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From The Vicar: WHAT IS THE CHURCH ?

"Now, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" - 1 Corinthians 12:27

The church IS basically and simply the community (Ecclesia), of Jesus. It's NOT an institution or program, but a group of people who have heard about him, who know him and have responded and keep on responding to him in such a way that they become his "body," the means by which his spirit lives on and influences our lives and the lives of others and the world around us in our daily lives.

The church is the responsive and responding community in which Christ is honored, in which and by which his gospel, the good news of God's love, is proclaimed, by which his love for all humankind and his concern for the last and the least is expressed.

When the church is the church, it responds in faith to a God who can be trusted, come what may. It responds in celebration, reminding itself over and over again in the act of worship of all that this faith means. It responds in proclamation, sharing its faith with all who will heed and listen. It responds in obedience, doing his work, challenging the power of evil, binding up the wounds of people and nations, giving of itself in service to others, helping when others won't help, and caring when others fail to care.

What the church needs today isn't more or better equipment, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but **people whom** the Holy Spirit can use! The Holy Spirit doesn't flow through methods, but through people. The Holy Spirit doesn't come upon equipment, but on people. The Holy Spirit does not anoint plans, but people.

When **the church** originated with Jesus it gave an impulse which led to its formation in a definite way. At the outset, it consisted of personal followers, who **aimed at continuing after he was gone**, the life which they had known in his company. **They believed** his promises. **They sought** to obey his precepts. **They maintained** the brotherly relation into which he had brought them. **They perpetuated** his custom of a common meal and thought of him as still presiding. The church was simply a group of Jesus' followers seeking to continue as they had been before. We go on today observing the fellowship under Jesus' direction, and in this manner **the church will continue by his command of love and tolerance.**

The Church IS.....

YOU

A Message from the Council President

Happy February! I hope you are finding loads of love in the air. This month's Council meeting was pretty routine. Here are a few items to note:

• A new person (same company) is working on the **organ**, so progress is being made again.

• **Child/Youth Protection Guidelines** were reviewed and edited. Council will vote on the new guidelines in their edited form at the Feb 8th meeting.

• Council will discuss/review suggestions for this year's **scholarship** in February.

• **Security Cameras** will be installed the week of February 19th.

• Anna Wanamaker will be working with our Local Shared Outreach Committee and her National Honor Society to do a **clothing drive** in March as her service project. Watch for further information coming out via announcements, social media, and emails.

• Our Fundraising folks will be hosting a **Norwex party**! The date will be February 11th! Please consider attending! You can look them up online ahead of time, but I can personally attest to the wonders of their window cloths! Worth every penny!

• **VBS planning has begun**! Please contact Karen or Anna Wanamaker if you would like to volunteer! We will need LOTS of volunteers to make this happen.

Karen Wanamaker



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

- John 13:34

Happy Valentine's Day! 🖕

Local Shared Outreach Update

Our December focus collection items were **Canned Pastas with Meats**, we collected: **54** assorted pastas with meat.

Additionally, we received **37** various food items for a monthly total of **91** items.



Our February focus items, in conjunction with SOUPer Bowl Sunday, are Canned Soups and Stews. Soups are always in HIGH DEMAND but SHORT SUPPPLY at the pantry.







SOUPer Bowl Sunday is hosted by our Worship & Music Committee, see page 6 for the details.

Jingle Project

We continue with **Concern**, Fleetwood, as our Jingle Project recipient for the **January/February/March** quarter.

The total Jingle monies collected during the October/November/December quarter for Holy Joe's Café was \$829.50. Thank you for your generosity!!!



We thank you for your continued support of these outreach ministries!

Worship & Music Committee News!

SOUPer Bowl Sunday

The Worship & Music Committee will once again host **SOUPer Bowl Sunday in conjunction with Super Bowl Sunday,** on

February 11. There will be containers available to collect your donation of cans of **soups and stews**. There will be a rivalry between the two football teams playing in the Super Bowl. At the time of this writing we do not know which teams it will be, stay tuned!!!



Monetary donations will also be accepted. All donations will go to Friend Inc., Kutztown, for their food pantry. **THANK YOU!**

Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of Troop 104 and Cub Scouts of Pack 180 will be joining us for worship service on **Sunday, February 18**, in celebration of Scout Sunday. We thank them for participating in our service as greeters, ushers, and lectors. Come out and show your support for these two scout groups sponsored by Mt. Zion.

Lent

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins. Our Pancake Meal returns on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 PM



with the brief Burning of the Palms service to follow at 6:30 PM. Our



friends at Friedens, Stony Run, will be joining us at Mt. Zion. These ashes will then be prepared for use on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the

day many Christians mark as the first day of Lent, the time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday.

We will join Friedens at their church for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 PM.

As the ashes are "imposed" or "dispensed" we are reminded of Genesis 3:19:



Worship & Music Committee News Continued

Lenten Soup Suppers & Studies

Our midweek Lenten Soup Suppers and Studies will be held jointly with Friedens, Stony Run. They will join us at Mt. Zion this year.

We will host them for the Soup Suppers and Studies. We will have sign-up sheets available for soups and breads.

Beginning February 21 Mid-week Soup Suppers will start at 6:00 PM with the Studies following at 7:00 PM.



Consider coming out for these midweek opportunities for study and reflection, and fellowship with our Friedens friends.

Looking ahead...

Maundy Thursday service on March 28, and Good Friday service on March 29, will be held at Friedens and will begin at 7:30 PM.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to worship at both Mt. Zion and with our friends at Friedens.



Bell Choir



It was a great performance by our newly revived Bell Choir on Christmas Eve, hope you didn't miss it! They continue to practice and prepare for future performances. Perhaps now **you** might have an interest in joining the bell choir, they'd be happy to have you! This would allow them to expand to another octave and substitute for those away for whatever reason. Practices and performances are listed on the calendar in the center of this newsletter:

Sun, 2/4 - 11:30 AM Practice	Sun, 2/11- Performance
Sun, 2/18 - 11:30 AM Practice	Sun, 2/25 - 11:30 AM Practice

Easter Flowers

At the time of this writing we are waiting for flower pricing from the nursery. We will share order information during Sunday announcements when we get it.









Worship and/or Sunday School Cancellation Notification

During Inclement weather please check any of the following:



www.mtzionkutztown.org/events

www.facebook.com/mtzionkutztown

WFMZ TV Channel 69 Storm Center

If you are not currently receiving our E-blasts but would like to, send your e-mail information to:

aoster43@gmail.com.

We will do our best to make any decision regarding changes to Mt. Zion's Sunday Schedule in a timely fashion.



Reminder - Warm Afghans Available!

Now that winter is here and we are experiencing colder temperatures, we want to remind you there are afghans available in the wood storage box in the hallway at the top of the stairs. In an effort to conserve fuel, our thermostats are lowered, so if you find yourself feeling a chill during Sunday morning worship, go back and get an afghan and make yourself cozy! Please return it to the box when you leave so it's ready for use the next week.

Thank you!

Fundraising Committee

Social Ministry Committee News!!!

Sewing Group Returns Tuesday, February 20, 10 AM, at the Clemmer home.





We will begin work on our fleece blanket project. Bring a bag lunch or leave if you must. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 12, at 10 AM, all are welcome!

Our group made 18 crafting smocks/aprons for our Sunday School children to use when they do craft projects. They were given to the Sunday School on December 10 and they were happy to receive them!





We received the follow letter from VMAD in response to the \$375.00 donation we sent them from the flag sponsorships for our Garden of Honor:

Doug and Liz Graybill, Veterans Making A Difference, want to thank you for your very generous end of year monetary donation of \$375.00 to Veterans Making A Difference, check dated 11/15/2023. More importantly, thank you for your continuous support. It takes teamwork and we cannot help the veterans if we do not have the support from people like you. Your donation will allow us to continue our mission, that being helping the Berks County veterans, thank you so much! This letter serves as your receipt for tax purposes. Your gift will be devoted to our organization charitable objectives and no goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift. Veterans Making A Difference is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN#46-2352609.

Again, thank you so much for your generous donation and continued support. Remember, we cannot do what we do without your donation.

Very Respectfully, Liz Graybill President

Norwex Fundraiser Date Change!

Due to some scheduling issues, the date for the Norwex fundraising demonstration is **changed to Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM.** We hope that you will be there to support our efforts to earn the funds necessary for the outside lighting and security system. However, if you are not able to attend, information will be available, and orders will be taken prior to the close of the fundraiser.

As stated in the January newsletter, Norwex is a company focused on creating products that are environmentally friendly and chemical free. Imagine, washing windows with water and a special cloth and achieving the cleanest, shiniest windows ever! Or cleaning a counter to remove all bacteria without chemicals. Norwex is the way!

Watch for more information on E-blasts from April. Thank you.

Redner's Save a Tape Program

Bring your register receipts from any Redner's Grocery Store. You will need to have a Redner's Loyalty shopping card for the

Close Chicken Nup receipt to qualify. We will receive a 1% cash back for the total of your receipt. Put your receipts in the container on the table below the bulletin board. We ask that you please place **ONLY** Redner's receipts in

the container and that you do so in a timely manner, or Redner's may not accept them.



THANK YOU!

Food for the Poor

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Rev. Bruce Potteiger gave a wonderful presentation on January 14 about the Food for the Poor organization. He explained that not only do they provide food to those in need, but also homes for the homeless, and water treatment water pumps for communities. They provide chicks and starter fish so the people they help can become self-sustaining. Pastor Potteiger shared that more than 96% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor.

If you'd like to make a donation to help those living in extreme poverty, Pr. Potteiger left brochures that include an envelope for your mailing convenience.

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 4 - 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Bell Choir Practice 	5	6 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice <i>Vicar: Bishop's</i>	7 7 PM Boy Scouts Convocation	8 7 PM Church Council	9	10
 11-9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion Bell Choir Performs SOUPer Bowl Sunday Transfiguration Sunday Undecorate Church After Service 2 PM Norwex Fundraiser 5:30 -7 PM Youth Grp 	12 10 AM Social Ministry Meeting	 13 - 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 PM Burning of the Palms Service 7 PM Praise Band 	14 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Friedens, Stony Run Valentine's Day	15 6 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg 7 PM Finance Committee Mtg	16	17
 18 - 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Bell Choir Practice Praise Band Sunday Scout Sunday Fellowship 	 19 Presidents Day Office Closed 6:30 PM Property 	20 10 AM Sewing Group at Clemmer Home 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Study	22	23	24
25 - 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Bell Choir Practice	26	27 5 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 6 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Study	29		

Committee Corner!

Mutual Ministry: Continues to seek a Confirmed Youth Member of the congregation to be on their committee. Please contact Dan Batz (610-737-4985) or Vicar Jeremiah (972-839-9363) if you could serve.

Worship & Music Committee: If you are interested in helping with Sunday worship services such as Altar Guild, Choir, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Praise Band or Worship Assistants - please see the names and contact information listed on the bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School - We continue to seek volunteers for all areas of VBS. Won't you help make this popular children's event happen this year? You don't need to help every night, help when you can. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the VBS program areas. Please contact Karen Wanamaker at cmclibrarian@gmail.com for any questions you may have.

<u>Summer Fest</u> - Do you want to see the return of our big outreach event, our annual Summer Fest? Then please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the various fest areas where you can help. Contact Vicar Jeremiah for any questions.

REMEMBER to keep checking the **Committee News** bulletin board in the upstairs hallway for opportunities to help Mt. Zion's committees!!! You are sure to find an area where you can help.



Message From The Stewardship Committee!

There are still some 2024 offering envelopes available on a table in the Conference Room.

Please remember to pick them up when you come to worship to save the cost of mailing, or stop in during regular office hours, or call and Vicar Jeremiah will deliver them to you.



Thank you!!!

Diane German and Diane Gaumer Co-chairs

February 2024 PRAYER REMEMBERANCE



Please remember the following persons in your weekly prayers. A card or a note of cheer would be greatly appreciated.

Phyllis Andrews, Jennifer Biglin, Doris Boehm, Leroy Bleiler, Atlas Burk, Calliope Burk, Larry Fink, Barbara Geisler, Nathaniel Gibson, Diane Graff, Tyler Grim, Kathy Grym, Doug Grym, Christine High, Jean Higgins, Wayne Iman, Susan Landers, David Lewis, Annetta Merkel, Sharon Miller, Della Noll, Keith Rohrbach, Randy Schlegel, Dolly Selleck, Dean Sunday, Dean Theres, Cherry Thomas, Sara Vanderklute, Debbie Way, Judy Weisner, Jessica Wessner, Tim Wessner, Michelle Zabel,

Help to keep this list current by reviewing it and updating us with their status and progress.We will remove names appearing for 4 weeks or

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Please remember our homebound members with a card to let them know you are thinking of them.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED MT. ZION VISITATIONS

Mrs. Pauline Berlin 55 W. Daniel Road Kutztown, PA 19530 NOTE! NEW ADDRESS:

Mrs. Jean Higgins Lehigh Commons Room 110 1680 Spring Creek Road Macungie, PA 18062

Upcoming February Events!



Groundhog Day Friday, February 2



Transfiguration Sunday SOUPer Bowl Sunday Sunday, February 11 See details on pages 5 & 6.



Norwex Fundraiser Sunday, February 11, 2:00 PM See details on page 10.





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 PM Burning of the Palms 6:30 PM Tuesday, February 13 See details on page 6.





Happy Valentine's Day! Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at Friedens, Stony Run Wednesday, February 14

Service at 7:30 PM See details on page 6.

Scout Sunday, Praise Band Sunday & Fellowship



Sunday, February 18 See details on pages 6 & 16.

President's Day - OFFICE CLOSED Monday, February 19





Sewing Group Tuesday, February 20, 10 AM See details on page 9.

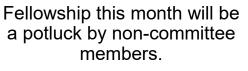
Lenten Soup Suppers at Mt. Zion Wednesday, February 21 and 28, 6:00 PM See details on page 7.



February Service Calendar

2024 DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WOR- SHIP ASSIST	HOLY COM- MUNION	COMMENTS
4– Feb	10:15 AM 5 Epiphany	ELW	April	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer
11– Feb	10:15 AM Transfiguration of Our Lord	ELW	Greg	Yes	Transfiguration of Our Lord SOUPer Bowl Sunday Bell Choir Performs
13– Feb	6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms	Special		No	Burning of the Palms Small Service with Order of Confession
14- Feb	7:30 PM Ash Wednesday at Friedens	ELW		Yes	Ash Wednesday Service at Friedens, Stony Run
18- Feb	10:15 AM 1 Lent	ELW	Sue	Yes	Scout Sunday Praise Band Sunday Fellowship
25– Feb	10:15 AM 2 Lent	ELW	Marcia	Yes	

Church Fellowship Hour for February



Thank you!

From the Property Committee

Help us to be sure that we have the funds necessary to keep our fuel tank filled and our building warm by using one of the Special Giving envelopes at the front of your envelope pack to make a contribution to Mt. Zion's "Fuel Fund".



Thank you for your consideration of this request!



Our Sexton maintains the hand sanitizer containers located at the entrances and other locations around the building.

They are available for your use and safety!



Recipe of the Month

This month's featured recipe is from Matt Dietrich. He made these bars for Fellowship and they were delicious! The bars have a very crisp, sugary crust, making them ideal for make-ahead. TIP: Make sure the butter is cold when you blend it into the flour. The crust will bake up to crispy perfection.

Pecan Pie Bars

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup granulated sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 cup cold butter, cut up

1 1/2 cups light corn syrup

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/4 cup butter

4 large eggs, lightly beaten

2 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

1 tsp. vanilla

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Whisk together flour, granulated sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Cut cold butter into flour mixture with a pastry blender or fork until crumbly. Press mixture into bottom of a well-greased 15 x 10 inch jelly roll pan. Bake at 350° for 17 to 20 minutes or until edges are light golden brown.

2. Combine corn syrup, brown sugar, and 1/4 cup butter in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil, whisking to dissolve sugar. Cool 5 minutes. Whisk eggs in a large bowl. Gradually whisk half of hot syrup mixture into eggs; gradually whisk egg mixture into hot syrup mixture, whisking constantly. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Spread pecan mixture over crust. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until set. Cool completely on a wire rack (about 2 hours). Cut into 36 squares. Enjoy!

Do you have a favorite recipe to share?

To submit your recipe, email it to me at nighthawk2@dejazzd.com or give me a copy at church. - Editor



Happy Birthday !

2-Feb	Kristina	Theres
5-Feb	Caroline	Kohler
9-Feb	Karen	Wanamaker
11-Feb	Samantha	Doublet
11-Feb	Brent	Rutherford
12-Feb	Pauline	Berlin
14-Feb	Naomi	Ring
14-Feb	Betty	Zettlemoyer
20-Feb	Dennis	Bailey
20-Feb	Scott	German
25-Feb	Cyndee	Barkley
25-Feb	David	Lewis
26-Feb	Michelle	Button
26-Feb	Saffron	Derr
26-Feb	Matthew	Tamagnone



Note: Individuals celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are remembered in the intercessory prayers of the congregation at Sunday Worship prior to the date of their birthday or anniversary.

Happy Anniversary !

02/13/1954 Faye & Lester Miller 02/20/1988 Arlene & Michael Gubich



February Worship Service Support

Feb 4	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Norah Fegely & Jayda Rutherford
Greeters	Lillian Moyer, Nancy Miller
Lector	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Lillian Moyer, Nancy Miller, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Nancy Miller, Denise Snyder
Flowers	
Bulletins	
<u>Feb 11</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Aubrey Grym
Greeters	April Osterstock, Karen Wanamaker
Lector	Donn Jaynes
Ushers	Karen & Anna Wanamaker, Michelle Fegely, Melissa Keller
Comm. Asst.	Karen & Anna Wanamaker
Flowers	
Bulletins	
Feb 13	6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Burning of the Palms
<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Parker Collins
Greeters	Boy Scouts
Lector	Boy Scouts
Ushers	Boy Scouts
Comm. Asst.	Sharon & Martin Billger
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Bulletins	April Osterstock in Celebration of her daughter Krissy's Birthday.
Feb 25	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	Frank Fritzinger
Greeters	Leigh Duddy, Helen Wessner
Lector	Michelle Batz
Ushers	Leigh Duddy, Volunteers

February Worship Service Support Continued

Feb 25	10:15 AM continued	
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Rebecca Batz	
Flowers	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	
Bulletins		

We are in need of Flowers & Bulletins in February. Please consider commemorating a special event

or memory of a loved one with a donation of flowers or bulletins. Thank you!



NOTE: Bulletin Sponsorships are \$20 per week.



Upcoming Community Event!

Theology with a Twist - Tuesday, February 6

Kutztown Tavern - 7 PM

Faith Formation & Families

Join us for a panel discussion about the kids, teens, and parents who are (or aren't) in your churches. We'll tackle the future of faith formation, programs that work and don't work, and how the church tends to be one step behind what families want and need in their faith lives. We'll also talk about how each church and community is unique and how different settings require different resources and programs. The panel includes:

Marjorie Hughes - Current Minister of Faith Formation at First UCC of Hellertown with over 40 years of professional Christian Education experience including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, Confirmation, Adult Education, and Camp/Outdoor Ministry.

Rev. Kimberly Berenotto - Current Pastor of Longswamp UCC with focused experience in Youth Ministry, Confirmation, & Teen Mission Experiences, research in Generational Differences/Millennials, previous Coordinator of PSEC UCC Youth Program.

Rev. Sara Hertzog - Retired Pastor of Maidencreek Church (ELCA/ UCC) with demonstrated experience in church growth and welcome, engaging volunteers, and faith formation in small and growing communities.

We gather in the upper room. This event is free but food and drink can be purchased in the restaurant downstairs and brought up to our event space. All are welcome!

Some Valentine Trivia Fun for You!

- 1. Conversation hearts (Sweethearts) were first made by what company?
 - A. Cadbury C. Hershey

B. Necco

- D. Mars
- 2. Which type of love is known as the ideal type of love?
 - A. Mania
 - C. Eros D. Familial
 - B. Adape
- 3. Which country is NOT known for its rose production?
 - A. Ecuador C. Uruguay
 - B. Columbia D. Kenya
- 4. Who invented the first heart-shaped Valentine candy box?
 - A. Franklin Mars C. Richard Cadbury
 - B. Milton Hershey D. Henri Nestle
- 5. People of which profession receive the most cards on St. Valentine's Dav?

Α.	Nurse	C. Police
Β.	Teacher	D. Lawver

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6. When did England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day?

Α.	1499	C.	1602
В.	1537	D.	1710

7. In which gospel does the verse "Just as the Father has loved Me. I have also loved you: abide in My love" appear?

Α.	Matthew	C.	Luke
В.	Mark	D.	John

- 8. What card company is the top seller of Valentine's cards in America?
 - A. Blue Mountain
- C. Papyrus
 - B. Hallmark





Answers will be included in next month's newsletter!

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas-both names mean gazelle); she was always doing good and helping the poor. - Acts 9:36

This month's featured Woman of the Bible

Dorcas



Dorcas, also known as Tabitha (which is an Aaramaic name), lived in Joppa, a small seacoast town in Israel by the Mediterranean Sea. It lay northwest of Jerusalem and is now part of Tel Aviv.

Dorcas was a seamstress, well known for her acts of charity: making garments and supplying food for needy families, caring for the fatherless and widows, and ministering to the sick. She was especially noted for making garments and giving them to needy widows.

There was much sadness among the widows when she died.

You can read her story in Acts 9:36-43 and learn what happened to her after her death and Peter's role in it. He wanted to show everyone that the good news of Jesus was true!

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Purpose Statement

God's purpose for our congregation is to commit ourselves to learn and to spread God's Word and to serve others.

Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord and Savior

Seek to be in relationship with God

Ensure that everyone is welcome

Encourage generosity toward others

Live the faith



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Return Service Requested