



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, Nov. 10-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Nov. 17-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Nov. 24-10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for all of the expressions of appreciation for Pastor Appreciation month. These are the words on the plaque that Kathy Latshaw presented to me in worship on Oct. 17. It is hard for me to believe it has been seven years that I have been with you. I praise God for our church family and for the future in which we will continue to be faithful. Thank you, thank you.

Lori

Our Pastor

You lead our congregation by opening God's Word, and then you live your life reflecting all we've heard. You care for others deeply and lift them up in prayer, and when we face misfortune, we know that you'll be there. We really love you, Pastor, for everything you do. And we thank God for giving us a Pastor like you.



Narthex.

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

Sunday, November 7 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Communion Worship

Congregation Meeting



Sunday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, Burn Sins

Sunday, November 21 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, Baptism

Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Tuesday, November 23 – 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship
at Old Zionsville UCC

Sunday, November 28 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship,
First Sunday of Advent

Looking Ahead😊

Sunday, December 5 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, White Gifts
Cemetery Association Meeting

Sunday, December 12 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

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

Friday, December 24 – 3:00 p.m. Condensed Christmas Eve Service,
Candles and Carols in a shortened service
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

Sunday, December 26 - 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...

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 Elliott Fegley - 610-972-7869 or for Cub Scouts, Chris Ofner - 484-639-4279.

News from the Cemetery Association...

Cemetery Association Annual Congregation Meeting will be Sunday, December 5, 2021 after Worship. The Association Financial Report will be discussed along with election of Trustees. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time but you must be present to accept the nomination.



News from Christian Ed...

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, Patti Mittl and Deb Schoenberger.

We are looking for a **new Sunday School teacher!** If you have been feeling a tug from God to get involved in something for the future, this could be it!! The new teacher will work with our toddler class which includes children up to Kindergarten. This is an easy group to share with since they want to play and learn about God on an introductory level. No challenging questions! Please see me if you have any time to share with this wonderful group of God's Children. Ultimately we would like to have a team of teachers so you can take off as needed and help each other. You will need to have a clear background check in order to help. Thanks in advance for praying with me about this.
Pastor Lori

News from Computer and Media Committee...

We are getting closer to installing the electronics needed to provide our Worship Services to Uncle Jeffrey to put on his show. Stay tuned for our "debut date" on 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.

GriefShare will be offered again in the **Spring** of 2022 at NIGHT so those of you who are working during the day can join us. We will be starting on Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the lower Social Hall of our building. The Program will run for 13 Wednesdays with the last session being on June 1. This is open to anyone who is grieving a loss. Please tell your friends and family.

News from our Food Pantry...

Food Pantry Update – Items we currently need:

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

Our church will NOT be supplying food toward Thanksgiving Bags this year. The Panty will be giving out \$25.00 Gift Cards to families to go shopping for what they need. Anyone wanting to support this effort is welcome to make a financial contribution to Zionsville Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068 or through your weekly envelope.

News from the ATF Room...

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...

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



What fun basket are you going to contribute? Baskets are available in the upper social hall at church for you to take to fill for the Basket Social. We have lots of baskets so feel free to take as many as you can use for this purpose or in other ways for yourself! **Bring you filled baskets and baked goods to the church by Friday, November 12th at 6:30pm.** Thank you.

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. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 12) **at 6:30 p.m.** 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.



Ed Reis has spent the year making his wooden toys to sell at the Bazaar again this year. But this year he won't be able to be present to man his table. Would you please consider helping to man Ed's table and sell his toys for one hour at the event? Maybe when you come to pick up your soup or pretzel sandwich order you can sit at the table for an hour to help out? Ed would really appreciate this! Please let Pastor Lori know when you can help. Instructions will be provided the day of sale. Ed will set up the tables on Friday night so everything will be ready to go. Thanks in advance.





Look for the Angel Tree project coming soon to benefit The Kindness Project in Emmaus. According to the website, the Kindness Project is a volunteer-run, donation-based, nonprofit organization created to provide support to foster families in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas. They supply clothing, shoes, furniture and other essential items free of charge as children in the foster care system are placed in their homes along with seasonal supplemental support. Their mission is to provide a brighter future for children in foster care by offering free essential

resources and enrichment opportunities. The project is run by members of the Falk family with roots here at OZUCC.

News from Music and Worship Committee...



On Sunday, October 24th we welcomed new members to our Church.

Angela Serafine Stahler joins us today by letter of transfer from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pottstown. She graduated from Norristown High School and went on to study accounting at Bradford School in Philadelphia. She found out that she didn't like accounting and has been a church secretary for a long time, currently serving Grace UCC in Allentown. Angela spends her free time cooking, baking, crocheting, cross stitching and making soap. She married our member, Larry Stahler, on June 21, 2014. Together they have 3 cats and 1 dog. Larry shares his children and grandchildren with Angela.

Glenn Shingler joins today by letter of transfer from St. John's UCC in Emmaus. Glenn grew up in Emmaus attending church and graduating from Emmaus High School. He also graduated from Lincoln Tech with a degree in Architectural Drafting Technology. Glenn worked in the drafting field for 20+ years. He has two children, four grandchildren and one on the way! He is semi-retired and enjoys doing gardening, property clean ups and side jobs. He and his partner, our church member, Beth Eck live on St. Peter's Road.

Samantha Molter joins today by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in our church, and was confirmed by Pastor Denise. She attended Emmaus High School and graduated through Cyber Charter School. She and Nathan Boyer have two children, Kane who is 12 years old and Ava who is 2 years old. Sam is a stay at home Mom very busy with her growing family. On November 20, she will become Mrs. Nathan Boyer. We celebrate with this family!

Please help to welcome these new members into the fellowship of Old Zionsville UCC! Under Office News you will find their addresses to add to your Church Membership Directory.



Thank you to all who provided items for our Harvest Home Display. Thank you to Nancy Civitts and Carolyn Rhoads for making it look so lovely on Sunday, October 24th. These items will go to the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

Sunday, Nov. 14 following worship, we will be burning our papers with sins from the past year written on them in the little chimnea outside of worship. Come to worship this day to send your past in smoke to our God and find cleansing renewal for the upcoming new year.

Our **Thanksgiving Worship 2021** for the ministerium will be **November 23** - the TUESDAY night before Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. at Old Zionsville UCC. We are hosting due to size of our Sanctuary - folks can spread out. Robin Roman from the United Methodist church is preaching. **Note this will be happening the TUESDAY before Thanksgiving** this year so you can be home Wednesday night to get your house and dinner fixin's ready! Bring your neighbors and friends.



White Gifts will be collected for the young adults (ages 10-21) at Bethany Ministries on **Sunday, Dec. 5 at 10:15 a.m.** Please wrap your gift in white tissue paper only or not at all. Bethany can only use NEW items to give to the students living there. This has always been a very meaningful and wonderful part of our Advent celebration. Wish list from Bethany is enclosed with this newsletter. Is anyone willing to **take our white gifts** to Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf during the week of Dec. 5-11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.? Please speak with Pastor Lori if you are available to do this.

Founded in 1863, Bethany Children's Home has provided a safe place of nurture, protection and supportive care to aid youth in their own self awareness, growth and healing for a brighter, healthier future. Every day, youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned are taking back their lives with the help of Bethany.

Bethany offers individualized programs for youth who for whatever reason cannot live with their family or a substitute family. From emergency services to longer term Residential Treatment Programs, Bethany supports youth while they heal and prepare for the next steps of their journey.



Help Needed! We are looking for individuals or a family who would like to re-create the scene of the HOLY FAMILY in front on the altar at the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service of worship. All individuals who are able to help are encouraged to be there for this special time in the life of our worship service. We need the HOLY FAMILY, shepherds and sheep. Please speak with Pastor Lori if you are interested in learning more. We have the costumes, we have the time and the space, we just need YOU!

We are also looking for families interested in lighting the **Advent Candles** during the month of December in worship each week. If your family would like to help in this meaningful part of the preparation for the Christmas season, please speak with Pastor Lori. It will be a short reading part at the beginning of worship during December. You can pick your Sunday on which to participate. Thanks in advance for your help.



News from Social and Aid Committee...

Don't forget to pick up the soup, chili and pickled beets that you ordered on Saturday, November 13th at our Bazaar and Basket Social between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Enjoy and thank you for your support!

News from the Windows Committee...



The \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge is well underway and we are pleased to report that from September 1 to October 24 members have contributed \$3,483. Five weeks remain to raise the \$1,517 needed to meet the challenge. If you have been considering a donation, now is the time. We can do this! Good Luck!



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.



Nov 7, 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Ends at **2:00a.m.** on Sunday, November 7, 2021, clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour. Set yours back on Saturday night before going to bed so you are not late for church!



Our Church Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 7** immediately following worship. Annual Reports will be available for pick up on November 7. We hope all members will stay for this brief but important meeting to approve the church budget and to elect and approve new members for Consistory. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the **budget** for your review before the meeting. If you have interest in **servicing on Consistory** or any committee, please speak with Pastor Lori.



We are looking for someone to coordinate Poinsettias orders for this year. The job entails collecting order forms, placing order with Dan Schantz, picking them up and arranging them in our Church. Please speak with Pastor Lori if you have any interest in helping. Thank you for considering this service for our Church.

We are in the process of preparing a new **Church Membership Directory** with names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries. Please make sure your contact information is up to date especially if you have moved or changed phone numbers. Thank you. These are projected to be available in December. In the meantime, you can update your home membership directory with our new members and some changes:

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.



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!

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.



Offerings and Donations Received from October

General Use.....	\$ 8,340.75
Benevolence.....	470.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	29.75
Windows to the Future.....	7,977.50
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Sunday School.....	33.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	25.00
Cemetery.....	10.00
General Expenses.....	\$11,713.03
includes gas.....	\$ 52.58
includes electric....	\$ 231.21



Please remember there is a third box on your offering envelopes should you wish to give offering toward our Window Fund, Building Repairs or any Property Expenses. Just designate in what area the money should be placed. Thank you.

Copy of our 2022 Budget is attached to this Newsletter.

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!

**Deadline for material to be included in our December Newsletter is
November 29. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox
or email to the office at ozuccoffice@ptd.net**

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

Proposed CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2022, 10/17/21

(Aug 2020 -
July 2021)

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
TOTAL REGULAR CHURCH INCOME	133,278	127,808	131,050
- Reflect downward trend regular giving			
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE SUPPORT CONGREGATION	5,200	6,296	5,500
TOTAL MISC. INCOME	3,000	1,237	1,000
- No planned committee funded project			
TOTAL INCOME	141,478	135,341	137,550
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
TOTAL PASTOR'S EXPENSE	42,582	40,629	43,859
- Includes Personnel Committee recommended increase			
CHRISTIAN ED SUPPLIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	700	-	300
TOTAL STAFF EXPENSE	51,257	44,505	51,358
- Includes Personnel Committee recommended increases)			
TOTAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENSE	5,400	7,396	5,200
TOTAL MUSIC & WORSHIP EXPENSE	5,800	2,867	4,000
- Special Music/services was under budget			
TOTAL BUILDING & GROUNDS OPERATING EXPENSE	28,476	18,562	22,400
TOTAL OFFICE/COMMUNICATION OPERATING EXPENSES	7,780	6,344	7,670
TOTAL EXPENSE PROPERTY PROJECTS	9,885	6,499	8,500
- \$3500 Wireless mics, downstairs sound			
- \$5,000 TBD projects			
TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES	8,098	7,595	6,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	159,978	134,397	150,187
TOTAL INCOME	141,478	135,341	137,550
TOTAL EXPENSE	159,978	134,397	150,187
NET CASH FLOW	(18,500)	943	(12,637)

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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Boy Scouts 6pm	2 Grief Share 1-3pm Cub Scouts 7pm	3 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	4 Lunch Bunch Mercantile Club 12 noon	5	6 Turn clocks back before going to bed!
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Communion Congregation Meeting	8 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	9 Grief Share 1-3pm FUN Group 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	10 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	11	12 Set up for Bazaar 6:30pm	13 Church Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Burn Sins	15 Boy Scouts 6pm IT Meeting 7pm	16 Grief Share 1-3pm Consistory 7pm	17 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	18	19	20
21 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Baptism Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	22 Boy Scouts 6pm	23 Grief Share 1-3pm  7pm Worship	24 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	25  Happy Thanksgiving	26	27
28 First Sunday Of Advent 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Communion	29 Boy Scouts 6pm	30 Cemetery 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm				

Zionsville Food Pantry

Personal Care Products Drop Off

The Zionsville Area Food Pantry is in need of personal and laundry care products to help those in need within our community.

Items needed:

Deodorant

Body Wash/Soap

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Laundry Soap/Dryer Sheets

Razors/Shave Cream

There are drop off bins located at the Township office for this collection. Please place non expired items in the blue marked bins. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For questions please contact the office at 610-966-3223 or info@uppermilford.net

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Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction

Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Wonderful, unique gifts will be available.
Come browse through the many crafters
and vendors, check out the great
auction baskets and buy tickets to
win your favorites.
Don't forget the Bake Sale!

