



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, July 7 -10am-3pm

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Wednesday, July 21-10am-3pm

Wednesday, July 28-10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

Every two years our National and International Family of the United Church of Christ get together for what is known as General Synod. I have been to several of these events over the years as have other United Church of Christ people you know. Kathy and Dan Latshaw are two such people.



Kathy was willing to put her name on the ballot for the Penn Northeast Conference to be a delegate to Synod this year. She was voted as an alternate delegate. This year, due to covid restrictions, the whole Synod will be virtual so YOU have the opportunity to tune in at any time you like!

The best part of Synod, in my humble opinion, is Worship! With so many people singing, and so many wonderful, talented UCC pastors, preachers, dancers, liturgists, and visual artists, the experience of General Synod worship is hard to describe and like no other worship you have enjoyed.

You can find out more about General Synod by going to the website <https://www.generalsynod.org/> and just looking around. Every day there are bunches of great workshops that you can see plus photos and videos of the live delegates debating issues and conducting business.

There is a cost for some of this, so please let me know if you are interested. We can get a church subscription so lots of us can benefit from the experiences we can witness.

Learning more about the National UCC can enrich your faith and give you a window into the larger issues our

current church is working on. We are a Justice and Peace church, a Healing church, a church that cares about all kinds of people and the issues we all face. Be Proud to be part of the United Church of Christ. We are the forerunner in the circle of many denominations to face current day issues. We strive to BE THE CHURCH that Jesus has called us to be. That they may be ONE is our motto and our call from Jesus.

Check it out!

Peace,
Lori

United Church of Christ, Gathered in General Synod 33—Rooted in Love:

...like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1:3)

We are invited to pray by the **UCC Leadership** | published on Jun 18, 2021

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Each biennium the United Church of Christ gathers as the General Synod to discern the Spirit's calling to the church in this present day. **General Synod 33 will begin on July 11, 2021, with opening worship and will continue through July 18, 2021.**

Although General Synod convenes to conduct the business of the Church, we approach this work in a spirit of worship. In that spirit, beginning June 20 and continuing throughout Synod, we invite the entire church to join us in prayer for our gathered time together.

Each day the Rev. Janet Ross, national setting chaplain, will provide a prayer request on the **UCC.org** homepage. We invite you to incorporate the prayer requests into your daily prayer practices or to pray daily for General Synod as the Spirit leads. We are praying for the manifestation of God's presence and power among us as we attend to the work of the church. We are praying for restorative times of worship and witness. We pray that every attendee will find in our offerings loving affirmations of belonging. We pray for courage. We pray for joy. We pray for wisdom. We pray for our resolutions. We pray for love. We pray for smooth technology. We pray for patience and grace.

We simply ask that you pray for the church. Because of our faith, we know our prayers will reach God and the hearts of those who gather.

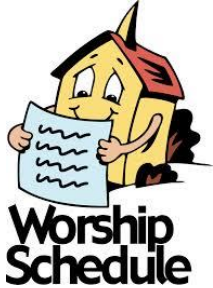
Faithfully yours,

The National Officers of the United Church of Christ

The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President

The Rev. Traci D. Blackmon, Associate General Minister

The Rev. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, Associate General Minister



Worship will be held in the Sanctuary unless the heat is unbearable, in which case we will worship in the lower social hall where there is air conditioning. Watch for a sign on the front door of the Sanctuary.

July 4 – Summer Communion Worship begins at 9:00 a.m.

July 11 – 9:00 a.m. **Outdoor Worship** in our Parking Lot unless rain, then we will meet in Sanctuary

July 18 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

July 25 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Looking Ahead 😊

August 1 – 9:00 a.m. Communion Worship

August 8 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

August 15 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

August 22 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

August 29 – 9:00 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...

Our Boy Scout Troop is active all year long. If you know any boys or girls who would like to join Scouting check in with Larry Stahler who can point you to the right people. Larry’s phone number is 484-357-2703.

News from Christian Ed...

We are looking into a **Confirmation Program** for the fall of 2021. If you have a child who completed 6th 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...

Welcome and Thanks to **Beth Massa** for becoming our Interim Social Media Coordinator. Beth will update our web page and continue posting our worship services to You Tube and Facebook so we can keep the momentum going in our Social Media presence.

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

There are no events planned for the summer.



GriefShare will start again on Tuesday, August 31 at 1:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. Our last session will be November 23. Each session will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was very helpful to our spring participants. I know it will be helpful for you! Suggest this ministry to anyone who has had a death of a loved one. These 13 weeks of learning and growing closer to God will help everyone who is looking for closure and peace. 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. 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 FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors Group

School Supplies

FUN Group will once again collect back-to-school supplies. Please bring your contribution to Church by **Sunday, August 8**. The supplies will be distributed through the Angel Network of East Penn School District to elementary through high school students and the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. **Look for the collection bin outside Pastor's Office.**

Please try to provide items from the following list:

Calculators (especially Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS)

Single subject notebooks

Marble composition notebook (100 page)



Pens

Pencils #2

1" binders

Erasers

Subject folders

Dividers (8 pack – for binders)

Spiral Notebooks

Colored Pencils



FUN group is once again planning for the Bazaar and Basket Social! Stay tuned for more details, but the date will be **Saturday, November 13.**

News from Music and Worship Committee...

Consistory has agreed that based on the current CDC guidelines that we will allow individuals to make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. Social distancing will continue to be encouraged. Offering plates will be kept in the Narthex.

Summer Worship begins on July 4th. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m.

Our **Dillingersville Service** on June 27 went very well. The service was broadcast live on the Uncle Jeffrey Show (CWTAP) and will be shown again on Sunday, July 4 at 7:00 a.m. and again in the evening at 7:30 p.m. Channel 126 or 54. If you do not have cable TV this is the link: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/C3aMSsTkVfU>



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 is expected to begin work on Phase II of the windows in the coming weeks. It is exciting to see the project moving forward. Last summer, the "Change for the Windows" jar raised \$135! The jar will be available again in the narthex through Labor Day, so be sure to lighten your purse or pockets when you arrive each week. Also, another matching gift challenge will begin in September and a second fund raiser is in the works for the fall. Stay tuned for details.



There are two **Bulletin Magnifier Sheets** available for you to use in worship. They are the size of a full sheet of paper and can be found in the side pocket on the sound system. Pick one up and try it out, then return it to the sound system after worship.

Church Lost and Found Box – This is what our Lost and Found Box looks like! It is located on top of the mailboxes next to Pastor’s Office. There is always something in it. Check it out and see if you lost anything!



Eyeglass Donations - A collection box for used eyeglasses is located at the front door entrance of the Sanctuary. The Lions Club appreciates your donation.



Offerings and Donations Received from June

General Use.....	\$ 7,633.32
Benevolence.....	470.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	26.87
Windows to the Future.....	15,625.00
Building Repair.....	25.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	65.00
Cemetery.....	172.00
General Expenses.....	\$11,350.94
includes gas.....	\$ 53.96
includes electric....	\$223.19



Two Horses

.....Author Unknown

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing....Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need..

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way....

Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there..Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours, and remember...Be kinder than necessary - everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly.....

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

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

Thank you to our Worship Helpers!

Liturgist

July 4	Chris Schell
July 11	Nancy Weitzel
July 18	Robin Yoder
July 25	Jane Bedell
Aug. 1	Kathy Latshaw

Altar Flowers

Charles & Susan Jacobs
Jonathan & Sheila Kunkel
Chester Yeakel
Ardyth Schaffer
Joyce Nishnic

Bulletins

Mina Reinhard
Lee Hoch Family
Pat Sajkowicz
Ardyth Schaffer
Rich & Brenda Shoemaker

We are planning to begin the **Greeter** schedule again starting in September. If you would like to be a Greeter before worship any Sunday, contact the church office and Brenda can get you started! Thanks



Camelot for Children 5K – Saturday, August 21 at 8:30 a.m. We'll be running and walking the beautiful 5K Cross Country course at Lehigh University. Start will be at Goodman Stadium opposite parking area. Water and snacks will be provided at the finish line. Prizes for the top male and female finisher in each age category: 12 & under, 13-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71 & over. Race packet pick up will be held August 19-20 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Camelot for Children, 2354 W. Emaus Avenue, Allentown. Proceeds to benefit ongoing programs for our community's children with disabilities. For more information call 610-791-5683, web site: www.camelotforchildren.org

Milford Park Bible Camp will be having their outdoor concerts again this year on Saturday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in their open-air tabernacle, rain or shine. A Free-Will offering will be received to support the musicians & speakers leading the worship services, as well as the ministry of Milford Park. Come join us throughout the summer and bring a friend!

Emmaus Lioness-Lions Club has scheduled its 2nd Annual Duck Race and "Kid Carnival" for **August 21, 2021**. The kids will enjoy a fun time playing the games! Entertainment and food available too! You will be able to purchase a Quack Pack for the Duck Race. All proceeds benefits local community: meals for hungry; homeless; vision impaired; pediatric cancer; etc. See attached flyer with this newsletter.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 No Sunday School 9:00am Communion Worship	5 Boy Scouts 6pm	6	7 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	8	9	10
11 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship Parking Lot	12 Boy Scouts 6pm	13 FUN Group 7pm	14 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	15	16	17
18 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship , Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	19 Sound Committee 7pm Boy Scouts 6pm	20 Consistory 7pm	21 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	22	23	24
25 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship	26 Boy Scouts 6pm	27 Cemetery 7pm	28 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	29	30	31

Please Note: Boy Scouts may be having their meetings outside at Lenape Park if the weather is good. If not, they may be in our building. We leave their meeting dates on the calendar so we can keep the space available for them as needed. We are proud to sponsor these troops!

Get your ducks in line...



We are having a Duck Race

Like

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Big Time "Fun" at the Emmaus Lioness /Lions Club
Country Fair & Duck Waddle



Saturday, August 21, 2021

11 AM – 3 PM

Emmaus Community Park, S 14th Street – Emmaus, PA 18049



Country Fair Games
Duck pond
Grandma's Apron
Skee Ball
& More



Old Fashioned Cake Walk



Adopt your duck
\$5 each OR
\$25 Quacker Pack (6)
Green Flag Drops @ 2:45 PM



Entertainment provided by
Dave & Brenda Rehrig Duo

Times: 11 AM, 12:05 PM & 1:10 PM

Music to include Conway Twitty Tributes, songs by George Strait, Alan Jackson, Charlie Pride, Johnny Cash, Elkie. And of course Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn, Ryko, Ann Murray, Patsy Cline and more.

FOOD TRUCKS

