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I recently found myself confronted with the question "What do you stand for?" Even the question itself has multiple interpretations – it can mean symbolically representing, physically rising, or philosophically supporting (and sometimes all of the above at the same time). Having been ordained in 1991, female pastors were significantly outnumbered. I found that wearing my clergy collar helped identify me at a glance with little need for introductions or explanations as I showed up in ERs and hospice settings. My collar helped make it clear I stood as a pastoral presence.

We all *stand* in many and varied situations that call for an indication of respect or great significance. We used to stand when an elder entered the room. Some older gentlemen still stand at the arrival or departure of a woman. We stand for the Hallelujah Chorus and a bride's entrance at her wedding, for many parts of our worship, and most of us at the playing of our national anthem. We've been teaching the confirmation class about creeds, and noticing that we stand to affirm our faith – an indication of respect and acknowledgment of something of great significance.

I was standing recently – in the cold along with a couple hundred other people. We were standing because we believed in the importance of people's not being judged for who they are or how they're dressed and wanted to make our statement of love stronger than a message of judgment that was being conveyed. We wanted children to be given an opportunity to hear a story of acceptance and compassion. By chance about 3.5 seconds of "my stand" was included in a news clip and I am still learning the impact. I've heard from people who have been harmed by judgmental churches now seeking a welcoming one. I've been asked for ways to learn more about diversity. I just learned that from the incident that February 2nd every year will now be "Inclusion Day" in Lansdale – a definite step forward in understanding each other better.

We often don't know the big differences that can be made by seemingly simple actions. I did not grow up in a church that administered ashes on Ash Wednesday, and even when I have received them, it has been late in the day and seldom seen by anyone but family. Last year, it was noticed and I was told I had gotten some dirt on my forehead, which provided a great opportunity to share an explanation to a young man for whom ashes and lent and a place he could feel welcome were a foreign concept. A stand I could have easily missed.

We are entering into a part of our church year that we often use for reflection about our faith, our understanding of what Jesus' sacrifice means to us and what God asks of us – perhaps encouraging us to consider what we stand for and to do it more boldly. Rather than "giving up" something, my conviction this year is love more people in more ways and more places by more methods than I ever have before. My slogan for that is "speak love louder" – in word and deed. May you, throughout this Lenten season experience and share God's love in a deeply meaningful way.

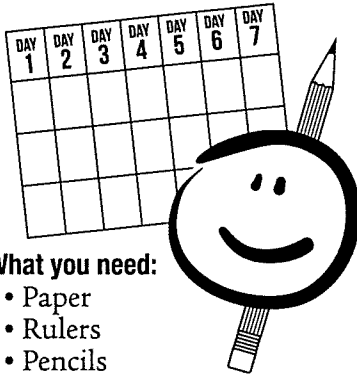
Pastor Elaine

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DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1–2:3 for reference)

What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.



Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

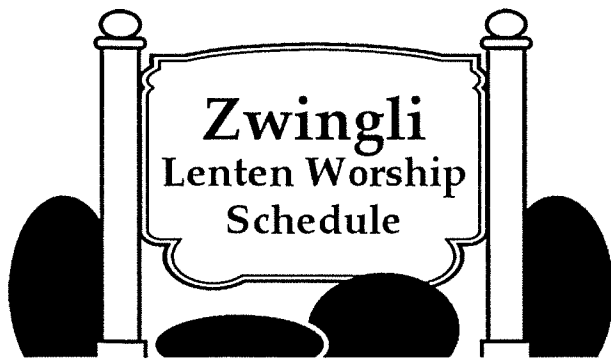
Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

 1	 3	 4	 5	 3	 5	 2
 4	 5	 2	 5	 5	 4	 3
 3	 6	 5	 4	 6	 5	 3
 6	 3	 6	 3	 6	 5	 6
 2	 6	 6	 1	 6	 1	 4
 6	 5	 3	 6	 5	 7	 6
 3	 6	 7	 4	 6	 6	 3

Day 1 (light) ____ Day 2 (waters) ____ Day 3 (land and plants) ____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____

Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ Day 6 (land animals and people) ____ Day 7 (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2



LENTEN PROGRAM 2019

The Ecumenical Wednesday Evening Lenten Program and Worship Services will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 69 W. Broad Street, Souderton from March 6 – April 10. On the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, a simple soup supper will be served at 6:00 pm followed by the service at 7:00 pm. Holy Week Worship Services will be held at Zwingli Church.

Ash Wednesday Service @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church

March 6, 2019 at 7pm
Imposition of Ashes
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wednesdays, March 13 – April 10, 2019 @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church

6 pm Soup Supper
7 pm Worship Service

The theme for the Wednesday evening services will be "The Symbols of Lent." We will use particular symbols from scripture to explore our faith during the Lenten journey. The symbol and themes for each evening service are listed below:

March 13: Mark 14:26-31 (The Rooster) – How do we deny Jesus?

March 20: Colossians 2:11-15 (Nails) – Do we believe Jesus nailed all our sins to the cross?

March 27: Luke 22: 40-46 (The Cup) - Do we really mean it when we pray "Thy will be

done?" What are the sources of strength and courage as we strive to follow God's will?

April 3: Matthew 26:14-16 (Silver Coins) - What is our price to betray Jesus?

April 10: John 19:1-6 (Crown of Thorns) - How does Jesus still suffer in the world today?



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday @ Zwingli UCC

April 18 at 7pm
Foot Washing, Healing Prayer/Anointing,
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Good Friday @ Zwingli UCC

April 19 at 7pm
Tenebrae Service

We are deeply grateful for the various opportunities to widen our own sense of worship and to experience the ecumenical cooperation with our neighbors and friends at Emmanuel Lutheran. Our lives are busy and consistent attendance at mid-week services can be challenging. However, as we walk through the 40 days to Easter, please make every effort to join us for these special services and fellowship opportunities. Let us come together as a people of God and experience all that Lent offers.

HELP WITH LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS 2019

During the five weeks of Lent, Emmanuel Lutheran will host soup suppers on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm before 7 pm worship. We will be providing soup, bread

and dessert for March 20 and April 3. Emmanuel Church will be in charge of March 13, March 27, and April 10. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in making soup, providing bread or dessert!



GOOD FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Trinity UCC Telford invites the men of Zwingle to the annual Good Friday Men's Breakfast to be held at Trinity UCC, 101 S. Main St., Telford, on April 19 at 7 am. All male friends, family, and coworkers are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship. The schedule consists of a brief opening promptly at 7 am followed immediately with breakfast (scrambled eggs, meat, potatoes, toast, juice, coffee, and pastry). After breakfast, there will be a message and closing. Everything will finish by 8 am allowing the men time to leave for work. Deadline for tickets will be Palm Sunday, April 14. Cost is \$5. Please see Dale Woodland for tickets or if you have any questions.



SUNRISE SERVICE - SAVE THE DATE!

The youth will be hosting the Sunrise Service at 6 am on Easter Morning (4/21). We hope you can join us! This year, the Shepherds will be hosting a meal following the service. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for sign-ups. Hope to see you there!



EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 13th we'll be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt! This event is designed for children through fifth grade and will include crafts, a small scavenger hunt and of course, the egg hunt! We will also have a visit from the Easter Bunny, so don't forget your cameras! There will be time after the egg hunt to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! The event kicks off at 10 am. We hope to see you there!

LOOKING FOR EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

The Educators are looking for volunteers to help with Zwingle's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year the egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13. We're in need of egg hiders as well as folks to help at activity stations and to lead groups out to the egg hunt areas. For more information please see one of The Educators, Nikki Bechtel, Monica Jalboot, Erin Chalmers or Jen Smeed. You can sign up on the Christian Education bulletin board. Thank you!

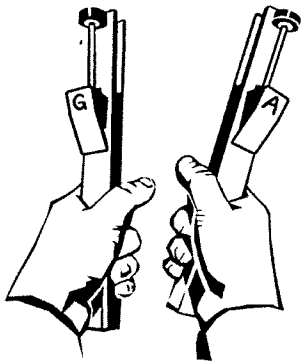


EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

This year we are in good shape for eggs, but need INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, NON-NUT candy donations that will fit inside a standard plastic egg. Donations can be

placed in the box by the Educator's bulletin board. Below is a list of candy to choose from:

Hershey Kisses - Plain - no nuts
Mini Hershey Chocolate Bars - Plain - no nuts
Jolly Rancher Hard Candy
Twizzlers
Mike and Ikes
Swedish Fish
Sour Patch Kids
Airheads
Dots
Junior Mints
Tootsie Rolls
Gobstoppers
Laffy Taffy
Life Savers
Life Savers Gummies
Starburst
Skittles
York Peppermint Patties



Children and Youth Chime Choir

Chime Choir's next session is March 10, 17, 24, play in church on the 31st. The rehearsals are at 11:30 on Sunday morning following Sunday School. On the 31st, please be at church at 8:40 am for a run through. We will play just before the Children's Sermon. Anyone 5 or older is welcome. Please see Janet Whitefield or email jntwhite863@gmail.com to commit your child or youth to being there for all rehearsals.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR SERVICE DAY UPDATE

The many successes of our MLK day event can be seen in the nearly 150 volunteers who came together to focus on the needs of others in our community. Participants were of all ages, from the community and 6 area churches whose clergy also participated in our worship service. For **Peaceful Living** we assembled 100 Administrative Catalogues
For **Joni & Friends** we created dozens of friendly welcome cards
For **IV Boys and Girls Club** we filled 75 snack bags
For **local First Responders** we created 150 Thank you bags
For **Generations of Indian Valley** we filled 190 snack bags
We converted about 2000 plastic bags into 3000 yards of **plarn** to crochet into waterproof mats
For **The Lutheran Home at Telford** we created 35 Valentine placemats and cut out (200) and sewed (12) clothing protectors
For **Peyton Hearts** we helped in various ways to create, tag or sew 600 hearts that will be used to deliver messages of love to students, veterans, and anyone else who needs a message of encouragement to

help stem the growing number of suicides all around us

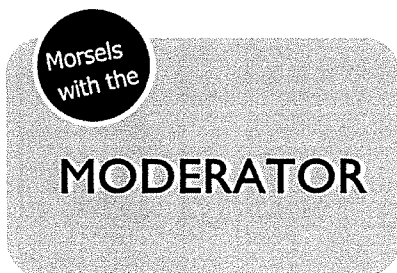
For **Little Zion** we helped finish off 2 of the quilts they donate to Lutheran World Relief.

For **Mitzvah Circle** we helped sort and match many dozens of pairs of socks

For **Zion Mennonites Table of Plenty** we cooked 16 gallons of soup (in 3 different flavors)

For **Keystone Opportunity Center** we donated the offering of \$306.00

It is truly amazing how much can be accomplished in such a short time when we all work together - different ages, sizes, faiths, backgrounds nationalities, traditions, abilities, and passions, but all caring about others. Thank you. Let's do it again next year!



Morsels with the Moderator will meet in Room 3, the second room on the right in the Education Wing, on the fourth Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour. Do you have questions about the life of Zwingli U.C.C? Join Ed Bibic for discussions about what's happening at Zwingli. Bring your snacks, coffee, and questions!



A HEALTHY MOMENT

Everyday Preventive Actions Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

By Kristie Lowery

"Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you."
Exodus 23:25

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends three actions to fight flu:

1. The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year.
2. If you get sick with flu, take prescription antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain health conditions, and pregnant women.
3. Take everyday preventative actions that may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This article contains information about everyday prevention.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly eyes. Many other viruses spread in this same way. People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days

after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

What are everyday preventive actions?

1. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
2. If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
3. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
4. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
6. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
7. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs that can cause respiratory illnesses like flu.
8. If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

What additional steps can I take at work to help stop the spread of germs that can cause respiratory illness, like flu?

1. Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces like

doorknobs, keyboards, and phones, to help remove germs.

2. Make sure your workplace has an adequate supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes.
3. If you begin to feel sick while at work, go home as soon as possible.

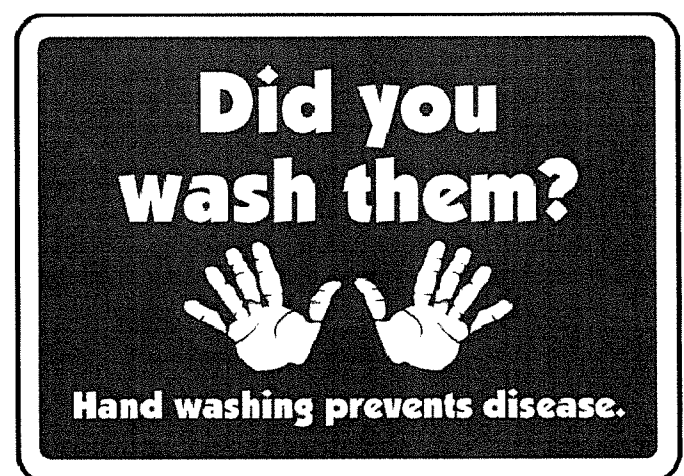
What additional preventive actions can I take to protect my child from germs that can cause respiratory illness, like flu?

1. Make sure your child's school, child care program, or colleges routinely cleans frequently touched objects and surfaces, and that they have a good supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes on site.

Everyday preventive actions can help slow the spread of germs that can cause many different illnesses and may offer some protections against flu.

Reference

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www.CDC.gov/flu





Faithful Giving: Giving and Receiving

"Moreover, when God gives any person wealth and possessions, and enables them to enjoy it, to accept their lot and be happy in work ... this is a gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that God also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

Solomon, when he followed his father David as King of Israel, had an opportunity to ask God for anything he wanted. Instead of asking for money and riches, he asked God for wisdom and knowledge. God not only gave him wisdom and knowledge, but also provided wealth in abundance. Solomon said that our belongings and resources are a gift from God, as is the ability to enjoy the fruit of our labors, which is another way of describing the money that we earn. The key is to realize that whatever we do and however we spend the money God has entrusted to us is a reflection of our faith in God.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and resources reflects our faith in God? The Bible contains a great deal of instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "So whether you eat

or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon believed that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God and reflect our faith. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and God's work here at Zwingli UCC.



MINISTRY OF STEWARDS QUARTERLY UPDATE

2018	Offering	Budget	Balance/ Deficit
1st Qtr	\$80,136	\$89,556	(\$9,420)
2nd Qtr	\$93,418	\$89,556	\$3,862
3rd Qtr	\$84,246	\$89,566	(\$5,320)
4th Qtr	\$96,968	\$89,566	\$7,402
YTD			
Totals	\$354,768	\$358,224	(\$4,049)

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATES

The end of year financial report for 2018 indicates that the offering income compared to the budget resulted in a negative balance of \$4,049. The offering received compared to ministry expenses is a positive balance of \$18,828.39. The interpretation of this report is that after all expenses were paid, there is \$18,828.39 remaining in the checking account. However, if all budgeted items had been expended, there would have been a deficit. The Ministry of Stewards would like to thank the congregation for their generous and faithful support of our stewardship for this church. *Once again,*

the year has ended with a positive balance!

Electronic giving allows for continuous giving, even when members cannot attend worship services. This form of giving helps to sustain the financial status of the church when attendance is low, especially during summer months. If you have not done so, please consider electronic giving. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) forms are available in the church office, on the cabinet to the left of the sanctuary, and in each attendance sign in book.

MORTGAGE UPDATE

The year-end mortgage balance is \$130,444. The original mortgage following the fire was \$750,000. That is a reduction of \$619,556 over 8 years. That is absolutely a commendable accomplishment. We praise God for the tremendous financial support of our congregation!

The private loan remains at \$149,000 and will need to be paid after the mortgage loan has been paid and closed.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Zwingli UCC.

SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

*****NEW!*****

FUNDRAISING WITH FOOD

We are pleased to launch a new program that partners us with Fasageo's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 724 Ridge Rd., Sellersville, PA. Fasageo's will return 10% of any food sales purchased to Zwingli. You just need to inform them when placing your order for dine in, pick up, or delivery

that you are a member of Zwingli. It's that simple!

GROCERY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

By purchasing **store gifts cards** from Zwingli Church, you help contribute 5% of your store spending to the general fund of our church. AND, it doesn't cost you a cent. Gift cards for **Giant Stores, Landis Supermarket, or Shop-Rite** can be purchased in the church office during the week or in the atrium on Sunday mornings. The monetary value of the gift cards are \$25, \$50, and \$100. Thank you for your participation in this program!



Would you like to sponsor the flowers in the chancel one Sunday morning? Order forms as well as the sign-up sheet are located next to the office window. The sponsorship costs \$34. If interested, please fill out a form located next to the office window, attach payment, and place in mailbox #24 or in the offering plate.



Would you like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person? The sponsorship cost is \$15.00 which helps alleviate some of the paper cost involved in creating bulletins every Sunday. If you're interested, please fill out a form located next to the office window, attach payment, and place in mailbox #4 or the offering plate. Be sure to include the exact wording you prefer.



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When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase to the Zwingli UCC general fund. Just go to smile.amazon.com, designate Zwingli United Church of Christ as your charity, and start shopping for all your needs! Or type in this link which will take you directly to Zwingli's Amazon page:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6291301>

Zwingli has been issued a \$98.22 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of your purchases through AmazonSmile and designating Zwingli as your charity! This donation was based on shopping between October 1 and December 31, 2018. Thank you, Zwingli family and friends!



ADULT EDUCATION AT ZWINGLI

Bible Study meets at 10:30 in the Bright Space. Come for lively discussions. Come for interesting topics. Come and know your scriptures better.

ADULT ELECTIVES CLASS SCHEDULE

This class meets in the Parlor unless otherwise noted.

March 3 Bible Study

Bible Study will meet jointly with the Adult Electives class in the Parlor.

March 10 Just Eating

Just Eating? While this phrase could mean only eating, the word just also means 'being honorable and fair in one's dealings.' This play on words captures a paradox that addresses the fact that eating can be a mundane activity done with little thought or reflection; or it can be an opportunity to thoughtfully live out our faith and practice justice."

Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table has been prepared by a Collegium sponsored by the United Church of Christ that calls us to integrate the commitments and practices of our faith into the way we eat. The study uses scripture, prayer and stories to explore key aspects of our relationship with food. The objective for participants is to develop an understanding of how food connects us with God and all of creation. Food is a basic need. Using the Christian practice of the Eucharist as our starting point, we will explore what it means to eat well in relationship to our own bodies, other people and the earth.

Kristie Lowery will review the concept of Just Eating and will share how the study can be used as a Lenten focus for the weeks leading up to Easter.

March 17

Pearl S. Buck; The Enduring Legacy

In recognition of Women's History Month, Susie Woodland will share the story of Pearl S. Buck who was raised by her Presbyterian missionary parents. She was exposed to Buddhism by her Chinese Amah (Nanny) which fostered her tolerance of other religions. Primarily because of her disenchantment with the missionary movement she ultimately disavowed formalized religion.

Her award of both the Pulitzer as well as the Nobel Prize, relatively early in her literary career, eclipsed later recognition of her humanitarian efforts. Where a part of her legacy should be identified by her literary celebrity, her enduring legacy should be measured by the Bridges of Understanding she created on behalf of the marginalized of our society.

Come join us as we explore how she wove the fiber of her professional life with her vocation as an activist and humanitarian.

March 24

Autism

We are pleased to welcome Deb Springer, Director of the Autism Center at Penn Foundation who will share with us information she provided last year for clergy. She shared how faith communities can provide a genuine welcome and a safe place to worship for families with a family member on the autism spectrum. She will help us expand our "toolbox" of items that are comforting and our knowledge of needs that we can use in understanding others better. Hope you'll join us.

March 31

Faces of Jesus Part II

The Faces of Jesus: What image do you have of Jesus? Our faith in Christ can take many forms and is connected to various theologies, scripture and tradition. The way we imagine Jesus, or react to images of him, is also varied and depends on our upbringing, our current belief, and the many images depicted in the Bible, in art or popular culture. This class will focus on particular images and how they speak to us in the context of our present-day culture and the many issues we face today. The class will be led by Pastor Butch and you, the participants!!

April 7

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet jointly with the Adult Electives class in the Parlor.

April 14

Diversity Awareness Training Part 2

Due to the high level of interest in Diversity Awareness, we are offering another session on this topic. Part 2 will address the question, "How do we align our unconscious bias with our consciously held beliefs?" Dr. Angela Mosby, will facilitate this discussion through her presentation. We invite you to come and participate as we strive to increase our diversity awareness and understanding on this topic.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION INFORMATION

Rotation Information

Prodigal Son

Dates: February 17th - March 3rd
Showcase Date: March 10th

The Sower

Dates: March 10th - March 31st
Showcase Date: April 7th
*March 31st we'll be planting seeds as part of our mission project.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SHEPHERDS

Sign-ups for the rest of the program year are now up on our Sign Up Genius page - you can find this in your weekly Z-News or online under the Christian Education tab of Zwingli.org. If you're available in leading or helping with our Children's Sunday School classes, please sign up there. Any questions can be directed to Erin Chalmers (reds2@hotmail.com) or Nikki Bechtel.

FLASH

FLASH - SUNRISE SERVICE PREPARATIONS

If you are in 6th - 12th grades and you want to help plan the Sunrise Service, come out each Sunday at 10:30 am from 3/10/19 until 4/14/19 to help plan for this awesome service. Bring your creative ideas of what you'd like the service to look like. In the past we have done the hand/cup clapping from Anna Kendrick's "Cup Song" to an Easter Song, performed Disturbed's version of "The Sound of Silence" and played April Fool's jokes.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP HELP NEEDED

Want to be involved with a great group of youth from our congregation? Monica is looking for someone interested in helping to plan and run one or two of the events that have been a big hit with our youth in the past: The Service Scavenger Hunt and/or 30 Hour Famine. If you are interested, give Monica a call for more information. (267-664-2713 or thejalboots@gmail.com)



Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, March 21st** to discuss our March book of the month, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Discussion questions can be found on the Christian Education bulletin board. Limited copies of our book are available to borrow. Contact Nikki Bechtel, bech.nikki@gmail.com, with any questions or to grab a copy of the book.



L.Y.F.T.
NEWS

Our LYFT Ministry class will meet on March 3rd, continuing to discuss our efforts to raise spiritually healthy children. More information was requested about several of the "99 Steps". Hope you'll join us in The Bright Space at 10:30. We enjoyed a very successful game night last week and are planning a bowling event for March. Watch for details as they are determined.



LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

From March 6 to April 18, Zwingli UCC will collect food and comfort items for U.S. military personnel serving overseas. The collection is managed by Operation Eternal Gratitude (OEG), a student led service club at Central Bucks South High School. Ashley Lyon, a member of OEG and Venturing Crew 401, is working with Zwingli UCC members to collect items.

Suggested items are:

- Coffee (one lb bags or less)*
- Beef jerky*/ Ramen Noodles
- Travel sized toiletries/ Lip balm*/ Foot powder (gold bond)*/ Baby wipes*/ Sunscreen
- Boot Socks (dickies)*
- Recent Magazines/ Playing Cards
- Ziploc bags (quarts)*/ Sharpies
- Multi Vitamins
- Cookies/ Boxed Crackers/ Chips
- Sunflower seeds*/ Mixed nuts/ Trail mix/ Granola Bars/ Power bars
- Gum/ Mints/ Hard Candy (Jolly Ranchers, mints, life savers)
- Individual Drink Mix (Gatorade, etc.)
- * Highly requested items.

If you would prefer to make a financial donation of cash or check, you may donate through Central Bucks South Student Activity Fund (for more information go to <https://www.cbsd.org/southoeg>) or use a blank donation envelope and mark "OEG" on the envelope.

CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Fund offering. A total of \$1,357 was collected and forwarded to the conference. As a ministry of the Pension Boards, it provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers & lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. Again, thank you!



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

JANUARY BLOOD DRIVE

A total of 17 pints of blood were successfully collected, down 4 pints from last January. Possible contributing factors were the malfunctioning of the machines that test iron in the blood which delayed the start and the exceptionally frigid weather that day. Thank you to all who braved the weather! We have three more drives to attempt to catch up.

The next drive will be at Zion Mennonite Church on April 16th. Mark your calendar!



AN EXCERPT FROM OUR PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MINISTER

"UCC Congregations Positively Affecting Their Communities"

One of PSEC's 2020 Vision objectives was "to see 5 cities or towns being positively affected by the presence of a UCC congregation as measured by the quality of life standards (i.e. education, housing/homelessness, crime reduction, employment opportunities, health/wellness (of those communities."))

That objective was reached in several towns of the Schuylkill Association. The pastors and lay leaders of local churches there worked together in response to summertime flood damage in and around their communities. The Mayor of Tremont, PA, Mr. Ricky Ney presented a plaque, now in the keeping of St. Peter's UCC, Tremont, in gratitude for all that the United Church of Christ did in support of the people in Tremont, Pine Grove, Hamburg and the surrounding areas.

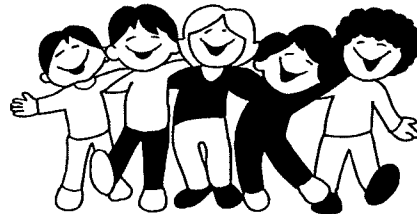
The Ministry of Missioners approved \$1,500 to be sent to the Schuylkill Association to help with the clean up and recovery in that area. Just another example of how Zwingli shows God's love to others.



A SNAPSHOT OF ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL

February was a month full of hearts and love! We enjoyed making many winter and valentine projects.

We had a fun-filled Valentine Party and a visit from a dental office to learn about teeth health. In between, the older students learned the letters Oo, Pp, and Qq and the numbers 8 and 9. The younger children learned the new color: pink (red + white=pink) and the shape of a heart. What an action- packed month!!



Zwingli Nursery School is now accepting registration for the 2019-20 school year!

Reserve your spot today!

Please call the church office, visit

www.zwingli.org/zns

or see Lisa Cinciripini for a registration form.

Classes held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 11:30 am.

BULLETIN MAILINGS

Would you like a bulletin mailed to you on a weekly basis? If you have difficulty attending church Sunday mornings but would like to experience our worship time and keep up with the announcements, please call the church office and we will add you to our weekly bulletin mailing list.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE MAILING CREW?

If so, come out and join us on the last Wednesday each month (except for July & December) at 9 am in the Conference Room as we talk and laugh and put together the monthly mailing.



STAY INFORMED

If you want to stay current on what Zwingli Ministries and Council are doing, pick up a Pre-Council Report from the memorial desk in the atrium. See the wonderful ideas that are being shared by your leaders!

KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Keystone Opportunity Center gratefully accepts non-cash donations of food, household cleaning and paper products, toiletries, etc.

Current food pantry needs would be enhanced by the following donations:

- Fresh Produce: apples, oranges, bananas, carrots, potatoes, onions, celery, bags of lettuce
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix (complete)
- Pancake Syrup
- Meals in a Can: spaghetti w/meatballs, ravioli, beefaroni
- Baked Beans
- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, ham, salmon
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit in juice
- Condiments: ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, and oil
- Sugar (1 lb. box or 5 lb. bags)
- *Laundry Soap
- **Paper Towels
- *Toilet Paper
- * (These are items cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps))
- Gluten Free, Sugar Free and Low/No Sodium Products (for families with special dietary needs)

We ask that you please check the expiration dates on all donated items

Any donation from the list above, whether large or small, is always greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Dembrosky, Food Pantry Coordinator at 215-723-5430 Ext. 101 or Carol Doyle, Food Pantry Assistant at Ext. 123. Thank you for taking the time to think of those in need.

Please place your donations in the collection box in the coatroom at Zwingli.



MARCH 10 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR
THE APRIL MAILING IS
MONDAY, MARCH 18
PLEASE INCLUDE ANY
INFORMATION FOR ALL
OF APRIL AND THE
FIRST TWO WEEKS IN MAY.



**Note to the Mailing Crew and anyone else
who wants to help: We will meet on**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 9 AM

to send out the mailing next month.

USHER DUTY

March 3	Bobbie and Obie Ralphs Merrill and Shirley Brown
March 10	Jack and Judy Dunn Ed Rodrigo, Lew Rodrigo
March 17	Joanne and LaMar Kratz Jonathan Kratz, Lee Hunsicker
March 24	Tom and Janet Whitefield Pete and Pam Myers
March 31	Gladys Amspacher, Ed Alderfer Jim and Joey Bush
April 7	Mark Comden, Erin Chalmers Dale and Susie Woodland
April 14	Jessica Chinault-Jalboot, Nick Jalboot Joan and Phil Heckler
April 21	Charles Frederick, Marian Eide Carol and Dave Reiff

GREETERS Bobbie Ralphs 215-855-5840

March 3	Laurie Reynolds, Gail Zimmerman
March 10	Rick and Missy Rogers
March 17	Wendy Kerrigan Rorer, Paul Rorer
March 24	Sue Wack, Beryl Yoder
March 31	Randy and Janet Wile
April 7	Dale and Susie Woodland
April 14	Gladys Amspacher, Ann Marie Gribosh
April 21	Nikki, Casey and Allison Bechtel

MONEY COUNTERS

Steward on Duty

Jessica Chinault-Jalboot

215-703-3446

March 3	Don McCarter, Joan Yeager
March 10	Bob and Carol Wenger
March 17	Nikki Bechtel, Carolyn Leake
March 24	Joan and Phil Heckler
March 31	Jessica Chinault-Jalboot, Tara Kuhnsman

Steward on Duty

Tara Kuhnsman 215-721-1354

April 7	Sue Wack, Tara Kuhnsman
April 14	Ed and Liz Bibic
April 21	Stewards

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS

March 3	Mark Comden
March 10	Sue Wack
March 17	Curtis Jernigan
March 24	Ed Bibic
March 31	Rick Rogers
April 7	Tom Kramlik
April 14	Lisa Cinciripini
April 21	Curtis Jernigan

GIFT CARD SALES

March 3	Lisa Cinciripini
March 10	Beryl Yoder
March 17	Esther Wack
March 24	Maureen Hartman
March 31	Bobbie Ralphs
April 7	Lisa Cinciripini
April 14	Beryl Yoder
April 21	Esther Wack

ACOLYTES

March 3	Owen Alderfer
March 10	Madison Klausfelder
March 17	Ryan Chalmers
March 24	Mason Scovronski
March 31	Miles Smeed
April 7	Trevor Alderfer
April 14	Alex Jalboot
April 21	Mia Scovronski

NURSERY

March 3	Nikki Bechtel
March 10	Missy Rogers
March 17	Kay Jalboot
March 24	Liz Bibic
March 31	Pam Myers
April 7	Monica Jalboot
April 14	Laurie Reynolds
April 21	Lisa Cinciripini

REFRESHMENTS

March 3	Ministry of Stewards
March 10	Ministry of Evangelism
March 17	Ministry of Trustees

REFRESHMENTS CONTINUED

March 24 Ministry of Missioners
March 31 Erin Chalmers, Lois Hunsicker
April 7 Ministry of Shepherds
April 14 Charlotte Kramer, Joey Bush
April 21 Carol Reiff, Karen Rosenberger

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