



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, Feb. 2-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 9-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 16-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Feb. 23-10am-3pm

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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From Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends,

As our congregation has faced many deaths during this last year and a half, I was particularly struck with the beauty of this poem written by a young adult in our congregation in memory of her grandmother. She read these words at the Celebration of Life service on Jan. 22, 2022. I asked for her permission to share this poem with you. May it touch your heart too.

Written by Alyson Miller in memory of her Grandmother, Patricia Pastor, shared Jan. 22, 2022

Forever in our hearts,

Never not on our minds,

Providing us the warm feeling of love,

While bringing tears to our eyes.

Your memory keeps us moving,

Even when we want to stop,

Because we watched you push through,

As the world tried to bring you to a halt.

Now we'll forever have a reason,

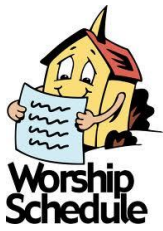
To look up at the sky and smile,

Forever we will remember the heart,

The one that taught us to go the extra mile.

Author, Alyson Miller, 1-22-22 - Thank you Alyson.

Peace,
Lori Esslinger



Church Closed? In case of bad weather we will again be posting any cancelations with Channel 69 – WFMZ-TV under their Storm Center Updates. We will announce on WFMZ but always use your own judgment and stay safe.

Sunday, February 6 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Scout Sunday, Communion Worship

Sunday, February 13 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Sunday, February 20 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, February 27 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Looking Ahead☺

Wednesday, March 2 – 7:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday** Worship
No distribution of Ashes this year, Pew Communion

Sunday, March 6 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Sunday, March 20 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, March 27 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Collection for One Great Hour of Sharing

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. Although the hymn words will be on the screen, feel free to use the hymnals in the pews to find the song and have the notes with the words to help you sing along. The hymn numbers will appear on the screen and/or in the bulletin. If you find yourself feeling sick or 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.

Consistory Members

Our church is guided by 12 members of our congregation that have been elected by you at our Annual meeting in November. This board is our leadership to help guide our church through the business and spiritual aspect of our place of worship. When items or projects or events are presented to them by a chairperson of a committee, it is discussed to decide if it is right for the church as a whole and appropriate at this particular time. Ordained and installed in Worship on January 16, 2022 are our Consistory members for 2022:

Elders

Millie Kohler	Brenda Shoemaker
Larry Stahler	Jan Strobel
Mark Weaver	

Deacons

Sherri Farrell	Kathy Latshaw
Maynard Schaffer	Robert Schmeltzle
Ruth Stansfield	Sharon Trexler

We appreciate their service to our Church!

We wish to thank Diane Berger and Patti Mittl for their dedication and service as Consistory Board Members. And we welcome new members for 2022, Sherri Farrell, Maynard Schaffer, Robert Schmeltzle and Ruth Stansfield.

Also, a big thank you to our retiring Treasurer, Todd Griesemer for his many years of service. We welcome our new Treasurer, Robin Yoder.

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 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 still looking for a **Sunday School Teacher** to be with our youngest students. Time commitment is 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. weekly on a Sunday morning. The kids are awesome, the curriculum is easy to teach, and we will appreciate you! See Pastor Lori for more details.

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

From Mark and Linda Weaver.....



Oink! Oink! We have reserved tickets for the **IRON PIGS!!!** The date is **Saturday, June 18, 2022**. It is a night game with Fireworks! Whoo Hoo!! We will be on the ground level, Section 102 Row Y and X. This is on the First Base side. The base price of the tickets is \$11.00, but it will be a little more until they add the taxes and handling charges. We will get the final price to you as soon as we have it. I know this is a long way off, but I wanted to make sure we have seats on a

fireworks night and of course together. As always with our outings, carpooling will be available! I have 25 tickets already reserved, but we can add to that at any time if needed. The money will be due a month before the game (May). If anyone would like to go but the money is an issue, please speak to Mark & Linda Weaver or Pastor Lori, as help is available.

Supper Club and Lunch Bunch will be starting back up again in February. These get togethers are for all members of Old Zionsville UCC. Supper Club will be on **Friday, February 11, 6 p.m.** at the **1760 Pub n Grille** in Trewlertown. Lunch Bunch will meet at **12 noon** at the **Superior Restaurant** in Emmaus on **Friday, February 25**. Please RSVP to Linda Weaver, 215-679-7599 or at catofpa@ptd.net by Wednesday, Feb. 9 for dinner and by Wednesday, Feb. 23 for lunch so we will have reserved chairs for everyone.



On Wednesday, March 9 we will begin our third round of **GriefShare** sessions. Join in anytime. Each unit is meant to be self-contained, however to get the most benefit from the program it is advised to stick with it for at least 3 sessions to get a real feel for the healing opportunities in your grief. Each session will be 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 will meet from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** each week **starting March 9** (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday) **for 13 weeks 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) payable at the first session (checks to be made out to OZUCC). Please consider this to be a part of your **Lenten** devotional. The lessons are taught through interesting videos and can help us all as we grow in Christ. Please register with Pastor Lori so we have enough workbooks on hand and seats ready for all. 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. February dates are Monday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 19. Zionsville Area Food Pantry has reopened for indoor distribution and is located at Zion's Lutheran Church.

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 24th Annual Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction in any way. We had 105 baskets...a nice selection, with something for almost everyone. We also had a nice variety of vendors and crafters for the bazaar...and a yummy selection for the bake sale!

Our numbers are finally in and thanks to your contributions, along with a steady stream of patrons, the Bazaar & Basket Auction was once again a success with our highest profit ever.

In line with our mission to benefit our neighbors within our communities, profits of \$3,150 from the basket auction, bake sale, R&K sandwich sale, and Ed's donation of his proceeds were distributed to the following organizations on behalf of the Church:

- Lehigh County Conference of Churches
- Meals on Wheels
- Upper Milford Western District Fire Company
- Phoebe Home Ministries
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Macungie Ambulance Corps
- Camelot for Children
- Sixth Street Shelter
- OZUCC Window Repair Fund
- Emmaus High School Angel Network
- Hackerman-Patz House
- Lehigh Valley Hospice
- Kindness Project
- Bright Hope
- OZUCC Parking Lot Maintenance

Thanks again...and see you in November!!

Zionsville Area Food Pantry

Beginning in FEBRUARY, we will be collecting **FULL size toiletries** (*not travel size*) for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A collection box will be located on the bench in front of Pastor Lori's office.

When: February 1 thru 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...

February 6 is Scout Sunday. Join us to welcome our Scouts into our time of Worship. They will be sharing the Court of Honor with us to distribute earned badges, awards, and specials with the troop/pack. Refreshments – bagged and individually wrapped – will be served in the lower social hall for all who wish to join in.

Due to the pandemic and the decision of Consistory to keep our congregation safe, Choir practice has been put on hold until the February 15th meeting of Consistory when another decision will be made.

We will be worshipping in February, studying the Gospel of Luke, as we look ahead to Lent which begins on March 2, with Ash Wednesday. Prepare your hearts!

News from the Windows Committee...



While in the process of removing the Good Shepherd window last December, the Cumberland crew was excited to uncover some historical information carved into the decorative molding. Although not contributing to the stained glass installation itself, it appears that Alvin M. Handwerk produced the woodwork encasing the glass. His name, date of June 27, 1910 and Slatington, Pa can clearly be seen etched in the molding. Alvin was born October 15, 1880 in Slatington and lived there most of his life. His father was in the building business and he and his brother Amandus were both carpenters. Alvin was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Slatington. He died April 9, 1967 and is buried in the Union Cemetery in Slatington. We are grateful to Robin Yoder who grew up in Slatington and to her cousin's son Michael Hofmann, who is a "known historian of all things Slatington", for sharing this information.



Giving Statements for 2021 have been distributed and mailed in order to arrive in your hands before the end of January 2022. Please let us know if you have any concerns or did not get yours.

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!

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.

Welcome

We welcome new Pastoral Leadership into our Ministerium of churches in Old Zionsville. This includes: Salem United Methodist Church, Grace Evangelical Congregational, Hosensack, Vera Cruz Evangelical Congregational, Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Upper Milford Mennonite church, and Old Zionsville United Church of Christ.

Thomas Busted begins as the new Full Time Pastor at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church on March 1, 2022.

Jenny Fujita has begun her ministry at Upper Milford Mennonite Church.

Welcome these new leaders into our community!



Offerings and Donations Received up to Jan. 23

General Use.....	\$ 9,485.00
Benevolence.....	275.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	0.00
Windows to the Future.....	720.00
Building Repair Fund.....	60.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Sunday School.....	18.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	220.00
Cemetery.....	468.00
 General Expenses.....	 \$11,867.78
includes gas.....	\$ 1,001.14
includes electric....	\$ 205.70

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 to our Worship Helpers!

February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 6

Greeters
Boy Scouts
John & Nancy Civitts
Kathy Latshaw
Cheryl & McGwire Martucci
Marvin & Barbara Kerchner

Liturgist
Pat Sajkowicz
Ruthann Mutchler
Wendy Yeakel
Kathy Latshaw
Cheryl Martucci



Feb. 6
Feb. 13
Feb. 20
Feb. 27
March 6

Altar Flowers
Boy Scouts
Marvin & Barbara Kerchner
Anthony & Debbie Gurgick
Maynard & Barbara Dreas

Bulletins
Boy Scouts
Bob & Annie Souder
Griesemer Family
Millie Kohler
Lee Hoch Family

Chancel Flowers

Feb. 13 Angela & Larry Stahler

March 6 Judy & Len Hoch

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!

Deadline for material to be included in our March Newsletter is February 23. 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.

SEND a Valentine's Day Goodie Bag to Someone Special

What does the Sparkle Valentine's Goodie Bag contain?

Candy hearts, chocolate kisses, and assorted snack items (popcorn, granola bar, gum, lollipops, York peppermints, etc) You can request package to be sent as one large goodie bag or two (2) small individually wrapped bags. Must be sent to the same address for total cost \$25.



Include a custom note handwritten for you by a former Camelot child, part of our Continue the Magic Program!

Have a magical day knowing that you made someone's day SPARKLE!

THANK FOR SUPPORTING CAMELOT FOR CHILDREN!

Contact Information for Camelot for Children – Phone 610-751-5683 or go to their Web Page at <http://www.camelotforchildren.org>



Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

Thank You

Members of Zionsville U.C.C.,
The Zionsville Area Food Pantry
Thank you for the gift of food we
recently received.
You also donated gift cards for
the children of our clients. They
were very appreciated by all.

Thank you for your continued
support of the Pantry.

Zionsville Area
Food Pantry



Thank you for supporting our local youth through their process of healing. The gifts you have donated have provided many smiling faces throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$85 to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund.

Your special gift to the Brighter Future Fund will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.


Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of the year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

Sincerely,

Cathy Spano
Thank you!

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cub Scouts 7pm	2	3	4	5
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Communion	7 Boy Scouts 6pm	8 Cub Scouts 7pm FUN Group 7pm	9 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	10 Choir 7:30pm	11 Supper Club 6 p.m. 1760 Pub n Grille	12
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	14  Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	15 Consistory 7pm	16 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	17 Choir 7:30pm	18	19
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	21 Boy Scouts 6pm	22 Cub Scouts 7pm	23 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	24 Choir 7:30pm	25 Lunch Bunch 12 Noon Superior Restaurant	26
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	28 Boy Scouts 6pm					

