



# Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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## September 2021

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### Pastor's Hours

Wednesday, Sept. 1-Vacation

Wednesday, Sept. 8-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Sept. 15-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Sept. 22-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Sept. 29-10am-3pm

### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Carolyn Rhoads

Sexton

Richard Shoemaker

### Consistory Officers

President

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Vice President

Jan Strobel

Secretary

Mark Weaver

Treasurer

Todd Griesemer

215-541-0437

## From Pastor's Desk...

A lecturer on stress management raised a glass of water and asked his audience, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Various answers were called out. Then he replied, "The weight really doesn't matter. What matters is how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem," he said. "If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

"And that's the way it is with stress," he said. "If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. You have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So before you return home tonight," he continued, "put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it."

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.

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.

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



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

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

Sunday, September 26 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship

## Looking Ahead 😊

Sunday, October 3 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. World Wide Communion Worship  
**Committee Annual Reports are due**

Sunday, October 10 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship

Sunday, October 17 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, October 24 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship, Harvest Home

Sunday, October 31 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship, All Saints Day

### **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.**

## A Note from our Consistory President...



To All Members,

It is only September but in the life of the church we need to be thinking ahead to the next year. As of January, there will be four vacancies on the Consistory team. One is needed to fill an unexpired term of one year, one is to fill a vacancy from last year, and two will be to fill expired terms of two who have served six years, which is in accordance with our church constitution.

Now, please can anyone or everyone help the Consistory to fill these vacancies? Will you ask God for guidance and prayers to help, and ask if this is some way to get more involved in your church and with the Lord? Ask yourself if this is something you feel you would like to do and try and help your Consistory team.

If you have questions, ask any current Consistory member and we will be happy to tell you about the good times and laughs we have at our meetings. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs social room. The meetings usually do not last past 9:00 or 9:30 p.m.

Kathy Latshaw, Consistory President  
610-754-7701, email [katdan627@dejazzd.com](mailto:katdan627@dejazzd.com)

## 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. For the start of Sunday School, we will have greeters at the old Village School doorway to help your student find their classroom. (The old Village School doorway is the red door at the stairwell with the chair lift.)



**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.

## News from Computer and Media Committee...

We continue to give thanks for Beth Massa serving as Interim Social Media Coordinator. If you know anybody who has computer skills and would be looking for a very part time job that they could do from home, please let Pastor Lori or Mark Weaver know.

The committee is also looking to set up equipment in the sanctuary to provide live streaming video services to be available on TV with Uncle Jeffrey at WCTAP. We will keep you posted as to that progress and when you can start watching us on your home TV!

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



**GriefShare** has begun on Tuesdays 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.

We will be resuming our **Supper Club** fellowship activities with dinner at Deitsch Eck (Lenhartsville) on **Wednesday, September 29 at 6:00 PM**. The Weekly Special at Deitsch Eck is Pig Stomach. There is certainly plenty of other great PA Dutch cooking for those that are not inclined for the Pig Stomach. This is a change from our traditional Friday evenings, as due to limited staffing, this is the only time that Deitsch Eck can accommodate a group for that weekly special. For those that cannot make it for this special Wednesday event, we intend to proceed with some Friday evenings, in the coming months, as well. Please RSVP to Linda Weaver no later than Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, as reservations need to be made in plenty of time. As we gather your responses, we will also work on putting together the carpool, as well. Thanks, and looking forward to a great evening with plenty of good food, friends, and fellowship.

## News from our Food Pantry...

### Food Pantry Update –

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.



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:

<b>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (full size, not jumbo)</b>	<b>FOOD</b>
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 drop off. Upcoming distribution days are 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.

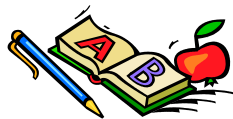
Throughout the year both new and used donations may be placed on the bench outside of Pastor's office.

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 **U**niting **N**eighbors Group

### School Supplies



Thanks to everyone who contributed school supplies. We were able to deliver spiral notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils, and more! Items were distributed to Lincoln Elementary, Lower Macungie Middle School, and Emmaus High School. The schools were very appreciative of the supplies they received. Thanks to Diane Berger for delivering the supplies to the various schools.

## COMING EVENTS:

The annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 13<sup>th</sup>** this year.

What fun basket are you going to contribute? Would you like to have your own table at the event? Contact Deb Schoenberger (610-967-5930) if you would like to reserve a space (a reservation form is included in the newsletter)—don't miss out!



Please contact Jan Strobel (610-966-2609) if you would be able to help solicit prizes in the Macungie, Emmaus, or Zionsville areas...a copy of the letter to solicit items from local businesses to be used to fill baskets for the auction is included with the newsletter. She will coordinate solicitation so that we avoid approaching the same business multiple times.

We would love to have some homemade goodies for our bake sale (we'll remind you in next month's newsletter). Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 12) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you are able to help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl.

We will not be having an eating area due to COVID restrictions. However pre-orders are being taken for the following food items, prepared by the Social & Aid Committee to be picked up and enjoyed in the safety of your home.

- Beef Vegetable Soup - \$8 per quart
- Chili - \$8 per quart
- Pickled Red Beets - \$5 per quart

**Orders will be due by October 31** and will be available for pick up on the day of the Bazaar between 9:30am and 12:30pm in the Downstairs Social Room. Orders may be placed by submitting an order form, or by calling the Church office at 610-966-3601 or Annie Souder at 610-966-5242.

## News from Music and Worship Committee...

**Please join us for our Parking Lot Worship** on Sunday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m. Bring lawn chairs, bulletins will be provided to you when you drive in. **All Welcome!** In case of rain, worship will be held inside. If you have any questions please call the church office at 610-966-3601.

Beginning September 12 our **Worship Services** will return to 10:15 a.m. with **Sunday School** returning this fall to 9:00 a.m. Please join us!

Choir practice dates are yet to be determines. You may call the church office for the most recent data. With the pandemic and changing numbers, we are very cautious right now. Stay turned for more news soon.



## **Harvest Home**

Please be generous in sharing the earth's bounty for our **HARVEST HOME** display on **Sunday, October 24**. Bring items for our local food bank. Especially needed items: canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats. If you happen to have fresh, colorful produce, we will gladly accept it as



well. Your donations

should be at the church **by noon on Saturday**, October 23, so they can be creatively arranged on the altar. Thanks in advance for your participation in this long-standing tradition in our Church.

## **News from Social and Aid Committee...**

Social and Aid will be making and selling Beef Vegetable Soup, Chili and Pickled Red Beets by the quart at the Bazaar and Basket Social on November 13, 2021. Order forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Soup and Chili will sell for \$8.00/quart, Beets are \$5.00/quart. Orders must be in by October 31, 2021. Thank you for your support!

## **News from the Windows Committee...**



The Windows Committee will officially kick off the 2021 matching gift challenge on Sunday, September 12. Donations to the windows fund between September 1 and November 30 will be matched by not two members as previously announced, but by three. The increased goal will be announced on the 12th along with the results of the Change for the Windows Jar fund raiser that was ongoing all summer. Contracts have been signed to restore the Good Shepherd window and two adjacent windows and for installation of protective coverings. Work is expected to begin very soon.

**Sunday, November 7, 2021 will be our Annual Congregation Meeting immediately following Worship. We will discuss our Budget for 2022 and have election of Consistory members.**



**Annual Reports Due Date – Committee Chairs** please have your Reports in the office no later than **October 3**. Thank you!

Approved **Consistory Minutes** can be found posted on the bulletin board at the side entrance to the Sanctuary for anyone wishing to take a look!!

**In order to be reimbursed**, or to receive credit as a church donation, **original** receipts for labor and materials purchased on behalf of the church must be **received in the office within 60 days of the date**



from purchase or by January 11, 2022 for purchases in November and December, 2021.

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.

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



### Chuckle for the Day

#### Always Be Aware!

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

**Deadline for material to be included in our October Newsletter is September 27. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox or email to the office at [ozucoffice@ptd.net](mailto:ozucoffice@ptd.net)**



#### Offerings and Donations Received from August

General Use.....	\$ 7,624.20
Benevolence.....	442.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	363.00
Windows to the Future.....	2,750.00
Building Repair.....	- 0 -
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	10.00
Cemetery.....	172.00
General Expenses.....	\$19,610.81
includes gas.....	\$ 46.78
includes electric....	\$ 250.09



**Thank you** to Pastor Lori (our peach lady) for bringing peaches in each week to share with all our church members!!!! We love peaches!



If you wish to sponsor Bulletins or Flowers, please call the church office, 610-966-3601 or email at [ozuccoffice@ptd.net](mailto: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!



The Upper Milford Fire Companies are hosting a Community Day event on October 17th from noon to 3 pm at the Municipal Building 5671 Chestnut St. If anyone has any interest in setting up a table for your non-profit or office please contact Lynette Hemnitz of Western District Fire Company at [lheminiz@aol.com](mailto:lheminiz@aol.com) or Lucas Andrews of Citizens Fire Company at 610-965-9444 (leave a message).

## Old Zionsville United Church of Christ September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 9:00am Worship <b>Parking Lot Service</b>	<b>6 Labor Day</b> Office Closed  Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>7</b> Grief Share 1-3pm	<b>8</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship, Communion	<b>13</b> Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	<b>14</b> Grief Share 1-3pm  FUN Group 7pm	<b>15</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm  Finance 7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pastor's Discretionary  Fund Collection	<b>20</b> Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>21</b> Grief Share 1-3pm  Consistory 7pm	<b>22</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	<b>27</b> Boy Scouts 6pm	<b>28</b> Grief Share 1-3 pm  Cemetery 7pm	<b>29</b> Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm  Supper Club 6 pm	<b>30</b>		

**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!

# OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC

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Our Social & Aid Committee is holding a fundraiser of Beef Vegetable Soup, Chili and Pickled Red Beets. They will be sold by the quart. Place your order below and return it to Church (may be dropped in offering plate) **before October 31, 2021**. You may also place your order by calling the Church office at 610-966-3601 or Annie Souder at 610-966-5242.

## Pick-Up at Bazaar and Basket Social

Date: November 13, 2021  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Downstairs Social Room

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Number of Quarts	Total Price
Soup @ \$8.00		
Chili @ \$8.00		
Beets @ \$5.00		
Total Amount Due:		

**Orders are due before October 31, 2021.**

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**Our 24th Annual Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction** will be held on **Saturday, November 13, 2021** from 9:00 until 3:00.

All crafters and vendors are welcome to help us make this bazaar a success. The cost for a space is \$7.00; a space with a table is \$10.00. In addition to the bazaar, purchase tickets for a chance to win the basket of your choice; there will also be great food available. If you're interested in reserving a spot or know another crafter or vendor who would be interested, please return the registration form below with payment. Thank you.

(Checks should be made payable to  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**)

Any questions contact: Deb Schoenberger @ 610-967-5930 or lesdeb@ptd.net

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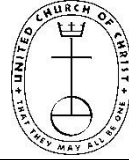
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## OLD ZIONSVILLE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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To Whom It May Concern:

On November 13, 2021, Old Zionsville United Church of Christ is having a Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction. We hope to have a number of baskets filled with a variety of items that people will purchase chances to win. Proceeds from the Basket Auction will benefit the church and local charities.

We would like to ask your company or agency to help us with this Basket Auction. You could do this by providing us with merchandise that we could include in a basket, a gift certificate for your product or service, or a cash donation that would be used to sponsor a basket. You do not need to provide the basket. We would be happy to pick up any merchandise you would donate to us. All your contributions would be tax deductible. Our federal tax identification number will be provided, if required.

If you can help us please call the church at 610-966-3601 or Jan Strobel at 610-966-2609.

Thank you from the  
Faith Uniting Neighbors (FUN) Group