



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

"The Paradox of Our Time"

The paradox of our time in history is that:

We have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider free-ways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years!

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

- Author Unknown

Peace,
Lori

P.S. Thank you to everyone who made my birthday (back in May) so extra special this year. Thanks especially for the cake we shared after worship provided by Kathy Latshaw and Brenda Shoemaker. That was a big surprise! And I am still recovering from all of the cards, gifts and well wishes. Who knew turning 60 would be this much fun?! Thanks to all!



If the temperature in the sanctuary is too unbearable, we will worship in the lower social hall. I will attempt to put signs on the front door to indicate that on the weeks when it happens.

Sunday, August 7 – 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pew Communion, Baptism
Sunday, August 14 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, Brunch with a Missionary after Worship
Sunday, August 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund
12:00-8 p.m. Vera Cruz Homecoming
Sunday, August 28 – 9:30 a.m. Worship, Brunch at the Mercantile Club after Worship

Looking Ahead☺

Sunday, September 4 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, September 11 – **Welcome Back!**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:15 a.m. Communion Worship

Saturday, September 17 – Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 18 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

Confirmation Orientation after Worship

Sunday, September 25 - 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. Offering will be collected at the door and hymnals will be used. We will be serving pew communion. 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.



Mark your calendar for a Congregational meeting on October 2nd immediately following worship to vote on By-law revisions

Would any of our members care to help with revisions for the **"Facilities Use Guidelines"**? If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact Pastor Lori or a consistory member. Thank you in advance.





Sunday, August 21 we will have a stand at the **Vera Cruz Homecoming!** Can anyone lend a hand by giving an hour to hang out at our booth and oversee the coin toss game? We will be providing the coins and those whose coin lands in a dish, gets to keep the dish! 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Mystic Chain Park. Food, vendors, activities, music, cake walk, family fun!

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...



We are grateful to Mike Berger for making the Cemetery look nice every week. Please take the time to appreciate the beauty of our Cemetery. Not every Cemetery gets this kind of TLC.

New Cemetery Brochures are available at the entrances to the church or you may call the church office to have one mailed to you.

News from Christian Ed...

September 11 at 9:00 a.m. will be our first day back with Sunday School and our Fall schedule! Worship begins at 10:15 a.m.

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 or Deb Schoenberger.



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. Our first class will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. and will meet weekly at that time. On Sunday, September 18, there will be an Orientation meeting after Worship with parents and potential mentors. Registration is required for this so we can have enough lunch available. Will end around 2:00 p.m. We are looking for **Mentors for the Confirmation Program**. Mentors need to be members of the church who are willing to give their time to a student one Sunday a month after worship until 2 p.m. October 2022 to September 2023. Dates will be provided and negotiated. This includes lunch. The mentor may NOT be a family member of the student. This is a very rewarding experience as you deepen your faith and share with a student who is shaping their own faith. All materials provided. No experience necessary. You bring yourself to this program and the Lord provides the rest. Speak with Pastor Lori if you are interested. Thanks!



On Thursday, August 25th we will begin our fourth round of **GriefShare** sessions. Each session will be held in the air conditioned **lower social hall of Old Zionsville UCC**. We will meet from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** each week **starting August 25th for 13 weeks until November 17th**. There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook but scholarship money is available (checks to be made out to OZUCC). The lessons are taught through interesting videos and can help us all as we grow in Christ. Enter the building at the office entrance or the door marked for the chair glide. You may park in the lot on Fountain Road between the parsonage and the church building. Welcome to a time of healing and spiritual growth as you move through your grief. We are here to walk with you on this journey. Please register with Pastor Lori in case we need to contact you for any changes or cancellation. Text or call 610-393-3522. This group is open to all!

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. Zionsville Area Food Pantry is located at Zion's Lutheran Church. Remember you can bring items to our Church for the Food Pantry at any time. The Pantry is always in need of personal care items, paper products and all kinds of non-perishable food. Pick up extra at the grocery store and bring it to Church. Place in the shopping cart in the first floor social room. Thanks.

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

Thanks to everyone that helped make our July giveaway a success! Next giveaway will be Monday, September 12 and Saturday, September 17. Extra help is always welcome and needed to sort through donations as they come in, as well as our distribution days. For more info please contact Pastor Lori (610-393-3522) or Millie (610-737-9432).



News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

School Supplies



FUN Group is collecting back-to-school supplies! Please bring your contribution to Church by **Sunday, August 7**. The supplies will be distributed through the Angel Network of East Penn School District to elementary through high school students and the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. **Look for the collection bin outside Pastor's Office.**

Please try to provide items from the following list:

- Calculators (especially Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS)
- Single subject notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils #2
- 1" binders
- Marble composition notebook (100 page)
- Erasers
- Subject folders
- Dividers (8 pack – for binders)
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils



A Church Ice Cream Social is being planned for September 17. Mark your calendars now! More information to come!

FUN group is once again planning for the Bazaar and Basket Social! Stay tuned for more details, but the date will be **Saturday, November 12.**



News from Music and Worship Committee...



Join Us on Sunday, August 14 at Old Zionsville UCC in the lower level social hall, for a Brunch and Learn session with a Missionary to the Philippines! She is home on furlough and will be sharing with us her work abroad. We will start around **10:30 a.m.** with food - we'll have brunch items for you and then Jess Noll will speak to us while we are nibbling. Bring your questions for her. She is a friend of Robin Roman who is the Pastor of Salem United Methodist Church. This is a great time for us to fellowship and learn in our air conditioned lower social hall. Stair glide is available to those who need, enter by the door closest to Fountain Road which is clearly marked and park in the lot between the parsonage and the church or in the circle in front of the church. No RSVP required. Just stop by!



Choir practice will start up again on Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Consider making choir part of your life in the Fall!

Want to share a **gift or talent** during worship in August? Please speak with Pastor Lori 610-393-3522 or Carolyn Rhoads. Sing, play an instrument, dance, read poetry, tell a story...Know a child who might like to share their talent in front of our congregation? - anything that gives thanks to God!



Worship will be at 10:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022

News from the Windows Committee...



Three beautiful handmade quilts continue to be offered for sale to members, friends and the community. The first quilt, "Heart of Rose" is 107x106 and the price is \$450. The second quilt, "Spring Flower" is 112x103 and the price is \$500. The third is a vintage cross-stitched quilt in a poppy design. It is signed on the back "Fern Jacobs, York PA, 1982." It is 84x96 and the price is \$300. The quilts are on display in the upper social hall and can also be seen on our Facebook page. Arrangements can be made through the church office (610-966 3601) to view them in person.

Matching gift challenges raised \$4,000 towards Phase 1 in 2020 and \$12,000 towards Phase 2 in 2021. A 2022 challenge will be kicked off in September to benefit Phase 3, but "challengers" are needed. **IF** five members/friends each donate \$1,000 to the challenge **AND IF** the congregation matches with \$5,000 in donations from September through November, **we can restore the nativity window!** As in the past, challengers will remain anonymous. If you would like to participate or would like

more information about the challenge or the quilts, please see or call Pastor Lori, Beth Massa or Ruth Stansfield.

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, Jim Cairns - 610-533-2797



Time to Start Thinking About Your Annual Report – Committee Chairs please have your Reports in the office no later than October 2. 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.

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!!

Offering Box - A secure box is located in the rear of the sanctuary for you to deposit your offering **or** other important papers if you happen to be in the church when the office isn't open. It has been secured to the floor and is locked. It will be opened on a Sunday morning so the offerings in there can be combined with those in worship that day. Thanks for your continued support of our church.

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.

The Lehigh Valley Old Time Jammers meet in the Upper Milford Mennonite Sunday School area (1st floor) on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. This group of musicians love old time music and play the fiddle, banjo, guitar, and other acoustic instruments. They do not do a formal performance but just come and 'jam' (make music). If you enjoy this music and want to listen (or have an instrument and want to play), join us!



Offerings and Donations Received from July 1-25, 2022

General Use.....	\$8,284.50	
Benevolence.....		230.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....		0
Windows to the Future.....		670.00
Building Repair Fund.....		80.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00	
Parking Lot Fund.....		115.00
Cemetery.....		150.00
General Expenses.....	\$10,997.25	
includes gas.....	\$ 55.04	
includes electric....	\$293.75	

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>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
Aug. 7	Mark Weaver	Randy & Sharon Trexler	Joyce Nishnic	Rich & Brenda Shoemaker
Aug. 14	Kathy Latshaw	Chris Schell	Paula Lilly	Paula Lilly
Aug. 21	Wendy Yeakel	Nancy Weitzel	Rich & Brenda Shoemaker	Bob & Annie Souder
Aug. 28	Nancy Civitts	Kathy Latshaw	Linda Benner	Len & Judy Hoch
Sept. 4	Les Schoenberger	Marvin & Barbara Kerchner	BettyLou Hartman	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!

Deadline for material to be included in our September Newsletter is August 22. 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.



Driven by faith to bring healing, housing, and hope to the Lehigh Valley's most vulnerable.

Worship on Wednesdays begins June 15 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Allentown

June 15 is the start of Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott Street in Allentown. Each service includes singing led by a praise band or group, a brief sharing by a local charity, a Bible reading and message presented by a local clergyperson, and intercessory prayers. This summer the charity focus is on those organizations that serve children and youth. **Music begins at 6:45 p.m. with the service starting at 7 p.m.**

The services are held outdoors so worshippers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets for seating. However, some benches and chairs are available, and people may remain in their cars. If the weather is inclement, the service will be held indoors and face masks are recommended.

Everyone is welcome!

Schedule:

August 3 - Union Praise Band, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

To Benefit: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

August 10 - Nativity Lutheran Praise Team, Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown

To Benefit: Kindness is Magic

**August 17 - Grace Notes Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley
To Benefit: KidsPeace, Orefield, PA**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Boy Scouts 6pm	2 Cub Scouts 7pm	3 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship Communion Baptism	8 Boy Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	9 FUN Group 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	10 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm Worship-St. Timothy Lutheran Church Music 6:45pm Service 7 p.m.	11	12	13
14 9:30am Worship Brunch after Worship in downstairs Social Room	15 Boy Scouts 6pm IT/Sound 7pm	16 Consistory 7pm	17 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Worship-St. Timothy Lutheran Church Music 6:45pm Service 7 p.m.	18	19	20 Casper/Ritter Wedding 2pm
21 9:30am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection 12noon-8pm Vera Cruz Homecoming	22 Boy Scouts 6pm	23 Cub Scouts 7pm	24 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship Brunch after Worship Mercantile Club	29 Boy Scouts 6pm	30 Cub Scouts 7pm	31 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm			