



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, Jan. 6 -10am-3pm

Wednesday, Jan. 13-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Jan 20-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Jan. 27-10am-3pm

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Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Kathy Latshaw
(contact church)

Consistory Secretary:

Mark Weaver
(contact church)

Treasurer:

Todd Griesemer
contact church

From Pastor's Desk...

Alphabet for the New Year

A – Accept

Accept others for who they are and for the choices they've made even if you have difficulty understanding their beliefs, motives, or actions.

B – Break Away

Break away from everything that stands in the way of what you hope to accomplish with your life.

C – Create

Create a family of friends whom you can share your hopes, dreams, sorrows, and happiness with.

D – Decide

Decide that you'll be successful and happy come what may, and good things will find you. The roadblocks are only minor obstacles along the way.

E – Explore

Explore and experiment. The world has much to offer, and you have much to give. And every time you try something new, you'll learn more about yourself.

F – Forgive

Forgive and forget. Grudges only weigh you down and inspire unhappiness and grief. Soar above it, and remember that everyone makes mistakes.

G – Grow

Leave the childhood monsters behind. They can no longer hurt you or stand in your way.

H – Hope

Hope for the best and never forget that anything is possible as long as you remain dedicated to the task.

I – Ignore

Ignore the negative voice inside your head. Focus instead on your goals and remember your accomplishments. Your past success is only a small inkling of what the future holds.

J – Journey

Journey to new worlds, new possibilities, by remaining open-minded. Try to learn something new every day, and you'll grow.

K – Know

Know that no matter how bad things seem, they'll always get better. The warmth of spring always follows the harshest winter.

L – Love

Let love fill your heart instead of hate. When hate is in your heart, there's room for nothing else, but when love is in your heart, there's room for endless happiness.

M – Manage

Manage your time and your expenses wisely, and you'll suffer less stress and worry. Then you'll be able to focus on the important things in life.

Tune in to our February Newsletter to read the rest of the Alphabet!

Peace,
Lori

P.S. Thank you so much to all for the outpouring of love to me for Pastor Appreciation MONTH!! Thanks especially to Kathy Latshaw for coordinating all of the gifts, cards and kind words.

ALSO, thanks to all for the very kind and generous Christmas cards, wishes and gifts. I'm still overwhelmed from all of the chocolate I received for Pastor Appreciation Month and now I have enough for the WHOLE YEAR! Thank you thank you to all!



January 3 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Communion Worship

January 10 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

January 17 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

January 24 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

January 31 – No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

Looking Ahead😊

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

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

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

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

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...

The Cemetery Association had its annual meeting on December 13 after Worship.

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...

We officially welcome to the church staff our new Social Media Coordinator Jennifer Carl! Stay tuned to hear more about her in the coming weeks as she enhances our media presence and updates our web site. If you have questions about her work with us, please speak with Pastor Lori, Mark Weaver or Beth Massa. Thanks to all for making this possible for our church family.

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Due to the restrictions of the Corona Virus, the Membership and Evangelism Committee does not have anything scheduled at this moment. We look forward to possibilities to be doing more virtually in the future.

Our church family has recently been asked to provide meals to some of our families going through some challenging times like coming home from the hospital and dealing with illness. We thank all of the people who have made meals and provided much comfort to these families at this time. Your generous giving of time and talent has been much appreciated.

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 would like to thank all its volunteer helpers and everyone who donated new gifts for their Christmas giveaway. The Food Pantry clients were very happy and grateful for the items.

Thank you for making this a very successful second Christmas Shopper's Shop! If anyone received Christmas gifts that don't fit them, is the wrong color, or items you don't need, please consider donating them to the ATF Room. We will be collecting items all year long for the Food Pantry clients. You can bring your items to the church or call Millie Kohler at 610-737-9432.

The ATF Room volunteers are also very grateful to OZUCC Consistory for allowing them to use the Church's upstairs social room for their Christmas Shop and for future events.

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors Group

CWS Hygiene Kits

In lieu of the Angel Tree and Share the Warmth, we have decided to collect Hygiene Kits for Church World Service in December and January. If you would like to participate, please complete a kit in its entirety and return it to church no later than **Sunday, January 31, 2021.**

Supplies needed for each kit:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32"
(**NO** fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber)
- One washcloth
- One **WIDE** tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One **BATH** size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten **STANDARD** size Band aids

All items need to fit inside a **ONE-GALLON PLASTIC ZIPPER CLOSURE BAG.**

Remove the excess air from the bag and seal. **DO NOT** add any extra items or toothpaste.

A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

- **February 2021** – Full size toiletry collection for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry
- **March/April 2021** – CWS Disaster Buckets (*depending on availability of required cleaning supplies*)

Hobby/Craft Night - Cancelled until further notice.

News from Music and Worship Committee...

White Gift – thanks to everyone who participated on Dec. 13! We collected many gifts for Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf. Thank you to Kathy and Dan Latshaw for delivering them all to Bethany. **And Thank You Church Family!**

News from the Windows Committee...



Exciting News! Cumberland completed the restoration of the twin windows flanking the organ

and reinstalled them on December 14 and 15. While some of you may not be able to see them up close and personal for a while, we hope these photos will give you an idea of the beauty of the restored windows, especially the medallions that were hand painted. The protective window coverings will be permanently installed and the exterior trim scraped and painted in the spring. Thank you all for your donations, memorial donations and fund raising activities. 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.

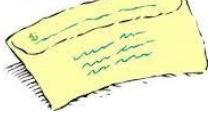
At the entrance to the Sanctuary you will find **2021 Calendars** from Schantz Funeral Home. Please feel free to take one or as many as you need.

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.

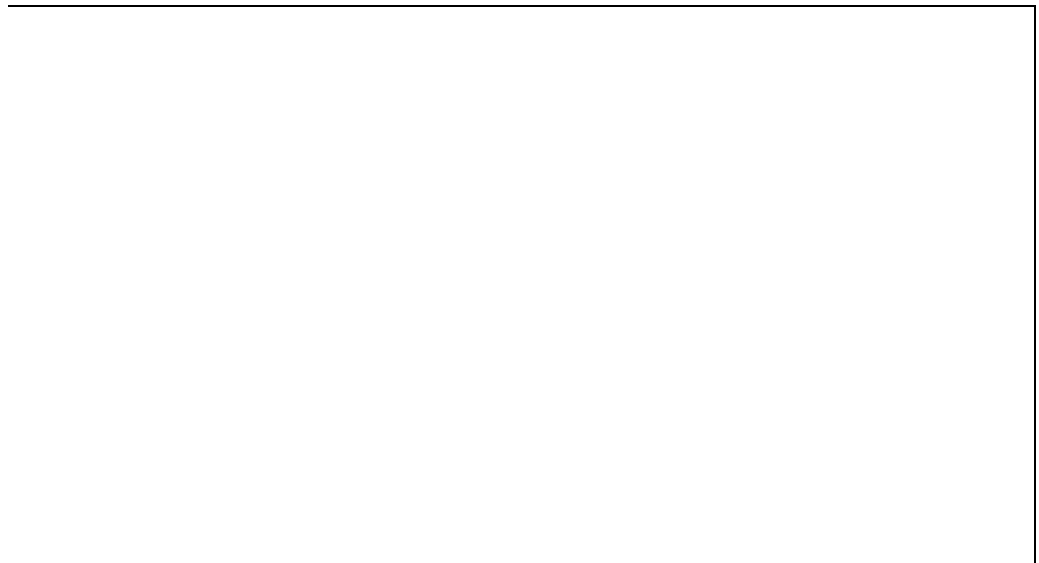
Offering Envelopes



2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up at the entrance to the Church. Please remember to always write the amount given on the outside of your envelopes, names are not necessary. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please let the church office know either by email (ozuccoffice@ptd.net) or calling (610-966-3601), we will be happy to mail them to you.

In order to be reimbursed, or to receive credit as a church donation, **original** receipts for labor and materials purchased on behalf of the church must be **received in the office within 60 days of the date from purchase** or by January 11, 2021 for purchases in November and December, 2020.

THANK YOU to Barbara and Marvin Kerchner for decorating our Sanctuary this year. As always, the beautiful decorations aided our celebration of Advent and Christmas. Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias and to Brenda Seitz in the office for facilitating that process. Thanks also to the Vera Cruz Fire Police for aiding our worshippers across the street on Christmas Eve. The Fire Police have been a faithful presence for us over the years and we are grateful.



Deadline for material to be included in our February Newsletter is January 25. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox or email to the office at ozuccoffice@ptd.net

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

Thank you to our Worship Helpers!



Liturgist

Jan. 3	Kathy Latshaw
Jan. 10	Robin Yoder
Jan. 17	Chris Schell
Jan. 24	Ed Reis
Jan. 31	Nancy Weitzel
Feb. 7	Mark Weaver



Altar Flowers

Jan. 3	Ben Kohler
Jan. 10	Michael & Jane Bedell
Jan. 17	Charles & Susan Jacobs
Jan. 24	BettyLou Hartman
Jan. 31	
Feb. 7	Boy Scouts

Bulletins

John & Miriam Fisher
Bill & Julia Yeakel

Boy Scouts

Chancel Flowers

Jan. 3	Ardyth Schaffer, Millie Kohler
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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 Justin Levi Troy Sally
Pat Donald Harry Arlene Shirley Dylan Sara
Julia Reith Family Spohn & Ritter Families Christa Linda
Lorish Family Snyder Family Kohler Family Hoch Family



All Military Personnel Worldwide

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

From Christa Shankweiler...

Christa would like to thank the Congregation and Pastor Lori for all the help and meals she and he family received during these difficult times.

Pastor Lori & Members @ OZUCC

Thank you so much for generosity
in support of Camelot for Children!
We have been doing socially distanced
outdoor events & virtually events for
the kids. Your donations make
this possible! Happy Thanksgiving!
Fondly - Lisa Griesemer

11-25-20



OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship Communion	4 Boy Scouts 6pm	5 Cub Scouts 7pm Pack Meeting	6 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	7 Personnel 6:30pm	8	9
10 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship	11 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	12 Cub Scouts 7pm FUN 7pm	13 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	14	15	16
17 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship	18 Boy Scouts 6pm Combined IT & Sound 7pm	19 Consistory 7pm	20 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	21	22	23
24 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship Installation of Consistory Consistory Usher Training	25 Boy Scouts 6pm	26 Cub Scouts 7pm Cemetery 7pm	27 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	28	29	30
31 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship						


December 03, 2020

Dear Friends,

This year was the most active hurricane season on record, with 30 named storms. That means Samaritan's Purse stayed busy, bringing help and hope to storm victims—both in the U.S. and overseas. Most recently, we sent volunteer teams to Louisiana to assist with cleanup following Hurricane Delta, and deployed our Disaster Assistance Response Team to Honduras to care for victims of Hurricanes Eta and Iota.

Your support equips Samaritan's Purse to be ready at a moment's notice to meet needs in the wake of a storm, in the aftermath of conflict, in the face of famine, or the midst of other life-threatening situations. As we care for the hurting, we always tell them the reason we have come: **"We love because he first loved us"** (1 John 4:19, ESV). Please continue to pray for this ministry. Thank you again, 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.


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We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to this ministry.

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Franklin Graham
President



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Dear Old Zionsville UCC,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the children of Camelot and their families, we would like to extend a thank you for your \$85.00 donation that we received on 11/23/2020. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. We have been so fortunate to have such wonderful people and businesses in the community continuously stand behind the efforts of Camelot for Children. We could not provide the magic of child

Camelot for Children is a magical place for children with serious or chronic illnesses and special needs to gather and grow through social and educational interaction. We truly cannot continue to carry on the mission of Camelot for Children without you! The families and children genuinely enjoy coming here and it is our pleasure and honor to provide this haven for them. Please stop by sometime to see the smiles and hear the laughter that you have made possible.

Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is tax deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction. Again, we thank you for your support and believing in the magic that is *CAMELOT*.

Wishing you all the best in 2020 and beyond!

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Werner". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Emily Werner PT, MSPT
Executive Director
Camelot for Children