



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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From Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends,

Oh, those New Year's Resolutions! I guess it is traditional and, for some adults, a routine to set fresh goals for the upcoming twelve months. But, what about for kids? Don't leave them out. Dr. Lauren Mosbeck, a Philadelphia-based licensed professional counselor who specializes in child and teen mental health writes that "Goal setting gives children and teens a sense of responsibility and purpose." She adds, "As children and teens begin to form their identities, it is important for them to feel positive about themselves, their interests, and their achievements."

Resolutions can be simple goals that allow for comfortable and satisfying successes.

Here are few suggestions I found and share with you.

First, for the little ones:

- I will share my toys with my siblings and friends.
- I will put my toys away after playing.
- I will try a bite of new food.
- I will always say thank you when someone helps me or gives me something.
- I will use my words to share my feelings.
- I will learn a new way to help Mommy and Daddy.

The 6-12 year old young ones:

- I will eat more vegetables with my meals.
- I will set a savings goal for my allowance or money gifts.
- I will read thirty minutes each day.
- I will limit video games to 1 or 2 hours a day.
- I will keep my room neat and organized.
- I will learn a new skill for my favorite sport.

The Teens:

- I will unplug from social media at least one whole day twice a month.
- I will read and finish one new book every month.
- With permission, I will donate unwanted clothes and shoes.
- I will ask questions when I am unsure of something.
- I will do an act of kindness at least once every week.
- I will have a screen free weekend.

Last, the family:

- A family game night once a week.
- Organize a monthly family volunteer activity to support a group or charity. (Perhaps through the church!)

- No devices during dinner, family time, or when we have guests. (Phones included!)
- Include everyone in the planning of family adventures/vacations!
- Share the day's highs and lows with each other every night.
- Every week, we will share with each other those qualities we admire most about them!

Peace to All as we pursue the New Year!

Pastor Lori

This article was originally written by Tim Haas, Sunday School Leader at Zion's Union Church, Maxatawny.



Sunday, January 5 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Epiphany Worship,
Communion

Friday, January 10 – 6:00 p.m. Supper Club
Fairgrounds Hotel

Sunday, January 12 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Second Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship
Soup & Sandwich Orders Due

Monday, January 13 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Saturday, January 18 – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Sunday, January 19 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Usher Training
10:15 a.m. Worship, Installation of Consistory
Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund
12:00 p.m. Brunch at the Merc

Thursday, January 23 – 3:00-5:30 p.m. Pick Up Ordered Soup and Sandwiches

Friday, January 24 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Trivet

Sunday, January 26 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship



Looking Ahead 😊

Sunday, February 2 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Second Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship
Soup and Sandwich Orders Due

Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Thursday, February 20 – 3:00-5:30 p.m. Pick Up Ordered Soup and Sandwiches

Sunday, February 23 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

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 Christian Ed...



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.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

If you can't attend worship on Sunday, not to worry! We livestream our service every Sunday at 10:15am 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.



If you have any questions about using our Website, or finding our Worship Services online, please send an email to Beth Massa (massaed@hotmail.com).

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Join in on Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. when **Supper Club** will be meeting at Fairgrounds Hotel, 488 N. 17th Street in Allentown. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Sunday, January 5 if you will be coming.



Sunday Brunchers will meet 12 noon at Mercantile Club (cash only), 427 Railroad St, Emmaus after Worship on Sunday, January 19. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Wednesday, January 15.

Lunch Bunch will be on Friday, January 24, 12 noon at the Trivet, 4102 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. Please RSVP for this by Sunday, January 19. **All are Welcome!!!!**

Again for 2025, Mark Your Calendars!!!! Picnic Patio tickets have been purchased for an **Iron Pigs Game** scheduled on Saturday, June 21, 2025. Let Linda or Mark know if you would like one or more of these tickets or have any questions.

The next round of **GriefCare** is scheduled to start on Wednesday, May 28 and run till July 23. There are nine sessions and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Please speak to Pastor Lori with any questions. This group is open to all and is Free.

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 most Monday mornings by 10:00 a.m. Our next Giveaway will be on Monday, January 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If you are able to help or have any questions, call or text Millie Kohler.

Below are **Our Helpers** we wish to thank for helping with our Christmas Giveaway in November. Lots of happy people!

Heidi Buck	Millie Kohler	Phyllis Ritter
Jane Bedell	Sue Kohler	Glenn Shingler
Beth Eck	Dan & Kathy Latshaw	Shirley Spohn
Debbie Gurgick	Cheryl Martucci	Larry Stahler
Sherri Harrison	McGwire Martucci	Ruth Stansfield
BettyLou Hartman	Alyson Miller	Jan Strobel
Sue Hartman	Piper Miller	Gisela Thiel
Ethel Hollenbach	Patti Mittl	Linda & Mark Weaver
Susan Jacobs	Phil Rhode	Matthew Yenser
		Robin Yoder

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 27th Annual Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction in any way.

In line with our mission to benefit our neighbors within our communities, profits of \$2,115 from the basket auction and bake sale were distributed to the following organizations on behalf of the Church:

- Lehigh County Conference of Churches
- Upper Milford Western District Fire Company
- Phoebe Home Ministries
- Macungie Ambulance Corps
- OZUCC Operating Fund
- Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Lehigh Valley Hospice
- St. John's UCC in Fullerton (for CWS Clean-up buckets)
- OCWM
- Sixth Street Shelter

Thanks again...and see you next year!!



Angel Tree

This year for the Angel Tree we collected **NEW SOCKS** for the **Warming Station in the Allentown YMCA**. The Warming Station provides shelter, food, and a safe place for those experiencing homelessness in our community. It is open from November 15 through April 15 to individuals 18 and older.

Thanks to your generosity we collected **TWO 30 gallon garbage bags** full of socks to donate!

Share the Warmth

Again this year instead of collecting clothing for Share the Warmth, we will be collecting items to warm someone from the inside. All items will be donated to support local food programs, such as the Zionsville Area Food Pantry.

Beginning in December and through January we will be collecting the following items:

- Soup
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Coffee (regular and/or decaf --- NOT coffee beans, which need to be ground



News from Music and Worship Committee...



Second Sunday Treats - Join us for some delicious snacks to boost your energy for Worship, flavorful coffee and fellowship provided by Wendy and Jack Yeakel in the **lower social hall** starting at **9:45 a.m.** on **Sunday, January 12, 2025.**

News from Social and Aid...

Social and Aid is presently taking orders for **Beef Vegetable Soup** and **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches**. Orders forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Orders are due on Sunday, January 12 and may be placed by calling or emailing the Church office; calling Annie Souder or placing your order form in Sunday's offering plate. Pick up will be on Thursday, January 23 in our lower social hall between 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will be split between our general fund and Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

News from the Youth Group...

Youth Group will meet on Friday, January 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. (Snow Date is January 31) 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 there! 😊

News from Windows to the Future...



A little more than \$20,000 was contributed to the Windows Fund in 2024! This was achieved through the faithful financial support of our members, many memorial donations, and fund raising, including the successful Matching Gift Challenge that raised \$12,000. With your continued support this winter, the project **WILL BE COMPLETED** in the spring. It will truly be a Happy New Year!



Next time you are at Church check out our Bulletin Boards in our lower level Social Room!!! Wendy Yeakel does a phenomenal job of decorating them. Her creativity is amazing!



Our **Parking Lot between the church and parsonage** is small. It can be difficult to back out of your space if you park straight in toward the church building and there is someone parked in the handicap spaces along the parsonage lawn. **PLEASE be careful!** Park at your own risk in those handicap spaces. We are working on alternatives and safer ways to park in that little lot. You are always welcome to park in the front horseshoe and along Fountain Road in the several spots there.

Annual Reports can be found at the entrances to the Church. If you are unable to come to the Church but would like a copy please call or email the church office.

In order to be reimbursed, or to receive credit as a church donation, **original** receipts for labor and materials purchased on behalf of the church must be **received in the office within 60 days of the date from purchase** or by January 5, 2025 for purchases in November and December, 2024.

Do you have **batteries** ready to throw away? Don't throw them away! **Bring them to the church to recycle!!** Staples will accept the following kinds of batteries for recycling and our church will get credit for taking them in. I have small boxes **at the front and ramp doors for your "contributions."** **Or you can put bags of batteries outside of my office. Thanks!**

Batteries to recycle by bringing them to the boxes at church:

- Lithium ion (Li-Ion)
- Nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH)
- Nickel zinc (Ni-ZN)
- Non-rechargeable lithium
- Rechargeable nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Single-use alkaline
- Small sealed lead acid (SSLA/Pb)



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 from December 2024

General Use.....	\$ 14,982.00
Benevolence.....	998.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.....	67.73
Windows to the Future.....	744.00
Utilities.....	60.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,645.00
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund...	75.00
Cemetery.....	430.00
General Expenses.....	\$ 16,438.36
includes gas.....	\$ 284.73
includes electric.....	\$ 270.39

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.

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 February Newsletter is due January 27. 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.



Wishing you a flurry
of peace, joy, and love
this holiday season.

Wishing everyone a blessed
Christmas and for all the cards
and visits from our church family.
We are settling in and attend
LifePoint church here but it is a
very big church with 3 services &
although it is very friendly it is
never the same as our Ozuca family

Debbie & Maynard

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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Choir 7:30pm	3	4
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Communion Worship	6 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	7 Cub Scouts 7pm	8 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	9 Outlook 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	10 Supper Club 6pm-Fairgrounds Hotel	11 10am ATF Giveaway Set Up
12 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am 2 nd Sunday Treats 10:15am Worship Soup & Sandwich Orders Due	13 4pm-6pm ATF Giveaway Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	14 Cub Scouts 7pm FUN Group 7pm	15 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	16 Choir 7:30pm	17	18 10am-12pm ATF Giveaway
19 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Usher Training 10:15am Worship Install Consistory Loose offering goes to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund Sunday Brunchers 12 noon – Merc	20 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	21 Consistory 7pm	22	23 Pick up Ordered Soup & Sandwiches 3:00-5:30pm Choir 7:30pm	24 Lunch Bunch 12 pm-Trivet Youth Group 6-8pm	25
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:15a m Worship (Installation Snow Date)	27 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	28 Cub Scouts 7pm	29	30 Choir 7:30pm	31	

Old Zionsville UCC

January Soup and Sandwich Sale

Beef Vegetable Soup will be offered to purchase in January along with **Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** by our Social and Aid Committee. Pickups will be on a Thursday so you will be able to sell sandwiches at work and deliver them for lunch on Friday! Soup will be sold by the quart for \$8.00 each and Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please indicate below what you would like and how many. Make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped in the offering plate any Sunday during Worship Service; call or email the Church office (610-966-3601), ozuccoffice@ptd.net; or Annie Souder to place your orders. Keep the bottom for your records if you sell to others. Proceeds will be going to the Church and the Cemetery Association to help pay bills.

Orders must be received by Sunday, January 12, 2025.
Pick up will be Thursday, January 23, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches: _____

at \$5.00 each: \$ _____

Total # quarts of Soup: _____

at \$8.00 each: \$ _____

Total Amount Owed: \$ _____

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Pick up Thursday, January 23, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Name	Phone	Soup	Sandwich

Support Bethany Children's Home Year-End Campaign

As 2024 is coming to a close, please consider supporting Bethany Children's Home. You can show your support by donating at: <https://givebutter.com/jejQ2e>

All money that is raised will go toward the construction of a new outdoor recreational complex that will include basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. Physical activity helps a child's physical development and promotes overall cognitive and emotional well-being, which is essential to our youth at Bethany Children's Home!

Get Your Tickets for Purse/Cash Bingo

Join us on February 2, 2025 at the Temple Fire Company for Bethany Children's Home Purse/Cash Bingo event!

All proceeds for bingo will also go toward the construction of a new outdoor recreational complex that will include basketball, tennis and pickleball courts.

If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity for the event, please contact our Marketing and Events Coordinator, Jocelynn Phillips at jphillips@bethanyhome.org or (610)589-6834.

Purchase your bingo tickets on their website at bethanyhome.org.

Bethany Children's Home

Purse & Cash

BINGO

Temple Fire Company
Sunday February 2, 2025

Doors Open: 10:45AM
First Game: 12PM

\$35 advance tickets
\$45 at door

Raffles
Cash Bar
Game Specials
And More!

To purchase your tickets please scan the QR or visit www.bethanyhome.org/2025events/

Bethany Children's Home

Purse & Cash Bingo

Sponsorship Opportunities

Haute Couture - \$1000 - 2 available
Table/promotional items in raffle area
5 tickets - reserved table
5 raffle tickets per attendee
5 food vouchers - good for one item at concessions
Signage at event
Logo and Link on BCH website
Half-page ad in program
2 tickets to 2025 Tribute Dinner
Social media recognition

Luxury - \$500 - 6 available
Table/promotional items in raffle area
2 tickets
5 raffle tickets per attendee
Signage at event
Logo and Link on BCH website
1/4-page ad in program
1 ticket to 2025 Tribute Dinner
Social media recognition

Designer - \$250 - 10 available
1 ticket
Signage at event
Logo and Link on BCH website
Social media recognition

Individual Ticket - \$35

All proceeds will be used for our capital campaign to resurface our basketball and tennis courts.

For more information or to become a sponsor, please reach out to Marketing & Events Coordinator Jocelynn Phillips at 610-589-6834 or jphillips@bethanyhome.org by Jan. 13.