

WELCOME TO Old Zionsville United Church of Christ



“ The biggest lesson I have learned in school is that you should always try your best and embrace making mistakes.

SARAH
HOCH

PROFILE ||

EHS Girls Basketball-Captain, EPC Student Advisory Council, EHS Leadership Council, National Honor Society, Foreign Cultures Club, works at Emmaus Concession Stand and Dan Schantz, volunteers at her church

WHAT'S NEXT ||

Sarah will be majoring in Nursing at Duquesne University this fall.

Congratulations to our own, Sarah Hoch!!

June 5, 2022

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David Carlson

Pastor
Organist

June 5, 2022

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Pentecost Sunday

Ask God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

One: Divine Teacher, whirl around us with your wisdom,

All: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.

One: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

All: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.

One: May the Divine Gales of this day move us to know the love of God.

Prayer of Invocation

One: Holy Winds of Mystery, as the dawn breaks forth, your Spirit exhales your intentions for our world.

All: As new chapters and eras arise in our lives, your Spirit invites us to wisdom that only comes from you. Open our souls to the wonders of your being. Settle our hearts when questions surround us. Fill our minds with the knowledge that your Spirit will lead us forward. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Spirit Song" (verses 1 & 2) p.384

Prayer of Reflection and Growth

One: Loving God, Divine Comforter, Peace is absent from our hearts.

All: From pain to grief, and from turmoil to frustrations, we yearn for what we lack. We ache for the pains and injustices of this world to cease.

One: What we forget is to pause and voice our concerns to you. How can we better integrate your presence in our lives? When have we forgotten to include you in our joys and heartaches?

All: Move us to seek you and speak the burdens of our hearts to you. May your Spirit refill our souls with peace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Spirit of God delivers grace and peace as we move through our journeys and inspires us to connect with God and neighbor to create a world of hope and joy. Amen!

*Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" (verse 1 only) p.389

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." **14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I

say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reflection

Choir Anthem

Celebration of our Graduates

*Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

*The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Blessing of the Gifts (unison)

Holy Winds of Excitement, may the gifts we share today and throughout this week nudge us to dream your dreams. May our giving inspire us to embrace your visions for our world. Holy Spirit, enliven our souls to create your realm of justice and peace on earth. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

(Pew Communion will be served. Bread or Gluten free wafers, White Grape Juice, Purple wine are in the trays)
(Prepackaged communion is available at the entrance if you choose not to receive from the trays passed)

*Closing Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" p.391

*Benediction

In each gust of wind, may we reach out to the God of inspiration. In each flicker of flame, may we follow the Christ of light. For the Spirit of God surrounds us, filling our hearts with dreams, our minds with visions, and our souls with the energy to create the realm of God on earth. Amen.

*The Sung Benediction

**The Lord Whom we love,
Whom we worship and Adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week.
He it is who binds us together
And He it is who sends us apart.
To be God's people, be God's people. Amen.**

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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**Ask God: Service Prayers for Pentecost Sunday C** was written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, Illinois.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are from MaryAnn and Henry Heil in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of their daughter, Marianne and Shawn Alliston.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of Albert Steiner from Blanche Steiner and Family.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are in memory of Francis and his parents, Dorothy and Henry Hartman from BettyLou and Family.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Ruthann Mutchler.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Kathy Latshaw.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

We have Bulletin Magnifier Sheets if needed. They can be found on the sound system.

**Mask Wearing** - Consistory has agreed that individuals can make their own decision as to the wearing of masks during church services. 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.

We are asking our members and friends to not park their car by the garage/cemetery, in the side parking lot, this area is for our tenants use only. Thank you.



**New Members** will be joining our church next Sunday, June 12. The second class will be at 9 a.m. next Sunday. Anyone is welcome to sit in on the class to review your knowledge of our church.

Each week after worship someone needs to remove the **Altar Flowers** from the altar. Would you be willing to do this for us on a Sunday every now and then to help in this ministry? Thanks in advance for your help in BEING THE CHURCH.

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. is our last **GriefShare** session. A new round of GriefShare gatherings is being planned for the fall. The start date for the 13 week series will be sometime late August. Please let Pastor Lori know if you are interested or know someone who will benefit from this series so we can communicate with all directly. Call or text: 610-393-3522.

**Lunch Bunch** will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022. Meet at 12 noon at The New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you can make it by Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Celebration at Dillingersville!** Join us for the Annual Dillingersville Worship Celebration combined Worship Service with the UCCs, the Lutherans, and the Mennonites. Sunday, **June 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** at the School House under the big tent. There will be a community choir to help lead worship that day, if you are interested in singing on the joint choir please let us know. After Worship lunch will be



served for a donation. There will be a bake sale too. At 12:30 p.m. there will be a fun presentation by Mr. Donald Hemnitz, portraying an early 1770s traveling Schoolmaster who will stop to visit. Bring your own lawn chair if you wish. Come and join us as we worship with our neighbors. Dillingersville School is located at **7226 School House Lane, Zionsville**. Flyers are hanging on bulletin boards around the church.

**Calling All Bakers!!! The Bake Sale is BACK!!!** There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Dillingersville Schoolhouse on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



If you love to bake, please consider donating one of your delicious desserts to support this beautiful and historical schoolhouse. Bring your dessert(s) to the schoolhouse with you that morning. Please keep in mind that there is no refrigeration available, so you may want to consider not using icing on your dessert. For more information, please contact Teresa Marks at 610-509-1488 (cell number). Thank you!

**Mark your calendars!** We are excited to have as worship leader and preacher on Sunday, July 24 at 9:30 a.m. Worship, The Rev. Denise Dorman Fry. Bring your family and friends to give her a warm OZ Welcome!

**Week of June 5-11, 2022:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm. Other times by appointment

Church Secretary: Brenda Seitz, hours Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm (please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

Boy Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

GriefShare – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School, last day

9:00am New Member Class

10:15am Worship, New Members join

Sunday School children will sing

Joyful Noise collection for

Lancaster Theological Seminary

**Summer Worship begins July 3 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Total Offerings from May 29:**

General Offerings: \$1,010.00

Mission: \$5.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$35.00

Attendance: 40

**Pentecost Represents Start of Christian Church** – The Festival of Pentecost, celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day from Easter Sunday – this year, June 5<sup>th</sup> – is important because it reminds us how Jesus's promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled, representing the beginning of the Christian Church.

The descent of the Holy Spirit, coming amidst the whirling wind and flames, as of fire, upon the apostles in Jerusalem – as Peter was audaciously speaking amongst the throng of people – must have been an awesome event indeed.

Interesting to observe that our Jewish friends celebrate the Feast of Weeks – Shavuot – seven weeks after Easter. This is another expression of the uniqueness in our shared relationship.

We will always see a myriad of red geraniums in full bloom as part of our church decorations on Pentecost. The color red, representing flames, reminds us of the Spirit's special presence as we celebrate the birth of the church.

The Holy Spirit still descends on each one of us if we are open and attuned to listening to His voice. Pentecost serves as a special reminder of God's presence among us.