



THE CHURCH KEY

A NEWSLETTER THAT OPENS PEOPLE
TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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Kutztown, Pennsylvania
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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and
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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. 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.
- ◆ After church refreshments should be kept on the lower level of the church.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



As we begin our forty-day Lenten pilgrimage this month, I would like to share some advice from Mark Twain about avoiding temptation: “There are several good protections against temptation, but the surest is cowardice.” Think about that. How many temptations have we avoided in life simply because we were too afraid to act on them? On the other hand, how much trouble could we have avoided in our lives if we had been a little more cowardly? When facing temptation, cowardice may be a virtue!

After Jesus was baptized and before he could begin his public ministry, Jesus was compelled by the Holy Spirit to confront three great temptations in the wilderness. And it wasn't cowardice that enabled Jesus to avoid temptation, but deep faith in God. Satan made Jesus three very tempting offers. First Satan offered Jesus food. After fasting for many days in the wilderness he *had* to be hungry. But Jesus said “no thanks” to the temptation to misuse his power by turning stones into bread.

Next, Satan offered Jesus something that for many people today would be an even greater temptation—power, wealth, and fame. Basically, Satan offered Jesus a career in government! When Satan offers Jesus authority over all the kingdoms of the world, he is tempting him by essentially saying, “If you are the Son of God, use your power to do some good by the only means of power we know—politics.” It has been said that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Those in positions of power often end up worshipping at Satan's altar instead of God's. But Jesus would not pay the price that Satan asked of him.

Another person who was offered incredible power but resisted the temptation was George Washington. After the war for independence, many people wanted to make Washington the king of America, but he refused. One historian has called this the most important event in the American Revolution: “The key event was when Washington laid down his sword, retired as Commander in Chief of the army, and returned to Mt. Vernon. . . . Many would have been happy to install Washington as a benevolent autocrat. But Washington refused. That refusal to be a king . . . was one of the great moments in the American Revolution.”

Finally, Satan's third temptation in the wilderness was to offer Jesus religion. Actually, what Satan offered was more like spiritual show-biz. Throw yourself down from the top of the Temple in front of everyone, Jesus, and you will become a superstar! Angels will catch you in their arms and everyone in Jerusalem will see that you are indeed the Messiah and follow you.

In the past few decades, there has been a great upsurge in “glitzy”

spirituality that attracts huge crowds with astonishing displays of wonders and miracles. Many faith-healers have paraded across the stage on our TV screens drawing in millions of viewers, and maybe as many dollars, by their claimed ability to instantly cure people. People are attracted because we are a society that wants instant results. And many have come to expect the same from religion. Yet, when Satan offered Jesus instant spiritual glamour and glory, Jesus refused.

I find it interesting that Jesus is first made known at the beginning of his ministry not by what he affirms or by what he accomplishes, but rather by what he *refuses*. This is the first time in the gospels that we see Jesus in action. His words are the very first words we hear from Jesus' mouth. And the first thing we hear Jesus say is "no," which is quite interesting as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, our forty-day walk with Jesus to the cross. Jesus could have easily spared himself the suffering that awaited him. Peter tried to talk him out of going to Jerusalem, but Jesus insisted that he must take up his cross. At his trial, Jesus refused to speak a word in his own defense. We usually think that Jesus died on the cross because of the things he said and did. But the gospels remind us that Jesus also suffered and died because of what he refused to say and do.

The temptations that Jesus faced are the same temptations we all face every day. And what is so dangerous is that, like the temptations Satan placed before Jesus, they seem so right at the time. What is so sinister about the temptations we face is that they seem so wonderful and alluring at the time. Only later, after we have succumbed to them, do we realize at what cost.

Jesus was able to foresee the cost and say no. But can we? Just like Jesus, you and I know what it's like to be tempted. We know what it's like to hunger for something we want—something that others might say we really should have. Spend that extra dollar. Drink that extra drink. Eat that last doughnut. Click on that questionable web site. Talk trash behind the back of your coworker. Sleep in on Sunday. Put work ahead of family. The list is endless. Temptation is everywhere.

So, where do we find the power to say no? Perhaps the next time you face temptation you might be able to remember one little word that has tremendous power. In Martin Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," there is a verse that says, "The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him." Many think that one little word is "Christ." But I wonder. Could that one little word that subdues Satan simply be, "No"?

FEBRUARY AND MARCH WORSHIP

February 4	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 11	Transfiguration	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service		7:00 P.M.
February 18	First Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 21	Mid-Week Lenten Service		7:30 P.M.
February 25	Second Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 28	Mid-Week Lenten Service		7:30 P.M.
March 4	Third Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 7	Mid-Week Lenten Service		7:30 P.M.
March 11	Fourth Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 14	Mid-Week Lenten Service		7:30 P.M.
March 18	Fifth Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 21	Mid-Week Lenten Service		7:30 P.M.
March 25	Sixth Sunday in Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15

SERVICE UPDATE

Please note that our evening services will be held at 7:00 P.M. instead of 7:30 P.M. (except for Christmas Eve and the Mid-Week Lenten Services) beginning in 2018. This was decided at the Church Board meeting in October.

OLD STAIRS

Please **DO NOT** use the old staircase. This is for safety reasons. We don't want anyone to fall and not be found because no one uses that staircase.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Where to watch/listen for worship service/Sunday School/activities cancellation in case of inclement weather: www.wfmz.com (click on "storm center update") (**please note:** worship schedule delay or closing information will be listed on WFMZ website and not on Channel 69 except for extreme weekend conditions) or call the church office (610-683-7485). A message will be on the answering machine.



INGATHERING

On the first Sunday of each month the Mission Outreach Committee will continue to collect items to fill backpacks/bags 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

ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2017 Annual Reports should be available the end of February or the beginning of March. If you are unable to get to the church to pick one up, call the church office and one can be mailed to you.



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

The Mission Outreach Committee will serve the evening meal at the Opportunity House on **February 8th**. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal. Please sign up on the second floor bulletin board. Questions can be directed to Cindy O'Neil.

UNWANTED ITEMS

There is a container marked "Opportunity House" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mertztown (near Radcliffe's) where you can donate goods. If you prefer to bring them to church, Lisa Walker will transport donations when the Mission Outreach serves food at Opportunity House.

TRANSPORTATION

Anyone needing transportation to attend worship or a church function, please contact Ellie Merkel at 610-683-7585.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, **February 10th**, the Adult Fellowship Committee is planning a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M. Following the meal, Dale Reppert will be presenting the program based on his book, "Return to Heaven", which documents the true story "of his continuous battle to live and how through unwavering optimism and God's consistent presence, he persevered". Families and friends are invited to this Valentine celebration of life and love. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

February 14th, 7:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with ash on our foreheads. This cross echoes our baptismal anointing, when we were buried with Christ. The ash is a chilling reminder of our mortality, but because our death is now in Christ, our endings are beginnings. The Lenten disciplines of acts of kindness, prayer, and fasting are tools of discipleship that can lead us to renewal as we bury all that is holding us back from being truly alive. (reprinted from *Words for Worship*, copyright Augsburg/Fortress, 2003)



RELAY FOR LIFE BRUNCHES

Zion's Relay for Life Team will hold brunches immediately after the worship service on **February 18th and April 15th** to raise funds for this year's event. Donations are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-12, and children under age 6 eat free. Join us for breakfast items, lunch items, and yummy desserts! Everyone is welcome.



SOUP SUPPERS AND LENTEN SERVICES

We will be having soup suppers prior to the Mid-Week Lenten Worship beginning **Wednesday, February 21st**. 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.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Uncovering the Book of Revelation

Beginning on **Wednesday, February 21st**, we will once again have our popular mid-week time of fellowship, devotions, and Bible study. The evening will begin with a soup supper and fellowship hour from 6:30-7:30 P.M. Then at 7:30 we will have brief devotions followed by a Bible study. This year's topic is: "Uncovering the Book of Revelation." The book of Revelation is often the first book that people try to read in the Bible, which is unfortunate because it is perhaps the hardest book in the Bible to understand, filled as it is with fantastic and fearsome imagery. Many Christians, especially in recent times, have completely misunderstood the message of this book and have often misused it in dangerous ways. Are we really living in the "end times" and is a "rapture" soon to happen? Come and find out what the book of Revelation is really saying and discover why Revelation is not so much a book of doom and destruction, but is actually the most hope-filled and inspiring book in the Bible.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Mobile will be at Zion's on **Tuesday, February 27th** 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. You can also sign up online at giveapint.org (Group ID: 3303).



2018 Blood Drive Schedule

Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Thursday, August 9

Tuesday, November 6

All drives are from 3:30 to 7:00 P.M.

JOIN THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TEAM

Members of the Eucharistic Ministry teams at Zion's Union Church Maxatawny visit and share the sacrament of Holy Communion with members of our church who are not able to attend our regularly scheduled church services. This ministry is very much appreciated by the 17 members we are currently serving. If you would like to join our ministry team, please contact me by phone 610-683-3910 or email ggclh@aol.com. It would be great to have you join our ministry. Coordinator – Grace Haas

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women of Zion will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on **March 3rd** here at the church. Watch for more information in the bulletins.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Eucharistic Ministry Team will make their visits after the **March 4th** Communion Service. If you know of anyone who is temporarily unable to come to the service for communion and would like a visit from one of our Eucharistic ministers, please notify Grace Haas at 610-683-3910 as soon as possible.



CEMETERY CLEAN UP



The Cemetery Board at Zion's Union Church Maxatawny will be cleaning the cemetery the 3rd Saturday of March (**March 17th**). **ALL** flower arrangements must be removed by the 3rd Saturday of March. The only exceptions will be the arrangements attached to the top of the tombstones.



PRAYER SHAWL



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will meet **February 26th** and **March 26th** 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.



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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Activity Schedule:

February 4	Youth Sunday
February 18	Dart Ball 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
March 4	Discussion 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
March 18	Stuff eggs, discussion, 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt, be here by 12:00 P.M.



Offering Schedule:

February 4	Johnathan Korutz and Kelly Leiby
February 11	Emily Bortz and Gabby Webb
February 18	Elizabeth Schell and Ben Heffner
February 25	Zachary Schell and Carson Sheetz
March 4	Sarah Grim and Ashley DeLong
March 11	Lauren DeLong and Maisy Kellum
March 18	Andrew Haas and Connor O'Neil
March 25	Emma Heffner and Madison Sheetz

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.*

February 12	Meeting and Bible study at 1:30 P.M.
March 3	World Day of Prayer at 10:00 A.M.
March 12	Meeting at 1:30 P.M. "Getting Ready for Spring" by Nancy Fulton.



*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.

COOKBOOK

The Wiz will be helping to gather recipes for a church cookbook. Each month we will be collecting a different style of recipe. The month of February will be your favorite BREAD recipe. The month of March will be your favorite SOUP recipe. This project is open to all the women of the church. A special box will be placed in the Gathering Area to collect these recipes. Your input of recipes is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions you can call me at 610-683-3627. Loretta Flicker

MEAL PROGRAM

This new year brings a reminder that here at Zion we have a group of 20 members who are willing to provide meals for short periods to members in need. The way our system works is that our volunteers make meals and bring them to the church on Sunday morning where they will be given to a family member or volunteer to deliver to the designated person in need. We schedule 3 meals (1 per volunteer) a week and usually offer this for a period of a month (can be extended if necessary). If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, please relay details to Peggy Morgan. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, there is a sign-up sheet for new volunteers on the upstairs Bulletin Board.

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN BOOK PUBLISHED!

Lanne Deitsch (Learn Dutch)! Mary Laub has published a picture book, *Uff der Bauerei (On the Farm)*, written in Pennsylvania German/Pennsylvania Dutch. This story is uniquely different in that there is a phonetic spelling written in parenthesis under each word to facilitate pronunciation. In addition, there is an English translation at the bottom of each page, and an illustration to match each page of the text. A recording of the story is also available to download from the internet or purchase as a CD so you can follow along. The book and CD are available to purchase from Mary. The fee for the book is \$8 (which includes tax) and the CD is \$4 (which includes tax). The book and CD can also be purchased at businesses in the area including Wooden Bridge Fabrics, Leid's Saddlery, Dietrich's Meats, Albright's Mill, Wanamakers General Store, and Burkholder's Farm Market (Topton Road). Online purchases can be made at www.masthof.com; or Amazon.com.

SUPPLIES IN KITCHEN

There is plenty of decaf coffee, plates, cups, bowls, napkins, etc. in the pantry for your special occasions. These supplies are for your convenience. Please use.

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2018, JUNE 1ST AND 2ND 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 1st, 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.



MYSTERY MEMBER

Hope many of you recognized Richard and Jane Warmkessel as the Mystery Couple for January. This month please meet another couple that has made a difference at Zion's.

His early years were spent in Kutztown and Maxatawny where he often rode his bicycle to Kutztown to "hang out with friends." He graduated from KAHS and continued his education at Lincoln Technical School where he studied to be an auto technician.

She was born in the Reading Hospital and spent her early years in the Kutztown area. She took piano lessons from 3rd grade thru high school and also was a Girl Scout. She sang on the junior choir. Both were active in Youth

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Fellowship. She is also a KAHS graduate and went on to the Reading Hospital School of Nursing. They were married at Zion's in 1970 and had a reception in the church social room. Their honeymoon was an overnight stay at Bushkill Falls because she had to get back to school. Friends came to their house a few nights after their wedding and "bull banded" them after they had gone to bed.

He was in the National Guards for 6 years and also worked in carpentry, roofing, and in maintenance for the Borough of Kutztown. He became a self-employed Excavator in 1976, digging graves, septic systems, and houses. He was also in a partnership until the recession no longer made it feasible. He did the snowplowing at malls through several blizzards.

She was a waitress at Suburban Drive-In. She became a nurse for the next 45 years, working at Topton Lutheran Home, Hamburg State Hospital, Dr. Leonard Dietrich's Office for 10 years, and at Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital for 32 years.

They are the parents of two children and grandparents to four. An interesting note is that both of them were baptized, confirmed, and married at Zion's and their children were also baptized, confirmed, and married here. Among her hobbies she lists knitting, camping, and basketball games. He also enjoys camping, woodworking, and basketball games. Early in their marriage they were snowmobilers.

Over the years they have had four dogs and several cats and raised mini-lop rabbits.

Their church involvement is extensive, serving as Youth Ministry advisors until 1991. He served as a Consistory Elder for several terms and has been a Sunday school teacher as well as a Confirmation course instructor between regular pastors. Both attended the Youth Gathering in 1991 in Dallas, Texas, she being the only female advisor. Assisting them at this time were Peg Morgan, Dale Bennecoff, Pat Kutz, Lori Arndt, Richard Haas, and others. He continued to support the Youth by collecting recycling and doing church snowplowing and donating proceeds to the group.

She sang on the choir and served at Zion's and other churches as assistant organist for 25+ years. She was also a Sunday school teacher and recently participated in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Together they created Sonshine, a singing group that existed from 1983 to 1992. It was composed of young people who performed various musicals and provided programs for church services, rally days at Zion's, and outreach services at other churches. The pastor's wife remembers Sonshine from one of the churches she previously attended. Some of these participants still attend Zion's and continue to perform here on occasion.

By now you may have guessed who these members are. Remember to thank them for the commitment they have brought to Zion's.

SIMPLY GIVING

Our program is growing, this year we added 3 new members and our total is now 17 families who are contributing through the Simply Giving initiative. This easy way of giving automatically monthly through your bank account helps our financial stability and allows members the hassle free method of contributing on a regular basis. Last year we received \$33,326 for Current Expenses, \$6608 for Benevolence and \$2105 for our Building Fund through Direct Deposit. Enrollment is any time in the year and can be done by filling out one of the forms posted on the upstairs Bulletin Board and returned to Peggy Morgan for processing.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ray Schell helped present Kutztown Mayor Sandy Green with a plaque and gift cards in recognition of her 12 years of service to Kutztown.
- Zachary Schell, Jake Walker, Emma Heffner, and Kaylen Leiby from the Kutztown High School Leo Club helped collect and distribute donated items to Friend, Inc.
- Lila Berger was seen visiting the Lenhart's Tree Farm with her preschool class..
- Benjamin Haas received 1st place in Database Design & Applications at the Regional Leadership Conference.
- Zachary Haas received 1st place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure at the Regional Leadership Conference.
- Benjamin Haas made the band for the Berks Senior County Music Festival.
- Dana Gehringer made the orchestra for the Berks Senior County Music Festival.
- Steven Gehringer and Zachary Haas made the chorus for the Berks Senior County Music Festival.
- Dane and Ivan Fegely play basketball for Kutztown High School.
- Zachary Schell is president of and very active in the Kutztown High School FFA.

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.

FROM THE MAILBOX

To our Church Family,

Andrew and the rest of our family would like to THANK everyone for the many prayers and strong support during Andrew's recent surgery. We are so blessed to be a part of Zion's family of faith in this journey.

Greg, Patty, and family

Thank you to everyone for their cards and condolences on the recent loss of my father.

Dale Grim

Zion's Union Church Maxatawny,

On behalf of the entire membership of the Topton Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, I would like to thank you for your recent \$150.00 donation. Donations like these help to provide valuable equipment and training to our members. We truly appreciate your support of the Topton Fire Co. and we wish you and yours a Happy and Healthy 2018.



Sincerely,

Steve Kline, Recording Secretary

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$2,199.00 to support Hurricane 2017 Relief efforts. Your donation will help address the emergency now, as well as the long-term recovery that will be needed to get communities restored and people back into their homes. We are asking for prayers for everyone impacted by the storms, and for your continued support. Thank you for being inspired by God's grace, for partnering with us in loving our neighbors and uniting with us to build a just world for all.

Faithfully,

Mary A. Paxton, Director

Office of Philanthropy & Stewardship

HONOR ROLL

Madison Sheetz
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Bryn Keeney

Dane Fegely
Nicholas Perella
Jacob Heffner
Connor O'Neil
Benjamin Chapkovich

Logan Boyer
Alexandria Webb
Jillian Siefert
Jewel Karaisz

BUILDING FINANCE COMMITTEE JANUARY UPDATE

We started the new year with frigid weather. However, the weather of the congregation is hot! Over the last year we have been able to cut the building loan balance in half. The current building loan balance is now down to \$44,000. Awesome work everyone!

We are very grateful for everyone's commitment and support. It is a real possibility that paying off the rest of the building loan could happen in 2018. Thank you!

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



THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Theology with a Twist will be held **February 13th** at 7:00 P.M. at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main St., Kutztown. Rev. Dr. Steve Ohnsman will present "*God and Tyrants: How Religion Gets Used*". Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase. For information see facebook page Theology with a Twist; email theologywithatwist@outlook.com, or call 610-926-3907.

SPIRIT ON TAP – READING

Spirit on Tap will be held **February 20th and March 13th** at 7:00 P.M. at the DoubleTree Hotel, 701 Penn St., Reading. The events are free and open to all. Free parking in the enclosed adjacent garage, enter from Penn St. or Court St. On **February 20th**, Dale Davis will present "*Faithful Presence: How People of Faith Can Make A Difference in Today's World*". On **March 13th**, Janice Stewart will present "*Healing Touch*". For more information, contact Dr. Harry L. Serio at 610-944-7032, HLSerio@aol.com; Dr. Robert Stewart at 610-775-2836, rastheo1951@msn.com; or Dr. Stephen Ohnsman at ohnsman@comcast.net.

FARM FAMILY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The Farm Family Appreciation Celebration at the Hamburg Field House will be held **March 17th**. This is a celebration to show appreciation for farm families in Berks, Carbon, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties, and the surrounding areas. Doors open at 6:15 P.M. (but no earlier). Dinner buffet is from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Hoedown and music by “The Outlaws” is from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. Cost: farm families – free will donation at the door; farm family supporters – \$16.00 for adults, \$9.00 for children 3-10, and children 2 and under are free. This year we will have a “St. Patrick’s Day” Theme. Any questions, contact Lisa at 610-378-1327 or go to www.godslove.org/calendar. A registration form is available online at www.godslove.org/calendar. Deadline to register is **March 2nd**.



KUTZTOWN KITCHEN

Usually 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.

QUIET DAYS

Quiet Days takes place **February 6th and March 6th** 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.

FROM THE RECORD BOOK

MEMORIAL SERVICE: *Patty Lou Stevens*, 67, of Fleetwood, died December 27, 2017. Memorial service January 6, 2018 in Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz.

FUNERAL: *Charles E. Mertz, Sr.*, 89, of Kutztown, died January 10, 2018. Services were held January 15, 2018 in Zion’s Union Church Maxatawny by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz. Interment was in Zion Maxatawny Union Cemetery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS

Date	Acolyte	Worship Leader	Date	Acolyte	Worship Leader
January			July Cont.		
21	Andrew Schell	Kelly Leiby	15	Paige Cavalho	Kelly Leiby
28	Ben Heffner	Elizabeth Schell	22	Andrew Schell	Elizabeth Schell
February			29	Anthony Blanchard	Katelyn DeLong
4	Autumn Edleman	Katelyn DeLong	August		
11	Paige Cavalho	Sarah Grimm	5	Autumn Edleman	Sarah Grimm
18	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Ashley DeLong	12	Nathan Johnson	Andrew Haas
25	Anthony Blanchard	Jewel Karaiz	19	Paige Cavalho	Julia Perella
March			26	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Mitchell Grimm
4	Archer Scaffidi	Mitchell Grimm	September		
11	Ethan Weidman	Maisy Kellum	2	Archer Scaffidi	Kaylen Leiby
18	Paige Cavalho	Andrew Haas	9	Ben Heffner	Maisy Kellum
25	Ben Heffner	Kaylen Leiby	16	Ethan Weidman	Kelly Leiby
April			23	Andrew Schell	Ashely DeLong
1	Autumn Edleman	Steven Gehring	30	Anthony Blanchard	Elizabeth Schell
8	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Kelly Leiby	October		
15	Anthony Blanchard	Zachary Haas	7	Paige Cavalho	Jewel Karaiz
22	Nathan Johnson	Julia Perella	14	Nathan Johnson	Sarah Grimm
29	Andrew Schell	Kaylen Leiby	21	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Zachary Haas
May			28	Ben Heffner	Steven Gehring
6	Archer Scaffidi	Nicholas Perella	November		
13	Ethan Weidman	Elizabeth Schell	4	Autumn Edleman	Kelly Leiby
20	Paige Cavalho	Kelly Leiby	11	Archer Scaffidi	Julia Perella
27	Ben Heffner	Katelyn DeLong	18	Andrew Schell	Kaylen Leiby
June			25	Paige Cavalho	Katelyn DeLong
3	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Ashley DeLong	December		
10	Autumn Edleman	Kaylen Leiby	2	Anthony Blanchard	Andrew Haas
17	Archer Scaffidi	Jewel Karaiz	9	Nathan Johnson	Maisy Kellum
24	Nathan Johnson	Maisy Kellum	16	Ben Heffner	Kaylen Leiby
July			23	Cayden Cicoone-Haas	Elizabeth Schell
1	Ben Heffner	Sarah Grimm	30	Autumn Edleman	
8	Anthony Blanchard	Zachary Haas			

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.

February 4	Irene Stauffer
February 12	Helen Noll
February 15	Margaret Stettler
February 17	William Bird
February 19	Ted Silliman
February 21	Wilfred Radcliffe
February 25	George Isamoyer
February 28	Janet Fegely
March 3	Anna Bortz
March 13	Guerin Nester
March 15	Arlene Oswald
March 16	Dorothy Zettlemoyer
March 18	Doris Dietrich
March 19	Carl Flicker
March 20	Robert & Gladys Leibold (64 wed)
March 20	Ralph Noll, Sr.
March 25	Sarah (Millie) Christman
March 26	Marilyn Bird
March 27	Dorothy Moyer
March 28	John Mertz
March 29	Betty Dietrich
March 31	Patricia Miller



OUR SYMPATHIES TO....

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| ... the family of Debbie Whitney. | ... the family of James Herbein. |
| ... the family of Patty Stevens. | ... the family of Barry Lambert. |
| ... the family of Timothy Dietrich, Sr. | ... the family of Charles Mertz, Sr. |
| ... the family of Ralph Grim. | ... the family of Richard Grim. |
| ... the family of Grace Hertzog. | |

MEMBER UPDATES

Losses: Mertz, Sr., Charles E.
Stevens, Patty Lou



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.

February 4

Altar Holy Communion

March 4

Pew Holy Communion



MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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