



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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September 2024

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Wednesday, Sept. 25-10am-3pm

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Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

"The Plan of the Master Weaver"

My life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me,
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be;
For He can view the pattern
Upon the upper side
While I can see it only
On this, the under side.
Sometimes He weaveth sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me;
But I will trust His judgment,
And work on faithfully;
'Tis He who fills the shuttle,
And He knows what is best,
So I shall weave in earnest,
Leaving to Him the rest.
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why –
The Dark threads are as needed
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

P.S. Yard Sale at my house and all of Emmaus, Saturday, September 7. At my house, 27 W. Berger Street from 8 a.m. till 12 noon. All Welcome.

Peace,
Lori



September 1 is our last 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Beginning Sunday September 8 we will have Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, September 1 – **LAST** 9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, September 4 – 6:00 p.m. Supper Club, Alburtis Tavern

Saturday, September 7 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Giveaway Setup

Sunday, September 8 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship
Ham & Cheese Sandwich Orders Due

Monday, September 9 - 4:00-6:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Saturday, September 14 – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Sunday, September 15 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Third Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship, all Loose Offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Sunday Brunchers at the Merc

Monday, September 16 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, September 18 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

Thursday, September 19 – 3:00-5:30 p.m. Pick up ordered Ham and Cheese Sandwiches

Sunday, September 22 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 23 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, September 25 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

Friday, September 27 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch at Perkins

Sunday, September 29 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Window Dedication

Monday, September 30 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

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



Looking Ahead 😊

Wednesday, October 2 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

Sunday, October 6 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship
Orders due for soup and sandwiches

Monday, October 7 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, October 9 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

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

Monday, October 14 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, October 16 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

Thursday, October 17 – 3:00-5:30 p.m. Pick up ordered Soup and Sandwiches

Sunday, October 20 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Third Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Monday, October 21– 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, October 23 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

Sunday, October 27 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, All Saints Day

Monday, October 28– 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, October 30 – 1:00 p.m. Season 2-The Chosen

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 Choir...

Our first rehearsal for the fall is on **Tuesday, September 3rd** with singing in Church on Sunday, September 8. All are welcome to join in, rehearsal will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will meet in the Sanctuary. Regular Choir rehearsals will be held on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:30/9:30 p.m. weekly. Consider making choir part of your life this Fall!

Would you consider playing bells with the Church Bell Choir this fall? We are just interested to know how many of you would be willing to play so we can know if we have enough interest to get a full octave or more bells together. Please contact Carolyn Rhoads to let her know. When we have enough people signed up, we will discuss practice options and schedules. Thanks in advance for making our music program "RING" 😊

News from Christian Ed...



September 8 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 or Deb Schoenberger.

Would you like to purchase a new **Bible** that has an interactive feature that can work with your cell phone, iPad or other electronic device? We presented our confirmands with these Bibles and purchased extras in case YOU or a person you know may like one too. The holidays are coming and this could make a lovely,



affordable gift. The cost is **\$16 each**. By setting it up with your device, the program can actually "read scripture to you." So for someone who drives lots or prefers to listen to the Holy Word, this could be very appealing.

The Filament app is very simple to use. You simply scan a page number in the Bible to instantly access study notes, devotionals from famous authors, interactive maps, teaching videos and worship music. If you have a loved one who likes to hear scripture before they go to sleep, this would be perfect for them too.

Please **let Pastor Lori know** if you would like to purchase any number of these Bibles. There are two cover styles: black and floral, they are zipper case protected, and are very small - about the size of your hand. Print is small, but these other features bring the Bible to life in a whole new way. See Pastor Lori for more information.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

If you can't attend worship on Sunday, not to worry! We livestream our service every Sunday at 9:30am on YouTube and Facebook! Both of these options are available on demand, as well... can't watch on Sunday morning? No problem; watch when you can!



To find us on YouTube, you can visit our channel at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfpux8b>. Or just search for Old Zionsville UCC.

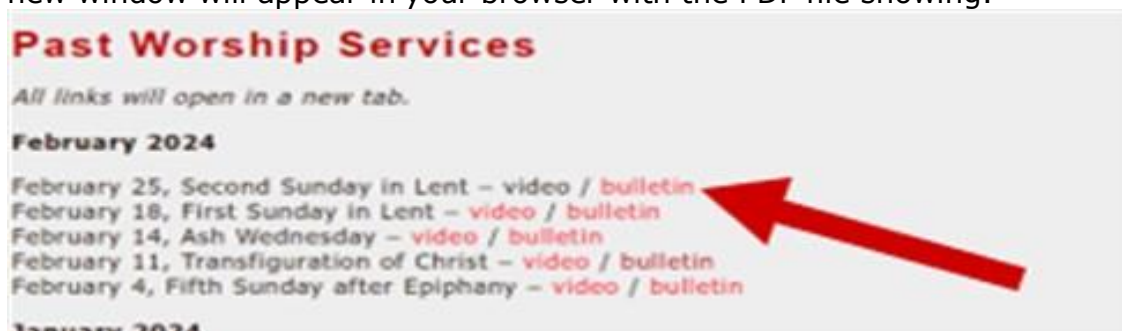


You may have noticed we've started including only highlights of the announcements on the slides we use during worship.



We publish the full bulletin, including details for all announcements, on our website. How to find it? From our home page (<https://oldzionsville.org>), click "Past Worship Services" from the menu at the top of the page.

On that page, you'll see a list of all worship services for the current year, with a link to the video on YouTube and the bulletin in PDF format. Just click the "bulletin" link for the week you need. A new window will appear in your browser with the PDF file showing.



If you have any suggestions to improve our streaming, please send an email to Beth Massa (massaed@hotmail.com).

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

September **Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Tavern, 106 S. Main Street in Alburtis. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver by Friday, August 30th. Join in on **Sunday, September 15**, 12 noon at Mercantile Club (cash only), 427 Railroad St, Emmaus. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 10th. **Lunch Bunch** is scheduled for Friday, September 27, 12 noon, at Perkins, 3400 Lehigh St., Allentown. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, September 24th. **All are Welcome!!!!**

We sold all 30 tickets for **White Christmas at the Pines Dinner Theater** on Saturday, November 30th. If you requested a ticket the money (\$65 per person) is **due October 15, 2024**.

There are 8 tickets left for the **30th Anniversary Riverdance Show** at American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The show is at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025**. Tickets are \$59.00 each. **Please, please RSVP (email, call, text, shout, etc.) that you want tickets.** Money for the tickets is due December 31, 2024, but not needed to get your name on the list. As always with our outings, we will arrange for carpooling once it gets closer. Also, since this is an early afternoon show, we will probably stop for dinner after the show for those that want to partake. Stay tuned for those details, later.

Also going right now for sign ups is a Bus Trip to **Sight and Sound for "Noah"** through Anna's Adventures on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. For this one, money (\$168 per person) is required for the reservation. Checks can be made out and sent to Linda Weaver, 8298 Powder Lane, Zionsville, PA 18092. Please see attached flyer.

All are welcome to these events and must RSVP to Linda or Mark. Thank you.

News from the 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. Their email address is ZAFP5901@yahoo.com and their mailing address is P.O. Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

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 the ATF Room...

If you would like/able to help on Monday mornings with sorting and storing all items received for our Giveaways, we welcome your help and are at the Church on Monday mornings by 10:00 a.m. each Monday in September, except on September 9th which is our giveaway day.

Help is needed for the next **Giveaway** on **Monday, September 9** between **4-6 p.m.** and on **Saturday, September 14** between **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Set up for the Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church. For more info please contact Millie.



News from the FUN Group...

Faith **U**niting **N**eighbors Group

COMING EVENTS:

- The annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 9th** this year. Faith Uniting Neighbors Group would greatly appreciate a volunteer(s) from the congregation to solicit donations for the baskets from area businesses.
- A letter is enclosed with this newsletter and may be copied for multiple uses. If anyone can assist us, please contact any member of the Group.
- Watch for more information coming in the future about our **Penny Party on May 3, 2025.**

News from Music and Worship Committee...

Third Sunday Treats – Will be starting up again on Sunday, September 15th at 9:45 a.m. in our downstairs social room. Join us!

News from the Property Committee...

On September 30th we will be having the large church **parking lot resealed**. Please make note it will not be able to be used for parking. Thank you.

Planning and fundraising has begun on replacing our old gas line which goes under the kitchen floor. Anyone wishing to make donations toward putting in a new line, please mark it in the third box on your offering envelopes. Thank you.

News from Social and Aid...

The Social and Aid Committee will once again be providing us with monthly **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Orders for September's delicious sandwiches at \$5.00 each are due Sunday, September 8th. Pick up is Thursday, September 19th from 3-5:30 p.m. Fill in the enclosed order form or call/email the church office to place your order.

October's Fundraiser will bring us Pepper Pot Soup (\$8.00) and Ham and Cheese Sandwiches (\$5.00). Watch for order forms which will be due on Sunday, October 6th with pick up on Thursday, October 17 from 3-5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from our monthly fundraisers will be split between the Church and our Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

News from the SonShine Group...

Wooden Crosses are available for sale. They are being decorated for Patriotic Holidays. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. The whole decorated cross cost \$30. See Richard Yeakel, Lisa Talecki or Lori after Worship or call the Church office. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our new gas line project.

News from the Youth Group...

Youth Group will meet on Friday, September 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. All young people are invited to participate. There is something for everyone at Youth Group! Questions? Speak with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller. If you would like to serve as a leader, speak with Pastor Lori. We could use one more leader at this time. Thanks in advance. See you all in there! 😊

News from Windows to the Future...

Final plans are underway for the dedication of the windows on September 29 at 3 p.m. Be sure to join us for this exciting celebration. And, there is more to celebrate. Four members have offered to challenge the congregation to a \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge that will take place from September through November. Your support of this fifth annual challenge could mean adding another \$10,000 to the windows fund and bringing us closer to completing the project. Let's make this another successful year!



Worship will be at 10:15 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024



Phoebe Allentown's 25th Annual Basket Social on September 26 and 27.

Please help spread the word! The event will be open to the public and will take place at 1925 West Turner Street in Allentown. This annual event raises funds for our Community Life Program, which provides daily activities that keep our residents active, engaged, and in good spirits. These activities include visits from miniature therapy goats, musical performances, arts and crafts projects, recreational programs, holiday celebrations, and technology platforms to help residents get involved in games and connect with loved ones. Thanks to our generous supporters, the 2023 Basket Social featured 101 baskets and raised \$12,333 to support Community Life activities. Flyer attached.

Lehigh Conference of Churches 3rd Annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 17-23, 2024. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program across the country. To celebrate the Conference's 70th Anniversary the goal this year is to raise \$70,000. See attached flyer.

Time to Start Thinking About Your Annual Report – Committee Chairs please have your Reports in the office no later than Sunday, November 3. Information to include should be from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Thank you!

Greeters and Liturgist! Please consider being a Greeter or a Liturgist during Worship. Call the office or email to get your name added to our List. Thank you!

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.

Our Church is now equipped with an **Assistive Listening System**. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.



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.

Church Lost and Found Box – 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! Or call the church office.



Offerings and Donations Received for August 2024

General Use.....	\$10,222.00
Benevolence.....	260.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	25.00
Windows to the Future.....	581.00
Utilities.....	50.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,645.00
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund...	150.00
Cemetery.....	90.00
General Expenses.....	\$16,451.00
includes gas.....	\$ 101.96
includes electric.....	\$ 28.70

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.

A Little Humor: An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

Thank you to our Worship Helpers!

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors:

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 Rich Mar Florist for that Sunday. Thank you!

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

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LAST 9:30am Worship	2 	3 Cub Scouts 7pm	4 Supper Club 6pm-Alburtis Tavern	5 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	6	7 ATF Setup 10am
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Communion Worship Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Orders Due	9 ATF Giveaway 4-6pm Scouts 6pm	10 FUN Group 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm	11 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Computer & Media 7pm Finance 7pm	12	13	14 ATF Giveaway 10am-12pm
15 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Third Sunday Treats 10:15am Worship Loose offering goes to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund Sunday Brunchers 12 noon - Merc	16 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	17 Consistory 7pm	18 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 1pm-Season 2 of The Chosen	19 Pick Up ordered Ham & Cheese Sandwiches 3-5:30pm	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 	23 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	24 Cub Scouts 7pm	25 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 1pm-Season 2 of The Chosen	26	27 Lunch Bunch 12pm-Perkins	28
29 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 3:00 p.m. Window Dedication	30 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm					



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To Whom It May Concern:

On November 9, 2024, Old Zionsville United Church of Christ is having a Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction. We hope to have a number of baskets filled with a variety of items that people will purchase chances to win. Proceeds from the Basket Auction will benefit the church and local charities.

We would like to ask your company or agency to help us with this Basket Auction. You could do this by providing us with merchandise that we could include in a basket, a gift certificate for your product or service, or a cash donation that would be used to sponsor a basket. You do not need to provide the basket. We would be happy to pick up any merchandise you would donate to us. All your contributions would be tax deductible. Our federal tax identification number will be provided, if required.

If you can help us, please call the church at 610-966-3601.

Thank you from the
Faith Uniting Neighbors (FUN) Group

OZUCC Membership and Evangelism Bus Trip

Contact: Linda Weaver -

ANNA'S ADVENTURES

NOAH

30th Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

Join us for an unforgettable bus trip to experience Sight & Sound's spectacular revival of their renowned show, Noah, celebrating its 30th anniversary season! This incredible production brings the timeless biblical story to life with stunning visuals, powerful performances, and live animals. Whether you've seen it before or are experiencing it for the first time, this is a must-see event that will leave you in awe. Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to witness Noah like never before and create lasting memories with friends and fellow travelers. To make the day even more special, we'll enjoy a delightful lunch at Shady Maple. Reserve your seat now for a journey that promises to be as exciting and inspiring as the show itself!



Day's Itinerary

8:30am - Depart Perkiomen Tours
(875 Main Street Pennsburg)

11:00am - Sight & Sound

1:30pm - Depart for Lunch

2:45pm - Included Smorgasbord Lunch at Shady Maple

4:45pm - Depart for Pennsburg

7:00pm - Approximate return to Perkiomen Tours

\$168
Per Person

*Cost Includes Motor Coach Transportation & Driver Gratuity,
Show Admissions & Gratuities, Lunch & Gratuity, Bottled Water &
Snack.*



Last date to register pending seat availability is Friday, February 21st 2025.

Reservations are first come, first serve and confirmed upon full payment.

Seat assignments are made following reservation confirmation.

To Reserve your seat contact Anna at Anna's Adventures (215) 390-8743.

Payment is non-refundable or transferable after the final registration date. Payments can be made by cash or check made payable to Anna Fell.

25th Annual Basket Social

Thursday, September 26
3:00–8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 27
7:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

Phoebe Allentown

Moyer Hall
1925 W. Turner Street
Allentown, PA 18104

Food Trucks
11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. daily

THURSDAY
P.F.G. Pizza
Udder Bar

FRIDAY
Jerkies BBQ
Over the Hill Grill
Dough & Co


Funds from the Basket Social directly support activities for our residents.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Plunkett | 610-794-5126
Bobbi Jo Novogoratz | 610-794-5255

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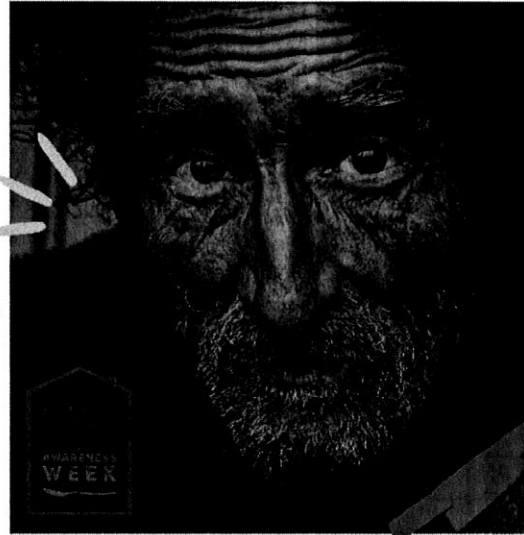
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HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF
 EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

NOVEMBER 17TH-23RD

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The Lehigh Conference of Churches Third Annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Come be a part of the Conference's 3rd annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! This year promises an array of fresh, exciting events alongside beloved community favorites from previous years. As a special highlight, we'll be commemorating the organization's 70th anniversary with a gala to conclude the week's festivities.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events.

Locally, the Conference will engage in a week of daily activities to educate the community, advocate for change, and raise funds to help those facing hunger and homelessness in the Lehigh Valley.

Have questions about the week? Contact Christopher Moran at:
cmoran@lehighchurches.org.

Visit [H&HA Week Website](https://lehighchurches.org/hhaweek)

Help Us Raise \$70,000 to Celebrate the Conference's 70th Anniversary

Join The Celebration!

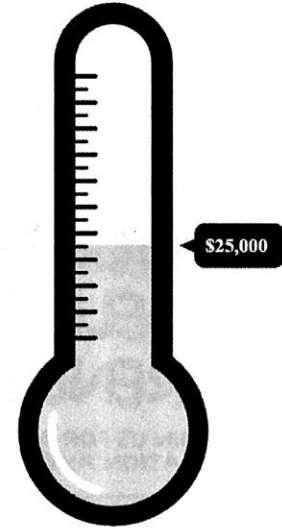
If writing a check please include these details. All checks should be payable to the: "Lehigh Conference of Churches," writing "H&HA Week 24" in the memo.


Please mail checks to:
The Lehigh Conference of Churches
Attn: Christopher Moran
457 W. Allen St, Allentown, PA 18102

If making an online donation, please click the link below for more details. Under the "Please direct my support" dropdown menu, please select "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week."

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GOAL: \$70,000



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