



# Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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## March 2021

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### Pastor's Hours

Wednesday, March 3 - 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 10 - 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 17 - 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 24 - 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 31 - 10am-3pm

### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Choir Director

Carolyn Rhoads

Sexton

Richard Shoemaker

Social Media Coordinator

Jennifer Carl

### Consistory Officers

President

Kathy Latshaw

(contact office for #)

Vice President

Jan Strobel

Secretary

Mark Weaver

Treasurer

Todd Griesemer

(contact office for #)

## From Pastor's Desk...

*He CAME singing love.*

*He LIVED singing love.*

*He DIED singing love.*

*He ROSE in silence.*

*If the song is to continue,  
we must do the singing.*

--author unknown



Peace,  
Lori



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

Sunday, March 14 - No Sunday School,  
10:15am Worship,

One Great Hour of Sharing Collection

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour  
before going to bed on Saturday night!



Sunday, March 21 - No Sunday School,  
10:15am Worship, All loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, March 28 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship, Palm Sunday  
**2:00pm** – We will watch the movie "Jesus"

## Looking Ahead😊

Thursday, April 1 – 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Friday, April 2 – 7:30pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4 – 9:30am Egg Hunt for our children (mask required) in lower social hall,  
7am and 10:15am Worship, Easter, Communion and Special Music

Sunday, April 11 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

Sunday, April 18 - No Sunday School, 10:15am Worship, All loose offering will go  
to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, April 25 - 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 Christian Ed...

We have mailed out Lenten activity books and placemats for the children to use at home during this season. After Easter, we will resume sending out weekly activity pages to both age groups. Our prayer is the Sunday School can resume live in the fall. Stay tuned.

## News from Computer and Media Committee...

Keep your eyes on our Facebook page. Jennifer Carl, our Social Media Coordinator, has been posting some more things for us to think about. She is also updating our web site. Check that out and let me know if you see something we could update. That will help her with her work of keeping all of our social media outlets current. Stay tuned for a YouTube option for watching our services. Coming soon! Pastor Lori

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

**GriefShare starting March 2.** 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.



**Please join us** on 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.

## 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. During the Pandemic, distribution is drive-up in the parking lot. Parking attendants will help you park and wait for distribution. 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.

For those who would like to help in other ways – Food can be dropped off at the church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am–1:00pm. If you choose to do this, please check the expiration date and the quality of the item. No dented cans, opened

containers can be accepted. They need future dated or items which are no more than 6 months past the expiration date.

- Send a financial gift made payable to: Zionsville Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. The Pantry is a 501c3 corporation, so your donations are tax deductible.
- Host a Food Drive. Contact the food pantry about what is most needed, and have a food drive with your organization or friends.

## 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.

The ATF Room is happening at Old Zionsville UCC for the month of March during the second week. If you have some time to help, please contact Millie Kohler. All hands make this project more fun. Stay tuned for more information as the AFT continues to serve the Lord in this place.

## News from the FUN Group...

# Faith Uniting Neighbors Group

## Zionsville Area Food Pantry

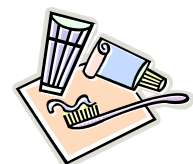
We are collecting **FULL size toiletries** (*not travel size*) for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A collection box will be located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office.

**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 Music and Worship Committee...



**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received on Sunday March 14. More information will be available on the Sundays leading up to this special offering. Many denominations around the country contribute to this life changing offering. Please prayerfully consider your gift. An envelope for giving to OGHS is included with print copies of this newsletter. If you would like to contribute to OGHS, please either mail a gift to our church,

stop by the church to submit your offering or call Brenda in the office to learn other ways to help. Envelopes will also be in the bulletins on March 7 so you can prepare your gift to give in Worship on March 14. Thanks to all in advance.

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

## 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 are 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 or see Pastor Lori after Worship. 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!

The Windows Committee and Congregation gratefully acknowledge the donation of \$8,000+ by the Village School representing the funds remaining in their checking account at the time of closing. This generous donation is in memory of Bob Benner who was a dedicated supporter of the school and Old Zionsville UCC for many years. His light will continue to shine as the work of restoring the windows continues.



**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.

**Make a Daily Click!!! At [www.greatergood.com](http://www.greatergood.com). What You Can Do: Small Actions, Big Results** - Did you know that you can make a difference by simply clicking



a button on your computer that will provide resources to those in need? And the best part: It is FREE! According to Les Schoenberger, who has been doing this for years, it is easy to do! He does this every day and the clicks add up. Look under the **Free Actions** tab and scroll down, you will be able to click on 11 sites that provide free help for all kinds of things like: Breast Cancer, Hunger, Alzheimer's, Rain Forest, Clean Water and more! Check it out!

GREATER  
GOOD

all around the  
COMMUNITY

**Lenten Study To Begin February 24, 7:00pm** - We all know The Ten Commandments---how do we make sense of these ancient words in light of Jesus, and our modern world. Join us **Wednesday evenings**

**via Zoom** for a study based upon a brand new resource by Adam Hamilton, Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today. Dr. David Charles Smith (Sr. Pastor at Jordan UCC, Allentown) will lead the study, for which there is no cost. If you'd like a copy of the book, which is optional, please contact the Church Office (610-610-395-2218). Also, **please let the Church Office know of your interest in order for us to email you a copy of the Zoom link. Please invite others to join us!**

**Weekly Devotional on YouTube During Lent Season** - Zion's Lutheran Church (up the street) will be posting a weekly devotional on their **YouTube channel** on **Wednesdays during Lent**. You can tune in by going to this link: [https://youtu.be/\\_Nrr8mgjEtU](https://youtu.be/_Nrr8mgjEtU) or by searching Zion's Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville on YouTube.



### Chuckle for the Day

#### Irish Golf Joke

A young Irish man who was an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him. To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay. The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

***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 April Newsletter  
is March 25. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox  
or email to the office at [ozuccoffice@ptd.net](mailto:ozuccoffice@ptd.net)**



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

## **Prayer List**

Christoph Jennifer & Todd John Norbert Pat Joe Miriam  
Puschock Family All those battling Covid Shirley Kristen  
Holly Hetrick Family John Lee Bob & Annie Schell Family  
Teresa Paulette Heather Miriam Cyndi Judy  
Tim & Andrea Fritzges Family Moser Family Dennis & Family

## **Military**




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





# OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>2</b>  GriefShare 1pm Troop Committee 6:30pm 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 Amistad Sunday	<b>8</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	<b>9</b>  GriefShare 1pm Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>10</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Set your clocks ahead before going to bed!</b>
<b>14</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship <b>One Great Hour Of Sharing</b>	<b>15</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm Sound Meeting 7pm	<b>16</b>  GriefShare 1pm Consistory 7pm	<b>17</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Cub Scout Pinewood Derby</b>
<b>21</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship	<b>22</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>23</b>  GriefShare 1pm 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 <b>2p.m. Movie "Jesus"</b>	<b>29</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>30</b>  GriefShare 1pm Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>31</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm			



## Zionsville Area Food Pantry

A 501c3 Charitable Corporation 82-0896561

PO Box 56  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068

February 15, 2021

Old Zionsville UCC  
Fountain Rd  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068

Dear Church Members,

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for the Zionsville Area Pantry. As our client base increased, and we shifted to outdoor only distribution, our volunteers really came through for us. During 2020 we didn't miss a single distribution day.

Most importantly, thanks to you, we have the funding to provide more people with more food during this difficult time.

The generosity of individuals, businesses, and churches has been unprecedented.

We at the Zionsville Area Food Pantry thank you for your generous contribution of \$288.00 during 2020.

Our clients are so grateful for the service provided by the pantry, made possible in part by your donations.

The success of our mission depends on volunteers' time as well as the generous food and monetary donations.

We look forward to your continued support in 2021.

Sincerely,

Robin Yoder  
President

Your gift is tax deductible. The IRS requires us to state that you received no benefits, 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.

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# Penn Northeast Conference



February 16, 2021

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Old Zionsville UCC  
Old Zionsville, PA

Dear Friends at Old Zionsville Church:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your **increased contributions to Our Churches Wider Mission** (OCWM) in 2020. As you know the gifts to OCWM support the work of the Conference: staff, newsletters, data bases, Zoom, search and call, program and educational offerings, and our Conference facilities.

During 2020 we were all challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fact that during this trying year your congregation increased OCWM gifts to the Conference and through the Conference the national setting of the United Church of Christ is significant.

Your gifts make such a difference in our ability to support pastors and congregations, and I wanted to thank you for your generosity.

In gratitude and love,

Bonnie Bates (Rev. Dr.)  
Conference Minister