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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1-5, NRSV)

In a few months, delegates, friends and visitors will gather for the 32nd General Synod of the UCC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am thankful to be one of 31 PSEC delegates to the general Synod this year, which will be held June 21-25. The theme for the Synod is based on Matthew 5:16: *In the same way, let your light shine before others....* It is a passage from the Sermon on the Mount that encourages followers of Jesus to let the light of Christ within them shine in the world. It is a theme that also echoes John 1:4-5 about Jesus, and is what we are inspired to do as a people who live in the glow of the resurrection.

When we gather in Milwaukee, there will be plenty of time to meet with other UCC folk from around the country as we worship, attend workshops, volunteer, hear inspirational speakers, have activities for youth who attend and, of course, conduct the “business” of the national church. We will vote on budgets, the election/re-election of two national officers and new members of the board of directors, and consider 21 resolutions. The resolutions focus on a variety of issues including societal concerns (e.g., immigration, the environment, denouncing white supremacy and racism), the understanding of what it means to be the church and live in covenant, and the merger of the MA, CT and RI Conferences into one new conference, among others! Some decisions will be binding (the merger, budget, election of officers/board of directors). However, other decisions around the resolutions speak “to” and not “for” the UCC in its many manifestations (local church, associations, conferences). Since we are a church based in covenantal relationships, these latter decisions should be taken seriously at every level, though each local church, association and conference can choose whether to follow the lead of the national gathering in approving or adopting a particular stance or witness.

Although some may feel somewhat removed from General Synod and its decisions, what is accomplished there can and does influence the priorities of the local church, associations and conferences, and model ways to go about making decisions. I remember attending the General Synod in 2007 in Atlanta with youth from our church. One of the major decisions at that gathering was whether to approve a resolution supporting equal rights in marriage. What was really impressive to me was the way the church in its national manifestation dialogued about this resolution in respectful and constructive ways, even amidst disagreement. Instead of sliding into polarization and ugly, demeaning arguments, the methods used allowed for truly hearing stories, feelings and opinions that honored the person speaking. I was deeply grateful to be a part of a community that could meet in the Spirit of Christ to discuss and debate issues of consequence in ways that were humble, courteous and yes, loving. Talk about letting your light shine!

I also feel grateful to be a part of Zwingli church where we also strive to let Christ's light shine in our lives, the life of the church and in the community. I am thankful we are an active church looking ahead to the future, while also doing our best to honor those who came before us. Because they endeavored to let their light shine, these same saints of the church looked beyond the normal to do something new for their time and place. We too have done some new things recently (stained glass, LYFT), reengaged in priorities that honor the ecumenical commitments of the UCC (Souderton Alive service in the Park, Lenten Program, VBC with five other churches), and taken steps to begin taking seriously resolutions and values of the UCC established in General

Synods in the 70's, 80's and 90's (the ONA process and deep-rooted hospitality – see the article in the pages that follow). Talk about letting your light shine! In all these things and the other ministries we are a part of, may our first impulse always be to follow in the way of Jesus and let his light shine through us. In this way, we will honor our UCC heritage and honor the God who gives us an abundant life to share.

Peace,
Butch

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HEART-SHAPED breakfast

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Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.

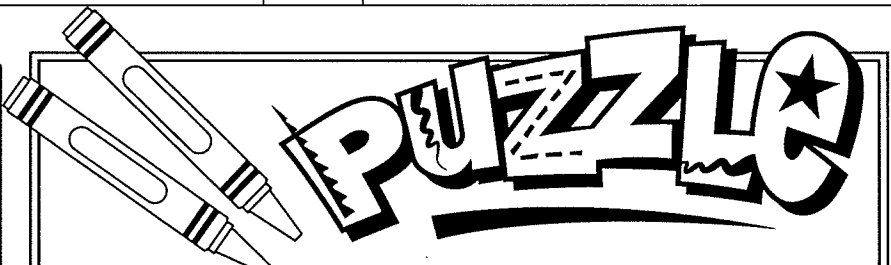


What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!





A blessed woman



The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.



She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;


she provides _____ for her _____

Her _____ rise _____ and

_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call



OPEN AND AFFIRMING

At the first Morsels with the Moderator, a concern was raised that members of our Congregation might not know what Open and Affirming means.

In Zwingli's 2020 Vision Statement we are called to: "Create a safe place to explore faith and worship and to Celebrate all people as God's children, affirming each other's unique gifts." In March of 2018, Council began looking into the possibility of Zwingli becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church. Council felt that Zwingli is a very welcoming church, but this process will help us know if we really are, and if we are, it will give us an opportunity to make our extravagant welcome known to our community.

Many ONA churches in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference include in their ONA Covenant all ages, races, cultures, gender expressions, religious traditions, sexual orientations, economic statuses, immigration status, and all physical, emotional, and mental states of being. In doing so, they look toward extravagant ways of welcome and full inclusion into the life and ministry of the church.

Open and Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ's official designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry, to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

The Open and Affirming program is administered by the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, which supports congregations and other church settings

as they consider the adoption of an ONA Covenant. The Coalition encourages UCC congregations, campus ministries, seminaries, regional bodies and other settings of the church to engage their members in serious study of the ONA process.

The origins of ONA date back to General Synod 10 in 1975. Resolutions continued through General Synods 11, 14, 15, 16, and 17. The Eighteenth General Synod Resolution (1991) "calls upon local churches, associations and conferences to adopt an Open and Affirming policy (i.e. a non-discrimination policy and a covenant of openness and affirmation of persons of lesbian, gay and bisexual orientation within the community of faith.)

Currently, North Penn Association churches that are Open and Affirming include: Carversville UCC, Carversville; St. John's UCC, Lansdale; St. Peter's Tohickon UCC, Perkasio; Salem UCC, Doylestown; St. Luke's UCC, North Wales. Several other churches in the North Penn Association are in the process of discussing ONA.

Why might Zwingli want to engage in this process? We might consider Leviticus 19:18: Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Romans 15:7: Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Matthew 22:39-40: And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." At Zwingli, everyone is loved and cared for and can experience the full life of the church.

The ONA Core Committee members are Ed Bibic, Lisa Cinciripini, Lois Hunsicker, Earl Ludwig, Gene Moyer, Rhonda Moyer, Sue Wack, and Joan Yeager with Pastors Elaine Ely and Butch Kuykendall as Ex-Officio members. Our task is to gather and present

the information that will help our congregation decide if this is right for us.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Membership classes for those who would like to become members and/or learn more about the mission and ministry of Zwingli United Church of Christ, will be held in May. Please let the pastors or the church office know if you are interested in attending and stay tuned for more detailed information!



WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE NURSERY

As you may have heard, Corynne's last Sunday with us will be on May 5th. This means that we will need volunteers, on top of the already scheduled volunteers, to cover the Nursery during Worship and the Sunday School hour until a new nursery attendant is hired. If you are available to help you can sign up on Sunday mornings via the sign up on the Nursery door or throughout the week via the Sign Up Genius page (link on Zwingli.org and in your Z-news). Clearances are required. For clearance information, please reach out to Lisa in the office. Any other questions can be directed to Erin Chalmers (reds2@hotmail.com). Thank you!

Healthy Moment

What Are the Risks For Youth and Young Adults That Utilize E-Cigarettes?
By Kristie Lowery, Faith Community Nurse

"Sometimes there is a way that seems to be right, but in the end it is the way to death." Proverbs 16:25

E-cigarettes are electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol, or mix of small particles in the air. These E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid. Some look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items. E-cigarettes are known by many different names, e.g., e-cigs, e-hookahs, mods, vape pens, vapes, tank systems, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called "vaping" or "JUULing".

E-cigarettes produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals that help to make the aerosol. This liquid is sometimes called e-juice, e-liquid, vape juice, or vape liquid. Users inhale e-cigarette aerosol into their lungs. Bystanders can also breathe in this aerosol when the user exhales it into the air. Some devices have a minimal aerosol vapor so young people can use it without being obvious.

There are significant risks for youth and young adults that utilize e-cigarettes. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is very addictive and can cause harm to brain development. The product can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine.

Young people that use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control. Each time a new memory is created or a new skill is learned, stronger connections are built between brain cells. Young people's brains build connections faster than adult brains. Nicotine changes the way these connections are formed. Some of the ingredients in e-cigarette aerosol could also be harmful to the lung. Some of the flavorings may be safe to eat but not to inhale because the gastrointestinal track can process more substances than the lungs. Children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid through their skin or eyes.

The e-cigarette aerosol is *not* a harmless water vapor. The aerosol that users breathe from the device and exhale can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances, including: nicotine, ultrafine particles that can be inhaled into the lungs, flavoring chemical called diacetyl that is linked to serious lung disease, volatile organic compounds, cancer-causing chemicals, and heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead. Inhaling the heavy metals can lead to lung damage, increased risk of infection, as well as coughing and throat irritation.

There is a perception that e-cigarettes are safer to use than burned cigarettes. The U.S. Surgeon General has reported that e-cigarette use among high school students jumped 78 percent between 2017 and 2018. One in five high schoolers and one in 20 middle schoolers now use these devices. Some youth think that these devices are safer because they are under the impression that it is only flavored water that is being inhaled. They do not realize the liquid contains nicotine and other chemicals.

In general, parents usually caution their children about risks from tobacco, drugs and sex. However, many parents are not familiar with the "vaping" concepts and may not be aware of how much it is being utilized. If parents are concerned that their children may be utilizing the e-cigarettes, explain to them the risks and why they are harmful. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) provides a tip sheet for parents, titled "*Talk With Your Teen About E-Cigarettes*". It is a pdf format that can be downloaded at https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf.

Start the conversation early with children about why e-cigarettes are harmful for them. The best prevention is to not start the habit, but if youth have started, it is never too late to quit. It may be necessary to visit the family physician for assistance in decreasing the nicotine withdrawal effects when stopping use of the device.

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SPRING CLEAN UP THANK YOU!



Faithful Stewards: Time Tithe

Mention "tithing" and people usually think of giving money to the Lord's work. But "tithing" is not a theological term. Actually, it is a mathematical term. It simply means ten percent. For example, if a farmer sets aside a tithe of his crop to use as seed for next year's crop, he is setting aside ten percent. Tithing is a concept that runs the gamut from Old Testament to New. Tithing existed before the Law was given to Moses. Tithing existed under the Law. It also existed after the Law and was never canceled or set aside by Jesus.

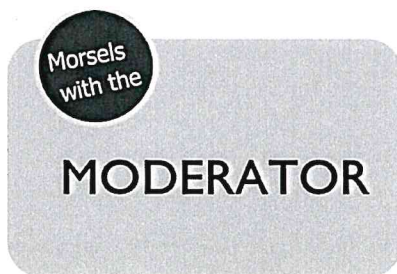
Author Monte Unger once described a concept he called "time tithe". Just as God's children are encouraged to tithe their financial resources, Unger asks, "Why not decide to tithe time, save up chunks, bits and pieces of it, and give them away to people?" That's an interesting concept. Each of us is given 168 hours a week. If we were to tithe our time and use the tithe in serving God, this would amount to 16 hours per week. What kind of difference would that make in the life and ministry of our church?

According to Unger, accounts of Jesus in the New Testament paint a picture of a man who had time for people. In a crowd, a woman touched his robe. Lots of people were probably pushing against him, touching his robe, but he discerned the urgency in this particular touch. He stopped, taking valuable time for this "interruption."

When reviewing Jesus life, he was on this earth for 33 years. His entire ministry encompassed 36 months, a little more than 1,000 days. Yet, he had time for what He

"THANK YOU to the following Spring Clean Up Volunteers: Bob and Carol Wenger, LaMar Kratz, Kenzie Harwick, Ashlyn Odenwald, Laurie Reynolds, Butch Hafler, Tom and Lisa Cinciripini for helping to spruce up our campus just in time for Easter! Thank you to Ed Bibic for patching and painting the Education Wing hallway. Great job!"

-The Ministry of Trustees



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 UCC? Join Ed Bibic for discussions about what's happening at Zwingli. Bring your snacks, coffee, and questions!

2019 First Quarter Financial Update

determined to be a priority: ministering to people, demonstrating God's love to them, and dying on the cross for all of us. Life in our modern day, is hectic and filled with many time constraints. Between working, running kids to activities, and maintaining a home with household chores, there is not always extra time. However, Unger states it is a matter of priorities. We make time for what we determine to be a priority in our lives. What is often overlooked with our priorities is relationships and reaching out to help others.

As you read through the newsletter and bulletin announcements, you will find many ways to give back time and serve God at Zwingli UCC. As you digest the needs of our church, consider your time tithe. There are many ways to serve at Zwingli – volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible Camp, the youth program, helping with Sunday School, serving in the nursery, serving on committees and ministries, providing refreshments for fellowship after church, helping with church cleanup day, and many more! When asked to serve, consider your time tithe and how you can serve God, or better yet, volunteer before you are asked. The rewards of serving are priceless!

Quarterly Budget Update

2019	Offering	Budget	Balance/ Deficit
1st Qtr	\$105,945	\$90,651	\$15,294
2nd Qtr			
3rd Qtr			
4th Qtr			
YTD Totals	\$105,945	\$90,651	\$15,294

The offering received in the first two months of the new year generated a concern as there was a deficit of \$10,707, when comparing offering to budget. The Stewards were hoping the decline in offering was due to weather. However, the month of March brought many blessings to our church community and the offerings were outstanding. As of March 31, 2019, the offering to budget for the first quarter is showing a *positive balance of \$15,294*. This is very encouraging and the Ministry of Stewards thank you for your faithful giving. Thank you again for your continued support of biblical stewardship, where you return to God your gifts for the many blessings the Lord has provided to you and your family.

Mortgage Update

The end of first quarter mortgage balance is \$119,885. The original mortgage following the fire was \$750,000. That is a reduction of \$630,115 over almost 9 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.

REASONS TO CONSIDER EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)

A recent conversation with one of our members included a discussion on electronic giving. The member expressed that in the past, her family is away from church from the end of April until the Fall months and usually did not give an offering in that time period. However, at the beginning of the year, her family enrolled in the electronic giving. She expressed

what a relief it is to not have to worry about bringing the envelopes or check book to church and that the offering will be given all year, instead of just when they attend. As we enter the time of year when attendance decreases and people enjoy the warmer weather, consider electronic giving. A list for reasons to consider electronic giving is listed below. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) forms are available in the church office or on the cabinet to the left of the sanctuary, and in each attendance sign in book.

1. **It is easy!** You do not have to fish around for your checkbook or go withdraw some cash.
2. **It is convenient!** Once it is set up, you do not need to worry about your offering and the need to bring it to church.
3. **It is consistent!** Your offering will be there for the church whether or not you attend church. If you want to be away for the summer, your offering will still be given to the church.
4. **It puts your money to use quicker.** The funds are withdrawn from your account and transferred to the church account. The money can be used for God's work as soon as it is in the account. It does not have to be counted, recorded or taken to the bank for a deposit.
5. **It is environmentally green.** You are writing fewer checks and using fewer envelopes.
6. **It is secure.** Giving digitally is much more secure than cash or checks. It is directly deposited. The actual transaction is between you and your bank. The Financial Secretary provides the information you provide to your bank to set up the transfer,

but Zwingli cannot access your account.

7. **There are no additional fees.** EFT does not generate any additional fees for you.
8. **Your giving schedule is up to you.** You determine how often the transaction will occur and the time in the month that is best for you.
9. **You can track your giving throughout the year.** Donations to the church will appear on your electronic bank record and you can monitor your donations throughout the year.
10. **The Bible tells us to give from our heart to thank God for all he has provided for us.** EFT allows us to practice biblical stewardship, as it is flexible and provides us the means to give consistently and from the heart to thank God and serve Him.





Pentecost and Confirmation

S U N D A Y

June 9

Please mark your calendars! On Sunday, June 9th we will celebrate Pentecost with the sacrament of Holy Communion and the rite of Confirmation. Pentecost is a special day since it celebrates the "birth" of Christ's Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit on that Pentecost so long ago.

Our young folks have worked hard during a two year course of study to prepare for membership in the church. Please plan to join us as we celebrate this special day in their lives as well as the birth of Christ's Church. *Please wear red this day* as a sign and symbol of Pentecost throughout the western Church.

A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks to the generous support of the congregation again this year, Zwingli sent \$1,131 to help provide sources of clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit advocacy & resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief & rehabilitation, and ministries for disaster preparedness & response.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The Missioners, Pastor Butch, Sherri Belfus, Ed Bibic, Lisa Cinciripini, and Karen Kispert met with Arlene Daley, Executive Director of Keystone Opportunity, on March 25th to discuss the future of Interfaith and share ideas. As most are aware, the house that was used as the day facility was owned by Zion Mennonite Church and was sold the beginning of this year. When families are rotated in and out of churches each day, the Interfaith program needs a day facility.

That gave Keystone an opportunity to step back and look at the effectiveness of the program. Arlene has met with other host churches and compiled concerns from the families. All the host churches were experiencing a decline in volunteers, particularly with the overnight responsibility.

The families were having problems constantly being shuttled back and forth during the day, then to other churches each month. However the biggest concern has to do with our specific locality. The families have no walking access to grocery stores, doctors,

pharmacies, schools, etc. and even job possibilities. Plus public transportation is not convenient. In towns like Norristown, Ambler, and Lansdale all of this is much more convenient and doesn't require the use of a car. They appreciated the efforts of the volunteers, but access to needs during the day were a problem.

One question posed by Arlene was if housing was really the biggest need of the Souderton area. So for now, the interfaith program is on hold. A determination will have to be made what direction to go in the future.



ADULT EDUCATION AT ZWINGLI

Christian education and nurture are critical to a life of faith. Three adult classes are offered as a place to learn, grow in faith and develop community with other members and friends at Zwingli. Listed below are the classes that are offered during the Church School hour (10:30-11:30). Please join in if you are not already involved in Adult Education.

Two classes for adults meet every Sunday morning. The third is our Young Families class that meets on the first Sunday of every month.

Bible Study typically meets in the Bright Space.

Adult Electives typically meets in the Parlor unless otherwise noted.

LYFT typically meets in the Bright Space.

Adult Electives Schedule:

May 5 Bible Study

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

May 12 Are We Ever Done Parenting?

Loving our Mothers AND our Fathers today and looking at how their parenting impacts our parenting, and acknowledging the responsibility we still have in raising "Spiritually Healthy Children" in our church and community.

May 19 Intergenerational Sunday School

Please join in the all-church "lend a hand" Intergenerational work hour. Team up with a child or youth to plant, trim, or clean up. There will be jobs for inside and out - none too difficult. Watch the bulletins for more information.

May 26 Stained Glass

We hope to be sharing some of the stories behind the stain glass window. You won't want to miss the details and explanations that make it even more beautiful.

June 2 Bible Study

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

June 9

This will be our final class of the season. Details to follow.



Our LYFT (Linking Young Families Together) group will meet 2 more times this Sunday School year - May 5th and June 2nd, wrapping up the topics of interest out of Kathleen Long Bostrom's book "99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children". We will also be trying to firm up plans for a group hike and picnic in May or June. Join us and bring a friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

May 19th is going to be a busy day at Zwingli: Music Sunday, Teacher Appreciation, Prayer Bench Dedication AND Intergenerational Sunday School. Our Intergenerational Sunday School will be a working "class" where we focus on Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together." During the Sunday School hour we will help the Trustees take care of our building and property, **so let's make it a dress-down day**. There will be different jobs for people of all abilities and interests. Watch for bulletin announcements as the day gets closer.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS GROWING - TO MARS AND BEYOND!

July 29th - August 2nd (9am - noon) will be one small step for all involved with VBC...one giant leap for God's Kingdom through Cokesbury's "To Mars and Beyond." This is an interactive week where children (aged 3 and toilet trained through entering grade 5) will learn 5 different Bible Stories through art, science, music, games, Bible time, and snacks. All of the stories show how we should give "Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by God's power at work within us!" - Ephesians 3:20

The theme of God doing far more than we can imagine is perfect, because this year, VBC is moving to be a Community VBC where all of the following churches will be involved: Emmanuel LC, Grace UMC, Little Zion LC, St. Paul's LC, Trinity UCC & Zwingli UCC. **Please prayerfully consider how you can help.** We have very important roles during the week of VBC of leading one of our Space Stations (i.e., art, science, Bible story etc.) and being a Space Guide (getting campers safely from Space Station A to Space Station B and helping them in those locations). We are also in need of folks to help with rearranging Zwingli's space, decorating, preparing arts & crafts ahead of time, and returning Zwingli to its original layout when the week is over. Additional volunteers will be needed from ALL of the churches involved.

Reach out to Monica with any questions and let her know how you see yourself participating in this space adventure. (267-664-2713 or thejalboots@gmail.com).

Through God's power at work within us, we will be able to have an awesome and astronomical event.



KNOW OF ANY ZWINGLI MEMBERS GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If so, we want to know! Graduation Recognition Sunday is right around the corner and we want to celebrate all our graduates and their hard work! Please e-mail Lisa at office@zwingli.org with the name of the graduate, where they're graduating from and what their next plans are (if they're continuing their education where and what are they studying? If they've taken a job, where and what are they doing?). Please submit this information to the church office by Friday, May 5th.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SAVE THE DATE! MAY 19TH!

Have you taught a class at Zwingli this year? Adult Electives, Sunday Morning Bible Study, New Member Classes, Youth Group, Sunday School, etc.? If so, mark May 19th on your calendar and plan on attending church that day! Have you attended a class at Zwingli this year? Confirmation, Vacation Bible Camp, Book Club, Wednesday Morning Bible Study,

etc.? If so, mark May 19th on your calendar and plan on attending church that day! May 19th is Teacher Appreciation Sunday! Let's celebrate our teachers by showing them how they've helped us grow.

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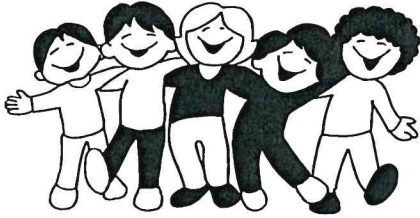
Thank you to all youth, adults and attendees who made this year's Sunrise Service so wonderful. It was great to have so many celebrate with us.



OUR EGG HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs, helped hide eggs, helped lead our egg hunt activities, and advertised for our annual Easter egg hunt. You all helped make this year's egg hunt a HUGE success!

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ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL

During April, we enjoyed doing springtime projects and getting outside. The older students finished the alphabet letters and numbers. The younger students learned the shape of an oval, and the color, purple. We had a guest speaker, the librarian from Indian Valley Public Library. She read several stories, sang songs, and did finger plays with us during Circle Time. We celebrated the Easter holiday with a party and did a special craft for Earth Day.

WE STILL HAVE SOME OPENINGS!

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.

Clothing Pantry Needs



CLOTHING DONATIONS

Zwingli UCC is collecting new and gently used clothing for the Laurel House thrift shops of Marian's Attic and Laurel's Loft. Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency offering 24-hour hotline counseling, emergency shelter, transitional

housing, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, counseling and support groups, children's programs, law enforcement collaboration, and community education and prevention programs serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County. Further information is available at: <https://laurel-house.org/>. Clothing donations may be placed in the gray bin by the coat racks.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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)

Please check the expiration dates on all donated items.

The households served greatly appreciate your generous donations! Thank you!



STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Fill a Bag. Help Feed Families. Bag healthy nonperishable food items and place by your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up on Saturday, May 11. All donations will be delivered to your local community food bank and pantry. For more information go to www.stampouthungerfooddrive.us



IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

Due to privacy procedures implemented by all healthcare facilities, it is much more difficult for the church to obtain information about patients than it has been in the past. **If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, or at a rehab or other health facility, please let the church office and the pastor(s) know directly.** This is the only way you can be certain this information will be received.

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!

DEADLINE FOR

SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE **JUNE MAILING IS MONDAY, MAY 20**

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION FOR ALL OF JUNE AND JULY.



Note to the Mailing Crew and anyone else who wants to help: We will meet on Wednesday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. to send out the mailing next month.

USHER DUTY Gene Moyer 215-721-1476
May 5 Rick and Missy Rogers
Tom and Lisa Cinciripini
May 12 Pete and Karen Kispert
Gene Mattes, Sue Wack
May 19 Ed and Liz Bibic
Lee and Lois Hunsicker
May 26 Sherri Belfus, Michael Kracht
Gail Zimmerman, Randy Strauss
June 2 Tal and Charlotte Kramer
Paul and Wendy Kerrigan-Rorer
June 9 Bob and Carol Wenger
Larry Moss, Karen Rosenberger

GREETERS Bobbie Ralphs 215-234-8036
May 5 Sue and Fran Bergey
May 12 Ed and Liz Bibic
May 19 Merrill and Shirley Brown
May 26 Jim and Joey Bush

MONEY COUNTERS
Steward on Duty: Kristie Lowery 215-257-3406
May 5 Kristie Lowery, Becky Klausfelder
May 12 Bill Yocum, Rick Rogers
May 19 Ed and Sue Rauch
May 26 Gail and Mark Comden
Steward on Duty: Joanne Kramlik 215-815-7104
June 2 Joanne Kramlik, Erin Chalmers
June 9 Jack and Judy Dunn

NURSERY CAREGIVER
May 5 Ashley Scovronski
May 12 Erin Chalmers
May 19 Jennifer Smeed
May 26 Karen Kispert
June 2 Wendy Kerrigan-Rorer
June 9 Rhonda Moyer

ACOLYTES Pam Myers 215-723-5384
May 5 Claire Jalboot
May 12 TBD
May 19 Madison Klausfelder
May 26 Miles Smeed
June 2 Mason Scovronski
June 9 Ryan Chalmers

SOUND SYSTEM
May 5 Tom Kramlik
May 12 Rick Rogers
May 19 Mark Comden
May 26 Sue Wack
June 2 Curtis Jernigan
June 9 Ed Bibic

GIFT CARD SALES
May 5 Lisa Cinciripini
May 12 Beryl Yoder
May 19 Esther Wack
May 26 Maureen Hartman
June 2 Lisa Cinciripini
June 9 Beryl Yoder

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS
May 5 Sue Pro, Sandy Schuler
May 12 Ministry of Elders
May 19 Esther Wack, Shirley Brown
May 26 Gladys Amspacher, Missy Rogers
June 2 Ministry of Educators
June 9 Marian Eide, Sue Rauch



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