

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
**5981 Fountain Road, P.O. Box 215**  
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Rev. Lori Esslinger

Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

June 21, 2026

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**"And God Heard"**

Prelude: "Morning Has Broken"

Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 86)

One: The Holy One is great and does marvelous things. Delight in God!

**Many: The Holy One gladdens the soul. We lift them up!**

One: In the day of trouble, we call on Comforter and Protector, Counselor and Provider, Companion and Peace.

**Many: The Holy One soothes the soul. We call upon their name!**

One: The Gracious and Eternal God gives ear to our prayers and listens to our cries.

**Many: The Holy One hears the soul. We turn to our God in hope and faith!**

**Invocation** (unison)

**Merciful and Compassionate God, we come into your presence. Be near to us as we draw closer to you. Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope, and have been overwhelmed by our fears. Be near to us as we sing, pray, give, and receive. We praise you for your goodness and worship you for who you are. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "Rock of Ages"**

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**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

One: Listening God, we acknowledge that you know us. You are familiar with our attitudes, behavior, and character. You ground us in the fertile soil of your love.

**Many: Yet, we confess that at times, we feel rooted in sand. We observe our life circumstances, and hope may collapse under despair, fear may overcome courage, and uncertainty drives out faith. Help us, O God, when we cry out and when we don't. Speak to us so that your message drowns out any other voice, including our own, that believes less for us than your promises offer. Do a new thing in us, for us, and through us. Amen.**

### **Words of Grace**

Beloved, the Holy One has observed, received, and acknowledged your need and your hope. In Christ, new life has been revealed, opened, and modeled for you. By Spirit, the Holy One leads us into renewing and transformative life. This is God's will for each and all of us. The love and strength of God will sustain us through every trial and propel us through our journey of hope, healing, and wholeness.

**\*Hymn: "Just as I Am"**

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Scripture: Genesis 21: 8-21

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Reflection

Celebrating the Men in our Church

### **Invitation to Generosity**

The Holy One invites us into our generous life. Let us bring our resources together in order to support the ministry of this and the wider church and meet the needs of our community and world. Our giving testifies to the goodness, graciousness, and abundance of God. Let us recognize and respond to the cries of our neighbors and siblings with our resources offered in love.

Offertory: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Dykes

**\*Presentation of our Gifts and "We Give Thee but Thine Own"** page 816

**We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving** (unison)

**Holy One, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give. Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kingdom and glory. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (spoken/seated)

**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, forever. Amen**

**\*Hymn: "God Be with You"**

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**\*Benediction**

As you go,

Speak up for the marginalized

Give voice to injustice

Express cares and concerns of your own household

Make a joyful, hopeful, and grateful noise

And remember that the Still Speaking God is also Still Listening

**\*Extinguishing of the Candles**

**\*Postlude: "Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength"**

Hughes

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***And God Heard: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year A*** 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 given by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Latshaw in honor of their 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 27.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Linda Benner in memory of Anna & Joseph Benner.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Jan Strobel.

**TODAY'S GREETERS** are Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk.

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.

Join us for the **80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage next Sunday, June 28, 2026**. Please see further information in the **flyer in this bulletin, in the June Newsletter, and on the table in the Narthex.**

**We are looking for at least 8 people to sign up to be food servers for Dillingersville lunch - June 28 around 11:30 a.m.** Please sign up with Pastor Lori. We are serving the food that Social and Aid committee is preparing and serving the gluten free and onion free food the caterer is preparing.

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

**Sermon Series for the Summer will be *Women in the Bible*.**

**July Sandwich Sale. Ham and Cheese Sandwiches** will be offered to purchase in July by our Social and Aid Committee. Ham and Cheese sandwiches are \$5.00 each. Please make checks payable to Old Zionsville UCC. Order forms, which may be found in this

bulletin or in the Narthex, 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 at 610-966-5242 to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by Sunday, July 12, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, July 23, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:00-5:00pm.**

**The Dorseyville church, which suffered the effects of a fire a few weeks ago,** was presented with a check from our Conference for \$10,000 to help with restoration. A single donor shared a check for \$50,000 to help with restoration. **Our Joyful Noise Offering** was taken on Sunday June 7, for the Trinity UCC, Dorseyville. Our Total dollars received was \$494.89. Consistory voted Tuesday evening to send a total of \$1,000.00. This will be made up of various donations and we thank all! The donation will be sent to the Trinity UCC in support of their recovery from the fire. Thanks for BEING The Church of Jesus Christ!

### **Confirmation Class:**

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

**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:**

**Today,** June 21, Noon to 2 p.m. after worship

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

### **Lunch Bunch – RSVP by Today, 6/21/2026**

Friday June 26, 2026, 12 Noon

Hamilton Family Restaurant

2027 Hamilton St., Allentown

**Sunday Brunchers, Lunch Bunch, and Supper Club will not meet in July and August.**

**All Things Free (ATF) Sort & Store** will be held every **Monday 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.

**Help is needed for our next ATF 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 11 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.

## **Statistics learned at the Keystone Annual Conference Meeting, June 5-6, 2026:**

1. The Keystone Conference has 507 churches.
2. **Our 50 days of food collection brought in 39,328 items. OZ UCC contributed 327 of those items!**
3. 600 people were registered for the Annual meeting held at Millersville University. Pastor Lori, Kathy Latshaw, and Diane Berger went as our delegates.

We have **2 almost new car booster seats for children** under 7 years old. See Pastor Lori if you can use them. **FREE**

**Greeters and Liturgists!** Please consider being a Greeter or a Liturgist during Worship. Call or email the office to get your name added to our List. Thank you! And thanks to those who have stepped up and volunteered! Greeters are needed on 10/25.

**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!  
<[www.oldzionsucc.org](http://www.oldzionsucc.org)>

## **Week of June 22 through June 28:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday, 10am-3pm.  
(other times by appointment)

Church Hours: Tuesday 11:30am-1:30pm, Wednesday 10am-2pm &  
Thursday 12-4pm  
(please call before coming to make sure secretary is in the office)

Monday: 10am ATF Sort & Store  
6pm Scouts

Friday: 12 Noon Lunch Bunch, Hamilton Family Restaurant

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

## **Next Sunday, June 28**

**10:30 a.m. Worship at Dillingersville**, no worship at OZUCC

## **Total Offerings from June 14, 2026:**

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| General Offerings: \$1246.00 | Pastor's Discret.: \$45.00 |
| Ben/Missions: \$90.00        | Flowers: \$30.00           |
| Comm.: \$5.00                | Bldg. Repair: \$10.00      |
| Parking Lot: \$20.00         | Cemetery: \$10.00          |
| Attendance: 54               |                            |

***Join us for the 80th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage  
NEXT 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.*

*At 12:30PM we will be treated to an improvisational performance by guitarists John and Calvin, local musicians who will be playing a variety of songs you'll be sure to recognize. Relax and enjoy the music as you take in the beautiful surroundings. This unique concert will be a highlight you won't want to miss!*

*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!!***

**Old Zionsville UCC**  
P.O. Box 215, Old Zionsville, PA 18068  
**July Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sale**

For the months of 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.**

Pickup will be on a Thursday so you will be able to sell sandwiches at work and deliver them for lunch on Friday! **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](mailto:ozuccoffice@ptd.net); or Annie Souder to place your orders. Keep the bottom of the form below for your records if you sell to others. Proceeds will be split between the Church and the Cemetery Association to help pay bills.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, July 12, 2026. Pick up will be Thursday, July 23, 2026 between 3:00-5:00 p.m. in our downstairs Social Hall.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches:** \_\_\_\_\_

**at \$5.00 each: \$**\_\_\_\_\_



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

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