



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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April 2021

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Wednesday, April 7 -10am-3pm

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Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm
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From Pastor's Desk...

Our Grief Share Group has been an interesting bunch of people who are supporting each other and learning each week. I thought you might appreciate this sample grief letter recommended in the participant workbook. This letter is meant to be shared with loved ones and friends as the mourning individual strives to share the grief journey with them.

Peace,
Lori

Dear Friend (family, pastor, fellow workers...),

Recently I have suffered a devastating loss. I am grieving and it will take months and even years to recover from this loss. I wanted to let you know that I will cry from time to time. I don't apologize for my tears since they are not a sign of weakness or a lack of faith. They are God's gift to me to express the extent of my loss, and they are also a sign that I am recovering.

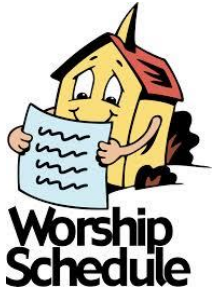
At times you may see me angry for no apparent reason. Sometimes I'm not sure why. All I know is that my emotions are intense because of my grief. If I don't always make sense to you, please be forgiving and patient with me. And if I repeat myself again and again, please accept this as normal.

More than anything else I need your understanding and your presence. You don't always have to know what to say, or even say anything, if you don't know how to respond. Your presence and a touch or hug lets me know you care. Please don't wait for me to call you since sometimes I am too tired or tearful to do so. If I tend to withdraw from you, please don't let me do that. I need you to reach out to me for several months.

Pray for me that I would come to see meaning in my loss someday and that I would know God's comfort and love. It does help to let me know that you are praying for me. If you have experienced a similar type of loss, please feel free to share it with me.

This loss is so painful, and right now it feels like the worst thing that could ever happen to me. But I will survive and eventually recover.

Thank you for caring about me. Thank you for listening and praying. Your concern comforts me and is a gift for which I will always be thankful.



April 1 – 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, Communion

April 2 – 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

April 4 - **Easter** – 7:30 a.m. Easter "Son-Rise" Service with Communion

No Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt in Lower Social Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion and Special Music

April 11 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

April 18 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship,

All loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

April 25 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

Looking Ahead😊

May 2 – No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship, Communion

May 9 – No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

May 16 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship, All loose offering will go to
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

May 23 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

May 30 - No Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. 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 Boy Scouts...

In 1941, BSA Troop 31 was established at Old Zionsville UCC, and we've proudly sponsored them ever since. Over the years, we've seen over 100 boys attain Eagle Scout status. Troop 31 meets every Monday night.

Cub Scout Pack 31 meets at the church on Tuesday nights. The pack currently welcomes both boys and girls to participate.

If you have interest in BSA Scouts or Cub Scouts, please call or email the church office for program leader contact information.

News from the Cemetery Association...

Spring is here! Please remove any Christmas decorations.

News from Christian Ed...

Egg Hunt for the children on our Church on Sunday, April 4th beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the lower social hall.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

Have you been following our Facebook page? Our Social Media Coordinator, Jen, and our Administrative Assistant, Brenda, have been posting some very interesting things! Check it out!

Some trash was deposited in our parking lot recently. We were able to use our security cameras to identify the truck that left us that "gift". Thanks to our "security team" for the follow up on that mess! And Thanks to Phil Rhode, Gavin Wright and Matt Wright for removing and eliminating that very heavy trash pile. It took two truckloads!

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

GriefShare started meeting on Tuesday, March 2, but you may join us any Tuesday! We are 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 running through the end of May at 1:00 p.m. in our downstairs social room**. 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. 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.

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.

For more information about the Zionsville Area Food Pantry and how you can help, please call 610-554-8340 and leave a message for a call back.

News from the ATF Room...



The ATF Room had a different twist to it this month. The Boy Scouts helped and did a great job. The ATF Room certainly appreciated their help. The next free give away to the Food Pantry clients will be in May. 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

Zionsville Area Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone who donated toiletry items for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. Your generosity will surely be appreciated!

News from Music and Worship Committee...

Join Us for Holy Week!

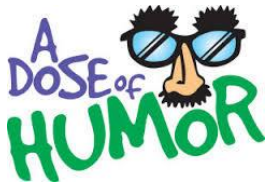
Thursday, April 1 – 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 2 – 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 4 – 7:30 a.m. Easter "Son-Rise" Service with Communion



9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for our children (mask required)
in lower social hall
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship with Special Music



Don't miss **Sunday, April 11 at 10:15 a.m.!** This is **Holy Humor Sunday** plus we are inviting you to **dress down and be casual** in your attire on that day. Holy Humor Sunday has roots in history a long time ago. For centuries, the days after Easter were observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with gatherings of storytelling, joke swapping, picnics and parties to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. It begins with the idea that God played the ultimate practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Easter was "God's supreme joke played on death." So come to worship, dress down/casual and bring your sense of humor as we celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection.

News from the Windows Committee...



The windows note cards will once again be available in the upper social hall before and after worship on April 25th and May 2nd. The cards make great gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day and other upcoming special occasions in your family. Five note cards, nicely wrapped and featuring either the Good Shepherd window or the nativity window can be yours for a donation of \$10, with 100% of the proceeds going to the windows restoration fund. Over \$500 has already been raised, so let's keep the momentum going. Special delivery arrangements can also be made with a quick call to the church office at 610-966-3601.



Easter Quiz Questions – How Many Do You Know??

(Answers on the last page before calendar)

- 1) Which event related to Jesus is celebrated on Easter Sunday?
 - a) Baptism
 - b) Transfiguration
 - c) Resurrection
 - d) Ascension

- 2) The woman/women who went to the tomb was/were:
 - a) Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
 - b) Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, & Salome
 - c) Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna & others
 - d) Mary Magdalene

- 3) Who entered the tomb of Jesus first?
- a) John
 - b) Andrew
 - c) Peter
 - d) Levy
- 4) Who said "My Lord and my God." when he saw the risen Jesus?
- a) Nathaniel
 - b) Thomas
 - c) Matthias
 - d) Stephen
- 5) Who mistook the risen Jesus for gardener?
- a) Joanna
 - b) Mary, mother of James
 - c) Mary Magdalene
 - d) Cleophas
- 6) When is Easter celebrated?
- a) First Sunday after full moon on or after vernal equinox
 - b) Last Sunday of February
 - c) First Sunday of March
 - d) 19 March
- 7) Which is the earliest date when Easter can occur?
- a) 16 March
 - b) 21 March
 - c) 22 March
 - d) 25 March
- 8) Which is the latest date when Easter can occur?
- a) 1 April
 - b) 7 April
 - c) 22 April
 - d) 25 April
- 9) How long is the Easter season?
- a) 12 days
 - b) 40 days
 - c) 50 days
 - d) 60 days
- 10) Which is the last day of Easter season?
- a) Ascension
 - b) Pentecost
 - c) Trinity Sunday
 - d) Feast of Holy Cross



Thank You for Giving to One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or

people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

One Great Hour of Sharing remains a priority because it becomes one of the major ways the United Church of Christ provides outreach to the world in its response to disaster, violence and chronic poverty. Our participation in changing the world through supporting sustainable development programs, our commitment to addressing the global challenges of migration and the focus on long term recovery following disasters are a few of the ways in which your gifts to OGHS are impacting global change.

Families in over 30 states have been assisted in rebuilding their homes and lives after natural disasters. \$4.6 million was provided by OGHS to respond to disaster response and recovery in the U.S. since 2011. The support given has leveraged millions more by building capacities of local communities to respond. Children in poor or minority communities are provided opportunities for a chance at the life education offers. We thank everyone who was able to contribute to OGHS.



Chuckle for the Day

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

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 May Newsletter is
April 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.

*denotes non-member

Thank you to our Worship Helpers!

Liturgist

April 4	Kathy Latshaw
April 11	Sherri Farrell
April 18	Cheryl Martucci
April 25	Chris Schell
May 2	Nancy Weitzel

Altar Flowers

James & Patti Mittl
Anna Benner
Henry & MaryAnn Heil
Bob & Darlene Schmeltzle

Bulletins

Lee & Susan Hoch
Elisabeth Gehring
Charles & Carol Brown
Bob & Darlene Schmeltzle
Carlton & Emily Dreas

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.

Deaths: Jean Meck-March 13. Jean's funeral service was held Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Bachman, Kulik, Reinsmith Funeral Home. She was laid to rest at the Solomon's UCC Church Cemetery at the family plot.



Thank you to everyone who sent cards, thoughts, and prayers our way for the recent passing of Dan's Mother, Edna Strobel.
Dan, Jan and Family

Prayer List

Christoph Pat Joe Miriam Holly Paulette John
Lee Heather Judy Makel Troy Kay Karen
Kelly & Stephen Diane Jim Vivian DeeDee Kevin
Rachel Ilke Nathan Dylan Ellen Sue Renee
Anna Barbara Strobel Family Meck Family MaryAnn
Rose Barb Rodger Kromer's Family Liz
The Rev. Scott Brooks-Cope & Family



Military

Drew Stahler Chad Kichline Garrett Romig Chanellor Yenser Nate Yeakel
Jennifer Zeravsky Douglas McGill Joseph Woomer Military Personnel Worldwide

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



News from Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

May Day Spring Fling – May 1, 2021 from 10am-4pm

On May 1, we're planning on holding a special shopping event outside at the Heritage Center, just in time for Mothers' Day! We'll be featuring items from our gift shop, rummage tables and gently used books, home décor, and best of all, local

craftspeople. Come, shop, and then have lunch from one of our wonder local restaurants!

Do you have any items you would like to contribute to our rummage table? All proceeds will benefit the Heritage Center. Vintage or new items in good condition, and books on textiles, crafts, and history are always a big hit with our shoppers. Call Candace at 215-679-3103 or Candace@schwenkfelder.com to donate to the sale. And many thanks!

Answers to Easter Quiz

1-c, 2-a, 3-c, 4-b, 5-c, 6-a, 7-c, 8-d, 9-b, 10-b

Hallelujah

Christ Has Risen Today

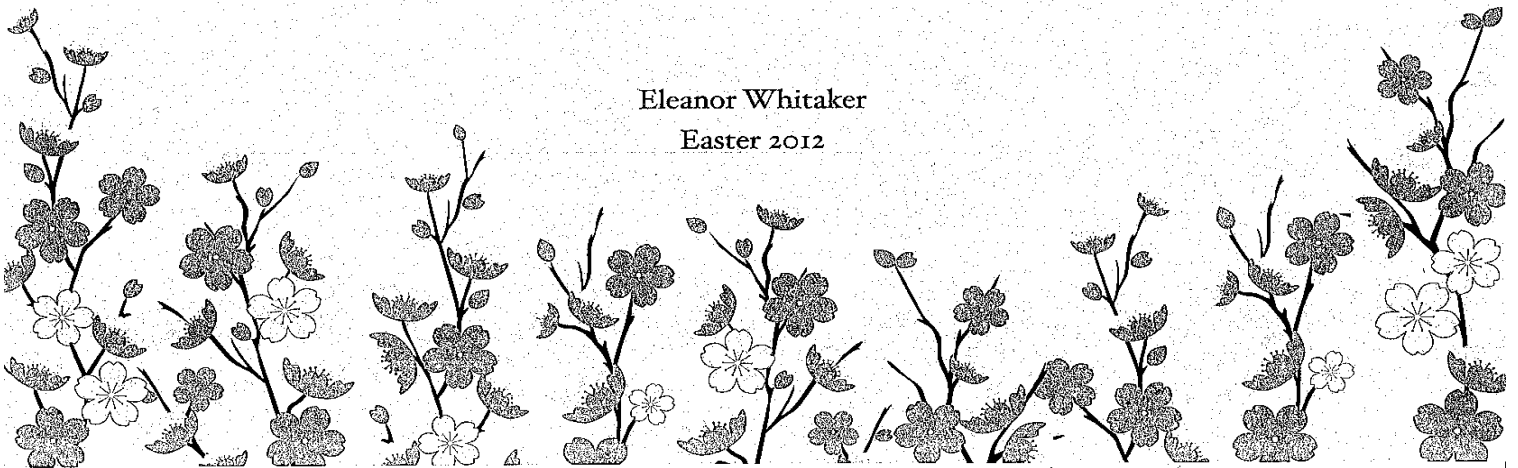
On this glorious Easter morning,
Christ, Our Lord, arose from the dead today,
He was crucified to save us all from sin,
And He made us pure in heart in every way.

The soldiers nailed Him to the cross on Good Friday,
On that day, He was laid in a tomb on Golgotha Hill,
Joyously on Easter morning, the angels rolled the stone away,
And Jesus triumphantly walked out according to God's will.

How can we honor Christ's sacrifice today,
We can be helpful, kind, and loving to our fellow man,
We can give special care to our family and friends,
And live our very best life pleasing to God's plan.

Rejoice and be happy on this sacred Easter morning,
And thank God for giving us the gift of His Son,
This world can be a better place for each one of us,
If we live with peace and harmony, giving love to everyone.

Eleanor Whitaker
Easter 2012



April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
4 No Sunday School 7:30am Worship 9:30am Egg Hunt 10:15am Worship Easter	5 Boy Scouts 6pm	6 GriefShare 1pm Troop Committee 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	7 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	8	9	10
11 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship Holy Humor	12 Boy Scouts 6pm	13 GriefShare 1pm Cub Scouts 7pm	14 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	15	16	17
18 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship , Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	19 Boy Scouts 6pm IT Meeting 7pm	20 GriefShare 1pm Consistory 7pm	21 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 No Sunday School 10:15am Worship	26 Boy Scouts 6pm	27 GriefShare 1pm Cub Scouts 7pm	28 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	29	30	



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February 16, 2021

Old Zionsville UCC
Old Zionsville, PA

Dear Friends at Old Zionsville Church:

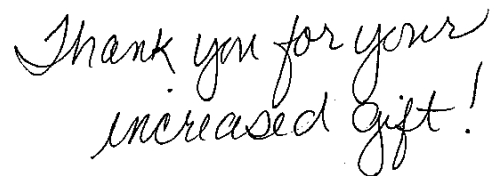
I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your **increased contributions to Our Churches Wider Mission** (OCWM) in 2020. As you know the gifts to OCWM support the work of the Conference: staff, newsletters, data bases, Zoom, search and call, program and educational offerings, and our Conference facilities.

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



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of

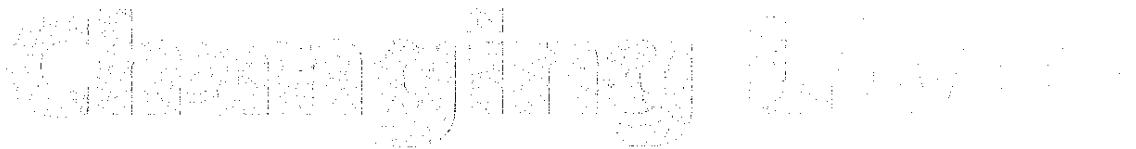
Old Zionsville UCC

For your 2020 contribution of

\$3,507.00

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission



John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Bonnie Bate
Conference Minister

Doug Taylor
PNEC Moderator



UNITED CHURCH
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Sixth Street Shelter

Serving Families Since 1984.

February 26, 2021

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

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$148.46 to the Sixth Street Shelter which was received on January 29, 2021. We sincerely appreciate the partnership of friends like you as we help families improve their stability, self-sufficiency, resilience, and quality of life.

The Sixth Street Shelter has been serving families with children who are experiencing homelessness for over 30 years. Last fiscal year the Sixth Street Shelter was able to shelter 106 families consisting of 373 people, 232 of whom were children. During their 60-day stay at the Shelter, families met regularly with a counselor to develop and work toward a plan to resolve their homelessness.

Residents at the Sixth Street Shelter learn how to solve their own problems and to take advantage of opportunities for personal growth. They develop and actively work toward long-term housing, employment, and educational goals during their stay. In addition to case management and referrals, we offer a variety of supportive programs including parenting classes, a computer lab, financial education, life skills development, group activities, field trips, character education, tutoring, and reading.

Thank you again for your gift to the Sixth Street Shelter. You are an important part of our work, and we are truly grateful for your involvement and support.

Sincerely,

Kristine Blasco
Director

KB: mda

In compliance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 170(f)(8)(B) requirements, we may state that your contribution is totally tax deductible and that we have not provided any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

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Sixth Street Shelter is a program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. (CACLV). The official registration and financial information of CACLV may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within PA: 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.





February 23, 2021

Old Zionsville UCC
Rev. Lori Esslinger
PO Box 215
Old Zionsville, PA 18068-0215

Dear Rev. Esslinger,

On behalf of the Lehigh Conference of Churches thank you for your recent committed contribution of \$200 on 1/25/2021, to support our neighbors who are in need.

For 65 years, The Lehigh Conference of Churches has brought together area congregations like yours in responding to the needs of "the least among us" while building ecumenical and interfaith partnerships and fostering unity within the body of Christ. With you, we can carry out the work of God well beyond the church walls, providing housing, hope and healing to those who need it most. This most generous gift allows us to continue our work with more than 14,000 individuals and families living in poverty.

The Conference of Churches is most grateful for your support. I look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership in ministry.

Faithfully,

Pastor Genie Watson
Pastor Genie Watson
Ecumenical Associate

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