



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, July 6-10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

Dear Abby

Last month I shared Red Skelton. This month I share "Dear Abby".

Dear Abby: About 10 years ago you gave the editor of our church bulletin permission to reprint one of your columns. It was entitled "Ten Commandments for Wives."

Will you please run it again?

Mrs. N.D.G.

Dear Mrs. G: With pleasure.

Ten Commandments for Wives

1. Defile not thy body neither with excessive foods, tobacco nor alcohol, that thy days may be long in the house which thy husband provideth for thee.
2. Putteth thy husband before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter and thy son, for he is thy lifelong companion.
3. Thou shalt not nag.
4. Permit no one to tell thee that thou are having a hard time of it; neither thy mother, thy sister nor thy neighbor, for the judge will not hold her guiltless who letteth another disparage her husband.
5. Thou shalt not withhold affection from thy husband, for every man loveth to be loved.
6. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness and modest attire.
7. Forgive with grace, for who among us do not need forgiveness?
8. Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is worth more to thee than to admiring glances of a hundred strangers.
9. Keep thy home in good order, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.
10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.

Peace,
Lori



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, July 3 - 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pew Communion

Sunday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, July 17 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Sunday, July 24 - 9:30 a.m. Worship with Rev. Denise Dorman Fry
Bring your family and friends to give her a warm OZ Welcome!

Sunday, July 31 - 9:30 a.m. Worship with Rev. Jane Matsinger
Pastor Lori will be on vacation this week.

Looking Ahead😊

Sunday, August 7 - 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pew Communion

Sunday, August 14 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, August 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to Pastor's
Discretionary Fund

Sunday, August 28 - 9:30 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.

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...



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.

Sunday, June 12th was our last day of Sunday School for the summer months. We will start up again on Sunday, September 11th. Our Sunday School children showed us their very good voices with singing a few songs during Worship. We are blessed to have them and look forward to seeing them again in September. Here is a picture of our Sunday School singers minus two plus two aspiring Sunday School students!



News from Computer and Media Committee...



Please visit **YouTube** on the internet and search for Old Zionsville UCC. You can watch our Worship Services **Live!!!** Please hit subscribe so we can get to a level of getting our own name to share.

If you are on FaceBook, like the Church page. Worship Services are also streamed live on our page. Thanks.

You can see worship services from weeks back too. Catch up on the times you have missed being in church!



News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...



Fun Time at the Iron Pigs Game in June.



Supper Club and Lunch Bunch will not be meeting during the summer months. Watch for our start up date in the fall.

On June 8th we finished up our second round of GriefShare. 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.





On Sunday, June 12th new members joined our Church!!

Lois Frantz (Deb Schoenberger's mother) joined by letter of transfer from St. John's UCC in Emmaus. She has three children, Donna, Douglas and Deb but more importantly she has 2 cats! Ivy and Suzy. Lois' husband, Carl, died in 2018 after 66 years of marriage! Lois was raised in the Summit Hill area and was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's UCC Summit Hill, PA.

Joshua Ritter joined by re-affirmation of faith. He grew up in our church with his brother, Stephen Ritter and family. He was active in our Sunday School classes and was confirmed here. He currently lives in Effort, PA and is a pool installer. On August 20, 2022 he will marry his love Jennifer Casper.

Jennifer Casper is an Intuitive Coach, Healer, Spiritual Guide. She grew up in the Stroudsburg area where she was baptized and confirmed into Christ Hamilton Church. She has three children and on August 20, 2022 she will marry her love, Josh Ritter in our sanctuary. Jen has many credentials for her work and we are excited that she may be able to offer some adult classes here for us. She has an extensive background in healing modalities including being a Reiki Master.

Please help to welcome these new members into the fellowship of Old Zionsville UCC!

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. July dates are Monday, July 11, and Saturday, July 16. Zionsville Area Food Pantry has reopened for indoor distribution and 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.



The **Food Pantry** is in need of **Volunteers** on distribution days, the 2nd Monday and following Saturday of each month. Hours are Monday 3:45pm-5:50pm, Saturday 9:40am-12pm. If you can help, please call or text Dave at 484-602-3173. Thank you!

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. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations and to our hard working faithful volunteers!

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

School Supplies

FUN Group will once again collect 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)
- Marble composition notebook (100 page)
- Erasers
- Pencils #2
- Colored Pencils
- Dividers (8 pack – for binders)
- Pens
- Spiral Notebooks
- Subject folders
- 1" binders
- Single subject notebooks

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A shopping cart of 21 jars peanut butter and 21 jars of jelly were collected.

Summer Worship begins on July 3rd. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

News from Music and Worship Committee...

We celebrate our Graduate – **Sarah Hoch**. We wish her much success!

And Graduates:

Eric Smith
Carlee Frantz
Paige Shingler

Congratulations to all Graduates!!!!!!



Don't Be Late!! On July 3rd our Summer Worship begins. This year our Worship Service will **begin at 9:30 a.m.**



thanks to God!

Want to share a **gift or talent** during worship this summer while our choir gets a break? 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

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.

News from the Windows Committee...



Phase 2 of the restoration is now complete! The Cumberland crew spent five days during the last two weeks finalizing the Good Shepherd window. They scraped, repaired and painted the exterior trim and installed the new protective glass covering. The result is an amazing transformation, both inside and out.

The committee is optimistic about raising enough money by the end of the year to begin Phase 3 - restoration of the Nativity window. In addition to funds already in the windows account, two major fund raisers are planned: a quilt sale during the summer and a matching gift challenge in the fall.

The Spring quilt auction was very successful, raising \$808. During July and August, three additional quilts will be offered for sale to members, friends and the community on a first-come, first served basis. 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 will be 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 during the week.



In 2020, one member offered to match contributions to the fund up to \$2,000. The challenge raised over \$4,000 for Phase 1. In 2021, four members pooled resources and offered to match contributions up to \$6,000. The challenge raised over \$12,000 for Phase 2. A 2022 challenge is planned for the fall to benefit Phase 3, but "challengers" are needed. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please see or contact Beth Massa (massaed@hotmail.com) or Ruth Stansfield (267-313-4348). As in the past, challengers will remain anonymous.

Phase 3 is off and running!

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from July 24 till August 5.



If you need Pastoral Care during the time of Pastor Lori's absence, please contact the church office during office hours, 610-966-3601 or President of Consistory, Kathy Latshaw at 610-754-7701. They will know who to call to offer Pastoral Care and Guidance.

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.



Offerings and Donations Received in June

General Use.....	\$5,460.00
Benevolence.....	501.83
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	0
Windows to the Future.....	1,217.00
Building Repair Fund.....	20.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,495.00
Sunday School.....	16.00
Parking Lot Fund.....	45.00
Cemetery.....	182.00
 General Expenses.....	 \$24,893.38
includes gas.....	\$90.83
includes electric....	\$242.79

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>
July 3	Chris Schell	Mike & Diane Berger	Charles & Susan Jacobs	Mina Reinhard
July 10	Nancy Weitzel	Robin Yoder	Jonathan & Sheila Kunkel	Lee Hoch Family
July 17	Robin Yoder	Ruth Stansfield	Chester Yeakel	Pat Sajkowicz
July 24	Jane Bedell	Millie Kohler		Bob & Annie Souder
July 31	Mark Weaver	Les & Deb Schoenberger		
Aug. 7	Jan Strobel	Randy & Sharon Trexler	Joyce Nishnic	Rich & Brenda Shoemaker

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 August Newsletter is
July 25. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox
or email to the office at ozuccoffice@ptd.net**

10 Facts You Never Knew About the 4th of July

1. **Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.** There were four others on the drafting committee: Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Robert Livingston.
2. **John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.** Likely because he was the President of Congress at the time, he signed in a large hand and at the center of the document, according to the National Archives. His bold signature is where we get the phrase "put your John Hancock" when referring to signing your name.
3. **Independence Day should have been celebrated on July 2, 1776.** Although the document was dated July 4, congress actually voted for independence from Great Britain two days prior on July 2, 1776. It apparently wasn't signed by everyone until a month later on August 2, 1776.
4. **John Adams wrote a letter to his wife about how memorable Independence Day would be in American history...**He was obviously right in his letter, he said the day should be celebrated with parades, bonfires and fireworks. Scarily accurate, right? ... **but he thought it was celebrated on the wrong day.** In fact, he was known to turn down invitations to 4th of July celebrations in protest. In his correspondence to his wife, Abigail Adams, he only referred to Independence Day as July 2nd.
5. **The 'Pennsylvania Evening Post' was the first newspaper to print the Declaration.** It came out in the newspaper on July 6, 1776 for everyone to see, after a local printer named John Dunlap produced copies of the declaration's manuscript.
6. **An estimated 2.5 million people lived in the nation in July 1776.** As of July 2021, about 331.8 million people live in the U.S., according to the United States Census.
7. **Three presidents who signed the Declaration of Independence died on July 4.** John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 — on the 50th anniversary of the country's independence. James Monroe died five years later on July 4, 1831.
8. **Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on the 4th of July.** That probably helped his presidential campaign, right?
9. **U.S. soldiers got a special treat on the 4th of July in 1778.** George Washington helped the troops celebrate by allowing them a double ration of rum, according to Live Science.
10. **The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every Independence Day to honor the 13 original states.** Descendants of people who signed the Declaration of Independence tap the bell, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 2 p.m. eastern time every 4th of July.

Bonus - **It didn't become a federal holiday until 1870.** It took nearly 100 years for it to be recognized as such, but when it finally happened it was up in the ranks with Christmas and a few other holidays.





Amber Kriebel won an award at work for being the only person to get 100% on a test. June 2022: Astound (formerly RCN) presented the Green Star Award to Amber Kriebel for 100% completion of correct answers on a test at work. Way to go Amber!

On our hearts and in our prayers... all of our 80+ Birthday Club members celebrating this month; all of our homebound members; our members who are hospitalized or in rehabilitation centers; our members on active military service; and everyone in our church family with special concerns, cares, troubles, joys, and celebrations.



To add names to our Prayer List please call or email the church office.

thank
You

Dear Lori Esslinger + OLCC family,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful card and gift! Along with recognizing me at church! That was so thoughtful and made my day! I hope you have a great summer!
Thank you again!
♥ Sarah Hoch ☺





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!**

**June 29 - VAM Band, part of St. Ann's Church Guitar Group, Emmaus
To Benefit: Lehigh Valley Chess Club**

**July 6 - The Dulcimer Boys
To Benefit: Communities in Schools CIS**

**July 13 - This Whole Way, Allentown
To Benefit: VAST (Valley Against Sex Trafficking)**

**July 20 - SNA Band (Saturday Night Alive Band), Steel City Mennonite Church,
Bethlehem
To Benefit: Dream Come True of Lehigh Valley**

**July 27 - St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church 11:00 Music Group, Orefield
To Benefit: Allentown Police Dept.- Community Outreach Unit**


**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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