



# CHURCH KEY

A NEWSLETTER THAT OPENS PEOPLE  
TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION  
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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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 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



After all the excess over-eating many of us do over the holidays, a common New Year's resolution is to diet. I recently came across some rules for dieting that may make your New Year's resolution easier to achieve:

1. If you eat something and no one sees it, it has no calories!
2. If you eat a candy bar and follow it up with a diet soft-drink, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet drink.
3. Food used for medicinal purposes never counts (such as chocolate and wine).
4. Snacks eaten while watching a movie don't count because they are part of the "total entertainment package."
5. When you eat with someone else, the calories don't count if you don't eat any more than they do.
6. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking them up releases all the calories.
7. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories (for example, lettuce and mint ice cream).
8. Food licked off knives and spoons has no calories because it is being used in the process of making something else (such as peanut butter on a knife while making a PB&J and ice cream on a spoon while making a sundae).
9. For every burp you may subtract 25 calories.

You sure can't get this kind of dietary wisdom from Weight Watchers or Jenny Craig! But on a more serious note, God realizes that all people have basic dietary needs. Jesus realized this when he included the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread" in the Lord's Prayer. But when Jesus taught the disciples to pray for their daily bread, he did not only have food in mind, but all the basic necessities of life. Those of you who grew up Lutheran may remember that Martin Luther emphasized this in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer in the *Small Catechism*. Luther taught that "our daily bread" includes: "Everything our bodies need such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, livestock, an upright spouse, upright children, upright workers, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

Note that many of things on this list are things that satisfy not just our physical needs, but our *spiritual* needs. Not only does our body need regular nourishment, but so does our *soul*. And not only has God provided all that our bodies need to be strong and healthy, but in Jesus Christ God has provided all

that our souls need to be strong and healthy. Jesus once said, “It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. . . . I am the bread of life. Whoever come to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:32-35).

Jesus as the “bread of life” is a metaphor that points us beyond our physical hungers to where our real hunger lies: in our souls. One thing that makes bread such a good metaphor is the process that turns wheat into bread. Except for unleavened bread, what makes bread bread is yeast. Yeast is a tiny one-celled organism that grows and metabolizes its own food with great speed. Yeast works all through the dough, fermenting and releasing gases that make the bread rise. You could say that Jesus, the bread of life, makes our spirits rise through the divine yeast of the Holy Spirit. To benefit fully from the Bread of Life we must keep our souls “yeasty.” So in this new year I’d like to suggest a new diet for you to try that could be called the “Jesus Diet.” And it’s very simple to remember if we use the letters of the word “yeast” as an acronym:

**Y: “Yes”** — Say yes to the spiritual nourishment that Jesus provides through regular worship.

**E: “Energize”** — Like the Energizer Bunny that keeps on going and going, a yeast colony keeps on growing and growing. That’s the way our lives as Christians should be through regular prayer, Bible reading, and involvement in outreach ministries.

**A: “Access”** — In order to keep growing we must have regular access to our soul’s energy source through regular involvement in the church.

**S: “Search”** — We need to constantly search out sources of spiritual nourishment such as Bible study and daily devotions.

**T: “Trust”** — We must constantly trust in the Spirit’s presence in our lives as a source of energy, guidance, and inspiration. It is that trust that allows us to take bold risks in God’s name when conventional wisdom cautions us to sit on the sidelines.

**Y.E.A.S.T.** Say yes. Energize. Access. Search. Trust. The spiritual yeast found in the Bread of Life is always available to us at God’s Holy Table in the Lord’s Supper. When the worries of life are weighing you down, come to God’s Table and fill your soul with the Bread of Life. Come to God’s Table and drink deeply from his life-giving cup. Come regularly to God’s house and re-energize the spiritual yeast within you. Make your life full, fluffy, and flavorful. Try the Jesus Diet. For only Jesus can satisfy the hungry heart. Only Jesus has food for the soul.

## FEBRUARY AND MARCH WORSHIP

February 3	4 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany/Youth Sunday	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 17	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	SS 9:00	church 10:15
February 24	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 3	Transfiguration Sunday	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 6	Ash Wednesday		7:00 P.M.
March 10	First Sunday of Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 13	Mid-Week Lent Service		7:30 P.M.
March 17	Second Sunday of Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 20	Mid-Week Lent Service		7:30 P.M.
March 24	Third Sunday of Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15
March 27	Mid-Week Lent Service		7:30 P.M.
March 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent	SS 9:00	church 10:15

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Worship service/Sunday School/activities cancellation:  
[www.wfmz.com](http://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.



## 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.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2018 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.



## SIMPLY GIVING

As we head into 2019, we now have 20 members utilizing our Simply Giving program. In 2018, we received \$36,258 for our Current Fund, \$7,415.50 for Benevolence and \$2,213.50 for our Building Fund. This easy giving initiative ensures funding each month by its contributors to help with the church's ongoing expenses. Enrollment can be done anytime throughout the year, forms are on the upstairs Bulletin Board. See Peggy Morgan with questions about this program or to enroll.

## 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 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

## RELAY FOR LIFE BRUNCHES

Zion's Relay for Life Team will hold brunches immediately after the worship service on **February 24<sup>th</sup>** and **April 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

The Mission Outreach Committee will serve the evening meal at the Opportunity House on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Eucharistic Ministry Team will make their visits after the **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.



## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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)



## CEMETERY CLEAN UP



**ALL** flower arrangements must be removed from the cemetery by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March. The only exceptions will be the arrangements attached to the top of the tombstones. Cemetery clean-up will take place **March 16<sup>th</sup>** (weather permitting).



## 2019 BLOOD DRIVES

**3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Tuesday, August 13**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Tuesday, November 5**



A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board on the second floor by the stairs. You can also sign up online at [giveapint.org](http://giveapint.org) (Group ID: 3303). *If you or anyone you know received donated blood and would like to share their story leave a message with Pat Kutz at 610-944-9456 or write your story down and put it in the secretary's box in the Gathering Area.*

## 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.*

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| February 11 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M. ( <b>Note new time</b> ) Bible study with Pastor Jeff.                             |
| March 11    | Meeting at 1:00 P.M. ( <b>Note new time</b> ) Guest speaker, Peggy Morgan, "Stay Fit – Chair Exercise". |



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

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will meet **February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 25<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 always welcome.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

### Activity Schedule:

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| February 3  | Youth Sunday                              |
| February 17 | Dart Ball at 1:30 P.M.                    |
| March 3     | Potato cutting                            |
| March 17    | Looking with Chef Doug, 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. |



### Offering Schedule:

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|-------------|---|
| February 3  | Andrew Schell and Jonah Shorette        |
| February 10 | Paige Carvalho and Ben Heffner          |
| February 17 | Steven Gehringer and Mitchel Grim       |
| February 24 | Christopher Blanchard and Jewel Karaisz |
| March 3     | Kaylen Leiby and Lexi Webb              |
| March 10    | Adam Noll and Anthony Blanchard         |
| March 17    | Madison Held and Zachary Haas           |
| March 24    | Jonathan Weidman and Sydney Sheetz      |
| March 31    | Katelyn DeLong and Ethan Weidman        |



## 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 Ellie Merkel if interested.

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group will meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. See Loretta Flicker for more information.

## 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.

## RELAY FOR LIFE 2019, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AND JUNE 1<sup>ST</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 1<sup>st</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.

## DID YOU KNOW

- A wonderful article appeared in the *Northern Berks Patriot Item* about Dave Merkel's Cans For Kids program.
- An article appeared in the *Reading Eagle* about the tractor that Irvin Miller drove while on the farm. His grandson bought and restored the tractor and now takes it to shows including the Farm Show.

# CHURCH BOARD UPDATE

November 27, 2018

- Annual Strategic Reorganization Planning Meeting January 12, 2019. 9 -10 A.M. Church Board. 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. All committees/group/ organizations. Revisit the Strategic Plan developed, celebrate successes, and access future opportunities.
- Approved pursuing the publishing of Rev. Heckler's Church History. Pastor Butz approached a local publishing company for projected costs and requirements to publish this well written comprehensive history of Zion's Union Church Maxatawny. Look for more information to follow.
- Thank you received from Friend, Inc. for \$215.00 Harvest Home donation.
- Building Finance Committee Building Loan approaching less than \$5,000.
- Seeders and Sow On – ongoing work and landscaping of church grounds recognized and appreciated.
- Disaster and Environmental Committee – shower in basement completed.
- Current Board members will be returning. Beginning succession planning. Anyone interested in joining the Board in 2020 or looking for more information please let any Board member know.
- College Student Group Sunday morning well received at Thanksgiving time for those college students home on break. Christmas group planned.
- New member classes forming in the new year. Bring a friend to church for the holiday season if able.

## FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Zion's,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$108 to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund. Your special gift to the Brighter Future Fund will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.



Sincerely,  
Carolyn Shultz Spano

**MYSTERY MEMBER/S**

**I hope everyone recognized Mitchell (Mitch) Grim as last month's mystery member. He is the son of Wendy and David Grim and has a younger sister, Sarah.**

This month we introduce another teen member of the congregation but this time it is a young woman. She was born in 2002 in Lehigh Valley Hospital and is very close to a birthday celebration. She compliments her hometown by saying "growing up in Kutztown was nice because of it having such a welcoming community and tradition." She also had the pleasure each summer of going to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to visit her grandparents. She is a student at Kutztown Area High School where she participates in Soccer, Track and Field, and Student Council where she serves as its President, Student Government, Leo Club, and Kutztown Strong. Her family consists of her parents, three sisters, and one brother. She also has 11 cousins. And we cannot forget a cat and a dog. Her hobbies include hiking, kayaking, reading poetry, and volunteering. She is a volunteer at Kutztown Community Library. She is also an intern for the KASD tech department. In addition to Youth Group she has been a VBS volunteer and has participated in Relay for Life. She attended the Youth Gathering, which gave her the experience of attending her first Major League Baseball Game.

**Can you identify this very busy young woman?**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN BOOK PUBLISHED!**

Learn PA German (Dutch)! Mary Laub has published a second picture book, *Uff der Bauerei: Wu iss die Henny? (On the Farm: Where is Henny?)* which is a bi-lingual book written in Pennsylvania German (Dutch). This book is a sequel to the first book published, *Uff der Bauerei: Die Henny un der Spunky (On the Farm: Henny and Spunky)*. The stories are 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 free from the internet or it can be purchased as a CD so you can follow along. The books and CDs are available to purchase from Mary. The fee for the second book is \$10 and the CD is \$5. The fee for the first book is \$8 and the CD is \$4. The books and CD can also be purchased online at Masthof.com, Amazon.com, or at several businesses in the area in the area including Wooden Bridge Fabrics, Leid's Saddlery, and Dietrich's Meats.



**D.E.A.R.**

**(Disaster, Environmental, And Resources committee)**

In the midst of the winter season, it is vital to be prepared for any road emergency that you may encounter while driving. Everyone should have a basic winter survival kit assembled for their car before traveling. Here are some items that should be in your kit.

1. Ice scraper/snowbrush
2. Small or collapsible snow shovel
3. Gloves, hat, hand warmers
4. Blanket
5. Road flares
6. Rock salt. Kitty litter, or traction mats
7. First aid kit
8. Flash light, batteries
9. Jumper cables
10. Water, snacks
11. Chain or tow strap

If you have yet to build your winter car survival kit, now is the time!

## FARM FAMILY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The Farm Family Appreciation Celebration at the Hamburg Field House will be held **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Music by “The Majestics” is from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. Cost: farm families – free will donation at the door; farm family supporters – \$18.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children 3-10, and children 2 and under are free. This year’s theme is sports. Any questions, contact Lisa at 610-378-1327 or go to [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar). A registration form is available online at [www.godslove.org/calendar](http://www.godslove.org/calendar). Deadline to register is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Theology with a Twist will be held **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main St., Kutztown. 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](mailto:theologywithatwist@outlook.com), or call 610-926-3907.

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## A Toy Drive in Schwarzwald



Several years ago, Pastor Scott Staub had a dream that the Schwarzwald community could hold a Toy Drive for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. The program began at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church; and now in its third year, it has become a truly community effort. This year the following churches participated in the Toy Drive: Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, Reformation Lutheran Church, Schwarzwald UCC, St. Lawrence UCC, Northstar UMC, and Bethany Lutheran Church.

Financial support was provided by Thrivent Financial and Tompkin's VIST Bank. Wood-to-Wonderful provided their lovely handmade, wooden toys. The Arbor Inn, Effie's Charcoal Chef and Jake's of Mt. Penn provided collection sites, funding and cooking assistance. Boscov's Travel, A Perfect Secretary, Exeter Veterinary Hospital, Five Below, St. Lawrence Women's Club, Rotary of Mt. Penn/Exeter, Exeter Lions Club, the Exeter Girls Scouts and the Exeter Food Pantry collected toys, bought toys and provided many hardworking volunteers.

There was absolutely no problem getting volunteers for this event! We had the hardest working, most joy-filled volunteers ever! Would you believe that we never had to ask for help with this project? The volunteers found us! We had set-up help, truck drivers, bakers, food servers, toy sorters, personal shoppers, tireless gift wrappers, friendly faces; and we even had a full crew at clean up time!

The parents were very grateful and shared their thanks freely. We heard stories of disability, lost jobs, housing complications, sick children and even lost spouses. Most of the parents were relieved to have been invited to the event, expressing that they had no idea how they would have provided Christmas for their children without the Toy Give!

## HONOR ROLL

*If you would like a name included please email the church office or put a note in the secretary's mailbox in the Gathering Area of the church.*

Maisy Kellum

Julia Perella

Andrew Schell

## Synod Assembly 2019 New Theme and Logo



**The 2019 Synod Assembly will be held on June 1 at Genetti Red Roof Inn and Suites in Hazleton.**

The theme, "Freed In Christ For a New Day," highlights that "in Christ, there is a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17).

The new logo symbolizes some of the underlying concepts and content to be explored at this Assembly:

The FONT style is bold and clear, fresh and informal, reflecting a church that is open to all ages and clear in its belief and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The three colors are representative. (View the color edition online at <http://nepasynod.org>).

**BLUE** - the skies and the waters that abundantly bless our Synod territory; and the waters of our baptism.

**GREEN** - the hills, mountains, valleys, and the rich fields and farmlands that are our heritage and our legacy, bestowed on us to steward, share and pass on to those who come after.

**GOLD/YELLOW** - the rising sun of the new day dawning in Jesus; the light of Christ; and even the fresh loaf of bread, the body of Christ broken for us.

The FISH is the earliest symbol of Christ and his first followers, and connects to his feeding of the 5,000 and his call for us to "fish for people."

## Food Pantry Expansion in Dingmans Ferry



Holy Trinity in Dingmans Ferry has been operating a food pantry for 30 years. In recent times, as the number of families coming to receive supplemental food has grown, Holy Trinity has partnered with state and local government, local businesses, the Delaware Valley School District, and the community to purchase and collect food to distribute.

Barbara Hupfer, the Holy Trinity Lay Assistant, coordinates the pantry, ordering food, recruiting and training volunteers and scheduling and meeting with food pantry recipients. The pantry is open 5 days a week.

In recent years the need for additional space for storage, freezers and distribution of food became critical. The congregation was blessed by a \$100,000 gift from a parishioner who volunteers in the pantry and a grant from the Land Share Act of Pennsylvania for \$50,000 to pay for the 980 square foot addition onto the church.

Bishop Zeiser came to preside over the dedication of the new pantry. He spoke about recognizing the mission of God being shared in the church and the community, including the county and local elected officials who were present.



The congregation is filled with joy over this growing ministry that daily serves people in need. Each month, over 150 families are given supplemental food including, cereal, canned goods, meat, vegetables and a variety of staples. The congregation is blessed by being a blessing.

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## 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.

## 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 19	Carol Bauman
February 22	Wilfred Radcliffe
February 25	George Isamoyer
February 28	Janet Fegely
March 1	William Gehman
March 2	David Herber
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 (65 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

## SPIRIT ON TAP – READING

Spirit on Tap will be held **February 19<sup>th</sup>** and **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. at the DoubleTree Hotel, 701 Penn St., Reading. The events are free and open to all. On **February 19<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith will present “A New Christianity”. On **March 26<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. C.J. Rhoads will present “*The Opioid*”.



*Crisis*". 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).

## 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 3

Altar Holy Communion

March 3

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 15<sup>th</sup>**.