



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
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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 an envelope with your name, date, and what you are paying for and place in the offering plate in the rear of the church. The sign-up book and envelopes are currently in the church office. Contact the church office to access them.
- ◆ 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 regular 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. Check out our 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.
- ◆ Refreshments should be kept on the first floor of the church.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



Those of you who hear me preach regularly know that I try hard not to get political in my sermons. This is because I know that there is a wide range of political opinions among the members of our congregation. Like most mainline Protestant congregations, our own congregation is divided fairly evenly between Republicans and Democrats. Political leanings among our members range from extremely conservative to extremely liberal and everywhere in between. So, I always try not to get too political from the pulpit. When it comes to politics, I simply let the words of Jesus speak to us all (and that is often political enough!). But on Sunday, November 8th, I felt I needed to make a statement about the results of the election. And I would now like to share those thoughts with everyone.

It is obvious that half our country is elated by the election result, the other half very dejected. And I am sure this is reflected among the members of our congregation as well. I am sure many of you are overjoyed with election of Joe Biden and I am sure many of you are distraught, and if my Facebook friends are any indicator, some of you are quite scared about the future of our country. So, I feel it is incumbent upon me to share a few personal theological reflections on presidential elections and try to reassure anyone who is frightened right now.

I personally have come to believe that God always gives us the right president at the right time. In hindsight, I have always been able to see that there was a reason a particular president was put into office—that our nation needed that particular person at that particular time. I have also come to see that there is no perfect president. All our presidents have done many good things, and all our presidents have also done some bad things. That is because they are all humans, and like all of us they are sinners in need of redemption. I truly believe and take comfort that all presidents work hard for what is best for our nation. No president wants to plunge our nation into ruin.

I believe that through what George Washington called “divine providence” President Trump was the man we needed for the last four years. And I now fully trust that President-elect Biden is the man we need for the next four years. I would like to share with you some wise words from one of President Trump’s closest spiritual advisors, Southern Baptist minister, Rev. Robert Jeffress, who wrote the following for Fox News:

It appears that former Vice President Joe Biden will become the 46th president of the United States on Jan. 20 . . . For millions of Christians across our nation, this is a bitter pill to swallow. President

Trump's strong policies on life and religious liberty would have seemed, from our vantage point, to be a better path for our country's future. Many of you may be asking: What is God doing in this outcome? Why would He allow this to happen?

In January 2016 — a year before Donald Trump was inaugurated as president — I was flying around Iowa with the then-businessman to campaign with him before the Iowa caucuses. We had just finished our elegant lunch of Wendy's cheeseburgers when I said to him: "Mr. Trump, I believe you are going to be the next president of the United States and if that happens it will be because God has a great plan for you and for our nation."

"Robert, do you really believe that?" he asked.

"Yes sir, I do," I replied.

Donald Trump then asked: "OK, if that's true then let me ask you a question. Do you believe it was God's will for Obama to be president?"

"Yes, sir I do," I said. "Daniel 2:21 says that 'It is God who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings.'"

Human governments and rulers change at God's direction and design. Our faith and our salvation lie not in any human ruler, but in the ruler of rulers, the King of kings. We have to remember that even though the occupant of the White House is changing, the One who occupies the throne of Heaven hasn't changed. . . .

The Apostle Paul told us . . . to pray "for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Now, it's always easier to submit and to pray for someone when he was our preferred candidate. But the rubber really meets the road when the person who takes office is not the one we supported. Paul didn't give us any wiggle room — his command applies all the same, whether the emperor was the faith-friendly Constantine or the evil emperor Nero.

Here is our chance to show that Christians are not hypocrites. We serve a God who remains on His throne, sovereignly reigning over every square inch of this vast universe. We serve a God who loves us and will never leave or forsake us. And now we have the chance to show the consistency and constancy of our Christian witness to this world. When Joe Biden becomes president, we should commend him for the things he does right. We should condemn the things he does wrong. And above all, we must pray fervently for our president.

If President Biden succeeds, we all succeed. May God bless Joe Biden, and may God bless the United States of America.

As a Lutheran/UCC pastor my personal theology is rather different than that of Pastor Jeffress, who is Southern Baptist, but I could not agree more with what he so wonderfully expressed in that article.

For our congregation here at Zion's Union Church, our political differences do not matter. What matters above all else is that we are citizens of another country—the Kingdom of God—ruled by our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are ambassadors for Christ our King, and this transcends even our loyalties to our nation and surmounts whatever is happening politically in the United States of America. Whether we are Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, our duty under President Biden will be exactly the same as it was under President Trump and all presidents before him. It is the vision articulated by the prophet Micah: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). In that sense, this election changes nothing.

Whomever we voted for, we must remember and put into practice our Christian views which transcend all human labels. As St. Paul put it, “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Jesus Christ” (Galatians 3:27-28). And if Paul were here today I am sure he would add there is no longer Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative. Along with Paul, I urge all of you to continue to “lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Personally, in the next four years, I will continue to do as I did under all prior presidents—constantly holding up our president and praying that he will lead our country to the very best of his ability. And for any of you who are fearful of President-elect Biden, let me share words that come from one of his strongest political opponents and one of President Trump's staunchest supporters, Senator Lindsey Graham, who said: “Joe Biden is as good a man as God ever created. He's the nicest man I've ever met in politics. If you can't admire Joe Biden as a person, you've got a problem.”

Let us all trust that God will use those good qualities of Mr. Biden for the betterment of our nation. And finally, wherever your heads and hearts are right now, let us make every effort to unite and fulfill Christ's final great prayer for his followers: “I ask . . . on behalf of those who will believe in me . . . that they may all be one” (John 17:20-21).

From a fellow citizen of the Kingdom of God,

Pastor Jeff

SERVICE VIDEOS

A video recording of our worship service will be uploaded to our church website (zionsunion.org) by early afternoon every Sunday and can be viewed for the rest of the week. Prior services can be viewed on Youtube — type “Zion’s Union Church” into the Youtube search bar.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Beatrice Bennecoff, Carolyn Wilttrout, Tracey Lutz, Dave Merkel, Cindy Nowotarski, Marian Stettler, Lisa Walker, Loretta Flicker, Marlene Costello, Barry Miller, Kay Weidner, Bill Howard, Nikki Phillips, Arlene Oswald, Joe Karaisz, Janet Fegely, Anna Bortz, Lucille Zettlemyer, Gloria Haas, Richard Warmkessel, Steve O’Neil, Ralph & Helen Noll, Mary Kutz, Marilyn & Bill Bird, Lowell Thomas, Richard Derr, Karen Weaver, Sylvia Heckler, Gladys Leibold, Althea Moyer, Donna Slotter, Ed & Donna VanDeCar, Mary Jane Williams, Leora Haas, Elaine Seaman, Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Kemp, Beverly Keller, Brandon Hamm, Karen Ames, Taylor Moyer, Betty Wilttrout, Joyce Kemp, Ian Miller, Tom Seifert, Elia, Victoria Slotter, Donna Rabert, Deb, Lisa Szarko, Arthur Sell, Herbert Noll, Niki Nolte, Jamie Jordan, Christopher Mercardo, Jo Corrado, Rayann Roth, Michele Rodriguez, Sue Zimmerman, Renee Wolfe, Kim Markham, Valerie, Drew & Mary Jane Stump, Caitlin Dickey, Frank Knight, Christy Ryan, Lorraine Miller, Judy Redman, Betty Houck, Mary Fox, Larry Hockman, Mary, Betsy, Gary Deder, Gary Sell, Russell Peden, family of Penny Keller, family of Zachary Huber.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THE EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY NOT HAPPEN DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual Congregational Meeting to elect Board Members and to approve the annual operating budget will be held **December 13th** immediately following the worship service. Please consider attending this important meeting.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY WORSHIP

December 6	Second Sunday of Advent		
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent	church	10:15
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	church	10:15
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight HC		6:00 P.M.
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight HC		9:00 P.M.
December 27	First Sunday after Christmas	church	10:15
January 3	Second Christmas/Epiphany	church	10:15
January 10	Baptism of Christ/Installation	SS 9:00	church 10:15
January 17	Second Sunday after Epiphany		church 10:15
January 24	Third Sunday after Epiphany	SS 9:00	church 10:15
January 31	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		church 10:15

BETHANY’S BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND

On **November 29th** and **December 6th** baskets will be in the back of the church and the Gathering Area of the church for any monetary donations for the Bethany Children’s Home Brighter Future Fund to purchase items for the residents for Christmas.



POINSETTIA DISPLAY

We will be decorating our church with poinsettias for Christmas. The cost will be \$10.00 per plant. A tear off sign-up sheet is below. Please put the tear-off sheet and your check or cash for the poinsettias in an envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place it in the offering basket in the rear of the church. You may also mail the sign-up sheet and payment to the church. Any checks should be made out to “Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny”. Deadline for orders is **December 6th**.



POINSETTIA SIGN UP

NAME

NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS: RED..... WHITE

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

.....

APOLOGY

I want to apologize to everyone that the Cemetery Board (mainly me) jumped the gun. The cemetery was cleaned on the 2nd Saturday this year. Due to Covid and retirement, I do not know what day it is. I am sorry if this was an inconvenience to anyone. Carl Flicker

INGATHERING

On the first Sunday of each month the Mission Outreach Committee will continue to collect items to fill bags with food staples for needy children and their families. Thanks so much for your continued support of this important community outreach project. **Items may be put in the box 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		

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Sunday School is once again having their Angel Tree Project. With the increased strain this virus has put on agencies who are helping out local families, the Sunday School is still committed to doing our part. This year, however, we only received 30 names which have already been taken. We are also taking monetary donations which will be sent to the Salvation Army for the sole purpose of purchasing gifts. We ask you to prayerfully consider helping out in any way you can. **Gifts can be put in a gift bag and are due back by December 6th.**



FLOWER/BULLETIN BOOK

The 2021 Flower and Bulletin sponsor book is now available. Call the church office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday to sign up for your special dates in 2021. The book has been removed from the Gathering Area for safety reasons.

THE LONG-AWAITED COOKBOOK

The cookbook organized and published by the Women In Zion is available to purchase. Nancy Fulton will have them in the parking lot following the Sunday worship services. Cost of the cookbook is \$12.00. Checks should be made out to “Women In Zion”. Other arrangements for getting the cookbook may be made by calling Nancy at 610-682-6357.



LIVE NATIVITY

The Sunday School’s Live Nativity will be held **December 12th** from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Shows will be held every ½ hour. The final show will be at 7:00 P.M. Help is needed with set up, acting, and parking. You do not need to be a Sunday School member. Any adults or teens interested in helping out, contact Sue Haas at 610-683-6099 to sign up. Masks must be worn and maintaining social distancing will be in place.



CHRISTMAS EVE RESERVATIONS

There will be two services on Christmas Eve at Zion’s. They will be at the usual times of 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. However, there are two changes this year that everyone needs to be aware of:



- 1) There will be no family service at 6:00 P.M. Both services will be candlelight services with Holy Communion. This is in order to give the most people the opportunity to attend, since we will have to limit seating in order to maintain safe social distancing.
- 2) Seating will be limited to 90 persons at each service and **reservations will be required.**



To reserve seats, please see our administrative assistant Karen Warmkessel after church or call the church office: 610-683-7485.

For those who cannot attend, the services will be uploaded to our website for later viewing. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

To current members: any changes that are to be made for 2021 need to be given to Peggy Morgan by mid-December to insure they go in effect in January. To any potential new members: Enrollment in this program can be done anytime throughout the year. Forms are on the upstairs bulletin board.

ANNUAL REPORTS

As the year comes to an end, so does the time for all organizations, groups, and committees to get their annual report information into the church office. All information for the annual report **MUST** be in the church office by **January 15th**.



NEW CHURCH SIGN

The New Church Sign is here! This upgrade allows us to post messages electronically. Our sign has been a source of wonderful messages in the past to many people passing by and we want to continue that service, however working with the old sign and the lettering had become cumbersome and needed attention. If you are able and would like to donate toward the cost of the new church sign, please see Peggy Morgan or send a check made out to “Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny” (with church sign donation on memo line) to her at 39 S. Church St., Macungie, PA 18062. Total cost of sign – \$46,454.33. Donations - \$43,975.00. Donations still needed - \$2,479.33. Thank you in advance for considering to help fund this project.

PRAYERS AND CARDS

Cindy and Mike Nowotarski were very active members of our congregation for many years until they moved to St. John in the Virgin Islands for several years. Upon their return to the US, they began traveling around the country in their motor home. Cindy was hospitalized in Denver in the summer and diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. They are now living in Hummelstown, PA near Hershey Medical Center and their daughter Melissa and her husband. Prayers and cards are appreciated. Their address is 1865 Gramercy Pl., Hummelstown, PA 17036.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Worship service/Sunday School/activities cancellation:
www.wfmz.com (click on “storm center update”) (**please note:**
worship delays or closings will be listed on WFMZ website and
not on Channel 69 except for extreme weekend weather
conditions) or call the church office (610-683-7485). A message
will be on the answering machine.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group members age 12 and over will again help at “Friend” to distribute their Christmas packages and food on **Thursday, December 17th**. As in the past, bags will be carried from the storage area, but will then be carried outside to waiting vehicles. (Dress accordingly!) Masks are required and social distancing will be strictly followed. Members can help anytime between 4:30 P.M and 7:30 P.M. To register call Sharon at 484-655-3662 or Richard at 610-683-3910.

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.*

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

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



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group **WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.**

SCRABBLE

Scrabble has been cancelled until further notice.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will **NOT MEET** until at least January or there is a change on the status of worship services.



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.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

October 27, 2020

- The budget for 2021 was approved and will be presented to the congregation at the next congregational meeting for acceptance by the congregation.
- The Board is looking for someone to take over administration of the Student Loan Program. If anyone is interested, please see a board member.
- The virtual Lutheran Northeast PA Synod Assembly took place over two weekends in October. This year a new bishop was elected to begin his term of service in January 2021. The new bishop is Rev. Christopher deForest, currently pastor of Trinity, Kutztown.
- Confirmation has been tentatively scheduled for December 6th. Stay tuned for updates. (Date has been changed since this meeting.)
- The restoring of our Moller Organ is planned to begin sometime in January. We will be providing envelopes for donations in the pews.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sarah Grim was seen on 69 News with her squad cheering on the Fleetwood Tigers Boys Soccer Team to victory.
- Carson Sheetz ran for two touchdowns and picked off a pass during Kutztown's first football victory in 35 games, three winless seasons.
- Ashley DeLong was named to the Berks County Girls Soccer All-Division 4 Team.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Moving Forward as Church Together

A Farewell from Bishop Zeiser



I want to say thank you to all who served the assembly as voting members. Your patience, your willingness to accompany this synod in a new direction, and your faithful participation to the end of the assembly are important components of this synod's strength, and sure signs that "We Are Church Together".

During Assembly 2020, it was especially encouraging to see such a gifted slate of nominees and candidates for the office of bishop. Thank you to all who were open to the stirring of the Holy Spirit by allowing their names to go forward in the balloting.

I have known Bishop-elect deForest for ten years, and I have worked with him as he helped envision, plan, and produce our last six synod assemblies. Now, he and I have been, and will be, working together to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I know that God has given Christopher substantial gifts to serve in this office and to work with the Rostered Ministers and congregations of the Northeastern PA Synod. Just as I look forward to my retirement, I also look forward to Christopher's leadership as Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

A Greeting from Bishop Elect deForest

These are challenging times. I don't need to tell all of you what that means. But these are also times to give deep thanks. And to hold tight to the promise that Jesus is here, and Christ is coming. Advent. Christmas. Epiphany. Ash Wednesday. Lent. Holy Week. Easter. They are all coming. They will be here, soon. Not to bring us more anxiety and more things to do. But to bring us love, joy, peace, and hope.

This is also a time of opportunity: to heal, to grow, to dream, and to act. Working alongside Bishop Zeiser, I hope to hear from many different voices to seek their wisdom, guidance, expertise and involvement going forward. I'll be hearing from our Synod staff. From congregational leaders.

From other synods and their leaders. From other faith communities. And from the others who were nominated to this office of Bishop at last month's Online Assembly. And I can promise you that I will be praying, listening, and learning, in these days to come, to help us all discern how to be, and to act, and to remain: Christ-centered, Spirit-Led, and God-Reliant.

And so, I am here to commit to you that when I take office on January 1st, 2021, I will begin my tenure as your Bishop by taking a sabbath rest. I will not come into the Synod offices or do any work until Monday, January 11. No email. No social media. Only time for rest, with my family, and with our God. I want to start my time working with you as the most sabbath-rested servant-leader I can possibly be.

And then, after resting, let us return - refreshed, and ready to go where the Spirit is leading, centered in Christ, relying on God. We wish you blessings, love, joy, peace and hope, in this season and into this bright new year. God bless.



Online Assembly 2020 - We Did It!

Our Synod was the first in Region 7 to hold an online assembly, and it went really well.

Elections were held. Resolutions were adopted. Reports were received. Events were celebrated.



Elections. The process for electing a bishop was overseen by Mr. Ed Cool and by Mr. William "Bill" Horne II, Vice President of the ELCA, who also brought greetings and a report from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Pastor Christopher deForest was elected to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod on the 5th ballot, with 260 votes. Pastor Ryan Hersch, of Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, received 222 votes. The other five candidates were Pastors Charles Grube,



Becca Middeke-Conlin, Nelson Quiñones, Susan Ruggles, and Martha Sipe.

Additionally, Pattie Corcoran, Joshua Fink, Pastor Gregory Frey, and Louise McLoughan were elected to the Synod Council either by their Mission District or by the Assembly; and Dr. Margaret Ann Rapp and Pastor Michael Ware were elected to the Synod Discipline Committee.

Worship. Assembly worship was coordinated by Deacon Michael Krentz, who also composed a hymn "We Are Church Together" especially for Assembly 2020. Opening worship was a Service of the Word and included participants from around the synod, as well as a sermon by Bishop Zeiser. There was also music and prayer throughout the course of the Assembly.



Celebrations. A highlight of the first Friday evening was a video celebrating 50/40/10, the 50th anniversary of U.S. Lutheran churches' decision to ordain women, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first women of color, and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to officially ordain people in same-gender committed relationships. The Assembly also recognized major anniversaries of rostered ministers, especially those celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry.



**We Are Church,
We Are Called**

50•40•10

Vice President Kristen Edelman-Weiner's Report. Vice President Kristen emphasized the importance of "Moving Forward as Church Together." Using the metaphor of an old tree line on her property and the efforts she made to revive it, Kristen acknowledged that new growth doesn't happen easily. It requires hard work; attention to caretaking; patience; the willingness to take risks and encounter failures; and above all, faith in God's promises and an optimistic hope in the future God intends for us.



Bishop Elect deForest will be installed on December 5 by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

The service will be live streamed. For information on how to view the service, and for links to videos of all of Assembly 2020, including shorter videos of the key events, please visit the synod website at godslove.org.

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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.



December 3	Kenneth & Dianne Angstadt (60 wed)
December 12	Lucille Zettlemoyer
December 16	Diana Gehman
December 17	Elaine Silliman
December 17	Jane Warmkessel
December 18	Michael & Evelyn Dietz (55 wed)
December 25	Sylvia Heckler
December 26	Michael Dietz
January 2	Joan Stettler
January 4	Marian Stettler
January 14	Irene Isamoyer
January 17	Walter Dietrich, Jr.
January 20	Mary Haas
January 30	Roeller Dietrich
January 30	Elaine Heffner

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

... the family of Penny Keller.

... the family of Zachary Huber.

CLEARANCES NEEDED

Please make copies of your completed Criminal and Child Abuse clearances and send them to the church along with the other paper that needs to be signed. Clearances must be on file in the church office when Sunday School and church events resume. Put "Attention Karen" on the outside of envelope. Thank you to those of you who have returned their clearances.



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.



December 6	Holy Communion
December 24 (6 PM)	Holy Communion
December 24 (9 PM)	Holy Communion
January 3	Holy Communion

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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