



CHURCH KEY

A NEWSLETTER THAT OPENS PEOPLE
TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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a Federated Church of
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and
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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



Dear Siblings in Christ,

We find ourselves in the Season of Ordinary Time, a distinctive phase in our church calendar. It's a period dedicated to deepening our understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and to truly embody what it means to be his disciple. The term 'ordinary' might be misleading, but it's actually derived from the word 'ordinal,' which means 'to count.' In this season, we count the weeks in order, hence the name.

In John's Gospel, we learn that Jesus was with God from the very beginning. He is described as the bread of life, the light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the way truth and life, the vine and the door. Throughout this season, we will hear from faithful followers of Christ and others in both the New and Old Testament who shared their faith to enrich God's kin-dom.

Starting from Sunday, June 16th, we will embark on a journey to explore lesser-known heroes who we might connect with or learn from. Who are those people who led others to be healed by Jesus because of their faith? Can we believe in miracles today? God is still speaking into our lives, but do we actively seek out miracles daily?

Come and see, bring friends and experience Faithful Adventures together!

God Bless you,
Pastor Melissa

SPECIAL SUNDAY'S COMING IN JULY AND AUGUST:

- **Sundays through August 25** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 21** – Temple Talk and Refreshments by the Sanctuary Improvement Team.
- **August 18** – Temple Talk and Refreshments by Senior Ministry Committee.
- **August 25** – SS Picnic and Rally Day at 10:00 A.M. at Longswamp Park.

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

July 7	7 th Sunday after Pentecost/HC	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 14	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 21	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 28	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 4	11 th Sunday after Pentecost/HC	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 11	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 18	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 25	SS Picnic & Rally Day at Longswamp Park 10:00 A.M.		
September 1	15 th Sunday after Pentecost/HC	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 8	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 15	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 22	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 29	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	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. Prior services can be viewed on Youtube — type “Zion’s Union Church” into the Youtube search bar.

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.

STRAWBERRY AND ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

The Sunday School realized over \$2,000 profit from the Strawberry Festival. That will help with expenses for the upcoming year. Thanks to everyone who helped by donating their time, soup, and baked goods. We also delivered a great deal of leftover food to The Opportunity House. They were extremely grateful. Thanks again to all!



CHURCH BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2024

- Pastor Melissa Burkhart's installation service was June 2nd at 3:00 PM. All were invited to attend.
- Greg Haas, Lisa Krause and Pastor Melissa met with Bill Worley from Conference and Synod Deacon Kay Tigerman regarding the NEPS Licensed Lay Ministry program. If you have any questions or interest in lay leadership, please see Greg Haas.
- It is important for all committee and organization leaders to communicate meeting times and information to the church office, Karen Warmkessel. If you would like information in the bulletin or newsletter, submit that in ready to publish text.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

Sunday School and Pastor Melissa are excited to tell you about a shared ministry we will be experiencing. For ten weeks over the summer, beginning Sunday, June 16th, the Sunday School and Worship will explore lesser-known heroes in the Bible. Different ages of our Sunday School will engage in the Main Sunday School area, five stories, each spanning two weeks of interactive fun, Jesus is My Superhero songs, videos, snacks, and more!

Our local mission for the Vacation Bible School summer is Friends, Inc. We will support Friends Inc. through monetary and material donations, which will serve people in our community.

Come to Sunday School to learn more about how you can help and how your donated dollar goes to help others.

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening on **Wednesday, August 7, from 6:15 to 8:30 PM. Our Dinner and a Movie Night** is a perfect opportunity for families to come together. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and friends to enjoy an indoor movie. We'll have a variety of snacks available for purchase before the film starts, including hot dogs, popcorn, chips, candy, and drinks. The best part? All proceeds from this superhero movie night will go towards supporting Friends Inc.

In our Worship services, we will delve into the lives of new superheroes each week, including the five heroes the Sunday School will be learning about. Take this opportunity to discuss with your family what you've learned in each Sunday's Faithful Adventure! Let's come together and be inspired by the stories of those in the Bible who faithfully guided others to God. This is a journey of spiritual growth and connection that we can all embark on together.

Faithful Adventures



A SUMMER OF BIBLICAL HEROES

in Sunday School
and Worship

**Superhero Fundraiser
supporting Friends INC**

The Summer of Biblical Heroes VBS
is inviting you to

Dinner and a Movie
Wednesday, August 7th
6:15 - 8:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Dinner deals will be
available

Doors open at 6:15PM
Movie begins
promptly at 6:45 PM



CONFERENCE MEETING

The UCC PA Joint Conference Spring Annual Meeting entitled, “Together We Are Stronger” was held Friday June 7 to Sunday June 9 in State College, PA. The PSEC Conferring Session was held Saturday morning, which I attended virtually. There were several points of business. Lisa Krause.

1. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference was not able to attend to their motions and vote on their nominating slate due to lack of quorum. That will take place at the next executive meeting.
2. Discussions primarily focused on PSEC changes that could be implemented to meet budget or whether to decide if a budget should be passed acknowledging a deficit for the 2025 calendar year. There was no resolution, but a lot of shared ideas and thoughts.
3. There is a proposal called the Keystone Project to combine the four PA Conferences in 2026. The afternoon session provided a detailed view to consider what a new structure might look like and how it might work. All four Conferences would have to agree to this by November for it to move to the UCC General Synod in July 2025.

Pastor Melissa spent valuable time at the Annual Spring Meeting of the 4 Conferences of the Keystone June 7th-9th. Thank you Steve Schucker and Lisa Krause for leading worship!

Pastor’s take aways:

- Connections with Pastors and lay leaders across the state.
- Worship with General Minister and President of the UCC, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia-Thompson.
- Pastor helped to facilitate some of the Keystone Conference conversations as an officer (vice-moderator) of our conference.
- The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference conferring session consisted mostly of reviewing a possible 2025 budget and answering questions about the estimated budget based on declining OCWM monies. Additionally, the delegates and pastors reviewed questions that the Conference Consistory approved to focus on the Keystone Conference Working Group Documents. The Keystone Working Group is tallying the responses and will consider those elements that will be helpful to share across all four conferences before the possible merger vote with all four conferences at the Fall Meetings on November 9th. All conferences will have delegates and pastors voting at the same time. Should all four conference vote yes the merger will pass.

Since there was not a quorum the nominating slate for elected positions including Moderator of the Conference and approval of meeting minutes along with submitted conference documents will be ratified at the next PSE Conference Consistory meeting in July.

SYNOD MEETING

The 37th Northeastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod Assembly was held on June 8, 2024 at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, PA. In preparation for this day, all attended 3 – 90 minute Zoom sessions.

This year the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod celebrated 50 years of supporting the World Hunger mission. Many area churches have hunger ministries including shared gardens, food pantries, and a special ministry in Reading called Hope's Table, where people who don't normally attend church gather for a meal, fellowship and worship. Also, Café Esperanza and Shobe's Table was there. There are no prices, you pay what you can afford for the meal. Many other churches have programs to support World Hunger locally like our school backpack program. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is celebrating 50 years with a Hunger Walk at Conrad Weiser Church on June 22.

Also celebrated 50 years of camping ministry at Bear Creek Camp.

11 lay leaders were elected to attend the national conference in July.

The budget for 2026 was passed.

There are 6 Reading churches investigating the 6261 vision of the future. 6 churches, 2 pastors, 6 lay leaders and 1 deacon are 6261. Currently these churches are within 15 minutes of each other and among them, there are only 3 pastors. At this point they are meeting about it. There is an emphasis for licensed lay ministers, you will see information about the opportunity.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Zion's Relay for Life Team raised \$3,218 so far for the American Cancer Society. In addition to our fundraiser events, our Relay for Life team assisted in the celebration of our survivors with the Survivor Dinner by offering helping hands with seating, serving coffee and dessert, and cleanup. Team members walked many laps during the day and evening, and others honored loved ones during the Luminaria Ceremony. Thank you to all team members and Zion's congregation for supporting the American Cancer Society.

SOLOIST AND INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED

Do you play an instrument or like to sing? We are looking for individuals or groups to provide special music this Summer. Please see Steve Schucker if you are interested in sharing your talents at Zion's.

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		

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AND RALLY DAY



The Sunday School Picnic and Rally Day will be held on Sunday, **August 25th** at 10:00 A.M. at the Longswamp Park (upper pavilion). Entertainment will be Scott Wagstaff – Puppet and Ventriloquist. Bring your lawn chairs.



Lunch will be served at noon. The Sunday School provides hot dogs and beverages. You must provide anything else you would like to eat. Games begin after lunch.

Backpack Blessings for anyone returning to school will take place at this event. Please plan to bring your backpacks and be blessed at the start of this new school year!



SUMMER HYMN REQUESTS

Is there a hymn that is special to you, that you would like to sing during worship this summer? We will be singing hymn requests during the hymn of the day starting in June. There are request forms located in the back of the church or from an usher. Please fill out the hymn request form and place it in the offering plate. As part of the hymn request, we would like each person that has selected a hymn to come forward and provide a short testimony on the Sunday that hymn is being sung on why the hymn is meaningful to you. Hymn selections do not have to come from any of the hymnals in the church, we just need enough information to locate the hymn you are requesting.

SUMMER PICK UP CHOIR

There will be a "Pick Up" choir during the summer months. This group will sing on Sunday mornings with limited rehearsal. The group will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the choir room to practice the day's song. Those who wish to sing may come forward during the service during the anthem time. Music and links to listen to the song will be provided in advance to allow everyone to become familiar with it prior to meeting as a group. One monthly Thursday night rehearsal will be held to practice that month's songs for those who wish to attend, but is not required to be part of the group. If you are interested, please see Steve Schucker so that we have enough music for everyone.

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT TEAM FORMED

It's exciting news! A Sanctuary Improvement Team has been formed as an extension of the Property Committee and Church Board proactively looking to take care of our beloved church building. This team was born out of a desire to assure that all updates to the sanctuary are evaluated and considered before carpet is eventually purchased to match the newly renovated balcony. Additionally, this team is looking at how our sanctuary has evolved over the years in preparation of our 200th anniversary. Please join this team in spirit as they prayerfully discern what possibilities could bring Zion Maxatawny Church attendees more meaningful worship opportunities in our beautiful sanctuary going forward.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

We are looking for youth interested in starting their first year of confirmation class. Confirmation is a two-year program traditionally for youth in 7th grade through High School. Pastor Melissa is working with the Confirmation Teachers and Board to incorporate times outside of Sunday morning for the youth to engage in this program which will begin in September of this year. Notify the church office (610-683-7485) or by email (zionsunion@verizon.net) if you have a child that you would like to start confirmation.

MYSTERY VOLUNTEER

The June Mystery Volunteer was Mandy Graff.

MYSTERY MEMBERS

The June Mystery Members were Griffin and Rachel Fulton.

OUR GRADUATES



On Sunday, June 2, 2024, Zion's Union Church Maxatawny honored our graduates for the year 2024 including late 2023 graduates. Congratulations graduates!

KUTZTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Charles Schell, son of Raymond and Todie Schell. Applying for an electrical apprenticeship with the Allentown Electrical Union.

BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Benjamin Thomas Heffner, son of Jared Heffner and Tracy Heffner.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF ALLENTOWN

Elizabeth Jane Schell, daughter of Raymond and Todie Schell. Graduated with a Medical Assistant Degree and is employed at Lehigh Valley Hospital as a medical assistant in the obstetrician gynecology department.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Zachary William Haas, son of Gregory and Patricia Haas. Graduated with an Aerospace Engineering Degree and working at Lycoming Engines in Williamsport, PA.

URSINUS COLLEGE

Caleb Molyneux Krause, son of Kevin and Lisa Krause. Graduated with an Economics Degree with minors in both Finance and Business Management. Doing an internship at Love's with expectation to hire as a Retail Management Assistant.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL

Sydney Abigail Sheetz, daughter of Brian and Charlene Sheetz. Graduated Summa cum Laude with a degree in Chemistry and minor in Theatre. Moving to Philadelphia and working for CHOP.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We are counting down to Christmas {only 180 days to go!} and are looking forward to once again partnering with Samaritan's Purse. The Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Our initial launch of Operation Christmas Child {OCC} last year was a great success and we are excited to kick off our collection **July 21st**. In addition to being a drop off site, we have set a goal of filling 125 boxes. Red boxes will be available for you to fill {see below for suggested items} or if you prefer to make a monetary donation, the committee will do the shopping for you. It costs approximately \$40 to fill a box. We would like to have boxes returned by Sunday **September 1st**.

Items to include in a Shoebox

*Packed shoe boxes need to be marked for either a GIRL or BOY and filled with age-appropriate items for one of these buckets (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years of age). **All items must be new.**

Personal Care: comb/brush/compact mirror, toothbrush, washcloth, adhesive bandages, reusable cups/plates/water bottles/bowls/blunt utensils, non-liquid lip balm, nail clipper/file, washable/reusable menstrual pads, stick deodorant, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Clothing/Accessories: socks, hat/scarf/mittens, sunglasses, wristwatch/bracelet, hair accessories, sunglasses, bandana

Crafts/Activities: coloring book/crayons, watercolor set, building blocks, playdoh, stickers, paper, puzzles, small tool set, compass, sewing kit, gardening kit (gloves/trowel-No Seeds), playing cards, work gloves, binoculars

School: pencils/cases/manual sharpeners, colored pencils/pens, markers, picture books, notebooks, glue stick/tape, solar calculators

Toys: Foam balls, finger puppets, slinky, play cars/boats/trucks, plastic tools, plastic toys & action figures (dinosaurs), harmonica, yo-yo, jump rope, small Etch-A-Sketch, kaleidoscope, marbles, playing cards, hacky sack, playing cards

Please NO toothpaste, gum/candy, war-related items, food, glass or other breakables, liquids, lotions, cans.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Your OCC Committee members: Lori Arndt, Nancy Fulton, Grace Haas, Linda Ballew-Johnson, Judy Kohler, Carol Leiby, Sharon Leiby, Peggy Morgan, Traci Gehringer, Mandy Graff, Tanya Schaedel, Jackie Ziegler, Lisa Krause, and LaRee Fegely.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him..... Psalm 127:3

FROM THE MAILBOX

Zion's Church,

Thank you for celebrating my graduation of college. I appreciate everything over the years and monetary gift.

Sincerely,
Caleb Krause



It is with my sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls, and prayers I received during the past several weeks.

Janet Geiger

Thank you. I'd like to give my gratitude for confirmation. Thank you for all the help given. The support that the church had given the confirmands was real nice. I appreciate everything the church has done for us.

Thank you again!
Arden Sacffidi

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. The services are July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st. On **July 7th** the theme is *I Believe* and the Presiding Pastor is Jim Schlegel. We will enjoy a craft with our snack during Fellowship time.

PLASTIC BAGS PROJECT

The group will meet once a month for the summer from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **July 10th, August 7th, and September 18th** 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.** 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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group will meet **July 22nd, August 26th, and September 23rd** 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.



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.

WOMEN IN ZION

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

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| July 8 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M., stuffing and finishing bears for Operation Christmas Child |
| August 12 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M., baby shower for Mary's Shelter |
| September 9 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M., Nancy Fulton's trip to New Zealand and Australia. |



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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

Thank you Youth Group for the Mother's Day and Father's Day handouts.

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 next outings are **July 12th at Jaks** and **August 14th at Valentinos**. Notify Nancy Fulton if you are able to attend.

APPLE DUMPLING FESTIVAL

The Apple Dumpling Festival is on **October 12, 2024** from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. We are currently looking for handmade craft vendors. We are offering \$20 per 6 foot area; vendor will supply their own table. We are also seeking "basket" raffle items with a retail value no less than \$25. If a craft vendor would like to donate a basket, they will get their space for \$10.

I'd like to thank the committee members, without them, this would never work: *Craft Sale* - Laurel Burkhardt, LaRee Fegely, and Lisette Erdman, *Basket Raffle* - Linda Ballew-Johnson and Donna Bailey, *Food Trucks* - Nancy Fulton and Debra Johnson, *Kids Craft Corner* - Mandy Graff, *Bake Sale* - Carol Leiby. Our next meeting is **July 21st**, following church service.

SENIOR DINNER

The Senior Dinner is being planned for **November 3rd**, following the worship service. Members of the congregation who are over 70 years of age will be invited to attend, as well as individuals who were confirmed fifty years ago. Anyone willing to assist should notify Nancy Fulton 484-357-8024.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZION'S

In December 2026, we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of our church. Committees are being organized to plan this special event. Members who are interested in helping with the plans for the celebration should notify Greg Haas.

REGISTER TAPES

Radcliffe's Super Value and Redner's Market provide a one percent rebate to Zion's based on receipts submitted to them during the year. **For the church to receive credit from Redner's Market, members and friends must obtain a card from the courtesy desk to enroll in the "Save A Tape Program". The card is presented at the register prior to checking out for the rebate to be valid as indicated by the "Save A Tape" notation on the receipt.**

Radcliffe's does not require a card to enroll in the program. Tapes for both Radcliffe's and Redner's may be deposited in the boxes in the rear of the church.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Julie Berger won the Safety Poster Contest at East Penn Manufacturing.
- Michael Weidman assisted in the ceremonies held by the Topton Legion during the Topton Memorial Day Parade.
- Ethan Weidman marched with the local Boy Scout troop at the Topton Memorial Day Parade.
- Archer Scaffidi played the bass drum while performing with the Brandywine Heights High School Marching Band at the Topton Memorial Day Parade.
- Jen and Ted (along with Arden) Scaffidi walked with the Brandywine Heights High School Marching Band as chaperones during the Topton Memorial Day Parade.
- Arden Scaffidi received the following recognitions during the Brandywine Heights Middle School Year End Academic Awards Ceremony: The Achieving Honor Roll Award and The Principal's Award.
- Lila Berger received the President's Education Awards Program for Outstanding Academic Excellence Award and the Red Team 5th grade award at Fleetwood Area Middle School.
- Logan Berger received the Outstanding Successful Learner Award for the whole year, the Academic Excellence Awards for the whole year, and the Senator Judith A. Schwenk Good Citizenship Award at Willow Creek Elementary School.
- Archer Scaffidi made Distinguished Honor Roll at Brandywine Heights High School for Quarter 4.
- Arden made Honor Roll at Brandywine Heights Middle School for Quarter 4.
- Julia Berger earned Honor Roll for all quarters of the school year at Kutztown Middle School.
- Katelyn Berger earned High Honor for all quarters this past year at Kutztown Middle School.

WIZ CART LIBRARY

WIZ invites you to take a book or jigsaw puzzle from their WIZ Cart Library, which is available in the Gathering Area every Sunday. Feel free to keep the item, return it, or add to the inventory. Enjoy reading or 'jigsaw-ing' with others in the congregation who share your common interest. Have fun!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Janet Geiger, Cooper Kellum, Kim Miller, Tracey Lutz, Bonnie Haas, Bill & Karen Howard, 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, Karen Weaver, Randy Warmkessel, Donna VanDeCar, John Laird, Eric, Jenni Juntunen, James Albanese, Alexis, Deb P., Beth S., Drew Stump, Linda Carter, Jim, Sparky Grace, Chris Pinkerton, Laurel Rudy, Grayson Rudy, Livvy Rudy, Sherry S., Joseph Karaisz Sr., Jeremy Crum, Chad, Chris, Bud, Laura G., Keith Egley, Mark Miller, Leila, Bruce Fritzingler, Sherri Gehringer, Vera, Ian Miller, Rosemary LaFratte, Paige Sechler, Ely, Owen Lamendola, Elia, Joanne Pauley, Sarah Johnson, Chris Szarko, Victoria Slotter, Regen Zimmerman, Karen Ames, Donna Rabert, Tom Seifert, Rayann Roth, Valerie, Lorraine Miller, Christopher Mercardo, Christy Ryan, Michele Rodriquez, Judy Redman, Frank Knight, Betty Houck, Mary, Betsy.

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.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO...

... the family of Mary Jane Schlenker. ... the family of Brad Bachman.

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.

July 6	Nancy Fulton
July 10	Marlene Costello
July 10	Sandra Leiby
July 12	Dianne Angstadt
July 18	William Howard
July 19	Janet Geiger





July 22	William & Marilyn Bird (62 wed)
August 4	Marvin Christman
August 11	Barry & Jackie Ziegler (51 wed)
August 15	Paul & Elaine Heffner (54 wed)
August 18	James & Mary Laub (51 wed)
August 26	Earl Bower
August 27	Walter & Doris Dietrich, Jr. (70 wed)
August 31	Glenroy & Patricia Miller (56 wed)
September 7	James Laub
September 8	Linda Ballew-Johnson
September 11	Patricia Kutz
September 18	George Leiby
September 20	Bettina (Tina) Ehrig
September 22	David Merkel
September 24	Evelyn Dietz
September 24	Sharon Bennecoff
September 25	Roger Bollinger
September 27	Barry Miller
September 27	David Ehrig

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.

July 7	Altar Holy Communion
August 4	Pew Holy Communion
September 1	Altar Holy Communion



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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