

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

January 19, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

"Fill, Draw, Taste"

Prelude: "Fellowship Medley"

Leatherman

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 36)

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

Invocation (unison)

Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (verses 1, 3 & 4 only)

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality.

Many: Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty.

Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

*Hymn: "There's Something About That Name" p.83
(sing through 2 times)

Scripture: John 2:1-11 p.923

Reflection

Installation of Consistory Members and Recognition of those Retiring
(see insert)

Invitation to Generosity

Whatever gifts we bring may be transformed like water to the best wine. Trust God with what we have to offer. Our trust can sow miracles, reveal Jesus in the world, and magnify joy in our communities. Give with peace that the kingdom overflows with abundance and with hope that our collective efforts make the world new.

Offertory: "Love Medley" Leatherman

* 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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your kingdom on earth. 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: "Freely, Freely"

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*Benediction

One: May you be filled by the presence of God

Many: May you draw from the wells of justice, peace, and righteousness

One: May you taste the fruit of the Spirit As you make the way of Jesus your path in the world

Many: And you make the name of God known in word and deed.

One: Go, in peace and power to love and serve God and neighbor.
Amen and Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Bourgeois



Fill, Draw, Taste: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bedell in memory of parents, John and Doris Roth.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are in memory of Ruth-Ann Schell's Birthday from her son, Christopher.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Marvin and Barbara Kerchner.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Millie Kohler.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.
Loose offering today will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



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.

All Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, January 20 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. If you can help or have any questions, please call or text Millie Kohler.

Share the Warmth collection will run through January. Items to warm someone from the inside to support local food programs: Soup, Hot Chocolate, Tea Bags or Coffee (no coffee beans) can be dropped in the box outside of Pastor Lori's office. Thank you.

Pick up your ordered Soup and Sandwiches on Thursday, January 23 in our downstairs social hall between 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch will be meeting Friday, January 24 at 12 noon at the Trivet on Chestnut Street. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Mark or Linda Weaver. The next **Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, February 12, 6 p.m. at Delizioso Italian Grill on Brookside Road. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know by Sunday, Feb. 9 if you are planning to attend this event. All are Welcome!



The FINAL windows fundraiser is underway. Another handmade quilt has been donated and will be awarded to the highest bidder in a sealed bid auction. The quilt is available in the upper social hall. Bids must be a minimum of \$375 and must be submitted in writing by February 28. The winner will be announced on Sunday, March 2. Drop your sealed bid in the box located below the quilt.

Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, January 24 from 6-8 p.m. in our lower social hall. All ages welcome. Questions? Check with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday Feb. 1** - Join us to watch the movie about local happenings in the Lehigh Valley - The Fries Rebellion. Doors will open at 1 p.m. **for the 2 p.m. showing in our sanctuary.** Come in to pick your favorite seat for this locally produced film about an important time in the history of our own Lehigh Valley. Bring your own blanket and a few bucks for the donation jar. We are hoping to sell hot dogs, drinks and baked goods to make the event more fun. Proceeds will go to support the creation of the film. The movie is about 32 minutes long with a Behind the Scenes look of about 17 minutes to be shown after the film. Invite your friends and family members to join us. (in case of weather issues, check WFMZ or contact me day of). To learn more about it, look up: <https://friesrebellionfilm.com/>

Church Closed? In case of bad weather we will again be posting any cancelations with Channel 69 – WFMZ-TV under their Storm Center Updates. We will announce on WFMZ but always use your own judgment and stay safe.

Week of January 19-25, 2025:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday 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

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Cemetery – Wednesday @ 7pm

Pick up Soup & Sandwiches – Thursday from 3-5:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Saturday @ 12pm at the Trivet

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Worship

Total Offerings from January 12, 2025:

General Offerings: \$1,781.00

Window Fund: \$52.00

Mission: \$20.00

Disaster Relief: \$20.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Parking Lot: \$65.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 51

All are welcome to join in for Grief Care 2025!

We will be meeting at Old Zionsville UCC, 5981 Fountain Road, Old Zionsville, PA (at the bottom of the hill at Kings Highway and Fountain Road - big stone church) on Wednesdays starting May 28 and running through Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Each session lasts about 2 hours from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Enter the church by the office door (office sign above door) on the Fountain Road side of the building or the door marked Chair lift on the same side of the building. Proceed down the stairs. There is a small parking lot there on the Fountain Road side of the building that you may use. Members and nonmembers of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend so we can support one another.

We will meet in the lower Social Room which is air conditioned. All Welcome.

The group is free to participate but we ask a donation of \$15 or whatever you can share for the workbook which we will give to you on the first session.

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.

Here are the basics of what Grief Care is about:

- Grief Care is a Christ-centered, video-based ministry. It helps people grieving a loved one's death.
- Grief Care is designed to reach and help people inside, and outside.
- Grief Care leads to healing and hope.

If you have questions, please contact me. There may be other members from our congregation helping to lead the group. We are excited to offer this wonderful program for all in our community.

Please contact me to register.

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Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY
January 19, 2025

GREETING

L Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

P To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

L Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

P There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

L There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

P The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

L Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

P It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

L If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

P All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

PRESENTATION

L These people have been called by God to serve in various ministries in God's world. They have accepted their call and desire to witness to that call in the presence of this congregation.

*The names of the people and their respective offices or ministries may be read.
The duties of each person may be outlined briefly.*

COVENANT

L Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

INDIVIDUALS I am.

L Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

INDIVIDUALS I do, relying on God's grace.

L (addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?
All who are able please stand.

P We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

L The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. Today, we lay hands upon Susan Hoch, Amber Kriebel and Jack Yeakel for the position of Deacon. (They come forward and kneels/stands at the altar rail).

L May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of *Deacon* in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of *Deacon* in the name of Christ.

L We lay hands upon Kathy Latshaw, who is being consecrated as Elder. (She comes forward to the altar rail).

L May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of *Elder* in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of *Elder* in the name of Christ.

PRAYER

L Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

P Amen.

DECLARATION

L In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Old Zionsville of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are recognized and affirmed in your ministry in Old Zionsville UCC.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

L In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

P Thanks be to God.

Please pray for our 2025 Consistory Leaders

Elders:

Diane Berger
Kathy Latshaw
Cheryl Martucci
Christopher Schell
Brenda Shoemaker
Mark Weaver

Deacons:

Susan Hoch
Amber Kriebel
Roger Miller
Robert Schmeltzle, Jr.
Sharon Trexler
Jack Yeakel

Robin Yoder, Treasurer

We give thanks to Larry Stahler, Ruth Stansfield, Jan Strobel and Gisela Thiel for their many years of service to our Church!

Responsibilities of Deacons:

The responsibilities of a deacon are not clearly listed or outlined; they are assumed to be everything that does not include the duties of an elder or pastor, which is to preach, teach, and exhort. But qualifications for a deacon's character are clearly outlined in Scripture. They are to be blameless, the husband of one wife, a good household manager, respectable, honest, not addicted to alcohol and not greedy (1 Timothy 3:8-12). According to the Word, the office of deacon is an honor and a blessing. "For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 3:13)

Responsibilities of Elders:

- 1) The elders help to settle disputes in the church.
- 2) They pray for the sick.
- 3) They are to watch out for the church in humility.
- 4) They are to watch out for the spiritual life of the flock.
- 5) They are to spend their time in prayer and teaching the word. Simply put, the elders should be peacemakers, prayer warriors, teachers, leaders by example, and decision makers. They are the preaching and teaching leaders of the church. It is a position to be sought but not taken lightly-read this warning: "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness" (James 3:1)