



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesdays & Thursdays

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From Pastor's Desk...

My Missionary Garden by Dora Brorsen

Some money I desired to earn

To send to foreign lands,

So Mother took some garden seeds

And placed them in my hands.

Then earnestly I went to work

With spade and rake and hoe;

I planted every seed I had,

And wondered if they'd grow.

It wasn't long before I saw

Some little leaves of green;

I thought they looked more beautiful

Than any I had seen.

Each day when I came home from school,

I to my garden went;

In hoeing and in pulling weeds,

My leisure time I spent.

My mother said to me, "My child,

You've worked so very well

I'll buy of you, if you desire,

Whate'er you have to sell."

I never tasted anything

So tender and so sweet;

I thanked the Lord most heartily

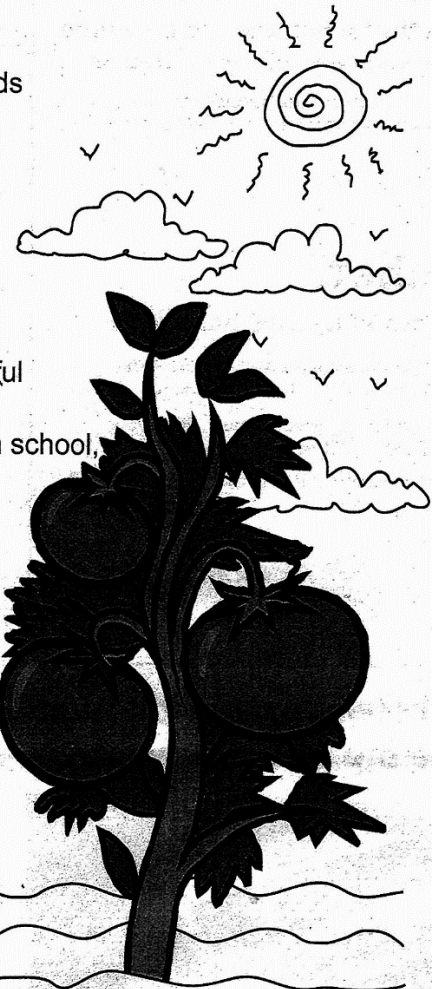
For all I had to eat.

My mother is so good to me,

But God is better still;

Whatever I can do for him,

With all my heart I will.



Blessings, Lori

Dear Church family OZUCC,

As part of the new Keystone Conference, we are now included with all of the UCC churches in Pennsylvania. We learn about churches all over the state. This just recently happened at Trinity UCC, Dorseyville. Rev. Dave Mears indicated that the fire started in the back of the building and spread up to the wooden trusses supporting the slate roof. It burned through there and the ceiling in the sanctuary collapsed (which you can just see in the picture of the sanctuary). They are waiting for insurance adjusters to find out what might be able to be salvaged. Pastor Dave worked as a firefighter and indicated that the damage is severe.

Trinity in Dorseyville is celebrating the 175th anniversary of their congregation this year. Sadly, they were also celebrating the 150th anniversary of their historic sanctuary.

Our Consistory at OZUCC, has decided to take a Joyful Noise Offering on Sunday June 7 to send to support this church family. Is anyone interested in MATCHING an amount the church family gives? Please let me know.

IF you would like to put checks in the JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING, please make them payable to OZUCC. We will send them on to the Keystone Conference as one check in support of this sister church.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks in advance.
Pastor Lori



Trinity UCC Church, Dorseyville, PA

News from Choir...

The Choir will be taking a well-deserved break in July and August. Please consider joining the choir this fall.

News from Christian Ed...

The last day for Sunday School this Spring will be June 7. Classes will resume on September 13. And there is always room for more teachers and more helpers! If you have other questions about Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Lori, Susan Jacobs, or Deb Schoenberger.

Confirmation Class:

You are welcome to go on some field trips with us!

June 19, Friday night. We will go to Temple Beth El in Allentown, South Whitehall Township, to worship with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters. It is a lovely synagogue and the Rabbi will offer us some instruction before we worship. Sadly, they have had to install metal detectors and I have to give them a list of all attendees before we go. The service starts at 6 p.m. and the Rabbi will talk with us at 5:30 p.m. So, departure time from OZUCC is still pending. Let me know if you are interested in going along. It is a wonderful experience. Ask Phil Rhode! He remembers it quite well from when we went with his daughter's confirmation group. No jeans please. Respectful clothing and attitude.

July 25, Saturday. We will travel to Safe Harbor in Easton which is a homeless shelter. We will leave the church around 10:15 a.m. in order to serve them lunch. We will eat with the residents and then play BINGO together. We don't clear our cards until everybody wins at least once! It is fun. We plan to be back at OZUCC around 4 p.m.

July 26, Sunday. We will play BINGO after 9:30 a.m. church at OZUCC. We will clear our cards after at least 3 people win. There will be many varied prizes and we will be serving some breakfast foods. There will be a bake sale too. Please consider donating to our bake sale. It can be homemade granola, trail mix, jello giggles, rice krispy treats, fruit salad, or anything you like. You don't have to heat your oven unless you want to! The money from the bake sale will be used by the class to buy a gift for the church. BINGO and breakfast food will be FREE. Plan to stay a little while after worship to have some fellowship with our church family.

Next Confirmation Class:

Sunday, June 21: class Noon to 2 p.m. after worship

Confirmation Sunday will be September 20 at the 10:15am service.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

Worship Livestream

A reminder that our Sunday worship services are livestreamed each week on YouTube and Facebook and remain available afterward on YouTube. If you're traveling, under the weather, or unable to attend, you can still stay connected — and feel free to share the link with anyone who might appreciate worshipping with us.

Watch on [our YouTube channel](#) or visit [the "Past Worship Services" page on our website](#).

Questions? Contact Beth Massa.

Our Social Media Coordinator has revamped our Web Page! Check it out and see if you can find some interesting facts or things that you didn't know about our church!

<https://www.oldzionsucc.org/>

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Supper Club – RSVP by Sunday 5/31/2026

Wednesday June 3, 2026, 6:00 PM

Hops Fogelsville Hotel

7921 Main St., Fogelsville



Sunday Brunchers – RSVP by Wednesday 6/10/2026

Sunday June 14, 2026, ~ 12 Noon
Mercantile Club
427 Railroad St., Emmaus
CASH ONLY

Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Sunday 6/21/2026

Friday June 26, 2026, 12 Noon
Hamilton Family Restaurant
2027 Hamilton St., Allentown

All are Welcome to join in on these Church events!

News from the Food Pantry...

Thanks to all for participating in our **50 days of food collection for the Food Pantry!** We collected a whopping 327 items for our food pantry in just these 50 days between Easter and Pentecost! Well done good and faithful servants!

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, 5901 Kings Highway South.

Their email address is ZAFP5901@yahoo.com and their mailing address is P.O. Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068.

Any questions, call or text Robin Yoder.

Remember, you can bring items to our Church for the Food Pantry at any time. Stuff needed most for the Food Pantry are: 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...

All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store will be held on Mondays in June at 10am. Stop by to check it out. We can always use extra hands! Thanks in advance for serving the Lord. For further information, please contact Pastor Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522.

Donations for ATF can be dropped off anytime in the stairway by the double red doors on the small parking lot side of the Church. When dropping off donated items please do not block the chairlift path in the stairway. Thank you.

Help is needed for our next Giveaway on Monday, July 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9 for set up. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Pastor Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church.

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

Jelly Collection



We will be collecting **Jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry until June 7**. A collection box is located on the bench outside the Pastor's office. The Food Pantry can obtain Peanut Butter; however, they must purchase Jelly for distribution to their clients. Therefore, there is a more urgent need for Jelly. If you forget to bring your donation by June 7, the Food Pantry is willing to accept your donation at any time.

Penny Party



Thank you to everyone who helped and/or participated with the Penny Party in any way. Attendance was down from last year and rather disappointing. Unfortunately, our profit was only \$225.80, less than half of last year's profit. Therefore, we are not planning to host another Penny Party for the foreseeable future.

News from Music and Worship Committee...

The time of **Worship service will change** from 10:15am to 9:30am on Sunday, July 5th for the months of July and August.

News from Social and Aid...

For the months of June, July, August and September, the Social and Aid Committee will take a break from making soup. They will be selling Ham and Cheese Sandwiches only during the summer months.

June Sandwich Sale. Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in June by our Social and Aid Committee. Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms may be dropped off in the offering plate any Sunday during worship service; call or email the Church office at 610-966-3601, ozuccoffice@ptd.net; or call Annie Souder to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by Sunday, June 7, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, June 18, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**



News from the Cemetery Committee...

Cemetery Plots are still available to purchase. For information, please contact Chris Schell at giantmann007@gmail.com or John Civitts at johncivitts@usa.net.

Old Zionsville UCC Cemetery Plants and Memorials

- No planting of trees, flowers, or shrubbery of any kind.
- Nothing may be placed in the cemetery that would impede the mowing through the rows of graves.
- Winter Arrangements must be removed by Palm Sunday.
- Summer Arrangements must be removed by November 14th.
- Trustees have the right to remove any decorations, wreaths, plants, etc. deemed objectionable or which become unsightly.
- Cemeteries closed: Dusk to Dawn.
- No Pets. Working service animals are allowed in accordance with all Federal and State laws.

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 Office

**Summer Worship begins on July 5th at 9:30 a.m.
Join us early to beat the heat!**

Congratulations to our Graduate!



Sarah Hoch

Join us in worship on June 14 to learn about her future plans!

Our New Keystone Conference has an annual Meeting scheduled for June 5 - 7, 2026. Pastor Lori, Kathy Latshaw, and Diane Berger are going to be away for June 5 and 6 for this meeting at Millersville University.



Sadly, we had to cancel this session of **Old Zionsville UCC's Grief Care**. Stay tuned for a future session.

Join us for the 80th Annual Dillingsville Pilgrimage on Sunday, June 28, 2026. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

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.

Greeters and Liturgists! 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! And thanks to those stepped up and volunteered to be greeters and liturgists! **Greeters are needed on 10/25/26.**

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!!

Thanks to all for your support for our Battery collection to recycle at Staples. They have changed the program so **we are no longer accepting batteries.**

We are still accepting ink cartridges, toner or the like to recycle at Staples. Plus, they take "dead" markers and pens for recycling too. There are collection boxes outside of Pastor Lori's office. Thanks in advance for helping us to get credit for future purchases at Staples.

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 wall 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.

**Thank you note from Rev. Dr. Tiffany De Tienne
of Church World Service (CWS)**



Old Zionsville UCC,
Thank you for your outstanding support of CWS kits! We are so grateful to have you as a partner in mission and ministry. Your hygiene kits are more than just supplies – they are a message of love to each individual who receives them. Thank you for loving your neighbor!
Peace, Tiffany



Offerings and Donations Received from May

General Use	\$7,932
Flowers	\$200
Benevolence	\$410
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$330
Cemetery	\$130
Utilities	\$105
Building Repair	\$125
Bulletins	\$40
Food Pantry	\$0
Communion	\$93
Parking Lot	\$45
Memorial	\$25
 General Expenses	 \$19,308
includes gas	\$690
includes electric	\$304

Note: Does not include offerings/donations from 5/31 service.

Please remember there is a third box on your offering envelopes should you wish to give offering toward our Parking Lot Maintenance, Cemetery, Building Repairs or any Property Expenses. Just designate in what area the money should be placed. Thank you.

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. There is a 1/2 sheet of green paper with room for you to explain your reimbursement request in the office on the shelf above Robin's In-box.

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 Mission 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 Ellie can cancel our arrangement with Rich Mar Florist for that Sunday. Thank you!

**Deadline for material to be included in our July Newsletter is
June 21. 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.

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June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	2 Ellie out of office 7pm Cubs	3 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Ellie out of office 6pm Supper Club Hops Fogelsville Hotel	4 Ellie in office 10-2 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Keystone Conference Ellie in office 10-2	6 Keystone Conference Ellie in office 11:30-1:30
7 9:00am Sunday School (last day for summer) 10:15am Communion Worship Sandwich Orders due	8 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	9 7pm Cubs 7pm FUN Group	10 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 7pm Finance	11 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 10:15am Worship, Graduate Recognition Day 12 noon Sunday Brunchers, Mercantile Club	15 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	16 7pm Consistory	17 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	18 Sandwich Pickup 3-5pm 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Confirmation Class & Others to Temple Beth El	20
21 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship (last 10:15am worship for summer) 12 noon -2:00pm Confirmation Class	22 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	23 7pm Cubs	24 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 7pm Cemetery	25 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	26 12 noon Lunch Bunch Hamilton Family Restaurant	27
28 Dillingersville, 10:30am Worship <i>See flyer in this</i> <i>newsletter for more</i> <i>information.</i> No worship at OZUCC	29 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	30 7pm Cubs				

***Join us for the 80th Annual Dillingersville
Pilgrimage on Sunday, June 28, 2026
at 10:30AM!***

7226 School House Lane in Zionsville

Experience an outdoor service under a large tent, surrounded by the beauty of nature at the historic 1841 stone schoolhouse. The combined Lutheran, Mennonite, and U.C.C. congregations will gather for a service at 10:30 a.m.

*Worship will be followed by a **picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods for sale.***

"John and Calvin" (Pat Snyder's nephew's band) will be performing some Jazz Fusion. What better way to commemorate the 250th birthday of the US than to have a presentation of the uniquely American music form of Jazz

*If you love to bake, please consider donating one of your delicious desserts to support this beautiful and historical schoolhouse. Bring your dessert(s) to the schoolhouse with you prior to the 10:30am service on Sunday, June 28 **OR** for more information or to get your donation to the church before June 28, please contact Lori Esslinger at 610-393-3522.*

***We need people to help serve the food for lunch** at Dillingersville, June 28. Please speak with Pastor Lori or Annie Souder if you can help.*

*We need **helpers to load tables** and other things onto trucks on **Saturday, June 27**, before Dillingersville. **Thank you!!***

Walk with Family Promise to Combat Child Homelessness

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley is excited to be chosen to participate again in the **Annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community** on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, at **DeSales University**.

This fundraising walk supports local health and human service agencies.

Your participation will raise awareness and aid families with children combating homelessness in our community. Thanks to Highmark Inc., all funds raised by us will go directly to **Family Promise**.


Let's walk together to make a difference!

We hope you can join us.

- Registration is free! However, walkers can fundraise for **Family Promise** if they wish
- To qualify for the **2026 Highmark Walk T-shirt**, you must meet the following requirements:
- Be a registered walker AND have a minimum of \$30 credited to your walker account by the walk date. All T-shirts will be given out on-site.

How you can help?

- Watch for and share walk information on our **Family Promise** [Facebook Site](#)



*Let my teaching fall like rain
and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass,
like abundant rain on tender plants.*

*Deuteronomy 32:2
NIV*