



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, Jan. 5-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Jan. 12-10am-3pm

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Wednesday, Jan. 26-10am-3pm

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Consistory

From Pastor's Desk...

7 Rules of Life

1. Make peace with your past
so it won't disturb your future.
2. What other people think of you
is none of your business.
3. The only person in charge
of your happiness is you.
4. Don't compare your life to
others, comparison is the thief of joy.
5. Time heals almost everything.
Give it time.
6. STOP thinking so much.
It's alright not to know all the answers.
7. Smile.
You don't own all the problems in the

world.

Peace,

Lori

"I will light candles this Christmas.
Candles of joy, despite all the sadness.
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage where fear is ever present.
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.
Candles of love to inspire all of my living.
Candles that will burn all the year long."

(Meditations Of The Heart - Howard Thurman)



Sunday, January 2 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship,
Epiphany

Sunday, January 9 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Installation of

Sunday, January 16 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, January 23 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 30 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Looking Ahead 😊

Sunday, February 6 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. 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

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

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.

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.

Check out the new bulletin board that Wendy Yeakel created in the lower social hall! It is stunning. We appreciate her work to brighten up our hall!

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.



GriefShare course will start on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the lower Social Hall of our building. All are welcome! Spread the word and invite any people you know who might benefit from the learning and support of this fine program.

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. January dates are Monday, Jan. 10, and Saturday, Jan. 15. Zionsville Area Food Pantry has reopened for indoor distribution and is located at Zion's Lutheran Church.

News from the FUN Group...

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts for the children in foster care through The Kindness Project from our Angel Tree this year.



News from Music and Worship Committee...

White Gift – thanks to everyone who participated on Dec. 5! We collected many gifts for Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf. **Thank you to Diane and Mike Berger** for delivering them all to Bethany. **And Thank You Church Family!**

Thanks to all who worshipped on Christmas Eve. We had lovely candlelight at both services. A special thank you to Matthew Yenser for being our angel to help us get into the scripture at both services and to Neil Harrison for singing with the choir and sharing "O Holy Night" at the 7:30 p.m. service. We appreciate the special gifts shared by all.

News from the Windows Committee...



The Windows Committee shared a restoration update during worship on December 5th. The Good Shepherd window was removed on December 1 and 2. It was in worse condition than anticipated, with some of the glass sections being held together by "a wing and a prayer." Much of the molding will need to be refinished and Cumberland will have their artist restore the face of Jesus at no additional charge. No date has been set for the return of the window. On the financial side, the 2021 \$6,000 Matching Gift Challenge was met! Donations of \$6,498 were received from the congregation during September, October and November for a grand challenge total of \$12,498. Quite an accomplishment! Also, a bequest of \$5,000 was received from the Estates of Anna and Joe Benner. The family requested that the bequest be designated to the restoration of the windows and we are grateful for this donation. At year's end Phase 2 of the restoration, which includes the Good Shepherd window and twins, has been fully funded! Fund raising will continue in 2022 for Phase 3. As previously reported, six beautiful handmade quilts have been donated and the committee is exploring options to best benefit the project. Three of the quilts were displayed in the Upper Social Hall during December. Share any fund raising ideas you might have with Pastor Lori, Beth Massa or Ruth Stansfield.



THANK YOU to Barbara and Marvin Kerchner for decorating our Sanctuary this year. As always, the beautiful decorations aided our celebration of Advent and Christmas. Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias and to Mark and Linda Weaver for picking them up and arranging them around our Church.

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.

Our Church Membership Directory for 2022 is available to pick up at the entrance to the Sanctuary. **Please make a correction** to the address of Bennett Kohler. It should read: 6512 Station Vw, W, Zionsville. Thank you.

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!!

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.

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. Please remember to always write the amount given on the outside of your envelopes. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please let the church office know either by email (ozuccoffice@ptd.net) or calling (610-966-3601).



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 December

General Use.....	\$12,579.75
Benevolence.....	325.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	4.00
Windows to the Future.....	16,854.00
Building Repair Fund.....	50.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Sunday School.....	9.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	25.00
Cemetery.....	90.00
General Expenses.....	\$10,098.44
includes gas.....	\$723.86
includes electric....	\$199.54

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!

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
January 2		Chris Schell
January 9	Randy & Sharon Trexler	Nancy Weitzel
January 16	Chris Schell	Lee Hoch
January 23	Nancy Weitzel	Jane Bedell
January 30	Mark & Linda Weaver	Robin Yoder
February 6	Boy Scouts	Boy Scouts



	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
Jan. 2	Ben Kohler	
Jan. 9	M/M Michael Bedell	M/M John Fisher
Jan. 16	M/M Charles Jacobs	William Yeakel
Jan. 23	BettyLou Hartman	
Jan. 30		
Feb. 6	Boy Scouts	Boy Scouts



Chancel Flowers
Jan. 16 Chris Schell

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 February Newsletter is January 26. 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.

Thank you from Arlene Scheirer for all the lovely Christmas cards. She enjoyed them all.

Thanks to all for the Christmas cards, delightful gifts, chocolate and cookies that adorned my desks - both at home and at church, during this holiday season. I am certainly grateful for these marvelous cards and gifts as well as feeling very loved by your kindness and generosity. I'm doing my best to make the cookies and candy last into the new year, but it is hard! It is all so very good!! Thank you thank you! Pastor Lori

We received a Christmas card from Drew and Megan Stahler which included this note: "I would like to thank the church family for the thoughtful gift." Drew is a member of our United States Military and he received one of the boxes we put notes into.

Thanks were also received from military members Chanellor Yenser and Nathan Yeakel for their boxes too. They were very surprised and overwhelmed by our thoughtfulness. Nathan also announced on Christmas Eve that he was promoted to Sargent!

Special thanks to Linda and Mark Weaver for coordinating the effort and for taking care of the mailing.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Communion	3 Boy Scouts 6pm	4 Cub Scouts 7pm	5 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	6 Choir 7:30pm	7	8
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Installation of Consistory Members	10 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	11 Cub Scouts 7pm	12 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	13 Choir 7:30pm	14	15
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection	17 Boy Scouts 6pm	18 Consistory 7pm	19 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	20 Choir 7:30pm	21	22
23 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	24 Boy Scouts 6pm	25 Cub Scouts 7pm	26 Cemetery 7pm	27 Choir 7:30pm	28	29
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	31 Boy Scouts 6pm					