



# Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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## May 2021

### Rev. Lori Esslinger, Pastor

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### Pastor's Hours

Wednesday, May 5 -10am-3pm

Wednesday, May 12-10am-3pm

Wednesday, May 19-10am-3pm

Wednesday, May 26-10am-3pm

### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Secretary

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David Carlson

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Carolyn Rhoads

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### Consistory Officers

President

Kathy Latshaw

610-754-7701

Vice President

Jan Strobel

Secretary

Mark Weaver

Treasurer

Todd Griesemer

215-541-0437

## From Pastor's Desk...

### Happy Mother's Day

Mother's love is like an island  
 In life's ocean, vast and wide,  
 A peaceful, quiet shelter  
 From the wind, the rain, the tide.  
 It is bound on the north by hope,  
 By patience on the west,  
 By tender counsel on the south  
 And on the east by rest.  
 Above it like a beacon light  
 Shine faith, and truth, and prayer,  
 And through the changing scenes of life  
 I find a haven there.

...Author

Unknown



### Worship Schedule

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

May 9 - No Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship, Festival of  
the Christian Home, Mother's Day

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, Pentecost Sunday -  
Wear Red!

May 30 - No Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship

### Looking Ahead☺

June 6 - 10:15 a.m. Communion Worship

June 13 - 10:15 a.m. Worship, Window Update

Please put on your calendar that we plan to have a big update on the window project that morning. It will happen throughout the Worship Service so come to Worship at 10:15 a.m. to hear what is going to be happening!

June 20 - 10:15 a.m. Worship, Father's Day

June 27 - Worship will be held at Dillingersville Schoolhouse at 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 27** – Join us for the Annual Dillingersville Worship Celebration at the Dillingersville School House beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is a combined worship service with the UCCs, the Lutherans, and the Mennonites. All are invited to join us in the beautiful outdoor setting under the tent to Worship in God's creation. Please bring your own chair if you wish. There will be no Worship at our Church that morning. We will have entertainment throughout our Worship with a short concert at the end.

### **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...**

The Boy Scouts had a successful clothing drive/recycling event and exceeded their goal. Thanks to everyone for helping to make that such a success!

### **News from the Cemetery Association...**



We are grateful to Mike Berger for making the Cemetery look nice every week. Please take the time to appreciate the beauty of our Cemetery. Not every Cemetery gets this kind of TLC.

### **News from Christian Ed...**

We will be sending our "Church Mailing" to our Sunday School students until the middle of June. After that time, the Christian Education will be deciding what to do in the fall. Stay Tuned!

We are also looking into a **Confirmation Program** for the fall of 2021. If you have a child who completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) and would be ready for Confirmation, please contact **Pastor Lori**. If we have enough interest, we will begin the program in the

fall. Just a few requirements - student needs to attend Worship weekly, classes will meet each week during Sunday School time (9:00 a.m.) and after Worship at least once a month, we will have a variety of field trips throughout the year and each student will need a mentor who will come to the after Worship classes and field trips as available.

## News from Computer and Media Committee...

Please visit **YouTube** on the internet and search for Old Zionsville UCC. You can watch our Worship Services!!! Please subscribe so we can get to a level of getting our own name to share. Thanks.



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



**Grief Share** will be starting again in August. Watch for more details to be released soon. You may participate in as many Grief Share Programs as you like and may join in at any time during the course of the program. Ask a current participant if it has been helpful, but don't ask them about our audio/video failures! All Welcome. Please speak 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.



**Feeding the Community**

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...

Our ATF Room continues to collect household items, clothing, toys, etc. You can bring items to the pew outside of Pastor Lori's office anytime.

## News from the FUN Group...

# Faith Uniting Neighbors Group

## Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection

We will once again be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry during the month of May. Please bring your jars in any Sunday in May or you can drop them off during the week when the Secretary is in. Thank you!



**Adventure Aquarium** – Sounds like fun!!! Put your name in our jar to win an admission ticket!! In mid-May we will be drawing one lucky winner, thanks to collecting over 25 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!!



## News from Music and Worship Committee...



**Celebration at Dillingersville!** Join us for the Annual Dillingersville Worship Celebration combined Worship Service with the UCCs, the Lutherans, and the Mennonites. Sunday, June 27, 2021 (in case of inclement weather everyone will meet at Old Zionsville UCC sanctuary for service at 10:30 a.m.). This is the 75th year of the Pilgrimage to celebrate our history there. The Schoolhouse will be open to explore and the surrounding grounds of the building are just beautiful.

10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Worship under the big tent worshipping in creation at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse with various selections during the service

from **“The Handman”**

11:30 a.m.- noon - Join us for entertainment from **“The Handman”** – a musical

manualist who makes music with his hands!

Bring: - Your own lawn chair if you wish  
- Family, friends and neighbors! This is for everyone!!!!

Mark your calendars now and help us to spread the word. Dillingersville School is located at **7226 School House Lane, Zionsville.**

We are looking for special talents to be shared this summer. Do you have a favorite poem? Do you have a favorite piece of Christian music? Would you like to sing? Any special talent would be welcome during our summer Sundays, July 4 – September 5. Worship starts at 9:00 a.m. and your special talents will enhance our service. Please



Speak with Pastor Lori if you would be willing to share.

## News from the Windows Committee...



Cumberland Stained Glass returned on April 27th to scrape, prime and paint the exterior window frames of the twin windows restored last fall. This work had been on hold due to the cold weather setting in. After a slow start (2+ years) which included the diligent interviewing of potential contractors, the first phase of the restoration is now complete and with beautiful results. Congratulations, congregation, for your continued patience and constant support. Want to know what's next? During worship on June 13th, the Windows Committee will share some very lofty goals for 2021 and the three steps to financially achieving them:

- Step 1 - Continued support by members and friends
- Step 2 - Additional fund raising opportunities
- Step 3 - Exciting news to be shared on June 13th

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us.



**On Easter Sunday we welcomed into our faith and church family five new members.**

**Shirley (Beller) Spohn** joins us by Adult Confirmation. Shirley has lived in the Lehigh Valley a long time. She likes to garden and to help people. Currently Shirley checks in on our homebound member Pauline Haring who is Phil Rhode's mother-in-law. Shirley was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church. She has three adult children.

**Stephen Ritter** joins us by Adult Confirmation/Reaffirmation of Faith. Stephen was baptized here at Old Zionsville UCC and grew up in our church family. He has four grown sons. He currently works for a local landscaper and has also worked in construction. On August 1, 2020 he married Kelly (Schock) Ritter.

**Kelly (Schock) Ritter** joins up by Baptism and Adult Confirmation. Kelly has a broad religious upbringing and was dedicated as an infant at Calvary Baptist. Kelly has two grown sons and works at Consolidated Mechanical as an office assistant. She enjoys the outdoors, camping, etc. and loves to cook and bake. On August 1, 2020 she married Stephen Ritter.

**John and Debi Kohler** join today by Reaffirmation of Faith. John was a member here in his babyhood through youth days. Having been confirmed here too, many of you may remember

him. He and Debi married here on July 12, 1986. They moved into the Northampton area and joined churches in that area. We welcome them back now to be in our fellowship again.

**Calling All Graduates!!!** Graduate recognition Sunday is June 6th during our Worship Service. We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you and also offer you a small token of our congratulations! **Please complete the graduate form** included in this newsletter or at the church entrances and return it to the church office by May 16. You may email it to us or drop the form in the offering plate any Sunday. Thank you.



**Offerings and Donations  
Received from April**

General Use.....	\$ 10,503.40
Benevolence.....	385.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	121.00
Windows to the Future.....	2,400.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	30.00
Cemetery.....	122.00
General Expenses.....	\$ 13,549.25
includes gas.....	\$ 532.30
includes electric....	\$ 179.29

**Deadline for material to be included in our June Newsletter is May 23. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox or email to the office at [ozuccoffice@ptd.net](mailto:ozuccoffice@ptd.net)**

To sponsor Altar/Chancel Flowers or Bulletins please call the church office.  
Flowers are \$30.00 and Bulletins are \$10.00. Thank you  
Blanche Steiner, Pauline Haring

**Prayer List**

Christoph Rachel, Opal & Eva Linda Stephanie Kevin  
Shoemaker Family Ann Frank Connie's Family Linda  
Gene & Shirley Tracy Laura & Family Mike Bob & Lori  
Ron's family Betsy Dorothy Gail & Lowell  
Grace Sienna's Family Larry & Jayne Sue Bill  
Vivian Arlene Troy, Paula & Family Emily & Family  
Emily Mary April Wendy Jean's Family



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

I see the eagle flying over the USA  
Let us remember the Soldiers  
On this Memorial Day  
For the good men and woman  
Who have fallen in the name of freedom  
They were all "The Son's of Liberty"  
I salute your courage and your love.  
I look at the Lady of Liberty  
She stands for all the people  
Who were brought here  
From across the world  
Wanting freedom of speech  
So we all can have the peace  
Voices which never die  
Yes our eagle and the liberty bell stands  
As does The Declaration of Independence  
So on this blessed day, let us give thanks  
To the American Soldier and peace will one day  
Come to the world once more.



### ***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.

Contact Candace at [Candace@schwenkfelder.com](mailto:Candace@schwenkfelder.com) to donate to the sale. And many thanks!

**Adult and Teen Volunteers** are needed for **Summer Camp** with **Camelot for Children**. They have in-person and virtual opportunities to get involved. Camp is scheduled for June 21- July 30, 2021. Monday and Wednesday (1-3pm) and Friday (10am-12noon) are virtual; Tuesday and Thursday are in person (8am-3pm). Check out the GET INVOLVED tab on their website: [www.comelotforchildren.org](http://www.comelotforchildren.org) and fill out a volunteer application. Camelot for Children is located at 2354 W. Emmaus Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. Phone number is 610-791-5683.



# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Communion Worship	<b>3</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>4</b>  GriefShare 1pm  Troop Committee 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>5</b>  Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10: 15am Worship 	<b>10</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>11</b>  GriefShare 1pm  Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>12</b>  Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm  Finance 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship , Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	<b>17</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm Sound Meeting 7pm	<b>18</b>  GriefShare 1pm  Consistory 7pm	<b>19</b>  Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:15am Worship <b>Wear Red</b>	<b>24</b>  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>25</b>  GriefShare 1pm  Cub Scouts 7pm	<b>26</b>  Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  					

# CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Calling all graduates and families of graduates! We want information from you! **Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 6, 2021 at our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.** We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you and also offer you a small token of our congratulations! Please complete the following information and return it to the church office (may be dropped in offering plate) by May 16, 2021 so we can prepare for the celebration! Thanks!

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Son/Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_

Graduates (ed) from (name of higher learning facility):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation or expected:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

with a degree of (Associate, Bachelor, Masters, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_

(name of field of degree, i.e. business management, computer science, etc.)

Future plans include: (i.e. going on to Penn State, finding a career in...., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else special you would like to mention?

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Return to Old Zionsville UCC by May 16, 2021. Thank you!



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April 5, 2021

Old Zionsville UCC Faith United Neighbors Group  
Mrs Patricia S Mittl  
PO Box 215  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068-0215

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thanks!" with a flourish at the end.

Dear Patricia and friends,

YOU MADE OUR DAY!

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support for our lifesaving work with Lehigh Valley's most vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities.

Here at Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley, our goal is to make sure that no homebound person goes without healthy, medically tailored meals. We are working hard to make sure our clients continue to get vital meals through this COVID 19 epidemic. We have increased meal production and are doing even more.

Your generous donation of \$80 on 3/30/2021 will go a long way to helping us make sure that happens.

Thank you! You have made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Patricia and friends, thank you once again for your donation. It means the world to us!

With gratitude and hopes that you and your family are safe during this difficult time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cori Rolón", written in a cursive style.

Cori Rolón, MA, CFRE  
Director of Development and Communications

*P.S. Please feel free to connect with me at [corir@mowglv.org](mailto:corir@mowglv.org) if you haven't already provided your email so we can keep you updated on how your support is changing lives with our monthly donor newsletter.*

United Way of the  
Greater Lehigh Valley



The official registration and financial information of Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.