

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 27, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Harvest Home and All Saints Sunday
“Take Heart”

Prelude: “Come, Come Ye Saints”

Blanchard

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 34)

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

Many: We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

Many: We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

One: Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

Many: O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!

Invocation (unison)

Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Bringing In The Sheaves”

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours.

Many: Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference. Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with intractability. Forgive us

for hearts closed with isolation. Open our hearts fully to compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kingdom come. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, your heart bears the heart of God. With the Holy One's grace, heartbreak can transform into compassion, mutuality, and ministry that makes the love of God real in the world. Amen.

*Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (*verse 1 only*) p.797

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52 p.879

Reflection

All Saints Day Remembrance

Remembering Our "Saints"

Grace Arce, died October 28, 2023
Arlene Scheirer, died November 4, 2023
MaryAnn Miller, died February 1, 2024
Frederick Gibiser, died February 22, 2024
Emily Dreas, died June 8, 2024
*Shirley Polster, died July 5, 2024
*Les Schoenberger, Sr., died
*Donald Gery, died July 25, 2024
Chester Yeakel, died August 19, 2024

* = non-member

Lighting a Candle for others who have died this past year

Unison Prayer:

O God, we thank you for those who have gone before us, pillars of the faith who have helped to build the foundations of our trust in you. They have taught us what it means to believe. They have walked the paths of their pilgrimages so that we need not stumble. Surely their reward will be great in heaven. We thank you for the saints who surround us now, mentors and teachers who continue to open to us new truths of the gospel. Help us to extend hospitality and your gospel to all people for in so doing we will extend that great heavenly banquet table, where the Risen Christ is the host, into our lives here and now and hasten the day when your will is done. Amen.

Special Music: "I Believe" by Brooks and Dunn

Invitation to Generosity

Generosity begins as a decision from the heart. It reflects care and concern for the needs of the world as well as trust for the abundance and plenty of God's creation. Let us give from the gifts we have been given as a sign and act of faithfulness.

Offertory: "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

Mason

*Presentation of Gifts and 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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

**Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness.
Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer....The Lord's Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn: "For All the Saints"

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*Benediction

Take heart for God goes with you. Therefore,
May your heart love fully and boldly
May your heart love loudly and actively
May your heart love faithfully and miraculously.
Go in peace and love.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "When We All Get to Heaven"

Wilson

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**Take Heart: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Year B** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

We welcome all visitors today who have joined us for this All Saints Day service. Please reach out to Pastor Lori if you wish to speak with her further about your grief or if you have any questions about the service today. All are welcome back each week for our Sunday 10:15 a.m. Worship in person or anytime on streaming Facebook, our web page and YouTube. Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in this sanctuary. Join us!

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William M.E. Yeakel by daughter, Miriam and family.

**TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of Richard Shoemaker's brother-in-law Don and in memory of Emily Dreas on her birthday.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN** is sponsored by James and Patti Mittl to the Glory of God in memory of Bill and Julia Yeakel.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Gisela Thiel.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Nancy Civitts.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is 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.

**We thank Carolyn Rhoads and Nancy Civitts for creating the beautiful Harvest Home display.**

**Annual Reports** from Church Committees are due into the office by **NEXT** Sunday, November 3, 2024. Thank you.

**Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Main Street Pub in Bally. **Sunday Brunchers** is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at the Merc in Emmaus (cash only), after Worship. **Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, November 22, 12 noon at the Pied Piper in Bally. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark. All are welcome!

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, October 28 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. **Help** is needed for the next **Giveaway** on **Monday, November 11** between **4-6 p.m.** and on **Saturday, November 16** between **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** This will be our Christmas Giveaway. For many years, civic groups and churches supported the pantry children by buying gifts. When the pandemic hit, these same groups provided gift cards. Last year we had very little financial support and needed to purchase nearly all of the gift cards. With the loss of support and the increase in food costs, the Pantry board voted to discontinue the gift program and focus on more food needs. With this change, **ATF** is anticipating their clients will be looking for more gifts specifically for children. If you would like to continue supporting the pantry children, please consider purchasing **NEW** toys or games for the younger children or **NEW** items suitable for teenagers. A **Wish List** has been created on Amazon. All donations (UNWRAPPED) need to be delivered to the ATF team on or before **NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** since they will be serving their clients for Christmas in November and not seeing them again until January. Re-gifting a new gift is also welcomed. Any questions, call or text Millie Kohler.



As of October 20th, \$4,090 has been contributed to this year's \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge. We are excited to announce that another anonymous challenger has come forward to add \$1,000 to the challenge. Five weeks remain to meet the new goal of \$6,000. We have successfully met the four previous challenges. Let's do it again!

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our Bake Sale. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 8) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you can help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl.

**As Thanksgiving is approaching, the Food Pantry is looking for participating churches to contribute appropriate items to the client's meal.** Rather than packing a bag to share with all the usual standards, we are again providing the clients with a choice. Like last year, we will have a table full of all sorts of foods. With this approach, no specific requests are being made of each church. When you shop, feel free to select anything that might be included in a Thanksgiving meal. (some shopping ideas: stuffing mix, gravy, vegetables, pumpkin, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, biscuit mix, bread mix, cookie mix, or anything) Please shop and bring your contributions to church by **NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Any questions, call or text Robin Yoder 610-428-1884

**November Soup & Sandwich Sale** – This month's soup will be Chicken Corn with homemade noodles! Order forms for soup and ham & cheese sandwiches can be found in your pew or at the entrances to the Church. Orders are due Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>; pick up is scheduled for Thursday, November 21 between 3 and 5:30 p.m. Proceeds are split 80/20 between the General Fund and Cemetery Association.

**Calling all musicians!** The Zionsville Ministerium is planning a gathering **Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** called "A Cornucopia of Thanks." The event will be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church on King's Highway, Zionsville. We are inviting local musicians to come and share their talents as we gather to support the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A free-will donation will be taken. Zion's brand new Allen organ will be revealed to the community. Pies and desserts will be served afterwards. Come and participate or just come and enjoy the beautiful music making and dessert!

**Veteran's Program**, Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presented by Upper Milford Historical Society at the Township Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville. Join in for this special event, bring your family and friends to honor those who have sacrificed so much to defend our county and have provided us with the freedoms we have today. They will have hot dogs and bottled water as long as they last. See flyer hanging on bulletin boards around the Church.

*The following **Prayer** comes from our National Offices of the United Church of Christ. We have been encouraged to pray it every day during these 40 days before the election. Perhaps you want to cut this out and place it where you will see it each morning.*

**Our scriptures challenge us to love our neighbors as ourselves. To love our neighbors, we need to see and understand them as they really are. Creator God, inspire us all to see the goodness in our neighbors, whoever has their vote. Amen.**

## **Week of October 27, 2024:**

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

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming)

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

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Choir – Wednesday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Communion Worship

**Committee Reports are Due**

## **Total Offerings from October 20:**

General Offerings: \$1,508.00

Window Fund: \$1,281.00

Mission: \$35.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$33.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$10.00

Cemetery: \$0