



THE **NEWSLETTER**

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 05 Martin Meleon, 3033 Octagon Ave. , Reading, PA 19608
Mar. 11 Zachary John Crusi, 352 Rosemary Ave., Ambler PA 19002
Mar. 2 Bill Swoyer, P.O. Box 91, Mohnton, PA 19540
Mar. 22 Elizabeth Lerch, 1357 Walnut St., Reading, PA 19604
Carl Payne, 2087 Mt. Laurel Rd, Fleetwood, PA 19522
Mar. 24 Kim Dunlap Norquest, 3034 Maple Ave, Reading, PA 19605

To have your birthday added, send the information to Brian at zionsnewsletter@comcast.net.

Those who need our special prayers and loving concern

Jane Bingaman, 505 N. 10th St., Apt. 709, Reading 19604
Catherine Christ, PO Box 1495, Rm. A312, Reading 19603-1495
Thomas Henderson, 160 Nicole Way, Reading 19608-2136
Cliff Jablonski, Stabon Manor, 1555 Haak St., Reading 19602
John Kissinger, 1543 Cortland St., Reading 19607
June Lenhart, 3427 Laurel St., Laureldale 19605-2011
Charlotte Newpher, Berkshire Center, Rm. 210-A, 5501 Perkiomen Ave., Reading 19606
Mary Norton, PO Box 1495, Rm. A208, Reading 19603-1495
Susan Price, 13 E. Walnut St., Shillington 19607
Mary Pue, Phoebe-Berks Health Center, Rm. 150, Wernersville 19565

John Reaser, 414 Park Ave., Reading 19611
Joyce Roberts, Manor Care, 2125 Elizabeth Ave., Rm. 218-B, Laureldale 19605
Roberta Shugar, 1201 Museum Rd., Reading 19611
Arlene Stehman, Manor Care, 2125 Elizabeth Ave., Rm. 129, Laureldale 19605
Nancy Strahin, 501 Walnut St., Apt. 211, Reading 19601-3468
Grace Webber, ECC Retirement Village, R-111, 7 W. Park Ave., Myerstown 17067
Elizabeth Wilson, Country Meadows, R308-B, 1802 Tulpehocken Rd., Wyomissing 19610

Shurfine Markets and Redner's SAVE-A-TAPE CARD

The Redner's tapes are a great fundraiser for the church. The best part is that it's easy! However, to be able to help the church with this fundraiser you must have a Redner's SAVE-A-TAPE CARD. If you collect tapes from other people please make sure that they have a card. We have been getting some tapes from people who do not have the card. These tapes cannot be used. Jane Wentzel processes the tapes for payment and then they are submitted by Linda Merkey.

We are also registered with the Shurfine Community Rewards Program. Those of you shop at Shurfine stores with a Gold Card can help Zion's by registering your Gold Card online. Go to www.mycommunityrewards.com and register your card.

Zion's Card Ministry

Jane Bingaman sends out our Birthday Cards for Zion's Card Ministry. Any donations of assorted Birthday Cards and/or stamps would be tremendously appreciated. Please give them to Liz Shellhamer for delivery to Jane. Thanks.

On-going church work days

The 3rd Saturday of each month has been designated as a church work day. We will begin working at 9:00 am and continue until 12:00 or 1:00, depending on the projects to be completed. Volunteers are always needed to help with the chores. Please come and help us with this important ministry. This month we will be meeting on March 20th to complete the following chores: General cleaning, mopping all floors, wiping down the back stairway, mopping the steps, and checking all gutter drains. Anyone wanting information on specific tasks can call Larry Neuen at 717-933-5029

Making your donations count

When making a cash donation to the church, please remember to include your name and envelope number. This will help with the church's bookkeeping and will ensure that you're given the appropriate credit.

Soda Can Sunday!

On the first Sunday of each month we collect empty aluminum soda cans to remit for cash. There will be a special trash receptacle outside the church. Ask your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers if they will save their cans for you rather than just put them out for recycling. Yes, empty beer cans as well as individual serving sized juice cans are also acceptable. *Please rinse out all the cans for sanitary reasons.* If you have a large amount and are unable to bring them to church, contact Greta Lerch at 610-374-8429 or glersch1357@yahoo.com.

Please take note: The Constitution of Zion's states that in order to be a part of the Community of Faith, each confirmed member must contribute to the support of the church and participate in Holy Communion.

Adult Sunday School Class

We meet every Sunday morning in the first floor multi-purpose room. Sessions begin at 9:15 am and include a brief lesson, scripture reading, and a discussion period; followed by fellowship and closing prayer. Please come and join us.

Some Children's Items No Longer Accepted for the Rummage Sale!

Barbara Aregood

I have been informed that the sale of any children's items (excluding clothing) could leave the church open to a law suit if we sell any recalled or dangerous children's jewelry, toys, stuffed animals, furniture, car seats, etc.

Most people do not check recall or dangerous items lists before donating and we would be responsible for checking each and every child's item donated before selling it. We are also responsible for checking the lead and cadmium content.

This Federal Regulation leaves us open not only to a suite, but also to a violation of the regulation.

I am not willing to put the church in jeopardy, nor will I place individual members in such a position as to be held responsible for injury to a child or violation of the regulation.

As chair of the Rummage part of the sale, I am stating that we can no longer accept those items for sale.

When you are preparing your donations for the sale, please keep this in mind and pass the word to family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. We will have to dispose of any of those items and would prefer not having a huge trash bill! Thanks to all in advance for your cooperation.

Open Flower Dates for 2010

Barbara Aregood

There are only two open dates available for 2010:

Nov. 14, 2010 Flowers

Nov. 21, 2010 Flowers

If you would like one of these dates, please contact Barbara Aregood as soon as possible: phone 610-939-0886 or email bba817@comcast.net.

Since the Flower offering is used to refresh the flowers and the Bulletin offering is used to pay for the paper, printing and use of the equipment, the church budget would greatly appreciate receiving the offerings by the end of the first quarter (March, 2010).

Thank You to those who have already paid for their memorials for this year.

**Sundays in March, 2010 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 10:30 a.m.
Worship**

March 7 - The Third Sunday in Lent

Flowers: Kim Dunlap Norquest in memory of Grandmother Jackie Reiber

Bulletins: Anna Boas in honor of Ray and Mildred Hoffman

Scriptures: Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8; I Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Liturgist: Rev. Clark Ushers: Marie Feliciano and Carl Payne

Hymns: # 80 # 85 # 394

March 14 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Flowers: The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Aregood presented To The Glory of God

Bulletins: Nancy Strahin in memory of her sister

Scriptures: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Liturgist: Raymond Hoffman Ushers: Leah Rampolla and Greta Lerch

Hymns: # 43 # 218 # 461

March 21 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Flowers: Catherine Wickel in memory of husband Thomas

Bulletins: Kim Norquest in honor of her loving partner David Norquest

Scriptures: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Liturgist: Ellie Oberly Ushers: Larry Neuen and Liz Shellhamer

Hymns: # 271 # 30 #207

March 28 – The Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

Flowers: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oberly in memory of our mothers Elizabeth Mittelstadt & Grace George

Bulletins: Michele Payne in memory of her grandmother Ethel Trainer

Scriptures: Isa. 50: 4-9a; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Phil. 2: 5-11; Luke 19:28 – 40

Liturgist: Michele Payne Ushers: Howard Frantz and Linda Merkey

Hymns: # 135 # 133 # 136

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service of Remembrance 6:00 p.m.

NAME _____
 Phone: _____

EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM
DUE DATE: MARCH 7, 2010

The order form for Easter Plants came shortly after the February Newsletter was mailed so there is not much time to order the plants you would like to place in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010! Please bring or send your order form to the church or give it to Barbara Aregood by March 7. Make checks payable to Zion's UCC.

All plants will be \$10.00 each:

# of Plants@\$10 each	Type	Total	# you wish to take home or donate:	
			Give to	
1. _____	Chrysanthemums (6" pot)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____
2. _____	Cineraria (6.5" pot)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____
3. _____	Daffodils (6.5" pot)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____
4. _____	Hydrangeas (1 bloom 5" pot)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____
5. _____	Lilies (3-4 blooms)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____
6. _____	Tulips (6.5" pot)	_____	Take home# _____	Shut-in # _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Flowers are (please specify) in honor of/ or in memory of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Don't forget to Bring A Friend To Church!	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Choir 9:00 Ch. School 9:30 Worship 10:30	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Choir 9:00 Ch. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Consistory 11:45	15	16	17	18	19	20 Work day 9:30 to 12:00
21 Choir 9:00 Ch. School 9:30 Worship 10:30	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Choir 9:00 Ch. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:45	29	30	31			

February						
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28						

Notes:

April						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	