

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

February 1, 2026

10:15am

**those who are able may stand*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Installation of Consistory

Meditation before worship: In each of these moments of epiphany, we find that no one is able to see themselves as God sees them. Nathanael was merely hanging out under a fig tree. Samuel was just lying on the temple floor. Only God sees what greater things will come with these servants. Indeed, God searches us and knows us better than we know ourselves.

Prelude: "And Can It Be?"

(Campbell)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (sit and listen)

Invocation

Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?

Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?

Was it you that we heard in those steps?

Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?

Was it you that called our names?

Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.

We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.

Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names.

Here and now.

Opening Hymn: "I Surrender All" (verses 1 and 4 only)

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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you have called us by name.

You will not let us lounge in bed.

You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember things that are troubling us.

You will not let us hide under the tree.

You summon us from the shade to be changed...

(think of something you need to change)

(Reader pause...)

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.

You unearth our fears and speak them aloud.

Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.

Reveal the words we need most.

In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (inspired by Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

Our God knows you by name.

Our God knows what you fear.

For you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

In your name, God's works are revealed again to us. Amen.

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" (verses 1,3,4 only)

Scripture: John 1:29-42

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Reflection

Installation of our 2026 Consistory

see insert

Call for the Offering

God knows you by name. God knows all that you can do.

God appears in your works for justice.

God is revealed in our hope for change.

Let us carry this spirit into our giving.

Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offertory: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

(McCluskey)

*Presentation of our 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.

Dedication of the Offering (unison)

O God, you offer us wonderful gifts.

In these offerings, may we make for change that doesn't yet exist.

May we give it a name. May we move through our fears.

**May we dare to call this hope wonderful, in the hope of Christ Jesus,
we pray. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

Communion, Liturgy on p 17 of communion booklets

Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

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Benediction

Send us, O God.

Send us to search for your name.

Send us to count your works.

Send us to feel you calling our name.

Send us, O God, into your dream.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "Crown Him Lord of Lords"

(Broughton)



Revealed to Us: Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on cookingwithelsa.org.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Susan and Lee Hoch.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Bill and Bernie Stahler on their Wedding Anniversary of February 11th and in memory of Nina Serafine on the anniversary of her passing given by Larry and Angela Stahler.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Bob and Annie Souder in memory of loved ones.

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.

Church Closed? In case of inclement weather or ice in the parking lot at the church that you don't have at home: please look at WFMZ on your computer or on TV for any cancellation or delay information.

Greeters and Liturgists Needed. If you would like to get on our schedule to help in our Worship Services by being a Greeter or Liturgist, please contact the church office. Email and phone number are on front page or put a note in the Secretary's mailbox. Thank you.

Confirmation Class:

Let me know if you want to sit in on a class with us. We are learning how to chat with adults as well as learning about our congregation. Here are two of the upcoming classes and topics. All are welcome.

Feb. 1: Sunday - Souper Bowl after worship: Class time includes helping with the Souper Bowl eating and Clean up: after worship until 2 p.m. plus more History of the UCC

Supper Club

When: Wednesday February 4, 2026, 5:30 PM **(Note the Earlier time)**

Where: Limeport Inn

1505 Limeport Pike, Limeport

RSVP by Sunday 2/1/2026

Sunday Brunchers

When: Sunday February 15, 2026, ~ 12 Noon

Where: Mercantile Club

Railroad St., Emmaus

CASH ONLY

RSVP by Wednesday 2/11/2026

Feb. 1 is Souper Bowl Sunday at our church! This is the day after worship when we proceed to the lower social hall to enjoy many of our wonderful cook's soup creations. For a donation, you can try several soups with bread and desserts to share too. Want to donate a soup? Please contact any of our FUN Group members: Patti, Debbie, Jan, Debbie, Angela, Larry, Robin

February 8 is Scout Sunday. Come to worship that day to meet our Cub Scouts and our Older Scouts. We have several older Scouts who are almost finished with their Eagle Scout projects. Plus, the older scouts went on a trip to Sea Base this past summer and are anxious to share the pictures with us. It will be an interesting Sunday for sure.

February is the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, worship to be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church up the hill from us. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the upstairs sanctuary. There is an elevator and stairs. You enter the church at the awning from the parking lot. There will be NO service at OZUCC for Ash Wednesday this year.

February Soup & Sandwich – This month the soup will be Ham and String Bean for \$8.00 a quart along with Ham and Cheese Sandwiches for \$5.00 each. **Orders must be received by Sunday, February 8. Pickup will be on Thursday, February 19 in our downstairs social room from 3:00-5:00pm.** Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church. All proceeds will be split between the general fund and the cemetery fund. Thank you.

Lehigh Valley Phantoms – The Phantoms Ice Hockey Team is hosting a Faith Night on Sunday, March 15, 2026 with game starting at 3:05 p.m. Ticket cost will be either \$22 or \$28 per person depending on seating level. Pregame and during intermission our concourse will have live music. Following the fame Phantoms player Cooper Marody will host a live testimonial talking about his upbringing and faith to the congregations in attendance. Please see Jane Bedell, email at pacelegs@yahoo.com or call her at 610-845-0237 if you are interested in more details.

Jewelry Fundraiser (3/15/26-4/12/26) - Beginning March 15 there will be a designated locked container in the Narthex to collect any old, unwanted jewelry you may have. Our proceeds will be determined by the fair market value of the items collected less 15%. Some items may ultimately be donated to organizations such as The YMCA Perfect Fit Professional Clothing Boutique, YMCA Bethlehem Pop Up Prom Shop, and more. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be included as part of our end of year distribution. Flyer posted on bulletin boards for more information.

Prayer List

Shirley & Ed, Sandy & Bob, Dolores Trexler & family, Maynard & Barbara, Penny, Maryanne, Daniel, Christa, Angela, Joe, Barb H, Debbie G., Cyndi, Bobbi, Betty, Gilbert Family, Pastor Jerry, Evan & Donna, Terry, Robin, Jackie, Dean, Alaina, Fenway, Schmoyer Family, Lisa & John, John, Jake, Mike, Katelyn, Debbie, Larry, Bill, Kathy, Barb, Sheila & Ken, Sherald, Peter, Janet, Kay, Donna, Carrie, The Samuelson and Arner Families, Scott, Heil Family, Tenants in Heil Bungalow, Muth Family, Marge, Julie, Bogert Family, Kathy, Foster, Barbara

Military: Drew Stahler Nate Yeakel Chanellor Yenser

Joys - Randy Trexler was given an award for 50 years of being a fire fighter!!!

Meetings and Fellowship This Week:

Monday: 10am ATF Sort and Store
6pm Scouts
Tuesday: 7pm Cub Scouts
Wednesday: 1pm Chosen
5:30pm Supper Club – Limeport Inn
Thursday: 7:30pm Choir

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Total Offerings from January 11, 2026:

General Offerings: \$2006.00

Missions: \$60.00

Flowers: \$100.00

Bulletin: \$20.00

Heat/Electric: \$40.00

Bldg. Repair: \$20.00

Sunday School: \$4.00

Parking Lot: \$30.00

Furnace: \$25.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 75