

Mount Zion Glad Tidings January 2023



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Please submit items by the **15th** of the month.

Our webpage
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New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, Worship at 10:15 AM

Office Closed

Monday, January 2, New Year's Day Observed

Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, January 6

Baptism of Our Lord - First Communion Class 9 AM

Sunday, January 8



Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed

Monday, January 16

From The Vicar:

“and his name shall be called Emmanuel”

- Matt. 1:23

Every January 1 my *Prayer Book For and By the Church* begins with **“THE NAME OF JESUS”**. Just that way; **BIG BOLD LETTERS**. And why not? **It IS** the most noteworthy name ever. So much so, that the world changed its point of dating recorded history.

So, what does the name mean? It means helper, deliverer, rescuer, savior. And given to this Child, the name signifies a special kind of helper. It tells us that Jesus came for a very special kind of work. “He will save His people from their sins.” We have rulers and governments to protect us from the lawless, fathers and mothers to nurture and protect little children, doctors to advise and help us in time of sickness, and judges to protect us against illegal loss. But none of these can save us from sin. Not even an angel can do that. Only He, whose birthday we commemorated 8 days ago and whose name is Jesus can save us from our sins.

The prophet Isaiah gave Him other names: “Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Beautiful names!!!! But they are meaningful only because of this name Jesus. Every other name by which He is called is precious only because “He will save His people from their sins.” Jesus was a descendant of Abraham. He was the Seed of Abraham through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Therefore, by circumcision He was put under the Law and thus began His active obedience to the Law on our behalf. He rendered obedience to God’s law as He began life here on earth. He lived and died in obedience. And why? It was for us, who are so disobedient, who exalt ourselves against God’s law and insist on having our own way. It was for us.

Of course the power of the name (of Jesus) is not in the mere pronouncing of it or in five letters of the alphabet that spell Jesus. There’s no peculiar magic about this name. The power of it lies in the Person who bears it, Jesus, the mighty God, Emmanuel, God with us. To those who know this name and believe in Him whose name it is, to them, all the rich implication of it are made available. To those who trust in this name, the whole grace of God comes to give them strength to live for Him. In His name, we can live up to His name. That’s why we’re called Christian. That precious name stands as a constant reminder that He is the Lord of our life. In The Name Of Jesus. Amen.

A Message from the Council President

Greetings to 2023! It seems like just yesterday when I was writing my article for the January 2022 newsletter. So much has happened since then.

We were making progress on the repairs to the basement after the flood. We signed an agreement with a contractor to complete everything when disaster struck! A fire in the basement. Of course, that pushed back our renovations in the basement and created a whole new set of issues upstairs and throughout the entire church. We have persevered and overcome all of our challenges and again, are very close to having our church back and better than it was. The fire was a setback, but we are fortunate that our insurance coverage has made us whole, and in some cases, enabled us to do some maintenance that wasn’t necessarily in our short range plan. Other than an extensive wait to get our organ cleaned, we have come out on top and are stronger than ever! I am so hopeful that we can ring in the new year by having a finished basement!

Council met on December 8th. Here are some highlights:

Committees continue to purchase replacement items for things lost in the fire.

We’ve now removed all COVID protocols and are back to passing the offering plates and having the youth pass around their jingle buckets.

The new offering envelopes are here and available for pickup. Please consider coming to a service so you can pick them up so we can save on postage to mail them.

We are planning an event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our current building in 2023. Keep your eyes open for more information.

Great things are happening at Mount Zion! Hope to see you all in church!

Yours in faith,
Missy Keller



Local Shared Outreach Update

Our November focus collection items were those needed to pack Christmas meal boxes for clients for Friend, Inc., Kutztown. The congregation members of New Jerusalem Zion UCC donated enough of the 5 items they collected for 18 meal boxes. At Mt. Zion we were short on our 5 items, however, a group member purchased the additional items needed so we could fill the 18 meal boxes. **Thank you** to those who donated items for the Christmas meal boxes. Your donations made it possible for these families to sit down to a traditional Christmas meal, they also received a turkey from Friend.

In addition, we collected 16 miscellaneous items which were taken to Friend for their food pantry.

Our January focus items are:

Hot Drinks:

Hot Chocolate,

Coffee, Tea, Cider, etc.

&

Hot Cereals:

Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat,

Farina, Ralston, etc.



For the **January/February/March** quarter **Jingle Project recipient** we selected **Blessed Beginnings**. This Hamburg area organization's mission is to encourage, empower, and uplift women who are starting a new life after abuse. They fill laundry baskets with household items for women who are leaving a shelter and starting over. A Bible is also included in hopes to fill their hearts spiritually.



Visit their Facebook page
for more
Information.

Local Shared Outreach Continued

Christmas Caroling Update

We had 10 members of Mt. Zion and New Jerusalem Zion UCC come out on December 10 to sing carols as we manned the Salvation Army Red Kettle at Radcliffe's in Mertztown.

We had a fun time spreading Christmas cheer!

Maybe next year you will join us?



NOTE: Member New Address!

Helen Wessner

104 Wilson Manor

Kutztown, Pa 19530



Worship and/or Sunday School

Cancellation Notification

The arrival of winter and colder temperatures always brings the possibility that on a given Sunday morning we might need to cancel Sunday school and/or worship. In case of icy or snowy conditions, you should turn to:

www.mtzionkutztown.org/events

www.facebook.com/mtzionkutztown

WFMZ TV Channel 69 Storm Center



AND an E-blast will be sent.

If you are not currently receiving our E-blasts but would like to, send your information to A Oster43@verizon.net.

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!

As we experience cooler 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.



Don't Forget the Fuel Fund!

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 an extra contribution to Mt. Zion's "Fuel Fund".



Thank you for your consideration of this request!

- Property Committee

Fundraising Committee Reminder



Mt. Zion cookbooks are available at \$12 each. Contact Janice Clemmer, 610-683-7901, to purchase.

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 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!!!

Social Ministry Committee

Sewing Group

Tuesday, January 17, 10 AM,

at the Clemmer home.



We will continue working on our stuffed animal project!!!

Bring a bag lunch or leave if you must.

Angel Tree Input Needed!!!

We have been receiving the names of 15 children from Friend, Inc. The past two years the names have been taken from the tree very quickly and for this we are grateful!!! However, if you wanted to take the name of a child to purchase a gift and were unable to do so because there were none, we would like to know. We would then ask for more names for next Christmas.

If this is the case, please inform Committee Chair, Janice Clemmer, or Secretary, Sharon Billger.

Thank you!

Flower & Bulletin Sponsorships

The Flower and Bulletin charts for 2023 are posted in the upstairs hallway. If you would like to commemorate a special date by sponsoring the flowers or bulletins please complete the information on the appropriate chart.

Bulletin sponsorship is \$20.00.

To sponsor flowers you contact the florist, order the flowers, and pay the florist directly.



Thank you,
Worship & Music Committee

Thank you!

...to the children of Mt. Zion for their presentation of "A Family Christmas Program" on Sunday, December 18, as part of the morning worship service, including the singing of *Joy to the World!*



The children shared the story of a single mother of 5 children struggling with how she would make Christmas special for them knowing she could not afford to give them what their friends were getting. Her children had heard from tv commercials that gifts and stocking stuffers was what Christmas was all about.

Their mother's favorite Christmas decoration was a manger scene and she and their aunt and grandmother explained the true meaning of Christmas.

They taught the children about God's blessings for us and the way that he made for us to go to heaven through Jesus taking away our sins.

Christmas is about God's love, hope, and the peace that comes from knowing Jesus.

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and staff who planned the program and worked with the children to rehearse.

Christmas Greeting and Gifts from Germany!



We received this greeting card with a picture of the three kings bearing gifts, following the star to Bethlehem.

Inside Pastor Dietze has written:

*When they saw the star,
they were overjoyed.*

- Matthew 2:10

Dear Mt. Zion Congregation,

With a painting by mouth from Rosaleen M. Simmonds we wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas time 2022 connected in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours,

*Dietzes and friends
in western Saxony*

The card is posted on the corner bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary above the table. Stop by and take a look.

The card came with a package of gifts which I distributed as follows:

- foil wrapped chocolate candies and St. Nickolas gummies to the Sunday School children.
- a pretty metal pill box decorated with a bird picture to our organist and music director Sylvia Keller.
- a box of tea cakes to Vicar Jeremiah and Tina Heydt.
- a set of 3 beautiful snowflake ornaments for our Mt. Zion Christmas tree.
- a Christmas music CD and a DVD about the rebuilding of the Frauenkirche in Dresden for Mt. Zion. The CD was played as prelude music on Christmas Eve. The DVD will be shown at a future time.

We thank our German sisters and brothers in Christ for their generous Christmas gifts! Let us keep them in our prayers and wish them a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed 2023!!!

Sharon C. Billger, Liaison



January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 	7
8 9 AM Sunday School 9 AM 1 st Communion Class 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion 5:30-7 PM Youth Grp	9	10	11	12 7 PM Church Council	13	14
15 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	16 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i> 6:30 PM Property Meeting	17 10 AM <u>Sewing</u> Group at the Clemmer Home 	18	19	20	21
22 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Holy Communion	30	31 6:30 PM <u>Worship</u> & Music Meeting				



Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Russell O. Miller who went to be with the Lord on November 30, 2022. May the message of the resurrection and the promise of Christ be of comfort for them.

Russell was the beloved brother of our members Lester and Bill Miller. Russell performed at Mt. Zion many times through the years with his brothers Lester, Bill, Bobby, and Richard, as the Miller Brothers.



Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Deborah A. Green who went to be with the Lord on December 6, 2022. May the message of the resurrection and the promise of Christ be of comfort for them.

Debra was the beloved sister of our member Marcia Green.

Ludwick Funeral Homes and Cremation Care, Inc. Invitation

We have received the following information from Ludwick:

We would like to extend an invitation to your church for any seminar, public speaking engagement or to tour our facility(s) at any time. In the past, we have had several confirmation groups as well as adult groups tour our facility, and we were able to answer any questions they may have had about our business and what we do.

Deron K. Youse F.D. & Jonathan M. Quier, F.D.,
Co-Owners

If you are interested in any of the above, please let Vicar Jeremiah know.

January 2023

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE



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

*Jennifer Biglin, Doris Boehm, Sheldon Brubaker,
Bishop Christopher deForest, Suzy Donchez,
Barbara Geisler, Linda Grim, Tyler Grim, Laurie Geiger,
Elaine Henry, Christine High, Wayne Iman,
Emma Laigale, Susan Landers, Marlene Mauger,
Harry McGonicle, Dennis Miller, Nichole Miller,
Sharon Miller, Della Noll, Tony Quarles, Keith Rohrbach,
Randy Schlegel, Bobbi Searle, Dolly Selleck, Bonnie Solt,
Joyce Stein, Sara Vanderklute, Laura Walters,
Steven Wasser, Debbie Way, Judy Weisner,
Debbie Wessner, Jessica Wessner, Wendy Zackowski*



*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

Mrs. Jean Higgins
1631 Marshal St. SW
Allentown, PA 18103

Message From The Stewardship Committee!

The 2023 offering envelopes are available on a table in the Conference Room. Please remember to pick them up when you come to worship if you haven't already done so to save the cost of mailing. **Thank you!!!**





On December 4, 2022, we welcomed the following into our fellowship by affirmation of faith:

Leigh Duddy

Congratulations on joining our Mt. Zion church family!

Dates of Note!


Happy New Year!
Sunday, January 1, 10:15 AM Worship

New Year's Day Observed - Office Closed
Monday, January 2

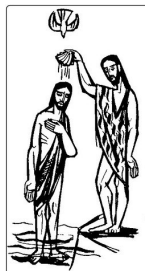


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January Service Calendar

2023-DATE	SUNDAY	ORDER OF WORSHIP	WORSHIP ASSIST	HOLY COMMUNION	COMMENTS
1-Jan	10:15 am 1 Christmas	ELW	April	Yes	Malotte's Lord's Prayer New Year's Day
8-Jan	10:15 am Baptism of Our Lord	ELW	Greg	Yes	Baptism of Our Lord
15-Jan	10:15 am 2 Epiphany	ELW	Jeff	Yes	
22-Jan	10:15 am 3 Epiphany	ELW	Marcia	Yes	
29-Jan	10:15am 4 Epiphany	ELW	Sue	Yes	

Quote of the Day

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing enthusiasm!

- Aldous Huxley
English writer and philosopher. (1894-1963)

!!!!!! Important Reminder !!!!!

Keep Your Information Current

As we begin this new year we want to remind you to keep your information on Mt. Zion's records correct:

- **If you move**, please give us your new address to save postage costs to resend mailings such as your newsletter.

- **If you get a new telephone number**, please give it to us so we can contact you if need be.

- **If you get a new email address**, please give us an update so you can receive up-to-date information sent out through E-blast mailings.

You can notify the church office of any updates by phone, 610-756-6210, or email, mtzion6210@verizon.net.



Reminder Methods of Church Activities

Mt. Zion is in the 21st Century and uses all forms of electronic technology. Not only do we host an up-to-date website

www.mtzionkutztown.org

we also send out E-blasts to all members about special events.

If you aren't receiving these notifications but would like to, send your e-mail information to A0ster43@verizon.net. April keeps the list and sends out the notifications. Your information is confidential and secure. It is not sold nor given to any other organization for any reason.

Thank You!

Answers for last month's Guess The Christmas Carol!

1. Little Drummer Boy
2. Deck the Halls
3. Silent Night
4. Noel
5. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
6. Joy to the World
7. 12 Days of Christmas
8. Do You Hear What I Hear
9. Away in a Manger
10. Frosty the Snowman
11. Go Tell it on the Mountain
12. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
13. Let It Snow
14. We Three Kings
15. O Holy Night
16. Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer
17. Jingle Bells
18. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
19. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
20. O Come All Ye Faithful

How did you do? We hope you had some fun with it!

3-Jan	Andrew	Frederick
4-Jan	Sadie	Berger
4-Jan	Tammi	Rabert
8-Jan	Andrew	Dietrich
8-Jan	Matthew	Dietrich
9-Jan	Lisa	Christman
11-Jan	Jean	Higgins
12-Jan	Robert	Kern
13-Jan	Stephanie	Scholl
15-Jan	Dalton	Miller
15-Jan	Briahna	Batz
16-Jan	Joanne	Bailey
16-Jan	Helen	Wessner
16-Jan	Natalie	Frederick
16-Jan	Taylor	Turner
19-Jan	Andrew	Weisner
20-Jan	R. Bruce	Jones
20-Jan	Helen	Fiorentino
20-Jan	Paul	Miller
21-Jan	Kerry	Berger
21-Jan	Arlene	Gubich
21-Jan	Daniel	Billger
22-Jan	Linda	Grim
22-Jan	Grace	Yarnall
23-Jan	Debra	Kohler
25-Jan	Mary	Derr
26-Jan	Kayde	Losito
26-Jan	Robert	Dietrich
27-Jan	Weisner	Myrtle

Happy Birthday !



27-Jan	Sharon	Sewell
28-Jan	Madeline	Wilkes
31-Jan	Brandon	Scholl

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 !



01/13/2006 Michelle & Ralph Fegely

January Worship Service Support

<u>Jan 1</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Sharon & Martin Billger
Lector	Sharon Billger
Ushers	Sharon & Martin Billger, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Sharon & Martin Billger
Flowers	
Bulletins	
<u>Jan 8</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Lillian Moyer, Helen Wessner
Lector	Debra Fink
Ushers	Church Council Members, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Karen & Anna Wanamaker
Flowers	
Bulletins	
<u>Jan 15</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Nancy Miller, Esther Kerr
Lector	Deb Kohler
Ushers	Nancy Miller, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Sue Stemko, April Osterstock
Flowers	Michelle, Dan and Rebecca Batz in Celebration of Briahna's 18th Birthday
Bulletins	Helen Wessner in Celebration of her birthday on the 16th.
<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	The Knutsen Family
Lector	Michelle & Haven Fegely

January Worship Support Continued

<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>10:15 AM Continued</u>
Ushers	The Knutsen Family
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Haven Fegely
Flowers	
Bulletins	April Osterstock in Celebration of her son Frank's birthday.
<u>Jan 29</u>	<u>10:15 AM</u>
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	Diane & Edward German
Lector	Michelle Batz
Ushers	Diane & Edward German, Volunteers
Comm. Asst.	Michelle & Briahna Batz
Flowers	
Bulletins	

*We are in need of Flowers & Bulletins in January.
Please consider commemorating a special event or memory
of a loved one with a donation of flowers or bulletins.
Thank you!*

Membership Form Reminder

Have you filled out a membership form for each person in your family? If you haven't, we ask you to please do so as soon as convenient. As explained previously, we want to get our member records up to date.

Forms have been included in weekly bulletins, in an email, and they are available in rear of the sanctuary.

Please return the forms to April Osterstock. Thank you!

Recipe of the Month

This month's feature recipe was submitted by Janice Clemmer. She talked about this recipe at our Social Ministry Committee's Sewing Group session. You make it in a Crock-pot and it sounded delicious. I suggested we include it in the newsletter to share it with everyone!

Chicken Cacciatore

INGREDIENTS:

2 medium onions, thinly sliced

2&1/2 – 3 lb. broiler fryer chicken,
cut up

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 1-lb. can tomatoes

1 8-oz. can tomato sauce

1 t. salt 1/4 t. pepper

1 - 2 t. oregano leaves, crushed

1/2 t. celery seed (optional)

1/4 C. dry white wine



1/2 t. basil, crushed

1 bay leaf

DIRECTIONS:

Place sliced onions in bottom of Crock-pot.

Add chicken pieces, minced garlic, tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt, pepper, herbs and white wine.

Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. (High: 2&1/2 to 4 hours)

Serve chicken pieces with sauce over hot buttered spaghetti or vermicelli.

This recipe may be doubled for a 5-quart Crock-pot.

NOTE: Per Janice you can substitute Dry Vermuth for the wine, or eliminate it altogether.

Do **YOU** have a favorite recipe to share with your Mt. Zion church family? Send it to me at nighthawk2@dejazzd.com or give me a copy at church.

- Editor

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

