



Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

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Wednesday, June 4-10am-3pm

Wednesday, June 11-10am-3pm

Wednesday, June 18-10am-3pm

Wednesday, June 25-10am-3pm

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm

(please call before stopping in)

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From Pastor's Desk...

In a classroom full of students a professor asks:

If you had \$86,400.00 and someone stole \$10.00 from you, would you:

Throw away the \$86,390.00 you still have or try and get your \$10.00 back?

Or would you just let it go?

They all said they would let it go.

Then he told them, you have 86,400 seconds every Single day.

This time is so much more valuable than money.

You can always work for more money, but once a Second passes you can never get it back.

Ever.

Every time someone upsets us, it probably took 10 seconds, so why do we throw away the other 86,390 seconds worrying about it or being upset?

We all make this mistake.

It is time to start letting the little things go.

Blessings, Lori



Sunday, June 1 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship, Communion

Monday, June 2 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, June 4 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care
6:00 p.m. Supper Club

Sunday, June 8 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Last Day for Summer
9:45 a.m. Second Sunday Treats
10:15 a.m. Worship, Celebrating Grads
Ham & Cheese Sandwich Orders Due

Monday, June 9 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, June 11 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

Sunday, June 15 - 10:15 a.m. Worship, Loose offering goes to Pastor's Discretionary Fund
12:00 p.m. Sunday Brunchers

Monday, June 16 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, June 18 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

Thursday, June 19 - 3:30-5:30 p.m. Pick Up Ordered Sandwiches

Saturday, June 21 - Iron Pigs Game

Sunday, June 22 - 10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 23 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store

Wednesday, June 25 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

Friday, June 27 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Sunday, June 29 - 79th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage, 10:30 a.m. Worship will be held at Dillingersville Schoolhouse, 7226 School House Lane, Zionsville followed by a German-style picnic lunch, 12:30 p.m. performance by Palzer Krischer

NO WORSHIP AT OLD ZIONSVILLE TODAY! Go Directly to Dillingersville.

Monday, June 30 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Sort and Store



Looking Ahead☺

Wednesday, July 2 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

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

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

Wednesday, July 9 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

Saturday, July 12 - 10:00 a.m. ATF Set Up for Giveaway

Sunday, July 13 - 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sandwich Orders Due

Monday, July 14 - 4:00-6:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Wednesday, July 16 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

Saturday, July 19 - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ATF Giveaway

Sunday, July 20 - 9:30 a.m. Worship

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

Wednesday, July 23 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Grief Care

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

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

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 Christian Ed...

The last day for Sunday School this Spring will be June 8. Classes will resume on September 7. 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.

News from Computer and Media Committee...

If you can't attend worship on Sunday, not to worry! We livestream our service every Sunday at 10:15am (9:30am during July and August) 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.

If you have any questions about using our Website, or finding our Worship Services online, please send an email to Beth Massa (massaed@hotmail.com).

News from the Evangelism and Membership Committee...

Supper Club will meet on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Peppe's Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver by Sunday, June 1.

Sunday Brunchers will meet on Sunday, June 15 at 12 noon at the Mercantile Club (cash only), 427 Railroad Street, Emmaus. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark by Tuesday, June 10.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, June 27 at 12:00 p.m. at the Bally Family Diner, 1605 PA-100, Barto. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark Weaver by Sunday, June 22.

All are Welcome to join in on these Church events!



Grief Care is starting on **Wednesday, May 28 from 6-8 p.m. in the lower social hall and will end on July 23.** This 9 week course is free to participate. The workbook costs \$15 or whatever you can spare. We have discussion, a video lesson and the workbook activities to complete at home each week. All are welcome to the air conditioned space where we have snacks, hopeful discussions through the pain of loss and commonality in our journey as Christian people. Please reserve your space with Pastor Lori ASAP. Bring a friend who is struggling. It will help you too! Text, email or call for more information. Brochures with more details are located at both entrances to our church.

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.

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...



If you would like/able to help on Monday mornings with sorting and storing all items received for our Giveaways, we welcome your help and are at the Church on Monday mornings by 10:00 a.m.

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 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12 for set up. If you are able to help or have any questions, call or text Millie Kohler. Thanks in advance if you can offer some time to this worthwhile ministry of our church.

News from the FUN Group...

Faith Uniting Neighbors

Into the Dreamtime Healing Sound Bath

FUN Group is sponsoring a Dreamtime Sound Healing program on **Wednesday evening, October 1...**mark your calendars...more information will follow closer to that date. Maureen (Moe) of Lehigh Valley Drum Circle and the Large Flowerheads offers an onsite sound meditation program.

Sound meditation is the next generation of relaxation. She offers sound meditation with crystal singing bowls and gongs. A gong bath is a deep listening experience that will allow you to journey or take you to a meditative state. The result will leave you feeling rejuvenated and revitalized.

The program lasts 90 minutes, which includes relaxation exercise to begin and time for grounding when the meditation is over. She performs in the sanctuary and people can lay on the floor or sit/lay in the pews. You are welcome to bring pillows and/or blankets for your comfort.

Please let a member of FUN Group know if you are interested.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection

We will once again be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. This year our collection dates will be from May 1 through Sunday, June 8.

News from Music and Worship Committee...

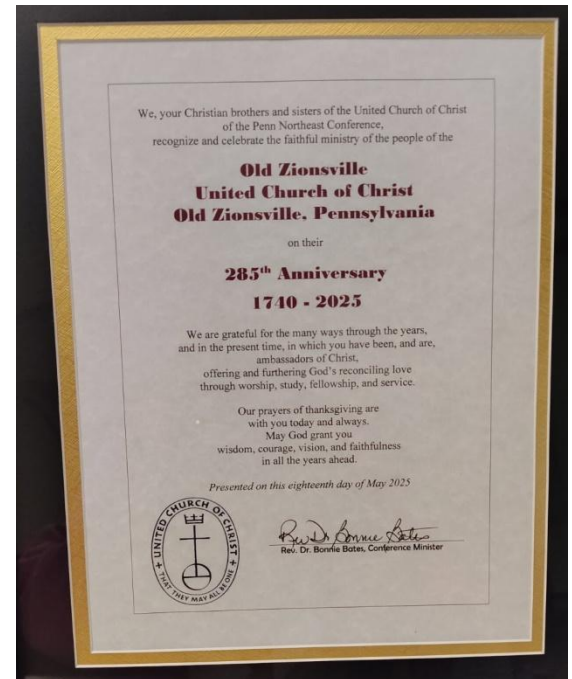


Second Sunday Treats - Join us for some delicious snacks to boost your energy for Worship, flavorful coffee and fellowship provided by Wendy and Jack Yeakel in the **lower social hall** starting at **9:45 a.m.** on **Sunday, June 8.** This will be our last Second Sunday Treats for the summer and will resume in September.



We recently had the pleasure of welcoming The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates on her farewell tour of churches as she prepares for retirement! She presented our congregation a

Certificate for turning 285 years old. We expressed our congratulations and thanks to Bonnie for her service to the Penn Northeast Conference for these last important years as our Conference Minister and as she heads off into a well deserved RETIREMENT!



Looking forward to the 79th Annual Pilgrimage

Join us for the **79th Annual Dillingersville Pilgrimage** on **Sunday, June 29, 2025**, for a memorable day of worship, history, and community! Experience an outdoor service under a large tent, surrounded by the beauty of nature at the historic 1841 stone schoolhouse, located at 7226 School House Lane in Zionsville. The combined Lutheran, Mennonite, and U.C.C. congregations will gather for a service at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a German-style picnic lunch and delicious homemade baked goods. Stay for an exciting **12:30 p.m.** performance by **Palzer Krischer**, a German/PA Dutch folk group, featuring local musician Scott Reagan and his band from Altrip, Germany. This unique concert, blending PA Dutch and Palzisch (Palatine German), will be a highlight you won't want to miss!

Calling All Bakers!!!

There will be a bake sale as part of the events at the 79th Annual Pilgrimage to the Dillingersville Schoolhouse. 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 29th.** Please keep in mind that there is no refrigeration available, so you may want to consider not using icing on your dessert. For more information, please contact Teresa Marks at 610-509-1488 (cell number). Thank you!

Open House! Saturday, June 28 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse! Experience first-hand this one-room school which is on the National Register of Historical Places.

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 for \$5.00 each. Please find an order form attached. Orders are due by June 8, 2025. Pick up will be Thursday, June 19 in our downstairs social room from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thank you for your support.



News from SonShine Group...

Wooden Crosses – We are selling wooden crosses to place on the Cemetery, for your flower beds at home or to hang on your wall. These are beautifully made and decorated. See samples after Worship. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki on a Sunday morning or call/email the Church Office.

News from Windows to the Future...



The committee reported in April that the windows capital campaign was fully funded and concluded. No additional fund raising or donations needed. Quite amazing! The final step was to complete the exterior work on the nativity windows in the spring. Unfortunately, a very soggy spring impacted Cumberland's schedule. But, Bryan tells us they are catching up and hope to head our way mid-June. Soon we can say, "All done!"

News from the Youth Group...

Youth Group will be on a break for the summer. Enjoy your travels and come back ready in the fall to continue learning, laughing and growing with us at Old Zionsville UCC "Yoth Grop". We are NOTHING WITHOUT U!

Questions about Youth Group? Speak with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller. If you would like to serve as a leader, speak with Pastor Lori. We could use one more leader at this time. Thanks in advance. See you all there! ☺

Summer Worship begins on July 6th at 9:30 a.m.
Join us early to beat the heat!

News From the Office



Attention Soon-to-be Grads! Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name and the name of the school in next month's newsletter. We would love to hear any future plans you would like to share with your church family also. You may call the church office, send us an email, fill out the enclosed form and put it in the secretary's mailbox or even drop the form in the offering plate any Sunday morning. **We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 8.**

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.

Do you have **batteries** ready to throw away? Don't throw them away! **Bring them to the church to recycle!!** We are still collecting **all kinds of batteries to recycle** at Staples. To date we have raised over \$200 toward Staples purchases. There are small boxes at the front and ramp doors for your "contributions." Or you can put bags of batteries outside of Pastor Lori's office. Thanks! Keep them coming. You are an awesome support of this interesting way to recycle and get credit at Staples for future purchases.



Staples will accept the following kinds of batteries for recycling:

Batteries to recycle by bringing them to the boxes at church:

- Lithium ion (Li-Ion)
- Nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH)
- Nickel zinc (Ni-ZN)
- Non-rechargeable lithium
- Rechargeable nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Single-use alkaline
- Small sealed lead acid (SSLA/Pb)

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!

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 May

General Use.....	\$11,703.25
Benevolence.....	467.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	140.00
Building Repair.....	170.00
Utilities.....	20.00
Parsonage Rental.....	2,000.00
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund...	50.00
Cemetery.....	1,155.00
General Expenses.....	\$15,532.86
includes gas.....	\$784.15
includes electric.....	\$250.88

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.

If you have 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 Rich Mar Florist for that Sunday. Thank you!

**Deadline for material to be included in our July Newsletter is due
June 22. 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.



Welcome New Members:

**Barbara (Barb) Huebner
Tyler Miller and Beth Oswald and family**

**Please help to welcome these new members into the fellowship of
Old Zionsville UCC!**

Thank
You

Pastor Lori,

Words can not convey our familiar gratitude to you and the church family of Old Zionsville UCC. Your prayers, kind words, cards for her birthday and get well wishes were shared with our mom while she was in the hospital. She loved sending cards to each and everyone of you. She had been in church in February for Boys' and Sunday, and always loved chatting with the members of the church.

The church of Old Zionsville was her church since she was a child and the church, worship and prayers gave her peace -

DURING A TIME LIKE THIS
to learn how much our
Thank you
family and friends

really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will *always* be remembered.

The daughters of Blake
Amy, Shelia, Debbie + Trish

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June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Worship, Communion	2 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	3	4 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Supper Club 6pm Grief Care 6pm	5 Choir 7:30pm	6	7
8 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am 2 nd Sunday Treats 10:15am Worship Graduate Sunday Sandwich Orders Due	9 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm Property 7pm	10 FUN Group 7pm	11 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Finance 7pm Grief Care 6pm	12 Choir 7:30pm	13	14 
15 Happy Father's Day 10:15am Worship Loose offering will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund Sunday Brunchers 12pm	16 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	17 Consistory 7pm	18 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Grief Care 6pm	19 Pick up Ordered Sandwiches 3:30-5:30pm Choir 7:30pm	20	21 Iron Pigs Game
22 10:15am Worship	23 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm	24	25 Pastor Lori Office Hours 10am-3pm Grief Care 6pm Cemetery 7pm	26 Choir 7:30pm	27 Lunch Bunch 12pm	28
29 Dillingersville Annual Pilgrimage 10:30am Worship under the big tent	30 ATF 10am Scouts 6pm					

June Sandwich Sale

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.

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; or Annie Souder to place your orders. Keep the bottom 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, June 8, 2025. Pick up will be Thursday, June 19, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Total # of Ham & Cheese Sandwiches: _____

at \$5.00 each: \$_____



Pick up Thursday, June 19, 2025 in our downstairs Social Hall
between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Calling all graduates and families of graduates! We want information from you! **Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 8, 2025 at our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.** We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you and also offer you a small token of our congratulations! Please complete the following information and return it to the church office (may be dropped in offering plate) ASAP so we can prepare for the celebration! Thanks!

Name of Student _____

Son/Daughter of _____

Graduates (ed) from (name of higher learning facility):

Date of graduation or expected:

Month: _____ Year: _____

with a degree of (Associate, Bachelor, Masters, etc.)

in _____

(name of field of degree, i.e. business management, computer science, etc.)

Future plans include: (i.e. going on to Penn State, finding a career in..., etc.)

Anything else special you would like to mention?

