



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, April 6-10am-3pm

Wednesday, April 13-10am-3pm

Wednesday, April 20-10am-3pm

Wednesday, April 27-10am-3pm

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Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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From Pastor's Desk...

The Present

Every sunrise is a present, a gift from God above,
Gift wrapped with scarlet ribbons and tied with bows
of love.

Each day's new beginning, a time to start anew,
While all the stars are sleeping, and the rose is
fresh with dew.

Every day's a new creation, too lovely to ignore,
And we may find a blessing, just outside our door.

We cannot keep the past, like fireflies in a jar,
Nor journey to the future by wishing on a star.

Every sunrise is a blessing, a gift for just today.
Rejoice, my friend, embrace it before it fades away.

- Author unknown

Easter is coming. A chance for new beginnings. As we
slowly get there, pay attention to what God has done
for you.

Peace,
Lori



Sunday, April 3 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

7 p.m. Riverdance at State Theatre
(for those who have tickets)

Wednesday, April 6 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower
Social Hall

Thursday, April 7 - 7:30 p.m. Lent Service -
Old Zionsville UCC

Friday, April 8 – 5:30 p.m. Supper Club – meet at Fairgrounds Hotel

Sunday, April 10 - **Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, April 13 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Thursday, April 14 – **Maundy Thursday**

12:00 p.m. Community Worship at Upper Milford Mennonite Church

7:30 p.m. Service at Old Zionsville UCC with Holy Communion

Friday, April 15 – **Good Friday**

7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness at Old Zionsville UCC

Sunday April 17 – **Easter**

7:30 a.m. Celebration of the Light!

9:00 a.m. Light Treats

9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for Children

10:15 a.m. Easter Communion, All loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Wednesday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Friday, April 22 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch – meet at Brass Rail

Sunday, April 24 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, April 27 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Looking Ahead😊

Sunday, May 1 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, May 4 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Sunday, May 8 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. New Member Class

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, May 11 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Sunday, May 15 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. New Member Class

10:15 a.m. Worship, new members joining, All loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Wednesday, May 18 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Sunday, May 22 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, May 25 - 6:30 p.m. GriefShare in Lower Social Hall

Sunday, May 29 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Consistory has agreed that individuals can 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. Hymnals will now be used and words will no longer be on the screen. The hymn numbers will appear on the screen and/or in the bulletin. If you find yourself testing positive for COVID, **please contact the church office** so we can alert others who may have been in contact with you during time spent at church. Thank you.

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 Cemetery Association...

Spring is here! Please remove any Christmas decorations.

News from Christian Ed...

Egg Hunt for the children of our Church on Sunday, April 17th beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the lower social hall.



We will be starting a **Confirmation Class** in the fall of 2022. All youth in seventh grade or older are eligible to attend. Friends, family members and neighbors are welcome to join in the confirmation journey. More details available soon. Consider adding this to your family life this fall.

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...



The Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster will be presenting **David** from March through December 2022. **The Evangelism and Membership Committee** is taking a poll to see if there is interest from our Congregation to go see **David** as a group. If you would be interested in going (carpooling will be available)

on a Saturday in late October or early November please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Church or call Linda Weaver at 215-679-7599 or email at catofpa@ptd.net. The cost is \$85-90 per person.

Supper Club and Lunch Bunch for April....

Supper Club: Friday April 8, 2022
5:30PM (Note Earlier Time)
Fairgrounds Hotel
448 N 17th St, Allentown, PA 18104



Please RSVP no later than Monday April 4th

Earlier Time is to take advantage of their "Early Bird" Meals under \$20 in addition to their full menu.

Lunch Bunch: Friday April 22, 2022

12:00 Noon

The Brass Rail

3015 Lehigh St, Allentown, PA 18103

Please RSVP no later than Monday April 18th

Might be one of the last times we can get together at this venue before it closes/moves later this year.

These get togethers are for all members of Old Zionsville UCC. Please let Linda or Mark Weave know if you are able to attend. Let them know in church, email at catofpa@ptd.net or weavermj@ptd.net; or call at 215-679-7599.

Reminder for those that have tickets - Sunday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. is our trip to see Riverdance at the State Theatre in Easton.

For those who purchased tickets, be sure your calendars are marked for our church get together at the **Iron Pigs Game** with fireworks on Saturday, June 18, 2022.



GriefShare sessions are being held in the **lower social hall of Old Zionsville UCC**. This group is open to anyone who wishes to explore the program and/or work to heal. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each week until June 1. There is no cost for the program but the workbook has a suggested donation of \$15 (or whatever you can afford to pay). The lessons are taught through interesting videos and can help us all as we grow in Christ. Please let Pastor Lori know if you or someone you know would be interested in attending. Call or text: 610-393-3522.

News from our Food Pantry...

The Zionsville Area Food Pantry is open the **2nd Monday** of the month 4:00-6:00 PM and the **Saturday** of that same week 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. April dates are Monday, April 11, and Saturday, April 16. Zionsville Area Food Pantry has reopened for indoor distribution and is located at Zion's Lutheran Church.

News from ATF (All Things Free Room)...

ATF is continuing to accept gently used clothing, clean working small appliances and other miscellaneous household items for all ages. And it's never too early to help us begin stocking our shelves with new items for our annual Christmas shoppers shop in November. Leave things at church or call/text Pastor Lori (610-393-3522) or Millie Kohler (610-737-9432). Thanks to everyone for their generous donations and to our hard working faithful volunteers!

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

Zionsville Area Food Pantry

We are collecting **FULL size toiletries** (*not travel size*) for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A collection box is located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office.

When: Now until April 10 (Palm Sunday)

What: *Items in bold are needed the most*

shampoo
conditioner
deodorant
toothpaste
feminine hygiene products
shaving cream (mens and womens)
disposable razors

toothbrushes
soap (bars and/or liquid)
body lotion
tissues
mouthwash



News from Music and Worship Committee...

Services at Old Zionsville UCC for Holy Week are as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 12:00 noon Community Worship at Upper Milford Mennonite
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Old Zionsville UCC
Good Friday, 7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness



Easter Morning: 7:30 a.m. Celebration of the Light!
9:00 a.m. Light Treats
9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for our Children
10:15 a.m. Easter Communion

News from the Scouts...

Our 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 Windows Committee...



With two phases of the windows restoration complete, a long-range plan is in place for the final phase of the project. Phase 3 includes the Nativity Window and two twin windows on the Fountain Road side of the sanctuary. Restoration of the Nativity Window stained glass will be the first priority. With \$25,000 remaining in the fund, the 2022 goal is to raise another \$20,000 to cover the \$45,000 cost of this next step. Fund raising will continue

including the "change for the windows" jar being available every Sunday, the first quilt auction in April, and a third matching gift campaign in the fall. See the flyer in this newsletter for details about the upcoming auction. The quilt is hanging in the Upper Social Hall, so be sure to take a look and offer a bid for this beautiful piece of art. You don't want to be left out! Other fund raising ideas are also being considered, including the best way to achieve the most benefit from the remaining five handmade quilts that were recently donated. The committee welcomes any ideas you might have to achieve our goals. See Pastor Lori, Beth Massa or Ruth Stansfield.



Thank You for Giving to One Great Hour of Sharing!

The theme for the 2022 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering is "Love Remains," based on 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

These words were written to a church in turmoil to remind them what love looks like in community.

What does love look like today? Through our collective generosity, the United Church of Christ has worked with both domestic and international partners to provide food, water, medicines, education, disaster recovery resources and opportunities for sustainable development, bringing hope to places of despair. Gifts to OGHS allow us to put love into action to make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities in crisis in this country and around the world.

If you would like more information on how OGHS supports our disaster ministries, contact our Conference Disaster Coordinator, Karl Jones, 570-617-4018 or kjones275@comcast.net.

We thank everyone who was able to contribute to OGHS.



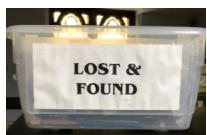
Are you considering joining Old Zionsville UCC? We will be having a **New Members' Class** on Sundays, May 8 and May 15 from 9-10 a.m. each day. On May 15, you will be received into membership at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. You can certainly sit in on the class just to review your knowledge of our

church. Please speak with Pastor Lori for further details. We already have two folks signed up. Join in!

Greeters and Liturgist! If you would like to be added to the Greeter's List or be a Liturgist during Worship please call or email the Church office.



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!!



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! Or call the church office, sometimes we hold onto things in the office. Right now we have a pretty **silver half hoop earring** found in our Sanctuary, if it belongs to you please call or email the office.

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 in March

General Use.....	\$ 6,758.00
Benevolence.....	625.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	10.00
Windows to the Future.....	370.00
Building Repair Fund.....	60.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Sunday School.....	19.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	20.00
Cemetery.....	150.00
General Expenses.....	\$45,003.40
includes gas.....	\$ 756.63
includes electric....	\$ 216.15

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

Thank you
Church
Volunteers

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 24
May 1

Greeters
Ruth Stansfield
Millie Kohler
Consistory Members
Les & Deb Schoenberger
Randy & Sharon Trexler

Liturgist
Nancy Civitts
Sherri Farrell
Millie Kohler
Chris Schell
Nancy Weitzel

April 3
April 10
April 17
April 24
May 1

Bulletins
Susan & Lee Hoch
Elisabeth Gehring
Carol & Charles Brown
Annie & Bob Souder
Emily & Carlton Dreas

Altar Flowers
James & Patti Mittl
Dolly Kichline
MaryAnn & Henry Heil
Linda Benner

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 Sunday. Thank you!



We are so fortunate to have beautiful altar flowers either silk or real each week. Thank you to everyone who contributes that gift to our worship experience. Brenda Seitz handles the ordering of the flowers and keeps track of the tributes to be placed in the bulletin. The real flowers arrive from Phoebe Floral. The silk arrangements were made by Patti Mittl. Each week after worship someone needs to remove the flowers from the altar and make sure they get to their sponsors or to another location based on the wishes of the giver.

We have missed Darlene Schmeltzle in coordinating this part of our Altar Guild's ministry. Since she died, I have been helping to move the flowers around or those who remember they are on the list, have taken their turn.

It is time to revise the list of helpers so that new people can be added. Would you be willing to stay after worship for the Sundays of one month to help in this ministry? The instructions are easy to follow and you can certainly ask someone else to help if you need to be away. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry.

Here is the list of current helpers we have. If you see an empty space, will you help us? Also, if you are on this list and would prefer to be removed, please let me know. Thanks in advance for your help in BEING THE CHURCH. Pastor Lori

January:

February: Cheryl Martucci

March: Susan Jacobs

April:

May: Brenda Shoemaker

June: Brenda Shoemaker

July:

August:

September: Diane Berger

October: Patti Mittl

November: Jane Bedell

December: Carolyn Rhoads

Deadline for material to be included in our May Newsletter is April 24. 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.



Chuckle for the Day

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house in Monkey's Eyebrow, Arizona. USA. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away.

'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father.

'I don't have to,' the five year old replied.

'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'



Electronics Recycling and Free Document Shredding will be held at Emmaus Community Park on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. See flyer attached to this Newsletter.



The Schwenkfelder, Pennsburg - Please join us, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AT 12 PM – 1 PM for a Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series: Earliest German Settlers in North America, the Revolutionary War, and Westward. Presented by Allen Viehmeyer: The first German-speaking immigrant families arrived in Philadelphia in October 1683 to settle permanently in Pennsylvania. This talk features brief sketches of Germans in the Revolutionary War as well as how they moved westward at the end of the war. To register for in person or Zoom presentation please call 215-679-3103.

Sound Your Voice - April 20, May 4 & 18, June 1. A storytelling competition intended to celebrate our humanity and the power of story to bring us together in empathy and community. Stories are a powerful form of communication because they are at once unique to the perspective and particular experiences we have had and yet in the truths they contain are able to resonate with people very different than ourselves. It's been said that, "The shortest distance between two people is a story." Therefore, in an effort to strengthen our community by building bridges of story between people, the Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Alburtis, PA, in cooperation with The Barn, will be hosting "Sound Your Voice!" The competition will be themed around a recent shared experience—the COVID-19 pandemic—which has played a significant role in both keeping people separated from one another and also reminding us daily of how fragile life can be. Each evening will be an opportunity to hear stories of struggle and resilience, failure and success, hurt and hope— universal stories expressed in the sounds of our particular voices. The competition is open to anyone 15 years of age or older and offers top prizes of \$300, \$150, and \$50. Details and official rules can be found on Church of the Good Shepherd's website (www.cogsalburtis.org) or Facebook page. The storytelling events on April 20, May 4 & 18, and June 1 are open to anyone, regardless of their desire to participate. Admission is free with the donation of a non-perishable food item. Please, come to listen and cheer on the storytellers! Come sound your voice! Come listen to one another's stories! Come and grow closer as a community!

**Please DONATE for Summer Camp 2022
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**



Camelot's Summer Camp program will be starting on June 20, 2022 and they need help purchasing supplies. There is a wish list on Amazon to make easy purchases if you would like to help. They also have a list of miscellaneous supplies needed, including recycled items like large plastic soda bottles and old blankets. They also need Adult and Teen Volunteers to help out. To fill out a volunteer application please go to their website: www.camelotforchildren.org

If you would like to purchase something from their wish list please use the link below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/68UDG80HF7CW?ref=wl_share&blm_aid=17581

If you would like to see what miscellaneous supplies they need please use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4cabaf2fa2ff2-camp4>

Click on the following link to sign up for donating recycled items:

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	4 Boy Scouts 6pm	5 Cub Scouts 7pm	6 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm GriefShare 6:30pm	7 Lent Service 7:30pm at OZUCC	8 Supper Club 5:30pm Fairgrounds Hotel	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	11 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	12 Cub Scouts 7pm FUN Group 7pm	13 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm GriefShare 6:30pm Finance 7pm	14 Maundy Thursday 12:00pm Community Service at Upper Milford Mennonite 7:30pm Service at OZUCC	15 Good Friday 7:30pm Service at OZUCC	16
17 Easter 7:30am Worship 9:00am Treats 9:30am Egg Hunt 10:15am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	18 Boy Scouts 6pm Sound 7pm	19 Consistory 7pm	20 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm GriefShare 6:30pm	21 Choir 7:30pm	22 Earth Day Lunch Bunch 12 Noon Brass Rail	23
24 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	25 Boy Scouts 6pm	26 Cub Scouts 7pm	27 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm GriefShare 6:30pm	28 Choir 7:30pm	29	30

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4cabaf2fa2ff2-camp5>

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
Closed Bid Quilt Auction
benefitting our “Windows to the Future” renovation fund



*Quilt up for auction: Star Quilt with border, 113 inches x 106 inches
This photo doesn't do this lovely quilt justice!
Be sure to see the quilt hanging in the upper social hall at the church.*

When: bids will be received between April 1 and April 30, 2022

How to enter: place bid in a sealed envelope in the auction box in the upper social hall or mail your bid to the church office (Old Zionsville UCC, PO Box 215, Old Zionsville PA 18068—you must use the PO Box rather than the street address for mailing); mark the envelope “quilt.”

Minimum bid: \$375. Minimum bid must be met for quilt to be won. In case of a tie, the winner will be chosen by random drawing between the duplicate highest bids.

Questions: contact Ruth Stansfield (phone: 267-313-4348) or Beth Massa (email: massaed@hotmail.com)

OZ UCC Closed Bid Quilt Auction Bid Form

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

Email address _____

My bid for the quilt is \$ _____

Please place this form in a sealed envelope after filling it out. You can drop your sealed bid in the auction envelope in the marked box in the upper social hall at church or mail it to the church (Old Zionsville UCC, PO Box 215, Old Zionsville PA 18068—you must use the PO Box rather than the street address for mailing); mark the envelope “quilt.”



Borough of Emmaus-
Upper Milford Township
part of Emmaus, Lehigh & Monroe Counties

Office:
28 South Fourth Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
Phone: 610 965 9748
Fax: 610 965 0205

5821 Kings Highway South
P.O. Box 210
Old Zionsville, PA 18068
Phone: 610 966 7021
Fax: 610 966 5146



Electronics Recycling & Free Document

Emmaus & Upper Milford EAC

Emmaus Community Park

1401 Shimerville Road, Emmaus, PA 18049

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 - 9am - 11am

Limit 4 Boxes Documents for Shredding

NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR! YOU MUST WEAR A MASK!

Please have exact change or check prepared. Envelope Preferred.

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

- ♻️ Desktop & Laptop Computers
- ♻️ Keyboards & Mice
- ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines
- ♻️ Cables & Cords
- ♻️ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- ♻️ Calculators & Adding Machines
- ♻️ UPS Battery Backups
- ♻️ Toner & Ink Cartridges
- ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment
- ♻️ Telephones & Cell Phones*
- ♻️ DVD Players & VCR's
- ♻️ Gaming Systems
- ♻️ Stereos & Speakers
- ♻️ Microwaves & Small Appliances
- ♻️ Metal Items
- ♻️ Exercise Equipment
- ♻️ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- ♻️ Boc Frames & Rain spouting
- ♻️ Filing Cabinets

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled with a Fee:

- ♻️ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Dishwashers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Computer Monitors - \$18.00
- ♻️ Televisions under 42" - \$38.00 ALL Types
- ♻️ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Large TV's) \$55.00
- ♻️ TV Tube Only - \$55.00
- ♻️ Air Conditioners - \$25.00
- ♻️ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00
- ♻️ Refrigerators - \$35.00
- ♻️ Floor Freezers - \$35.00
- ♻️ Ranges (Stoves)-\$20.00
- ♻️ Floor Copiers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00
- ♻️ Paint Cans - \$5.00 (1 gallon cans)



Questions about Items to be Recycled??



Call Responsible Recycling Services

484-641-5156