

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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August 2023

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Wednesday, Aug. 2-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 9-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 16-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 23-10am-3pm

Wednesday, Aug. 30-10am-3pm

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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Angela Stahler

Consistory Officers

President

Kathy Latshaw

Vice President

Jan Strobel

Secretary

Mark Weaver

Treasurer

Robin Yoder

From Pastor's Desk...

Pastor's Survival Kit

Lifesavers: for all the times you have been a lifesaver

Gum: to help the church stick together

Tootsie Roll: to remind you of the essential "role" you play

Mounds: for the mounds of courage you have to be a great leader of faith

Kitkat: sometimes pastors need a break too!

Starburst: to give you a burst of energy as you work fervently to answer God's calling

What else do you think I need to add to this list??

Peace,

Lori



Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. during August

Sunday, August 6 - 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

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

Sunday, August 13 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, August 20 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, loose offering will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Brunch at the Mercantile Club, Emmaus

Monday, August 21 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Sunday, August 27 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 28 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Tuesday, August 29 - 1-3 p.m. GriefShare

Looking Ahead☺



Sunday, September 3 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 4 - 10 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Tuesday, September 5 - 1-3 p.m. GriefShare

Thursday, September 7 – 7:30 p.m. Choir resumes practice
Saturday, September 9 – 10:00 a.m. ATF Set-Up
Sunday, September 10 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
10:15 a.m. Communion Worship
Monday, September 11 – 4-6 p.m. ATF Giveaway
Tuesday, September 12 - 1-3 p.m. GriefShare
Saturday, September 16 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m. ATF Giveaway
Sunday, September 17 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
9:45 a.m. Third Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose money in offering plate goes to
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Tuesday, September 19 - 1-3 p.m. GriefShare
Sunday, September 24 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
Brunch at Tipton Rod and Gun Club
Tuesday, September 26 - 1-3 p.m. GriefShare

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.

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 Finance Committee... A Finance Letter to The Congregation
From Finance Chair, Cheryl Martucci

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we are writing to you with an update on the financial situation for the 2023 Calendar Year.

We want to thank you for the contributions you have made thus far since our last Congregational Annual Meeting in November. If you recall we passed a budget that could find OZUCC in a deficit of nearly \$18,000. We have all been praying about this and know the Lord is with us.

So far, we are tracking to have a successful year with income exceeding expenses. However, with the major giving holidays behind us and summer is here, we want to make sure we keep moving forward in the right direction. Just as you prepare for property taxes that are due this month, so does the Church.

As you relax and enjoy the rest of the summer, we pray that you remember your church family from wherever your travels may take you.

If you are unable to Worship with us in person, we want to remind you, you may mail your offering to our Post Office Box or drop it off at the church.

Thank you in advance and as always for your generous giving to keep our church vital and active for the remainder of 2023 and positioned to prosper in the years to come.

News from Cemetery...

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.

News from Christian Ed...

September 10 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 and Deb Schoenberger.

News from the Choir...

Choir is off for the summer. We will start up again with rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th with singing in Church on Sunday, September 10. All are welcome to join in, rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m.

News from Confirmation Students...

We are coming back for our final class on September 10 and our Confirmation service on September 17. We want to thank our students, our parents and our mentors for creating a supportive and growth-filled year for us. In August our students will go before Consistory to answer questions and prepare for joining the church.

I have enjoyed working with this amazing group of young people and their families. My prayer is always that we opened their hearts and minds to the "bigger" picture of what "church" really means and I hope they will continue to grow and get involved as their time allows. May they also follow God's call to serve. A special thanks to Amber Kriebel who served as Confirmation Assistant Teacher. I appreciate her dedication to our church family as she continues to serve in many ways.

....Pastor Lori

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.

Have you checked out our Facebook page recently? On January 1, we started a new series aimed at reading through the Bible in one year. We are providing a chronological reading plan, which lays out the readings in the order in which events happened. We hope you find this series a meaningful way to move through the year. Connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/OldZionsvilleUCC/>; be sure to "like" our page so you get our posts on your newsfeed!

Here are the readings for July in case you want to catch up:

1-Jul Day 182: Obadiah; Psalm 82-83	11-Jul Day 192: Amos 1-5	21-Jul Day 202: Hosea 8-14
2-Jul Day 183: 2 Kings 1-4	12-Jul Day 193: Amos 6-9	22-Jul Day 203: Isaiah 28-30
3-Jul Day 184: 2 Kings 5-8	13-Jul Day 194: 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12	23-Jul Day 204: Isaiah 31-34
4-Jul Day 185: 2 Kings 9-11	14-Jul Day 195: Micah 1-7	24-Jul Day 205: Isaiah 35-36
5-Jul Day 186: 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24	15-Jul Day 196: 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17	25-Jul Day 206: Isaiah 37-39; Psalm 76
6-Jul Day 187: 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25	16-Jul Day 197: Isaiah 13-17	26-Jul Day 207: Isaiah 40-43
7-Jul Day 188: Jonah 1-4	17-Jul Day 198: Isaiah 18-22	27-Jul Day 208: Isaiah 44-48
8-Jul Day 189: 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26	18-Jul Day 199: Isaiah 23-27	28-Jul Day 209: 2 Kings 18:9-37; 2 Kings 19:1-37; Psalm 46, 80, 135
9-Jul Day 190: Isaiah 1-4	19-Jul Day 200: 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48	29-Jul Day 210: Isaiah 49-53
10-Jul Day 191: Isaiah 5-8	20-Jul Day 201: Hosea 1-7	30-Jul Day 211: Isaiah 54-58
		31-Jul Day 212: Isaiah 59-63

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Supper Club and Lunch Bunch will be taking a break over the summer months but **Sunday Brunchers** will still be meeting after worship. Please join in on **Sunday, August 20** at the Mercantile Club (cash only), 427 Railroad Street in Emmaus.



Welcome all to the next round of GriefShare at Old Zionsville UCC!

We begin meeting on August 29, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. each Tuesday until our 13th session on November 21, 2023. You are welcome to join in anytime, but please register with us so we can have enough books on hand.

We will meet in the lower Social Room which is well heated and air conditioned. The group is free to participate but we ask a donation of \$15 or whatever you can share for the workbook. This is payable at the first session, cash or checks made out to Old Zionsville UCC.

Attending the first session does not lock you into the whole series, but we do hope to have a great group gathered to learn and support each other. Please invite your friends or others who may benefit from this group. You can participate in the program more than once. People who have done so say they have learned more going through it the second time as they continue to heal.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lori. We are excited to offer this wonderful program for all in our community.



Save the Date – Old Zionsville UCC Family Christmas Party
Saturday, December 9, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Superior Restaurant, 102 Main Street, Emmaus
Downstairs Banquet Hall (Handicap Accessible)

More info to follow....

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. Phone number is 610-554-8340.

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.

Right now they are in need of boxes of Macaroni and Cheese and canned pasta meals, any variety. Pick up extra at the grocery store and bring it to Church. Place in the shopping cart in the first floor social room. Thank You.

News from the ATF Room...

ATF Room help is needed Mondays, **August 7, August 21 and August 28** for sorting and storing. If you would like to help come anytime, we will be at the Church by 10:00 a.m. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church. Our next Giveaway will be Monday, September 11 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. till 12 p.m.



News from Music and Worship Committee...

Third Sunday Treats – There will not be any Third Sunday Treats for the month of August. We offer our sincere thanks to Jack and Wendy Yeakel for their faithfulness to this ministry. They are amazing hosts who provide not just food but a Spiritual Welcome to those who enjoy our Third Sunday Treats! Thanks Jack and Wendy!!!



Choir practice will start up again on Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Consider making choir part of your life this Fall!

We are looking for a volunteer to help with changing the Paraments on a Sunday morning when needed. A BIG Thank You to Glenn Shingler for his help, but we now need someone else as Glenn can no longer do this for us.



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 Windows to the Future...

The Fall 2023 Matching Gift Challenge is just around the corner. This year's goal is a \$5,000 challenge. If \$10,000 is raised, the committee will be able to sign a contract to restore and provide protective glass for another twin window. Previous challengers have pooled donations between \$500 and \$2,000. Three members have offered to join the challenge, but additional participants are needed to achieve our goal. Please speak to Pastor Lori or Ruth Stansfield if you would like to participate.



On Sunday, August 20 we will have our popular coin toss booth again this year at the **Vera Cruz Homecoming**, held at Mystic Chain Park, 3718 Main Rd E, Emmaus. We will be providing the coins and those whose coin lands in a dish, gets to keep the dish! If you have items to share for that, feel free to bring them to the bench outside of Pastor Lori's office. We will need help to "staff" the booth between 12 noon and 5 p.m. If everyone just decides to hang out for about an hour we can have a great time together. Our brothers and sisters from the Lutheran Church and the Mennonite Church plan to join the fun too! Food, vendors, activities, music, cake walk, family fun! See you there.



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.



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 July 2-23, 2023

General Use.....	\$7,946.00
Benevolence.....	195.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	0
Windows to the Future.....	468.00
Parsonage Rental.....	1,645.00
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund...	25.00
Cemetery.....	10.00
General Expenses.....	\$9,544.45
includes gas.....	\$ 107.56
includes electric....	\$ 301.61

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!

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 September Newsletter is August 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.

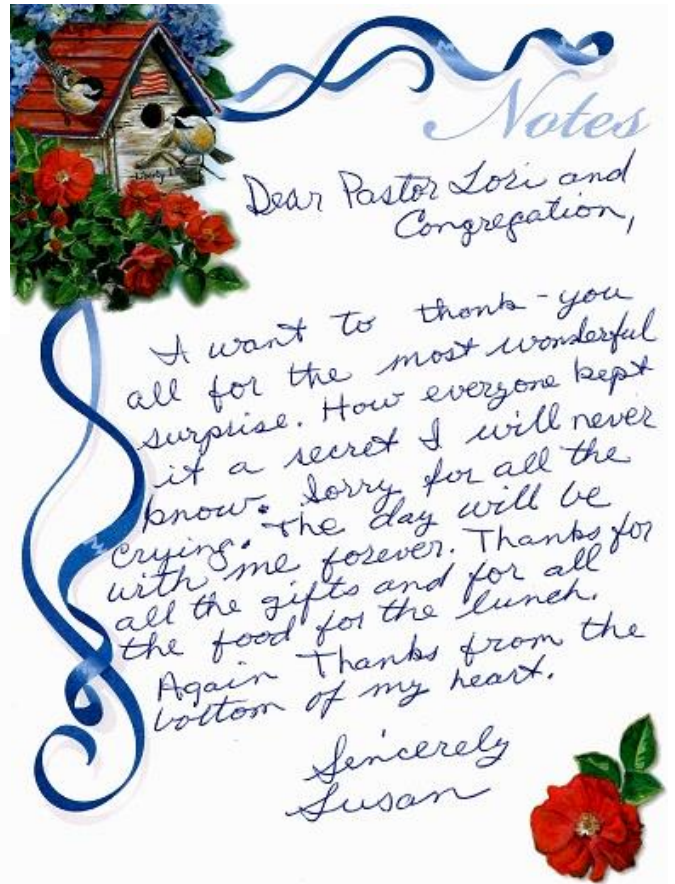


Thank you!

Pas. or Lori,

Thank you for the graduation gift, hope all is well! My new address is the return address on this envelope.

Best,
Lance



Thank you from Blanche Steiner....

Thank you for all the cards I received when I was in the hospital and while at home!



Milford Park Bible Camp is underway!! Be sure to check out their brochure included with the newsletter. Brochures are available for pick up at the church.

Kids, get ready for **Vacation Bible School**, coming **July 31—August 4 from 6:00 pm to**

8:00 pm. at Grace Lutheran Church in Macungie! Pirates will be running around as we learn and play with our "Shipwrecked" theme. It will all happen on a deserted island where we learn that Jesus takes care of us wherever we are. Parents and guardians - pick up registration forms at church, or go to their website gracemacungie.org and click on "classes and interest groups", you will see the link for VBS or download here: [VBS 2023](#).. Turn completed forms into the church office, or drop them in the mail. Get ready to have a good time with some old and new friends at Shipwrecked!



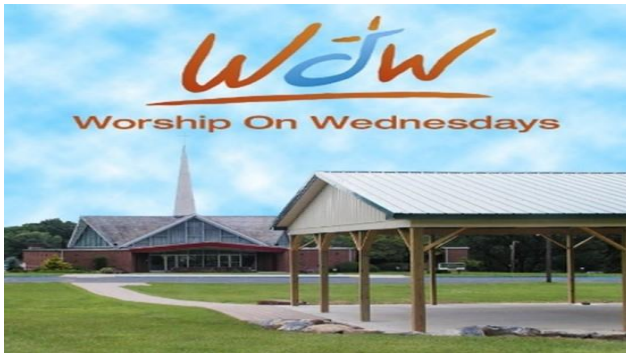
August 10 and August 12, 2023 - **Basket Social** – Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown – 9AM to Noon in the social hall – winning drawings on Saturday at Noon.

According to Phillips Armstrong, our Lehigh County Executive, (as seen in the Lehigh County Newsletter 2023 edition):

Firefighter Tax Rebate

Because the County of Lehigh acknowledges the value and the absence of any public cost for volunteer fire protection, we will be providing a real estate tax credit for active Lehigh County volunteer firefighters residing in Lehigh County.

Be on the lookout for this special rebate all of you firefighters!



St. Timothy Lutheran Church

140 S. Ott Street, Allentown

2023 Worship on Wednesdays 7pm

Welcome Worship Center Pavilion

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FRIENDS OLD AND NEW
It is always a JOY to worship together !

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| August 2 | Union Praise Band, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville |
| August 9 | The Cedar Routes, Orchard Hills Church, Breinigsville |
| August 16 | Grace Notes Gospel Big Band |
| August 23 | St. Timothy Lutheran Church Annual Peach Festival 6-7:30 p.m. |

Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Social & Aid 7pm	2 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Personnel 1:30pm	3 Outlook 7pm	4	5
6 9:30am Communion Worship	7 ATF Sorting 10am Scouts 6pm	8 Cub Scouts 7pm	9 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm	10	11	12
13 9:30am Worship,	14 Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	15 Consistory 7pm	16 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	17	18	19
20 9:30am Worship Pastor's Discretionary Fund Collection Brunch at Mercantile Vera Cruz Homecoming 12-5pm	21 ATF Sorting 10am Scouts 6pm	22 Cub Scouts 7pm	23 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	24	25	26
27 9:30am Worship	28 ATF Sorting 10am Scouts 6pm	29 Grief Share 1-3pm Cub Scouts 7pm	30 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	31		

2023 Summer Program Schedule

Saturday, June 10 8 AM to 2 PM

Community Yard Sale - \$20 per space
Please see our website for more information
or call 484.300.9269 to reserve your space.

Saturday, June 17 6:30 PM

Floyd Foster – Mechanicsburg, PA
floydfosterfehr.com

Saturday, June 24 6:30 PM

The Millers – Winchester, VA
millermusicgroup.org

Saturday July 1 6:30 PM

The King's Brass – Fort Wayne, IN
kingsbrass.org

Sponsored by our friends at:

Stephens Funeral Home of Allentown
Matthew S. Stephens – Supervisor
(Bake Sale by Ladies Aux. begins at 5:00)

Saturday July 8 6:30 PM

The Stevens Family - Warren, OH
stevensfamilymusic.com

Saturday July 15 6:30 PM

The Lesters – St. Louis, MO
thelesters.com

Saturday July 22 6:30 PM

Damaris Carbaugh – Mt. Vernon, NY
damariscarbaugh.com

Saturday, July 29 10:00 AM

Milford Park Ladies Day

With guest speaker **Ann Van Hine**
& worship vocalist Christabelle Braden

Following our morning worship is a catered luncheon at noon. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 & must be purchased in advance. Please call 484.300.9269 for more information

Saturday, July 29 6:30 PM

The Pickerings – Altamonte Springs, FL
pickeringministries.com

Saturday, Aug 5 6:30 PM

Sunnyside – Lancaster, PA
sunnysidebluegrass.com

Monday, Aug 7 to Friday, Aug 11

Bible Study w/ Todd Wolfe 6:30 PM
(Please see the insert for more details)

Saturday, Aug 12 6:30 PM

The Shaw Family – Nashville, TN
theshawband.com

Saturday, Aug 19 6:30 PM

Daryl Mosley – Waverly, TN
darylmosley.com

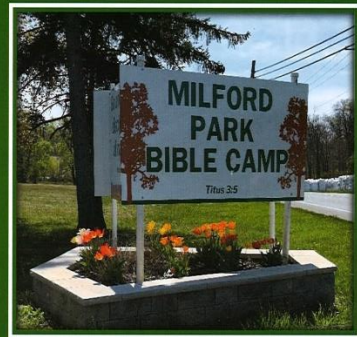
Saturday Aug 26 6:30 PM

The Kingsmen Quartet – Candler, NC
kingsmanquartet.com

Outdoor Services are held in our large open-air tabernacle, and are held rain or shine.

A free-will offering is received for our musicians & speakers, as well as the ministry of Milford Park Bible Camp. Join us throughout the summer & bring a friend!

Dinner platters are available at our Snack Shop from 5:00 to 6:00 PM before each Saturday evening concert this summer! (Our Snack Shop & Camp Store are cash only.)



2023

Schedule of Events

'Trust & Obey'



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