips them for leadership in ministry. Moving toward Pentecost and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, we give thanks that God goes with us everywhere we go. The remembrance and celebration of all Jesus has done to lead God's people closer to him include building relationships.

We share time on the ball field, in the stands, at meetings, and on many trips to the grocery store. God loves us so much that he sent his only son so we might be closer to God through him.

Someone recently said, "What would Jesus do?" as a situational discernment response. The focus of this question leads us to recognize how we understand Jesus. Who would you say this Jesus is, and how do you see Jesus working in your life? Is he an advocate, friend, savior, healer, teacher? All of the above?

As a resurrected people focused on making disciples, may we be the Jesus we wish to see? Thanks to Jesus, we are equipped to love humbly, teach, serve one another and those in need, and advocate for justice. May we continue to pray for and with those on our prayer list, friends and family, the teachers and preachers and world leaders, and ourselves. May we share grace often, as we know only Jesus is perfect.

God is good all the time, and **ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!**

Prayerful Blessings,
Pastor Melissa

APRIL AND MAY WORSHIP

April 7	2 nd Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 14	3 rd Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 21	4 th Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
April 28	5 th Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 5	6 th Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 12	7 th Sunday of Easter	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 19	Pentecost and Confirmation	SS 9:00	church 10:15
May 26	Trinity Sunday	SS 9:00	church 10:15

SERVICE VIDEOS

A video recording of our worship service will be uploaded to our church website (zionsunion.org) by early Sunday afternoon and can be viewed for the rest of the week.

ACOLYTES, READERS, USHERS, GREETERS, SHEPHERDS

Schedules for acolytes, readers, ushers, greeters, and shepherds are on the upstairs bulletin board. A schedule is also included in each newsletter.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2023 Annual Reports are now available. The reports are available at the church or call the church office and one can be mailed to you.



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

The Mission Outreach Committee will provide the evening meal at the Opportunity House on **April 3rd**. Volunteers are needed to supply the meal. Look for the sign-up sheet on the second floor bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to Cindy O'Neil.

SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU

Again in Lent we had great Wednesday pre-worship Soup Supper gatherings. Thanks to Peggy Morgan, Mary Laub, and Lori Arndt for setting up each week. Thanks to these folks for providing great soups: Mary Laub, Tim Haas, Cindy O'Neil, LaRee Fegely, Dorothy Moyer, Peggy Morgan, Jonah Arndt, Judy Koller, and Lori Arndt.



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 area. 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	fruit cups
single serve size applesauce	canned tuna	canned soup
single serve cereal	granola bars	fruit snacks
oatmeal packets		

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

February 27, 2024

- This year's mid-week Lenten offering will be going to Friend, Inc.
- If anyone would be interested in being trained for Lay Leadership, please see Greg Haas or Lisa Krause for more information.
- There are new Use of Facility Forms for any group or individual wishing to use our space. These are available through Karen.
- The Good News Committee has one hearing device available to be tested. If you will be interested in testing, please see Ray Schell.
- Our services can be viewed on the church web site. They will be uploaded following the service and available by mid-afternoon.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group updates are announced during the Sunday School opening and posted in the bulletin

PLASTIC BAGS PROJECT

The group will meet from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **April 10th, April 24th, May 8th, and May 22nd** to weave plastic bags into mats. All are encouraged to participate. Contact Tanya Schaedel at 484-705-5533 or Carol Leiby at 484-695-8318. Plastic bags may be brought to church and deposited in the box in the Gathering Area. **ONLY plastic bags that are used at the register when leaving are wanted. We are unable to use produce bags, plastic from cases of water, toilet paper plastic, etc.** The ladies and gent bag team needs your help. If anyone can flatten the bags and cut at home, please find a weaver and we will show you after a church service how quick the bags can be prepared. It's a great activity while watching tv, relaxing. Thank you!!

SNACK AND CHAT

We will have lunch in small groups at restaurants in the area. Our Zion's shirts could identify us and hopefully generate interest in our church. The upcoming outings are **April 10th at Jaks and May 8th at Airport Dinner**. Notify Nancy Fulton if you are able to join.


SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will meet **April 22nd and May 27th** at 12 noon. Persons attending should bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Games provide entertainment for the afternoon. Guests are always welcome.



WOMEN IN ZION

A group of Christian women in service, mission, and study for the benefit of all.

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| April 8 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M. Bible study with Lori Arndt, bring crafts for Operation Christmas Child. |  |
| May 11 | Saturday – Retreat at the Church, 9 AM to noon, “The Many Hats that Women Wear” with Rev. Lori Esslinger. Collecting toys for Christmas Child. | |

For more information contact Linda Ballew-Johnson (484-553-1981)

SAVE THE DATE

WIZ will be offering a woman's retreat on **Saturday, May 11th from 9 A.M. – 12 Noon**. The retreat will be led by Rev. Lori Esslinger and the theme will be *The Many Hats A Woman Wears*. Cost is \$10 per person. Continental breakfast will be served. The event is open to all women. Sign up begins in April. Please plan on joining us.

PRAYER SHAWL



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

RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life of Kutztown & Eastern Berks will be held **May 18th beginning at 10:00 A.M.** at William DeLong Park in Bower's. Anyone interested in being a part of Zion's Union Church Maxatawny Relay Team can sign up online at <http://www.relayforlife.org>, then click on "Join A Relay", and click on Relay for Life for Kutztown and Eastern Berks or call 1-800-227-2345 and someone will walk you through the process.

APPLE DUMPLING/FALL FESTIVAL

We will have our apple dumpling sale along with a fall festival and open house on **October 12th**. We will start a committee in April that will meet before church once a month until August, then bi-weekly. If you would be interested in helping with this event, sign up on the bulletin board upstairs. Contact Traci Gehringer at 610-349-8434 or thegehringers4@verizon.net with any questions.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO...

... the family of Jean Miller.

... the family of Jerry Schwenk.

... the family of Wilfred Radcliffe.

MYSTERY MEMBER

The February Mystery Members were Nathaniel and Casey Haas.
Can you identify the April Mystery Member?

I was born in 1971 at Community Hospital in Reading. I have one older brother. We lived on the south side of Reading for all of my childhood. I am definitely a city girl but my grandparents lived out in the country so I had a little of both worlds. The highlight of my 16th birthday party was my friends seeing and using an outhouse for the first time.

I graduated from Reading High School in 1989. My best times in school were when I was doing anything with the marching band. I started playing the flute in fourth grade.

In June 1990 I went on a trip organized by the ELCA to East Germany. I can actually say I visited both West & East Germany. I have a piece of the Berlin Wall given to me by someone who was there the night it was coming down. I also worshipped in the chapel at the Seminary School where Martin Luther attended. Trip of a lifetime!

I met my husband in 1992 at Thumper's Bar in Kutztown where a friend was the DJ. He couldn't understand that I didn't drive so he bought me a car for \$100 and said if we're going to be together I had to drive because he's not living in the city. After 2 apartments in the middle of nowhere we compromised and bought a house in Blandon.

I have worked many types of jobs but my main occupation has always been secretarial. I currently work at an eye doctor's office and have been there 15 years.

I have 2 young adult children, a son and a daughter, and will be celebrating my 30th wedding anniversary later this year.

I enjoy watching many sports but am happiest when reading a good book.

I have been Recording Secretary for Sunday School for a number of years and enjoy being a greeter.

REJOICING SPIRITS WORSHIP SERVICE

Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County service is at **3:00 P.M. the first Sunday of every month** at St. Paul's UCC, 47 S. Whiteoak Street, Kutztown. This no-shush worship enriches the lives of all people, especially those with disabilities. Rejoicing Spirits includes music and joyous singing, brief, meaningful messages, and the chance to connect with others.

MYSTERY VOLUNTEERS

We were both born in the Reading Hospital: one in December 1951, and the other January 1952. One grew up in Blandon, and the other in a farm in Richmond Township. Although we both graduated from Fleetwood High School, we did not meet each other until later that summer in 1969.

Both of us have younger sisters who are best friends. They secretly schemed to get us together. And somehow the scheming worked! The weekend before going off to college as freshman...we went out on our first date!

The place was Stokesay Castle. We were seated at a small round table for two. Surrounded by candlelight, we enjoyed getting to know one another. Halfway through dinner, to our surprise, we noticed that a spider had dropped down from the ceiling on a silky thread right between the two of us! It was a “magical moment” first date to remember for sure!!! ☺

A few days later (after the spider) we were freshman off to college, going in opposite directions: one to Philadelphia, and the other up north to LaPlume, PA.

One of us graduated from Keystone College, Kutztown University, Lehigh University (Doctorate), and 40 years later, retired from teaching. The other graduated from Drexel University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and 41 years later, retired from PPL in Allentown.

One of us rescues all the cats that show up at our front door! The other recently rescued an adorable “senior” English springer spaniel named Robbie!

We both enjoy volunteering at Max Zion’s on the WIZ, Audio/Video/PA-System, and Good News teams. We make soup and bake desserts for gatherings, and support all that we can! Also, never miss the strawberry festival (even before we were Max Zion’s members!). We teach an occasional Adult Sunday School lesson, Bible study lesson, and play piano and guitar.

PS: We just learned while writing this story, that we both started playing hymns on the piano for Sunday School openings when we were in the 5th grade!!

HISTORY BOOK

The Church History Book is still available to be purchased. The cost is \$15.00. Call the church office if you would like one. Any checks should be made out to “Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny”. Put “History Book” on the memo line.

LIVING WITH LOSS

Ludwick Funeral Homes and Cremation Care, Inc., is once again hosting a Living with Loss Grief Support Group. This Six-Week Spring session will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning on **April 16th from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.** at their Kutztown location, 333 Greenwich Street, Kutztown and is facilitated by Mary Ann Hamm, a Certified Grief Counselor. MaryAnn is recently retired as Pastor from Saint John's Lutheran Church in Kutztown, after serving the congregation nearly ten years. MaryAnn also did extensive work related to end-of-life care with Hospice Chaplaincy. MaryAnn received training in Grief Counselling at the Center for Loss and Life Transition, Fort Collins, CO, by noted author, educator, and grief counselor Alan D. Wolfelt. There is no cost to attend and is open to anyone that has experienced loss in the community, not just to the families we have been honored to serve and care for.

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN (DUTCH) CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday, **April 28th**, at 2:30 P.M. there will be a PA German (Dutch) church service at the Zoar Lutheran Church located at 560 Freeport Road, Lebanon, PA 17046. The PA German sermon will be given by Ethan Levengood. There will be light refreshments following the service. For more information, contact Mary Laub.

PLASTIC MATS GROUP THANK YOU

The plastic mat weavers would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to Valley Health Partners Street Medicine outreach program. Your generosity will be making a huge difference in the many lives of those who are without shelter and have to live among the elements. Besides the wonderful donations given from the list of basic needs we also received 23 gift cards, 2 tents, 2 tarps, water filtration kits, a backpack, and over \$900.00 in checks and monetary donations. A special Thank You to the Sunday School for their generous donation of \$500.00. Our very busy weavers, Grace, Jackie, Tanya, Sue, and Carol are a very dedicated group completing 15 mats that were included in the delivery, and our gent of the group, Dave who preps, cuts, and ties the plarn needed to make the mats. Our congregation is so giving and continues without fail to provide assistance to those less fortunate. God is good.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Archer and Arden Scaffidi made Second Quarter Honor Roll at Brandywine Heights.
- Competing for the Boyertown Y Navy Seals at the Adams' Division Championships, Archer Scaffidi placed 1st in the 200 IM, 1st in the 200 medley relay, 2nd in the 100 breast, and 2nd in the 400 IM.
- Competing for the Boyertown Y Navy Seals at the Adams' Division Championships, Arden Scaffidi placed 2nd in the 100 breast and 3rd in the 200 free.
- Competing for the Brandywine Heights High School Swim Team, Archer Scaffidi qualified for the District III 2A Championship in the 100 fly and 200 free.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Richard & Jane Warmkessel, Cooper Kellum, Sherie Schaeffer, Tracey Lutz, Bonnie Haas, Bill & Karen Howard, Elaine & Paul Heffner, Irene Isamoyer, Jamey Webb, Liz Jones, Julia Mohn, Owen Shorette, Walter & Doris Dietrich, John & Marlene Costello, Barry & Ann Miller, Marilyn & Bill Bird, Marian Stettler, Mary Kutz, Gladys Leibold, Donna Slotter, Randy Warmkessel, Karen Weaver, Donna VanDeCar, John Laird, Bud, Ralph Noll Sr., Drew Stump, Linda Carter, Sparky Grace, Chris Pinkerton, Laurel Rudy, Grayson Rudy, Livvy Rudy, Sherry S., Joseph Karaisz Sr., Jeremy Crum, Chad, Chris, Jim, Laura G., Keith Egley, Mark Miller, Colid Hollin, Bruce Fritzing, Sherri Gehringer, Vera, Leila, Linda Menges, Ian Miller, Paige Sechler, Rosemary LaFratte, Mary Jane Schlenker, Owen Lamendola, Ely, Joanne Pauley, Sarah Johnson, Victoria Slotter, Regen Zimmerman, Karen Ames, Elia, Donna Rabert, Tom Seifert, Rayann Roth, Chris Szarko, Valerie, Lorraine Miller, Mary Fox, Christopher Mercardo, Christy Ryan, Michele Rodriquez, Judy Redman, Frank Knight, Betty Houck, Mary, Betsy, family of Jean Miller, family of Jerry Schwenk, family of Fred Radcliffe.

If anyone can be removed from this list, please notify the church office.

If you know of other persons in need of prayer and you wish to have a name included on the list please email the church, call the church office, or leave a message on the answering machine. If you want a name included on Zion's Prayer Chain call Mary Laub at 610-248-2801.

MISSION MOMENT

Palm / Passion Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

“Into Jerusalem”

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of the Holy Week that culminates in the passion and resurrection of Christ. The path of Holy Week is strewn with symbols to remind us of how Christ’s ministry, mission, suffering and new life continues to be reflected in the ministry, mission and suffering of God’s people today.

Take some time to sketch, journal about or pray the following words, visual symbols of this time. Which already have meaning to you? Which do you want to find out more about, either through reading and research or in contemplation and prayer? Which do you need to set aside as less meaningful for you, for this season at least?

- Donkey
- Beautiful alabaster jar
- Crown of thorns
- Women disciples
- Cross
- Men disciples
- Loincloth
- Chalice
- Overturned table
- Robe
- Rock
- Washing bowl
- Bread and Cup
- Place of the skull
- Torn cloth
- Blood
- Coins
- Sponge
- Rooster
- Evening
- Morning
- Tomb
- Angel



Just Being There: Our Alaska Experience as Sitka Lutheran Church Volunteers

By: Gail Colahan

Sitka is located on the west coast of Baranof Island in the Alaska panhandle. Most of the island lies within the limits of the Tongass National Forest, a temperate rainforest, rich with wildlife and scenic vistas. Inhabited by Tlingit for over 10,000 years, ruled by Russia starting in 1799, then transferred from Russia to the US in 1867, this island community of 8,400 people continues to reflect characteristics of these varied cultures. For over 30 years the abundance of nature, scenery and cultural heritage has attracted cruise ships to Sitka. For most of that time Sitka Lutheran Church (SLC) has supported a summer volunteer program to assist the church in being a welcoming presence amidst a burgeoning tourist presence, which numbered nearly 600,000 in 2023 when we participated as volunteers.

Flash back to June 2019 when we first visited Sitka, not as cruise passengers but as plane travelers on a self-guided tour throughout Southeast Alaska. It just so happened we were in Sitka on Sunday morning so we decided to go to worship after finding an ELCA church within walking distance of our hotel. Entering the church, we read from hallway signage that in 1840 while Sitka was a Russian colony, Finns founded SLC making it the oldest Protestant congregation on the US West Coast. Included with other historical signage hung a poster declaring "Volunteers Wanted". The sign combined with our fascination with the church's origins, its geographic location, and the history and culture of this place prompted us to make further inquiries. We learned about SLC's program inviting volunteers to come to Sitka for a month to welcome summer cruise ship visitors to SLC, with the SLC faith family providing housing and the use of a car during the volunteers' stay. Our intrigue with the idea of such an opportunity prompted us to complete an interest form despite knowing we weren't in a position at the time to make such a commitment.

Four years later we found ourselves in Sitka. Driving into town to open the church, we marveled at vistas of Sitka Sound and surrounding forest-covered land while passing marinas filled with fishing vessels. On days when large cruise ships were in port, Greg greeted visitors outside SLC's front door, enticing them with the smell of freshly popped popcorn and the query, "Did you know that Sitka Lutheran is the oldest Protestant congregation on the west coast?". Gail provided a brief overview of the church's history and pointed out historical objects from the original 1843 church for the curious who ventured inside, and at times drifted into conversations about faith and the church. All visitors received a warm welcome whether they choose to hear the church's history, find solitude in the sanctuary, take a much-needed rest break, or buy some popcorn.

While Greg often felt frustrated when people just walked by with their heads down (probably in part due to the modern façade of SLC's 3rd church building as compared to the original features of the nearby Russian Orthodox Cathedral), he did experience some gratifying encounters - a conversation with a gentleman from China who was interested in talking about the history of Sitka and well-wishers who knew about SLC's volunteer program and just wanted to say hi. On the day we transitioned with the previous volunteers, Greg stood alongside Kurt out in front of the church. A family walking by stopped and

requested a prayer for their child who had a health affliction. Kurt, an ordained pastor, knelt down close to the child in the stroller and proceeded to offer a prayer. Afterwards, the family departed in peace and Greg and Kurt shared their thankfulness in being able to honor the family's request.

On another day with few visitors in town, two seasonal shuttle bus drivers walked into the church. After Gail guided them to the sanctuary to share the church's story, the gentleman asked for time to pray. Sensing the gravity of his request, Gail invited him to stay as long as necessary and indicated she would request visitors quietly respect his being there until he was ready to leave. It was at least a half hour before he and his friend emerged from the sanctuary and shared that his sister was dying and he couldn't be with her and that his time spent in prayer in the church had been the best way for him to face the crisis. Thanks be to God.

In addition to our encounters with visitors, the people of Sitka Lutheran Church blessed us with the warmest of welcomes. Pastor Rudd shared personal and church background and introduced us to Alaska Synod's Bishop Shelly during a SLC hosted Southeast Cluster Meeting. Heather, the secretary who grew up in Sitka, assisted with everything from the latest cruise schedule updates to lending intriguing details and answers to questions about Sitka's more recent history. Sue provided a tour around town to familiarize us with the schools, hospitals, and businesses that are part of the daily life of this area and took us to a refuge for orphaned bear cubs. Paula, another parishioner, gifted us with sweet treats and invited us to her house for a grilled salmon dinner. Wayne guided us through the Alaska wilderness on a glorious hike past cascades and waterfalls to Bear Lake. Harvey and Kathleen, managers of the SLC volunteer program, provided not only a place to stay but enjoyable storytelling over meals and desserts. Even the neighbors extended their welcome with soup and muffins. We were truly humbled by the kindness, generosity, hospitality, and support we received.

Just being there was such a wonderful experience on so many levels - experiencing what it's like to be strangers welcomed into a community, serving as volunteers at SLC, living for 5 weeks on an island in a different environment, exploring the beauty and wonder of the Tongass rainforest and its wildlife, learning about the history and cultures that influenced and characterize Sitka, meeting and talking with people from around the world, and getting to know and become friends with the SLC faith family. We will never know the impact of our being there for most tourists who visited the church. However, SLC parishioners were abundantly grateful and thanked us profusely for assisting in their being a welcoming presence. We also know that the experience had a profound impact on us. Just being there we experienced so many wonderful God moments and blessings - lives touched, joy witnessed, beauty revealed, friendships made. We are so much richer for having had the opportunity to live in a different place and serve as volunteers for Sitka Lutheran Church.



Keynote Speaker: Marie Anne serves as the Senior Director for Building Resilient Communities (BRC) at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Ms. Sliwinski has 20 years of experience working in the non-profit sector, 14 of which are dedicated in international humanitarian and development programs. Ms. Sliwinski oversees BRC, which draws together the ministries of ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, AMMPARO and the ELCA's Social Ministry Organization to share knowledge, collaborate effectively, invest in new ideas and foster new opportunities for the ELCA, partners, companions and neighbors to strive together "for justice and peace in all the earth." Marie Anne holds a master's degree in international relations from the University of Chicago, and currently resides in the Chicago suburb with her husband and two children. **Register today at nepasynod.org/assembly2024/**

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 or email the church office.



April 1	Betty Mertz
April 6	John & Marlene Costello (68 wed)
April 8	Joanne Stamm
April 10	Gladys Leibold
April 11	Irene Boyer
April 22	Randy Kane
April 27	Robert Leibold
May 11	Eleanor Nester
May 16	Loretta Flicker
May 16	Donald & Kay Mertz (54 wed)
May 24	Harlow Bailey
May 26	Marilyn Quinter
May 28	Carol Toth

FROM THE RECORD BOOK

Funeral: *Wilfred (Fred) Radcliffe*, 91, of Macungie, PA, died March 17, 2024 at home. Service was March 23, 2024 in Zion's Union Church Maxatawny by Rev. Melissa A. Burkhart. Interment was in Zion Maxatawny Union Cemetery, Kutztown, PA.



MISSION STATEMENT

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

UPCOMING HOLY COMMUNION

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

April 7

Pew Holy Communion

May 5

Altar Holy Communion



MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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