



# Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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## February 2021

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### Pastor's Hours

Wednesday, Feb. 3 -10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 10-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 17-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 24-10am-3pm

### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Social Media Coordinator

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(contact church)

Consistory Secretary

Mark Weaver

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Treasurer

Todd Griesemer

(contact church)

## From Pastor's Desk...

### Alphabet for the New Year

(continued from January Newsletter)

N – Notice

Never ignore the poor, infirm, helpless, weak, or suffering. Offer your assistance when possible, and always your kindness and understanding.

O – Open

Open your eyes and take in all the beauty around you. Even during the worst of times, there's still much to be thankful for.

P – Play

Never forget to have fun along the way. Success means nothing without happiness.

Q – Question

Ask many questions, because you're here to learn.

R – Relax

Refuse to let worry and stress rule your life, and remember that things always have a way of working out in the end.

S – Share

Share your talent, skills, knowledge, and time with others. Everything that you invest in others will return to you many times over.

T – Try

Even when your dreams seem impossible to reach, try anyway. You'll be amazed by what you can accomplish.

U – Use

Use your gifts to your best ability. Talent that's wasted has no value. Talent that's used will bring unexpected rewards.

### V – Value

Value the friends and family members who've supported and encouraged you, and be there for them as well.

### W – Work

Work hard every day to be the best person you can be, but never feel guilty if you fall short of your goals. Every sunrise offers a second chance.

### X – X-Ray

Look deep inside the hearts of those around you and you'll see the goodness and beauty within.

### Y – Yield

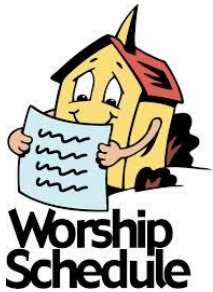
Yield to commitment. If you stay on track and remain dedicated, you'll find success at the end of the road.

### Z – Zoom

Zoom to a happy place when bad memories or sorrow rears its ugly head. Let nothing interfere with your goals. Instead, focus on your abilities, your dreams, and a brighter tomorrow.

"Alphabet of Happiness," written and designed by Bobette Bryan, 2000

Peace,  
Lori



February 7 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Communion Worship,

February 14 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

February 17 – **Ash Wednesday** – Worship at 7:30pm

No distribution of Ashes this year, Pew Communion

February 21 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

**First Sunday of Lent**

February 28 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

### Looking Ahead😊

March 7 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship, Amistad Sunday

March 14 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship, One Great Hour of Sharing Collection

March 21 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

March 28 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

2:00pm – We will watch the movie "Jesus"

### OZUCC Mission Statement

**The mission of our Church is to be a congregation devoted to our community where we experience and share the loving presence of God by teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, by celebrating God's Word in the Bible, and through loving service to all people.**

## News from the Cemetery Association...

There is an opening on the Cemetery Association if anyone would like to serve and join the Committee.

## News from Christian Ed...

Our Sunday School pages continue to be mailed to our Sunday School children and more. We hope they enjoy getting their Church mail. Stay tuned for any news of coming back to the church for Sunday School.

## News from Computer and Media Committee...

The Committee has met with Jennifer Carl, our new Social Media Coordinator. She has some great ideas for getting our Church more into the social media connections. She also has information about how to get us connected to a YouTube channel to put our Worship Services online. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward. Please check out and **LIKE** our Facebook page to see what she is up to!

## News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. We will spend an enjoyable afternoon watching the Site and Sound Theater Production of **"Jesus"**. All are welcome! We will be taking an intermission. Wear comfortable clothes, bring your own drinks and snacks. You can even bring your own chairs, pillows and cushions.

Watch for more information about a **new group forming!** Have you recently lost a loved one? This group is open to all who have recently lost a loved one but we will be focusing specifically on widows and widowers at this time for this group.

We will be meeting at Old Zionsville UCC, 5981 Fountain Road, Old Zionsville, PA (at the bottom of the hill at Kings Highway and Fountain Road - big stone building) on **Tuesdays starting March 2 and running through the end of May at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon.** Each session lasts about 1.5 hours. Enter the church by the office door on the Fountain Road side of the building. Members and non-members of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend so we can support one another. We will meet in the Upper Social Room. All Welcome. The group is free to participate but we ask a donation of \$15 or whatever you can share for the workbook.

Please sign up with Pastor Lori if you are planning to attend. Attending the first session does not lock you into the whole series, but we do hope to have a great group gathered to learn and support each other. Please invite your friends or others who may benefit from this group. Another group will run in the fall to cover all kinds of deaths in the families of our community. You can participate in the program more than once. People who have done so say they have learned more going through it the second time as they continue to heal.

Here are the basics of what GriefShare is about:

GriefShare is a Christ-centered, video-based ministry. It helps people grieving a loved one's death.

GriefShare is designed to reach and help people inside, and outside.  
GriefShare leads to healing and hope.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lori. Two other members from our congregation will be helping to lead the group. We are excited to offer this wonderful program for all in our community.

## News from our Food Pantry...

**Zionsville Area Food Pantry** is located at Zion's Lutheran Church; their mailing address is P.O. Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. Their phone number is 610-554-8340, you may text. The distribution for the food pantry is always the second Monday and following Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Monday and Wednesday distribution is 4-6 pm. Saturday distribution is 10 a.m. to 12 noon. You are always welcome to help and/or to visit/observe. It is a great operation. Clients are encouraged to have appointments but we do accept walk-ins too. As church leaders, feel free to suggest to folks in need that this is available to them. They should call the phone number for a recorded message that explains the process to them.

## News from the ATF Room...

The ATF Room is still taking any brand new items that you have to share with them as well as Christmas items that you no longer need. Please bring them to the bench outside of Pastor Lori's office. If you would like to consult with Millie Kohler about the things you would like to donate, please contact her at 610-737-9432.

## News from the FUN Group...

# Faith Uniting Neighbors Group

## CWS Hygiene Kits

Thanks to everyone who donated CWS Hygiene Kits. We will be delivering them in the near future.

## Zionsville Area Food Pantry

**Beginning in FEBRUARY**, we will be collecting **FULL size toiletries** (*not travel size*) for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A collection box will be located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office.

**When: February 1 thru March 28**

**What: *Items in bold are needed the most***

shampoo  
conditioner  
deodorant  
toothpaste  
feminine hygiene products  
shaving cream (mens and womens)  
disposable razors

toothbrushes  
soap (bars and/or liquid)  
body lotion  
tissues  
mouthwash



## News from the Windows Committee...



The Windows Fund continues to grow through your weekly donations and ongoing fund raising. The note cards depicting the Good Shepherd and Nativity windows were quite a hit and almost half have been sold. They will continue to be available following worship or arrangements can be made for delivery or shipping. Just leave a message with the office at 610-966-3601. And remember, 100% of the purchase price of just \$10 for five cards goes to the fund. The committee is considering other fund raising events in 2021, so stay tuned!



**Church Closed?** In case of bad weather we will again be posting any cancelations with Channel 69 – WFMZ-TV under their Storm Center Updates. We will announce on WFMZ but always use your own judgment and stay safe.

At the entrance to the Sanctuary you will find **2021 Calendars** from Schantz Funeral Home. Please feel free to take one or as many as you need.

**Church Membership Directories** for the new year are available for pick up at the entrance to the Church. If you would like one mailed to you please let the office know.



**Greeters and Liturgist!** If you would like to be added to the Greeter's List or be a Liturgist during Worship please call or email the Church office.



### Chuckle for the Day

Valentine's Day One Liners:

"Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?" "Yes, it is February 14<sup>th</sup>."

"What did the paper clip say to the magnet?" "I find you very attractive."

"What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?" "I'm stuck on you!"

"Why didn't the skeleton want to send any Valentine's Day cards?"

"His heart wasn't in it."

"Why did the sheriff lock up their valentine?" "She stole their heart."

"What do you call two birds in love?" "Tweetharts!"

"How can you tell when a squirrel is in love?" "It goes nuts!"

"I thought I won the argument with my wife as to how to arrange the dining room furniture. But when I got home the tables were turned."

"I once fell in love with someone who only knew 4 vowels. They didn't know I existed."

"What did the calculator say to the pencil?" "You can count on me."

"How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?" "He gave her a ring!"

"What did one oar tell the other oar?" "This is so row-mantic!"

"What did the light bulb say to the other light bulb?" "You light my world up."

"How can you get arrested on Valentine's Day?" "For stealing someone's heart."

***During this time, our church expenses will still go on. If you are unable to attend Worship, please mail your offering to our Post Office Box or bring it into the office, we would be very grateful. If you wish to mail the offering to us: Old Zionsville UCC, PO Box 215, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. Thanks in advance and as always for your generous giving to keep our church vital and active in Old Zionsville!***

**Deadline for material to be included in our March Newsletter is February 22. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox or email to the office at [ozuccoffice@ptd.net](mailto:ozuccoffice@ptd.net)**

**If you do not see your name on our list, please call or email the church office.**



### **Altar Flowers**

**Feb. 7** Boy Scouts  
**Feb 14** Patricia Harig  
**Feb. 21** Mel & Barbie Kerchner  
**Feb. 28** Tony & Debbie Gurgick  
**March 7** Maynard & Barbara Dreas

### **Bulletins**

Boy Scouts  
Connie Yothers  
Griesemer Family  
Millie Kohler  
Lee Hoch Family

### **Chancel Flowers**

**March 7** Judy & Len Hoch

To sponsor or to make changes for Altar/Chancel Flowers or Bulletins, please call the church office. Flowers are \$30.00 and Bulletins are \$10.00. Thank you.



**On our hearts and in our prayers....**

### **Prayer List**

Christoph Bill Jennifer & Todd John Norbert Sally  
Lorish Family Snyder Family Kohler Family Puschock Family  
All those battling Covid Shirley Kristen Tim Hetrick Family  
McGovern Family Davis & Spencer Families Troy Julia Lee  
Sharon Ruch Family Annie & Bob Schell Family Teresa



All Military Personnel Worldwide

***To add names to our Prayer List please call or email the church office.***



**Arlene Scheirer** would like to thank everyone for the delicious meals that were sent to her. She appreciates every morsel and they were delicious!

*To thank you for  
your kindness and sympathy  
at a time when they were  
deeply appreciated*

*Dear Pastor Lori  
& our Church Family.  
Thank you so much for the  
beautiful cards you sent  
us.  
Your kind words &  
prayers!  
It made a big difference  
daily!  
In Christian love  
Jisla  
Twille*

Each year the FUN Group would donate money raised from the Bazaar and Basket Auction to different **Charities**. Since we were unable to have the Bazaar and Basket Auction this year we focused on one charity a week in Worship to learn more about each of them and what they have to offer. At the end of this newsletter you will find a couple of thank you letters from those charities which we did a joyful noise collection for. Thank you for being a helpful church family!

Attached is a thank you from **Samaritan's Purse**, thanking us for doing Operation Christmas Child during the month of October.

Also attached to this newsletter is a thank you from **Bethany Children's Home** thanking us for our White Gift collection we do each year.

# OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>2</b>  Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>3</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship Communion	<b>8</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	<b>9</b>  Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>10</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm  Finance 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship	<b>15</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm IT Meeting 7pm	<b>16</b>  Consistory 7pm	<b>17</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm  <b>Worship 7:30pm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship	<b>22</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>23</b>  Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>24</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship						



## Ministries

January 5, 2021

Rev. Lori Esslinger  
Old Zionsville UCC (Old Zionsville)  
5981 Fountain Rd.  
PO Box 215  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068-0215

Dear Rev. Esslinger,

Thank you for your congregation's gift to Phoebe! Your support is more important now than ever as we continue to serve those most vulnerable during these challenging times.

Your generosity helps us to continue offering quality and compassionate health care services for over 15,000 older adults annually. Because of donors like you, we are able to provide personal protective equipment for our residents and staff, uplifting community life and pastoral care programs that promote fullness of life, innovative educational programs, pharmacy services, and charitable care for our residents in need.

Again, thank you for your commitment to Phoebe and the residents we serve. If you have any questions regarding your gift, please contact me at 610-794-5132.

With gratitude,

Stacey L. Prohaska  
Executive Director of Philanthropy

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### Gift Information:

**Recognition:** Old Zionsville UCC (Old Zionsville)

**Gift Date:** 12/31/2020

**Gift Amount:** \$55.57

**Gift Purpose:** Phoebe-Devitt Homes, Pastoral Care

Phoebe-Devitt Homes is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, multi-site organization specializing in services for senior adults in Pennsylvania. No goods or services were provided to you in return for your charitable gift. The entire amount of your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. The official registration and financial information of Phoebe-Devitt Homes may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



# Second Harvest FOOD BANK

*of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania*

December 29, 2020

Old Zionsville UCC  
5981 Fountain Road, PO Box 215  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068-0215

Dear Friends:

Thank you for supporting the work of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania with your recent donation of \$31. Your contribution will provide 186 meals to our neighbors in need.

While your financial donation can be quantified, the impact it has on the lives of the people we serve is immeasurable. With the support of friends like you, we are able to provide nourishment to thousands each month through our network of more than 200 nonprofit member agencies across six counties.

Your gift is tax deductible. The Internal Revenue Service requires us to state that you received no benefit, goods or services in exchange for your contribution, but we'd like to note that when people in our community aren't going hungry, we all benefit!

Thank you, again, for joining us to help end hunger in the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania. Together, we are strengthening our community and making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Sincerely,



Briana McGonagle  
Development Manager



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December 03, 2020


Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

The Christ child brought the promise of everlasting hope to a world that was yearning for the long-awaited Messiah. **"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins"** (Matthew 1:21). Today, people around the world still need to hear His Gospel message: that eternal hope can only be found through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

That is the Good News our teams are bringing to people in more than 100 countries worldwide as Samaritan's Purse meets the needs of victims of war, poverty, disaster, disease, and famine. I am deeply grateful for your gift and prayers for our ministry. As you celebrate the birth of the Savior this Christmas season, may the peace of Jesus Christ reign in your heart and life. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

  
Franklin Graham

*"Thus far the LORD has helped us."*  
1 Samuel 7:12



*Any books or materials you have ordered will be sent separately.*

  
**Samaritan's Purse®**  
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Boone, NC 28607 U.S.A.  
(828) 262-1980

\$190.00

Thank you for your gift of \$190.00,  
received on 12/03/2020.

013477 Operation Christmas Child

## THANK YOU

*We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to this ministry.*

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DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULL EXTENT  
ALLOWED BY LAW. NO GOODS OR  
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Franklin Graham  
President



January 7, 2021

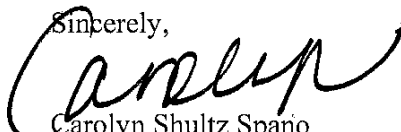
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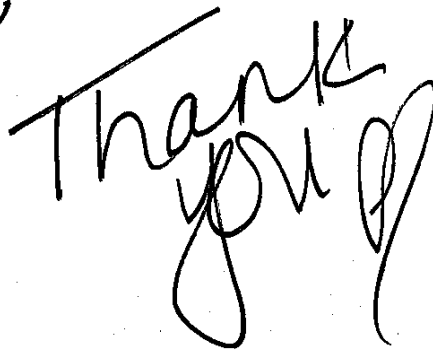
Dear Pastor Esslinger,

When a youth is placed at Bethany, they are scared, angry, and without hope. Most will come with the clothes on their back and if they are lucky, they may have a small bag of personal belongings. They are seeking for someone to listen, provide a guiding hand, and care about them. Though it may difficult for them at first, our youth begin to see that there are so many new opportunities available to them at Bethany. Every resident not only receives the most basic needs of food, shelter and clothing, but also opportunities to learn new life skills. They can attend school, participate in art, music and recreation programs, work/volunteer in the community, and build new friendships. Through these programs, they can regain control of their life and set a new path for their futures.

During this holiday season, we thank you for your supporting our local youth through their process of healing. The gifts you have donated will provide many smiling faces throughout the holiday season and beyond. Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

Sincerely,

  
Carolyn Shultz Spanio  
Director of Development



**Please retain a copy of this letter for your tax purposes.**

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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