

# Zwingli United Church of Christ

## Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

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*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having **enough** of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

What's enough? How much, how long, how fast, how good...is enough? "Enough" is a rather odd word. By definition, it means sufficient or occurring in such quantity, quality or scope as to meet needs, demands or expectations. Its actual value is very relative and determined quite individually. I grew up in a home, perhaps similar to many of you, where there was not an abundance – but always enough. It evidently didn't seem like enough to some of my friends, but actually *was* an abundance to several of our neighbors. It's all relative.

Having just come through Thanksgiving where shamefully perhaps the only question was whether there was enough whipped cream for all our pumpkin pie, it's easy to forget how many people struggle with the very real issue of having enough. This is really not meant to make us all feel guilty for enjoying our abundances which we truly *are* very thankful for. But perhaps we can think for a moment about those times in our life when we knew we couldn't fill the gas tank yet, or had pancakes for dinner out of necessity – not just for the fun of it. I know I forget sometimes. Remembering helps me be more generous and mindful of the needs of others.

This is the time of year that children stress over whether or not they've been "good enough" to get what they want from Santa. Unfortunately, there are many people who have been made to feel they are **not** good enough to be treated with dignity – perhaps not even good enough to enter a church. Words and gestures of kindness are pretty easy to share if we just keep in mind how valuable it can be to those around us. We are all "good enough" in God's sight – shortcomings and all. By God's grace we get a fresh start each day to be the best we can be. Now is an especially valuable time to enter into our days filled with that God-given grace and a determination to share it with those we encounter.

It's easy sometimes to get bogged down in doing *just enough* to get by. It's often not intentional. Churches can become complacent – especially when they've been doing good things routinely. It's easy to feel like we're doing enough and we're getting tired. Sometimes what we need to do most at that point is to maybe completely stop doing a "just enough" and start something brand new that generates new interest and energy. One of my greatest stresses this time of year is having time enough. There's always soooo much to do and it seems so little time to do it. I need to remind myself that every day we each have the exact same number of minutes to use. Am I using mine wisely or fussing over unnecessary details? Especially during this season, are we focusing on the things that matter most and are going to keep us mindful of receiving the most important gift we have ever been given? Is there enough room in our lives and our schedules to do the work God calls us to? There are certainly times when things like illness, loss, broken relationships or other life challenges keep us from feeling abundantly blessed. If you are struggling with such things, my prayer for you is that you might be surrounded by many with more than enough that can share abundantly in every good work and bless you in the ways you need blessing. May those of us with so much to be thankful for find enough ways to share enough blessings with enough people to make the kind of difference Christ came to make in this world. May you all have a most blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

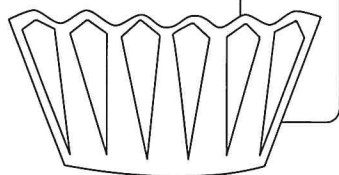
Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Elaine

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# Light the way

Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.

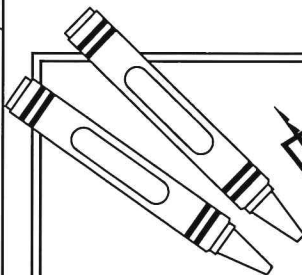


**What you need:**

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

**What you do:**

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.



# PUZZLE

## Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.*



shepherd's staff        \_ \_ \_ \_

tree that keeps its leaves      \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_

shines to lead the way      \_ \_ \_ \_

green for eternal life,       \_ \_ \_ \_ &  
red for Jesus' blood      \_ \_ \_ \_   \_ \_

sounds to announce       \_ \_ \_ \_  
good news

has no beginning or end      \_ \_ \_ \_  \_

Th   ks b  to  od fo   is  
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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV



# Advent Schedule

## Sunday, December 1

### **First Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle  
Holy Communion  
12-5 pm Holiday House Tour  
7:30 pm Souderton Alumni Men's Chorus  
Concert

## Sunday, December 8

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle  
Congregational Meeting Following the  
Service

## Sunday, December 15

### **Third Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

## Sunday, December 22

### **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Christ  
IS Coming!*



## *Christmas Eve* SERVICE

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **5 pm - Family Service**

Designed for families with young children, this service involves our Sunday School children and youth in sharing the Christmas story through a child-friendly Lessons and Carols. It will include our singers, and chimers, as well as the traditions of candle lighting and "Joy to the World".

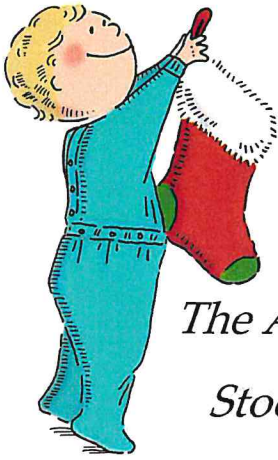
#### **7:30 pm - Lessons & Carols**

The Christmas Story is told through scripture and music, with both the Adult Choir and Bell Choir taking part.

#### **11 pm - Word and Sacrament**

This service includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we welcome the birth of the Christ Child.

***Candle lighting at all three services.***



## *The Advent Stocking*

### THE ADVENT STOCKING

The Advent Stocking Children's Message Series will begin on Sunday, December 1 (the first Sunday of Advent). The pastors and youth will continue the favorite children's message series that will last throughout the Holiday season.

In this series, one family per week will be invited to take home The Advent Stocking and fill it with an Advent or Christmas object that is special to them. Then, on the following Sunday, they will bring the stocking back to worship. Pastor Butch, Pastor Elaine, or one of the youth will then be challenged to come up with a children's message on the spot! The Advent Stocking is always full of surprises, good holiday fun, and *hopefully* an important message!



### SUPPORT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANGEL TREE FOR BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

In the near future, you should see Angels appearing on our Angel Tree for Bethany Children's home. There will also be lists posted near the Angel Tree with suggested gifts. Either take one of the lists with you when you go shopping, or write the gift you plan to purchase on the back of one of the Angels and take it with you. Tape one of the angels on your NEW and UNWRAPPED gift and place it under the Angel Tree no later than Sunday, December 8th. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.





## **Holiday House Tour Sunday**

**December 1, 2019**

**12:00 pm-5:00 pm**

The Holiday House Tour Committee is anticipating the ninth annual Holiday House Tour with great eagerness. As we enjoy the beautiful fall landscape, we think of the holidays to follow.

The homeowners on the tour are eagerly awaiting December 1 when they will open their doors to welcome visitors.

We can enjoy another successful event with the help of our Zwingli family. You can participate by purchasing a ticket @\$20 remembering that the proceeds benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia.

You can also participate by assisting the homeowners as a host in one of the homes. We also need people to assist in parking at some of the homes. So that you don't miss the tour because of your participation we invite you to enjoy a preview meal and tour the night before on Saturday, November 30.

We need baked goods to serve at the refreshment table at Zwingli during the tour as well as baked goods for the reception following Jon Leight's concert in the evening.

Please mark your baked goods specifying for which event they are intended. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium.

We warmly welcome you to be part of this wonderful event heralding in this most blessed season, celebrating our welcoming community.



## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**7:30 pm**

After the day's house tour festivities, relax Sunday evening at a free Christmas concert at Zwingli United Church of Christ featuring the Souderton Men's Alumni Chorus, led by Jon Leight. They will entertain us with beautiful Christmas music. *No tickets required* - a free will offering will be held. *Refreshments will follow the concert* as we celebrate the beginning of our Advent and Christmas seasons!



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Singers of all ages are invited to meet at Zwingli on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. We will carpool to a new development in Telford where we will spend about an hour (6:45 – 7:45 pm) singing to the residents. Upon returning to Zwingli, you may go directly to the church parlor for refreshments or join those who wish to carol at a few homes near church before feasting. Bring any jingle bells you may have; they really added a lot last year. Also bring flashlights and a few cookies to share afterwards. Carol books, hot chocolate and juice will be provided.



## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 8:00 A.M.

Join us for a continental breakfast on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Ministry of Shepherds will provide the food – you provide the fellowship! We'll finish in time for worship at 9:00 a.m.

## 2019 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

I am calling to order a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2019 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the slate of nominees for 2020 Church Council and Church Ministries and to vote on the proposed 2020 operating budget for Zwingli UCC. Please plan to attend this important meeting involving the operations and leadership of your church. If you have any questions or proposals for the agenda, please contact me at 215-723-9338.

Questions on the budget can be directed to the Ministry of Stewards whose members are Kristie Lowery (Chairperson), Tara Kuhnsman, Jessica Chinault-Jalboot and Joanne Kramlik. See you on December 8th!

Sincerely, Ed Bibic, Moderator, Church Council.

## COUNCIL/MINISTRY RETREAT

Church Council and Ministry members, please mark your calendars! The 2020 Church Council Retreat will be held Sunday, January 12 at Zwingli. Stay tuned for more detailed information later in December. All council and ministry members will be installed during worship on Sunday, January 12 as well.



**SUPPORT ZWINGLI BY SHOPPING AT AMAZONSMILE!**

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 Christmas needs! Or type in this link which will take you directly to Zwingli's Amazon page: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6291301>

**FUNDRAISING WITH FOOD**

We are partnered with Fasageo's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 724 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA for fundraising. Fasageo 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**

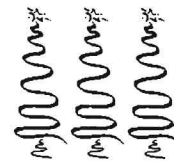
Gift cards are for sale! After worship, please look for our volunteer in the atrium who is selling Shop-Rite, GIANT and Landis

gift cards. 5% of your purchase goes directly into the General Fund. Cards are also available for purchase through the church office during the week.

**ORDER YOUR FLOWERS NOW!**

**Enclosed in this mailing are forms for:**

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**BOY SCOUT TROOP #401 CHRISTMAS TREES**

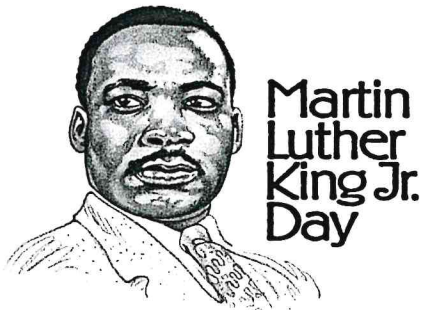
The types of trees will be: Fraser Fir, Concolor and Douglas Fir (Vary in height from about 5 feet tall to 8 feet tall). Prices range from \$33-\$49. Hours of operation:

Monday, Thursday, and Friday 6-9 pm  
Saturdays 9 am – 9 pm  
Sundays 12 – 8 pm

This sale will continue until the trees are all sold out. All profits help with Troop #401's operations, camping gear, membership fees, and to subsidize expensive outings.



On Sunday, January 5, Zwingli will celebrate Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany commemorates the revealing of Jesus as the Messiah and the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile community. In our tradition, that community is represented by the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Join us in worship on this special day as we remember that, like the kings of old, wise people still seek him! We will also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Again this year, Zwingli UCC, will host an event on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend to provide opportunities to be of service to various non-profit programs in our community, ending with a worship celebration. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 2 pm -4:30. It promises to be another meaningful afternoon with more churches, more non-profit organizations and new projects. And Brian Jones will again provide special music. Don't miss it!



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**OPEN AND AFFIRMING RESOURCE CENTER**

Please check out the Open and Affirming Resource Center in the Atrium. We have new books and DVD's to review. Feel free to check out and take home to review. Some highlights are:

**BOOKS:**

- Fifteen Reasons Why I Have Changed My Mind* by Roberta Showalter Kreider
- From Wounded Hearts* by Roberta Showalter Kreider
- Together in Love* by Roberta Kreider
- Serving in Silence* by Margarethe Cammermeyer
- Openly Gay Openly Christian – How the Bible Really is Gay Friendly* b Rev. Samuel Kader
- Is the Homosexual my Neighbor?* By Letha Scanzoni & Virginia Ramey Mollenkott
- The New Testament and Homosexuality* by Robin Scroggs
- The Family Book* by Todd Parr
- I Have Two Dads: Different Types of Families* by Madeleine Gasperi
- Mommy, Mama, and Me* by Leslea Newman

**DVDS:**

- For the Bible Tells Me So*
- Fish Out of Water*





**Healthy Moments**  
**Coping with Holiday Stress**  
**Kristie Lowery, Faith Congregation Nurse**

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10*

"It's beginning to look like Christmas..... The most wonderful time of the year...." Some people love the holidays. Others find them to be very stressful and would rather not deal with all the demands of the holiday. It is easy to become overwhelmed when you are trying to decorate, shop, make cookies, and prepare for holiday festivities. So how can you deal with the stress and still enjoy the holidays? The Bay Area Christian Church (BACC) shared an article, titled *4 Ways to De-Stress the Holidays*. It adds some humor for those struggling with the stress of the holidays, but does help to put it into perspective. Their recommendations are listed below:

**1. Keep the mornings merry**

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"*  
*Mark 1:35-37 (NIV)*

Even Jesus knew that you have to protect your mornings. During holiday time, you might have kids or relatives trying to track you down because your schedule is in flux, but you need to stay focused on holding onto solitary time in the morning. This is where you can read the Bible, reflect through prayer, and refocus yourself for each day. If you can start your day with spirituality, you have something to work with during the day!

**2. Schedule like Santa**

Santa never seemed stressed! He worked hard and he played hard. Set up your schedule to do the same. In the scripture below, you'll notice that these people were trying too hard to control everything. They made big plans and didn't leave room for God. Avoid this trap by setting up times with friends and family over the holidays, but don't pack your schedule so full that you leave God out. You'll be less overwhelmed, and enjoy the season more.

*"Some of you say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money." But you do not know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away. So you should say, "If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that." But now you are proud and you brag. All of this bragging is wrong. James 4:13-16*

**3. Pray away the worry**

If you feel stressed, don't try to fake it that everything's fine. Acknowledge your concerns in prayer and decide to put your trust in God.

*"Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace,*

which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7 (NCV)*



#### 4. Remember What Matters

*"It is better to eat a dry crust of bread in peace than to have a feast where there is quarreling." Proverbs 17:1 (NCV)*

Ask yourself: what's really important during these holidays? Is it really worth it to spend your time worrying about which gift to buy, which gift you received, your finances, or your vacation? Sometimes we need to sit back and remember what matters most. It's the relationships that give our lives meaning, so we should remind ourselves to let the stress go and embrace what's important.

May you all have a *Merry De-stressed Christmas* as we focus on the **Reason for the Season – Jesus!!**

References:  
"4 Ways to De-Stress the Holidays". By BACC (Bay Area Christian Church). <https://bacc.cc/4-ways-to-de-stress-the-holidays>.



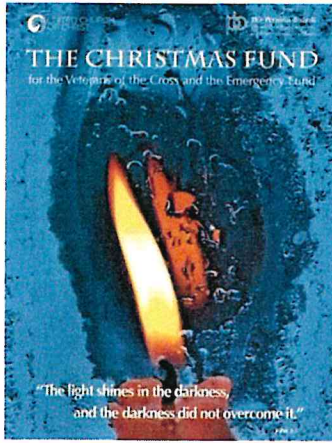
#### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Did you know we provide transportation for members to attend worship, go to doctor's appointments, etc.? Just give the office a phone call. It's a ministry we provide for members!

#### SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The results are finally in. A total of 10 pints of blood were successfully donated. The goal was 18 pints and only 15 signed up. Consequently this is a bit disappointing. It actually leaves us 11 pints shy of our total last year for the same four drives.

The next drive will be held at Zwingli on Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Day. So here's the plan to get next year off to a rousing start. Everyone who is planning to donate in January should bring along another person. BUT not just anyone. Bring along a blood relative. That should guarantee success!



## THE CHRISTMAS FUND

**UCC Christmas Fund Appeal:** The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering administered through the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses may be eligible for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and/or Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks. *This offering is collected on the Sunday before Christmas (12/22).*



## MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE

Date: Monday, January 20, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Zwingli UCC Family Life Center

Miller-Keystone is an independent, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that is the sole blood provider to 29 hospitals in 9 Pennsylvania counties and 2 New Jersey counties. Included are Grand View Health, St. Luke's Hospital, and Lehigh Valley Health.

We are again teaming up with Zion Mennonite Church for this Martin Luther King Jr. Day event. You can register on-line at **GIVEaPINT.org**. Click on **Give Blood** on the top left, click on the **Schedule Now** box, key in your zip code, choose **Include Mobil Drives**, set both dates to **01/20/2020**, then click on **Search**. Choose the Zwingli UCC **Schedule** and pick your time.

If you have any questions contact Jim See at 215-257-4160 or e-mail at [21m5ee@comcast.net](mailto:21m5ee@comcast.net). If you would like Jim to schedule the time slot for you, please provide him with a preferred time.

To speed your time donating, you can fill out the Donor History Questionnaire by going to **GIVEaPINT.org** and clicking on the **iScreen** box on the right. You can do this only on the morning of the drive. Once completed, print a copy and bring it with you.

16 year olds are allowed to donate blood. Contact Jim for instructions about parental/guardian permission or print the permission slip from the M-K web site and bring it to the drive, signed by a parent or guardian.



**MISSIONER'S 2019 ADVENT PROJECT**  
**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**"GIFT OF LIFE HOUSE"**

The Advent Missioner's Project for 2019 supports Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania's **Gift of Life Family House**. The Gift of Life Family House provides temporary, affordable lodging, meals, and supportive services to parents and caregivers of children needing medical transplants serving as a "Home away from Home."

Zwingli UCC members Carolyn and Billy Leake welcomed their son, Murphy into the world on September 7th, 2012. Murphy quickly showed signs of respiratory problems. After many hospitalizations and consultations with fourteen different specialists, doctors determined that Murphy had Primary Pulmonary Vein Stenosis. Murphy's pulmonary veins were

partially blocked restricting the flow of oxygenated blood from his lungs to his heart. Children with this very rare disease have a "guarded prognosis at best." Murphy went to the cardiac catheter lab every 6 to 8 weeks where surgeons opened his pulmonary veins. After his fourth procedure, the blockage showed no signs of slowing. His lower left vein was completely blocked. In order to survive, Murphy needed a lung transplant.

On July 1, 2013, Murphy finished physical therapy and struggled to breathe. He was transferred to CHOP and placed in a cardiac care unit "pod". A pod is a small room with four critically ill babies. There is not enough room for the parents to stay. Each day, Murphy's parents submitted a request for an overnight room. If selected, they were assigned a room the size of a small closet with a single bed, small nightstand, and lamp. One parent slept in the bed while the other slept on the floor. If they could not get a room, they drove home and returned the next morning, adding further stress to their day. The uncertainty of accommodations continued until a social worker introduced them to the **Gift of Life Family House**.

At the Gift of Life Family House, mom and dad had access to hotel style amenities, a beautiful room and bathroom. The Family House provided home cooked meals and snacks, transportation to and from the hospital, and even haircuts! On July 1, the Leakes settled into their room and got a call from the transplant coordinator, informing them that an offer for lungs was

made. Being so close to Murphy, they were able to rush over to the hospital and pray with the Chaplin while waiting for Murphy's only chance at life. On July 2, 2013, Murphy became the 11th child under age one to have a bilateral lung transplant in UNOS region two EVER!

Murphy's recovery was not smooth. Doctors reminded Carolyn and Billy repeatedly that this was an experimental procedure. For the next 219 days, Murphy remained in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at CHOP. Carolyn and Billy lived at the Gift of Life Family House. During their stay, they were treated to Thanksgiving dinner with transplant families from around the world, met life-long friends, and even woke up on Christmas morning to gifts outside the door. Each gift was carefully selected for each member of the family, including Murphy.

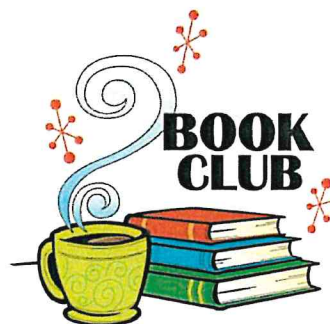
The **Gift of Life Family House** is not as well known as Ronald McDonald House. The concept is new and the Gift of Life Family House at CHOP is the only one in the world. During the Leake's stay, the home was celebrating their second year of operation and were not always at full capacity. The residence now has a waiting list. Because of this, they are currently building two more guest rooms and have upgraded their shuttle to accommodate more people. All of this is accomplished through donations. Families that stay pay a minimal fee subsidized by donations.

In honor of Murphy's life and the numerous children in our congregation that have

been treated at CHOP, we invite you to support the Advent Mission project to the Gift of Life Family House. Please help continue this important work for other families that are on their transplant journeys.

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OFFERING**

All Saints Day was observed on Sunday, November 3rd and a special offering of \$666.00 was received to reimburse the Conference for providing supplemental insurance coverage for our retired clergy and their spouses. Thank you for honoring and supporting the saints among us who have served the church so well and who now need extra support and care.



### **IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO READ MORE?**

#### **If so... Check out Book Club!**

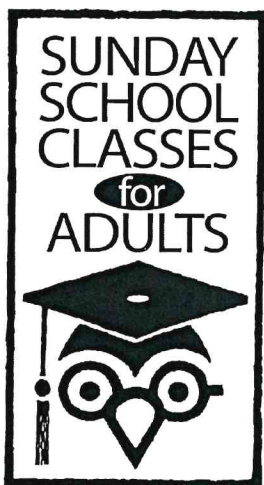
Book Club meets most months on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm and is open to everyone.

For most of our books copies are available to borrow through IVPL's Book Club in a Bag program.

If you have any questions or book suggestions, please reach out to Nikki Bechtel at [bech.nikki@gmail.com](mailto:bech.nikki@gmail.com).

December - No Meeting

January 16th - Keep an eye out in your December Z-news and Bulletin Announcements for our book selection of the month



### ADULT EDUCATION AT ZWINGLI

#### ADULT ELECTIVES

This class meets in the Parlor unless otherwise noted.

**Dec 1**

#### ***Bible Study***

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

**Dec. 8**

#### **"What Brings Joy to Your Loved One with Dementia? The Magic of Music & Memory."**

We will touch on the impact of favorite music on those with cognitive issues and the current research that supports these findings.

***Congregational Meeting on December 8 – Sunday School will be held following the meeting.***

**December 15**

#### ***Adult Bullying***

Yvonne Caputo from Penn Foundation will present and lead a discussion on "Bullying" An interesting and informative presentation to help us all recognize and stop problematic behaviors that are hurtful and unnecessary. See you on the 15th in the parlor.

**December 22**

#### ***Grief at the Holidays***

The holidays are usually filled with warm memories, but after a loss - even many years after a loss - the holidays can be painful and dreaded. There are simple ideas for conversation starters, prayers and candle lighting. Come and gain some ideas about being helpful and supportive to those in our midst who have dealt with losses that could impact their Christmas and New Year celebrations. Handouts will be available.

December 29

No Sunday School Today.

Jan 5

Bible Study will meet jointly with the Adult Electives class in the Parlor. Led by Jonathan Widgins

Jan 12

### Sleep Out For Homelessness

Come learn about the Keystone Youth Group Sleepout event from our guest speaker Malcolm Friend. In addition our Zwingli youth will share their eye opening experience with us in the Parlor. See you there!

### BIBLE STUDY

Continues to meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 am in the Bright Space

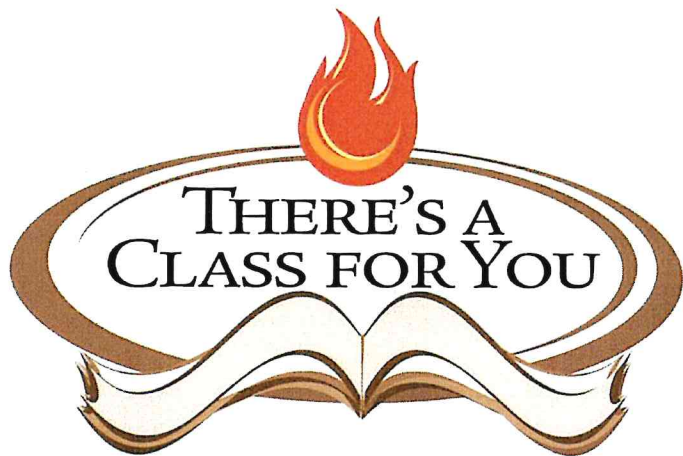


### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Did you know that we regularly have between 16 and 22 students in our Children's Sunday School classes? Because of the larger group (and vast differences between 3 year olds and 11 year olds), most weeks we are having 3 Sunday School classes. Many weeks, we are making direct contacts to fill a couple of our 6 teacher spots. Are you able to share your time with our students? Curriculum is available. Ask Monica Jalboot or Erin Chalmers any questions you may have. You may sign up for available teaching and assistant spots at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549afaa2aa20-sunday>. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help!

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT INTER-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL - 2/16/20

Thank you to everyone who participated in our October Inter-generational Sunday School. The feedback we received was really positive. We had about 45 people help make Socks of Love for folks in Norristown, soup for Zion's Table of Plenty, centerpieces for our Keystone Thanksgiving Baskets, and Angel Tree angels. We



wanted to let you know that 2/16/20 will be our next Inter-generational Event. The theme will be around loving yourself, with a focus on taking care of yourself. Keep an eye on a future mailing for details!



### **ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE**

In November, we continued learning about Fall and made a variety of fall projects. The older children learned the letters Ee, Ff, Gg and Hh and the numbers, 3 and 4. The younger students learned the shape of a rectangle and the color yellow. We also held Parent-Teacher conferences. During this holiday season we are thankful for our students and their families!



### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be closed on December 25 and 26. Merry Christmas!



### **WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS**

If there are cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the following:

#### **Worship Service**

Website: [www.zwingli.org](http://www.zwingli.org) and check the Twitter feed on the left side of screen.  
Facebook: ZwingliUCC  
Church Office: 215-723-1186  
Call Lisa at 215-808-8926  
Radio: 1440 Am-WNVP

#### **Evening Events/Activities**

If the Souderton Area School District dismisses early or is closed due to inclement weather, all evening events will be cancelled unless you hear directly from your leader.



## KEYSTONE 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:

- 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)

Keystone also asks that you check the expiration dates on all donated items. The pantry may not distribute out-of-date items. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the coatroom. The households that are served greatly appreciate your generous donations!

**THE YEAR END REPORTS ARE DUE  
TO THE OFFICE ON JANUARY 6!**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE:

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY MAILING IS  
JANUARY 13.**

**PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION FOR  
ALL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.**

**Note to the Mailing Crew and anyone else  
who wants to help:**

**We will meet on Wednesday,  
January 22 at 9 am to send out the  
mailing this month. Come out and  
help!**

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### **USHER DUTY**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 1 Charles Frederick, Marian Eide  
Lee and Lois Hunsicker

December 8 Youth

December 15 Pete and Karen Kispert  
Gene Mattes, Sue Wack

December 22 Randy Strauss, Liz Bibic  
Lisa and Tom Cinciripini

December 29 Sherri Belfus and Michael Kracht  
Gail Zimmerman, Ed Bibic

January 5 Rick and Missy Rogers  
Carol and Dave Reiff

January 12 Charlotte and Tal Kramer

Wendy Kerrigan-Rorer and Paul Rorer

January 19 Joanne Kramlik, Millie Zimmerman  
Laurie Reynolds, Brandon Kuhnsman

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### **GREETERS**

Bobbie Ralphs 215-234-8036

December 1 Rick and Missy Rogers

December 8 Gene and Rhonda Moyer

December 15 Sue Wack, Beryl Yoder

December 22 Randy and Janet Wile

December 29 Dale and Susie Woodland

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**MONEY COUNTERS**

Steward on Duty Tara Kuhnsman 215-721-1354  
December 1 Tara Kuhnsman, Tom Kramlik  
December 8 Justin Bush, Clem Clement  
December 15 Don McCarter, Karen Kispert  
December 22 Bob and Carol Wenger  
December 24 Ministry of Stewards  
December 29 Tom Cinciripini, Joan Yeager  
Steward on Duty Tara Kuhnsman 215-721-1354  
January 5 Nikki Bechtel, Carolyn Leake  
January 12 Joan and Phil Heckler  
January 19 Marian Eide, Janet Wile

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**SOUND SYSTEM**

December 1 Mark Comden  
December 8 Sue Wack  
December 15 Curtis Jernigan  
December 22 Ed Bibic  
December 24 5 pm: Lisa 7:30 – Tom 11-Rick  
December 29 Mark Comden  
January 5 Sue Wack

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**NURSERY**

December 1 Megan Alderfer  
December 8 Rhonda Moyer  
December 15 Liz Bibic  
December 22 Laurie Reynolds  
December 29 Wendy Kerrigan-Rorer  
January 5 Nikki Bechtel  
January 12 Ashley Scovronski  
January 19 Karen Kispert

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**ACOLYTES**

December 1 Alex Jalboot  
December 8 Mia Scovronski  
December 15 Miles Smeed  
December 22 Mason Scovronski  
December 29 Madison Klausfelder

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**GIFT CARD SALES**

December 1 Lisa Cinciripini  
December 8 Beryl Yoder  
December 15 Esther Wack  
December 22 Maureen Hartman  
December 29 Bobbie Ralphs  
January 5 Lisa Cinciripini  
January 12 Beryl Yoder  
January 19 Esther Wack

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**REFRESHMENTS**

December 1 Erin Chalmers, Lois Hunsicker  
December 8 Sue Pro, Sandy Schuler  
December 15 Ministry of Missioners  
December 22 Charlotte Kramer, Joey Bush  
December 29 Carol Reiff, Karen Rosenberger

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**Zwingli UCC Staff**

Butch Kuykendall.....Senior Pastor  
Elaine Ely.....Interim Associate Pastor  
David Clark Little.....Director of Music/Organist  
Steve Emery.....Bell Choir Director  
Lisa Cinciripini.....Office Administrator  
Linda Cuddahy.....Nursery Care Provider

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*And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Luke 2:8-9*

*Wishing You a Blessed Christmas!*

*Pastor Butch, Pastor Elaine, Lisa, David, Steve, Linda and Kristie*