



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Tuesdays 11:30am-1:30pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays

10am-2pm

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From Pastor's Desk...

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

by St. Francis of Assisi

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace;
And where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Blessings, Lori

News from Choir...

The Choir will be taking a well-deserved break in July and August. Please consider joining the choir this fall. We will start up again with rehearsals on Thursday, September 10th with singing in Church on Sunday, September 13. All are welcome to join in, Thursday rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m.

News from Christian Ed...

No Sunday School for August. Sunday School classes will resume on September 13 at 9 a.m. each Sunday. 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: Meeting on Sunday, August 2 from 10:30am to 12:00 Noon.

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!
<www.oldsionsucc.org>

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Sunday Brunchers, Lunch Bunch, and Supper Club will not meet in August. Please join us in the Fall! Information to come in September Newsletter.



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, 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 August 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 Sherri Harrison.

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.

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

- The annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th** this year. Faith Uniting Neighbors Group would greatly appreciate a volunteer(s) from the congregation to solicit donations for the baskets from area businesses.
 - A letter is included at the end of this newsletter and may be copied for multiple uses. If anyone can assist us, please contact any member of the Group.
 - A form is also included at the end of this newsletter for anyone who is interested in reserving a table and/or space at the bazaar...space is limited, so if you're interested get your form in as soon as possible.

News from Music and Worship Committee...

Our summer schedule of worship at 9:30 a.m. concludes on September 13, when we begin our fall schedule of Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10:15 a.m. Communion will be served that day. Mark your calendars :)

New Resource for Those Sharing Special Music

One of the blessings of our congregation is the willingness of members and guests to share their musical gifts in worship. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or offer another musical gift, we are grateful for your participation.

To help everything come together smoothly—including scheduling, rehearsal, technical preparation, and livestream licensing—the Worship & Music Committee has approved a new Preparing Special Music for Worship guide.

The guide explains what information to provide, recommended timelines, and who to contact with questions. If you're thinking about offering special music during worship, we encourage you to take a few minutes to review it before making plans.

The guide is available on our website under Worship With Us → Share Your Gifts, or directly at: <https://oldzionsucc.org/share-your-gifts/>

Thank you for helping us make worship meaningful for everyone!

News from Social and Aid...

August Sandwich Sale. Ham and Cheese Sandwiches will be offered to purchase in August 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 at 610-966-5242 to place your order. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Cemetery Association. **Orders must be received by Sunday, August 9, 2026. Pick-up will be Thursday, August 20, 2026 between 3:00-5:00pm in our downstairs Social Hall.**



In June, the Sandwich Sale profits were \$401.81. \$321.45 to the Church and \$80.36 to the Cemetery.

News from the Cemetery Committee...

Cemetery Plots are still available to purchase. For information, please contact Chris Schell or John Civitts.

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

The Sermon Series for this Summer, 2026, began July 5 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will continue through August.

Pastor Lori has picked 10 women in the Bible that we will focus on, one per week. She won't tell us the order, so we will have to come to worship to find out who is "on deck" for the day. Here they are: **Hagar, Dorcas, Miriam, Lydia, Jezebel, Deborah, Priscilla, Phoebe, Eve, and Esther.**

Most of them are "good girls" except for one or maybe two. See you in worship so we can decide together.

As promised the "Answer Key" for the A-to-Z list of Biblical Women (Old Testament) is at the end of this Newsletter.

*****The small parking lot near the parsonage is being resealed on Tuesday, August 4th and will not be useable until Friday, August 7th.*****

We are planning to print a new membership directory in August. If your address, email address, or phone number has changed recently, please be sure to let us know.

OZUCC is joining the Lehigh Conference of Churches in their 4th Annual Back-to-School Drive. Last day for donations is Aug. 2. There is a box on the bench outside Pastor Lori's office for your contributions. Just a thought: Staples is having a school supply sale right now where most needed items are 25 cents each. The needed item list is in your newsletter but here are the highlights: #2 pencils, pencil cases, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, markers, crayons, colored pencils, folders, rulers and a few more items if you wish to provide them. The offices of the Conference of Churches are in Allentown and the supplies will be distributed at a BASH there later in August. Thanks in advance for your support.

250 Years of America! Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026 at Lenape Park. See flyer in the Narthex and at the end of this Newsletter. All of the churches have been asked to help prepare activities for the children throughout the afternoon. **If anyone has some ideas of games or team activities that we can play we are looking for ideas and volunteers.** If you can help, even for only an hour, please let Pastor Lori know. Some colonial games suggested so far include: Hoop rolling, Hopscotch, Spinning Tops, Tug of War, Button on a String.

Here is the tentative time schedule for Sept. 5:

Parade starts at the Historical Society and marches to Lenape Park - approx. noon to 12:30 p.m. There will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the park.

Children's activities from **1 - 5 p.m.**, including a Petting Zoo from **2 - 4 p.m.**, a Balloon artist, games, and other fun activities.

Old Time Music **1 - 3 p.m.**, Kelly Planer and The Perks **3 - 5 p.m.**

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 or email the office 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.

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 18, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

Take These Steps to Help End Hunger in Our Community and throughout the World:

1. Put on your calendar: Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, 1:30 PM—Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk.
2. Go to www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa to donate and/or sign up to walk.
3. Spread the word to family, friends, and other members of your congregation/group/business! Ask them to donate and/or walk!
4. If your congregation/group/business doesn't have a CROP Hunger Walk recruiter, ask how you can help.

Our CROP Hunger Walk gifts support the vital ministries of the Lehigh Churches Conference Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank with neighbors experiencing food insecurity in our area.

Our CROP Hunger Walk gifts also support the life-saving work of Church World Service with our neighbors who are struggling in the aftermath of floods, fires, droughts, and other disasters throughout the United States and the world. THANKS for Making a Difference for Our Neighbors in Need!



Offerings and Donations Received from July 2026

General Use	\$7,829
Flowers	\$0
Benevolence	\$350
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$148
Cemetery	\$70
Utilities	\$70
Building Repair	\$70
Bulletins	\$10
Trinity UCC Fire	
(Anonymous match)	\$250
Communion	\$88
Parking Lot	\$0
Memorial	\$1,000
General Expenses	\$11,605
includes gas	\$110
includes electric	\$320

Note: Does not include July 26, 2026 offerings/donations.

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 ½ sheet of green paper with room for you to explain your reimbursement request in the office on the shelf above Tammy's In-box.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors

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 September Newsletter is
August 20. Please place all info in the Secretary's mailbox
or email to the office at ozuccoffice@ptd.net**

Hospitals do not notify churches when their members are admitted; please let us know should a loved one become hospitalized. Thank you

Deaths of Members and Friends of our Church: Funeral for Ron Wetherhold was held on July 12.

We pray for this grieving family as they remember their loved one in peace.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship, Communion 10:30am-12 noon Confirmation Class	3 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	4 Small Parking Lot Resealed – not useable	5 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Small Parking Lot Resealed – not useable	6 Small Parking Lot Resealed – not useable	7	8
9 9:30am Worship Sandwich Orders Due	10 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	11 7pm FUN Group	12 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm 7pm Finance	13	14	15
16 9:30am Worship	17 10am ATF Sort & Store 6pm Scouts	18 7pm Consistory	19 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm	20 3-5pm Sandwich Pickup	21	22
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August Ham and Cheese Sandwich Sale

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Orders must be received by Sunday, August 9, 2026. Pick up will be Thursday, August 20, 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, August 20, 2026 in our downstairs Social Hall
between 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

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250 years of America!

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026

All Welcome!*

Event by Upper Milford Historical Society

***Events begin with a parade (at approximately 12 Noon-12:30pm)
from the Upper Milford Township Building to Lenape Park.***

Brandywine Colonials lead off with a fife and drum setting the mood, followed by a color guard, fire trucks, scouts, veterans, and more marchers!

At the park, a Colonial Re-enactor will recite the Declaration of Independence for all to hear, as was done throughout the nation 250 years ago.

Also at the park, there will be four food trucks, Old Tyme Music from 1-3pm, followed by Kelly Planner & the Perks from 3-5pm. Bring your own chairs! Dance and sing along!

From 1-5pm there will be children's activities such as games, a petting zoo from 2-4pm, a balloon artist, and more delightful ways to celebrate!

We are grateful to our generous sponsors:

Jeff's Auto Service Center, Harned Durham Energy LLC, Saylor's Lawn and Landscape, Zgura Concrete, Eden East Landscaping

****OZUCC has given permission for people to park in our lot for free that day to stand and watch the parade.***



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To Whom It May Concern:

On November 14, 2026, Old Zionsville United Church of Christ is having a Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction. We hope to have a number of baskets filled with a variety of items that people will purchase chances to win. Proceeds from the Basket Auction will benefit the church and local charities.

We would like to ask your company or agency to help us with this Basket Auction. You could do this by providing us with merchandise that we could include in a basket, a gift certificate for your product or service, or a cash donation that would be used to sponsor a basket. You do not need to provide the basket. We would be happy to pick up any merchandise you would donate to us. All your contributions would be tax deductible. Our federal tax identification number will be provided, if required.

If you can help us, please call the church at 610-966-3601 or
Jan Strobel _____.

Thank you from the
Faith Uniting Neighbors (FUN) Group



Psalms 113:3
From the rising of the
sun unto the going
down of the same the
LORD'S name is
to be praised.

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Our 29th Annual Bazaar and Filled Basket Auction will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 2026**, from 9:00 until 3:00.

All crafters and vendors are welcome to help us make this bazaar a success. The cost for a space is \$7.00; a space with a table is \$10.00. In addition to the bazaar, purchase tickets for a chance to win the basket of your choice; there will also be great food available. If you're interested in reserving a spot or know another crafter or vendor who would be interested, please return the registration form below with payment. Thank you.

(Checks should be made payable to
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ)

Any questions contact: Deb Schoenberger

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Type of Craft or Product _____

Choose One: Table & Space (\$10) _____

Space (\$7) _____

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Women of the Old Testament Answer Key

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