



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, Aug. 4 -10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 11-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 18-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 25-10am-3pm

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

I love this analogy:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility?

Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

(Shared from a friend whose cup is full of goodness and inspiration.)

Peace,
Lori



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.

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

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m. Worship, Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, August 22 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, August 29 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Looking Ahead ☺

Sunday, September 5 – 9:00 a.m. **Parking Lot Service
LAST SUMMER SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 12 – **Welcome Back!**
9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Communion Worship

Sunday, September 19 – 9:00am Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, September 26 – 9:00am 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...

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...

September 12 at 9:00 a.m. will be our first day back with Sunday School and our Fall schedule! Worship begins at 10:15 a.m.



Sunday School is open to all children who would like to participate. Children can start at the age of two or when they are potty trained. Classes are held in the lower level of the church. If you have other questions about Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Lori, Susan Jacobs, Darlene Schmeltzle, Patti Mittl, Kim DeWire and Deb Schoenberger.

We will NOT be having a **Confirmation Class** unless I hear from more families who want to participate this year. There is a good commitment involved, so pray about it and think about it. Youth who have completed 6th grade and older would be eligible. I need to know by August 22 in order to make a decision about the class. Please let me know if you have questions. Youth from the same family may participate together as long as the age restrictions are followed. Please contact Pastor Lori for details. Thanks.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

Our **Thanks** to Beth Massa who is our Interim Social Media Coordinator. We are still actively seeking to fill this position. If you are interested in getting a copy of the job description or have questions, please speak with Mark Weaver, Beth Massa or Pastor Lori. Thanks Beth for keeping up moving forward!!

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...



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...

Food Pantry Update –

The pantry moved back inside for distribution in July (just in time, it was a very hot week). We were parking lot only for 15 months! The number of clients in the building at one time is still being limited and we are managing the queue in the parking lot as people wait in their cars. For our clients with mobility issues, we continue to offer the prepacked bags we had during the pandemic contactless distribution.



Feeding the Community

Our current needs are around our standard distribution items. We still have limited pick items offerings as that slows down the distribution as people make selections. While we continue to adjust our process, we will start using the odd ball – one off items. In the meantime, if you have any of those you can still donate as we are sharing those items with Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie. They are operating an independent pantry without state funding.

Items we currently need:

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (full size, not jumbo)	FOOD
Shampoo and Conditioner	Gravy and Broth – high priority for September
Bar Soap and Body Wash	Canned Vegetables
Deodorant	Canned Fruit
Razors and Shaving Cream	Canned Meats (tuna, chicken)

Also, if you have an abundance of produce from your personal gardens, you can donate them to the pantry but should arrange with Robin Yoder 610-428-1884 or Dave Kick 484-602-3173 prior to dropoff.

Upcoming distribution days are August 9, 11, and 14 and September 13, 15 and 18.

News from the ATF Room...

Here's the latest from All Things Free. Phil's Sort and Store Room has moved out of Emmaus and is now located in the back portion of the former Village School at church. **MANY** thanks to Phil for the use of his property and getting us off to a good start!!

We will be hosting the Christmas Shoppers Shop again this November for our food pantry clients. We are always in need of new items for this event and this year we're especially short on gifts for men.

Throughout the year both new and used donations may be placed on the bench outside of Pastor's office.

Thanks to everyone for continuing to donate! Your donations make it possible for our great team of volunteers to continue God's work in our mission to help our families in need!

For any questions or concerns please call or text Pastor Lori at 610-393-3522 or Millie Kohler at 610-737-9432.

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.

Pastor Lori believes that the **Choirs** will be starting back up soon. Please contact Carolyn Rhoads for more information. You may call her at 610-737-0904 or email at jjams706@hotmail.com. We are looking for more low voices. Men and women are welcome to help carry the lower notes through the choir season. Everyone is welcome to Sing for the Lord!

Worship will be at 10:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

News from the Windows Committee...



Phase II of the windows restoration project is underway. Cumberland Stained Glass removed six medallions from the windows on the back wall on June 30th. Their artist will now begin to return them to their original beauty. The windows will be removed early fall. The **"Change for the Windows" Jar** will be available in the narthex through Labor Day, so be sure to drop your extra change off on your way into worship. A matching gift challenge benefiting Phase II will be held during September, October and November. Two members have pooled resources and have offered to match your donations up to \$3,000. Last year, the congregation met the Phase I challenge by 150%. Let's do it again! The enthusiastic support of the congregation has been amazing!





Time to Start Thinking About Your Annual Report – Committee Chairs please have your Reports in the office no later than October 3. Thank you!

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.



Did you know the pews in our church have been here since 1910?
 Did you know they were purchased from the American Seating Company of Chicago by our Ladies’ Aid Society?
 Did you know the two largest windows in our Sanctuary measure 14 by 16 feet?

Did you know the glass for the Good Shepherd window was donated by Rev. Eli Keller and family, who had served the congregation for 27 years, and were done in Reading?

Did you know the windows on both sides of the Good Shepherd window were donated by the Orttts sisters at the age of 76 and 80 in memory of their family? They were members of our church their whole life!! Did you know they are related to the Schell Family who also grew up in our church? Did you know that Annie Souder is also a Schell?

There are so many connections in this church, what fun would it be to have a Church Family Tree!!



Offerings and Donations Received from July

General Use.....	\$ 7,303.00
Benevolence.....	300.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	22.00
Windows to the Future.....	14,942.39
Building Repair.....	60.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	10.00
Cemetery.....	1,743.00
General Expenses.....	\$16,803.04
includes gas.....	\$ 51.01
includes electric....	\$214.86

**Deadline for material to be included in our September Newsletter is
August 29. 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

August 1	Kathy Latshaw
August 8	Jan Strobel
August 15	Mark Weaver
August 22	Wendy Yeakel
August 29	Nancy Civitts
September 5	Sherri Farrell

Altar Flowers

Joyce Nishnic
Paula Lilly
Rich & Brenda Shoemaker
Bob & Darlene Schmeltzle
BettyLou Hartman

Bulletins

Rich & Brenda Shoemaker
Paula Lilly
Bob & Annie Souder
Len & Judy Hoch

Chancel Flowers on September 5 – Judy & Len Hoch
Bobby Schmeltzle

If you wish to sponsor Bulletins or Flowers, please call the church office, 610-966-3601 or email at ozuccoffice@ptd.net. Bulletins are \$10.00, Altar Flowers are \$40.00, our Seasonal silk arrangement is a donation of \$30.00 to our Windows Fund. **If you are already signed up to sponsor Altar Flowers and would like us to use our silk arrangement please let the office know as soon as possible so Brenda can cancel our arrangement with Phoebe Floral for that week. Thank you!**

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

If you would like to help with our Worship service by being a **Liturgist**, please let Brenda know and she will put you on the schedule! Thank you for your help!

all around the
COMMUNITY

St. John's Christian Preschool located at St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus has openings for the 2021-2022 school year. Three and four year olds (must be potty trained) are welcome. The mission of St. John's Christian Preschool is to prepare young children for academic, spiritual success by providing them the tools they will need for a well-rounded life and a personal, loving relationship with God. For more information or to register please call the church at 610-6965-9885.

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
1 No Sunday School 9:00am Communion Worship	2 Boy Scouts 6pm	3	4 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	5	6	7
8 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship	9 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	10 FUN Group 7pm	11 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	12	13	14
15 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	16 Boy Scouts 6pm Combined IT & Sound 7pm	17 Consistory 7pm	18 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	19	20	21
22 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship ,	23 Boy Scouts 6pm	24 Cemetery 7pm	25 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	26	27	28
29 No Sunday School 9:00am Worship	30 Boy Scouts 6pm	31 Grief Share 1-3 pm				

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 & 1:40 PM

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

FOOD TRUCKS

