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Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. -Isaiah 43:18-19a

As we enter the month of October, we've come to realize that the fall, winter and foreseeable future will be different than what we hoped for or expected. Wearing masks, physical distancing, washing our hands more frequently, and other precautions or ways of adapting will be a part of our lives for some time to come. The pandemic has affected so much, including the way we do and are church. As much as we would love to get back to the way things were, we know that we have to look ahead to how they must be, or a "new normal." This new way of being can teach us much about flexibility, adaptability, what it means to be community and to do things together, patience, humility, and so much more if only we take time to learn the lessons and take a longer and more expansive view.

The passage from Isaiah was an encouragement and promise for the Israelites when they were in exile in Babylon. Though many had adapted to their life there, they longed for the former things, for the old country promised to them that had been their physical and spiritual home. It reveals the promise that God was doing a new thing, and would make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Their return might not take them back to what was, but God would lead them into a future of new life, grace, and ministry. God continually works in this way in our lives, helping us to find our way in the wilderness of doubt and fear and pandemic, providing the waters of life when we feel so parched in the desert of isolation and distance.

At Zwingli, we've been doing our best to listen to God and find new ways of worshipping, service, fellowship and being the church God has called us to be. The landscape of our church life is ever changing, and we are called in this moment to adapt as best we can to these uncertain and challenging times. We shifted pretty quickly and adjusted to livestreamed worship, Facebook Live Faith sharing, Zoom meetings and the like. We have persevered, been successful in the way we have connected, yet struggled at times learning all we need to know about technology, the pandemic and other social issues and faith matters that have leapt to the fore. We've felt fatigued by being in front of a computer screen for so long and worried about those without access to technology. Through it all, God has been there with grace and encouragement, holding us when we have felt burdened and tired, and continually saying to us, I am doing and will continue to bring about new life in your midst. Amen.

Some new things are happening at Zwingli!

- **We plan to return to in-person worship on October 18!** We will continue to livestream the service on Facebook and post it on YouTube.

There will be a limit to the number of congregants that can be accommodated in the space for in-person worship, requiring a sign-up online or by phone. *Please pay attention to detailed information that will be mailed soon to all members of the congregation.* For now, the following is a brief description of what things will look like as we return:



Masks covering the face from the bridge of the nose to the chin *are required* at all times in the building and appropriate (6-foot) social distancing *will be observed*. The chairs have been set up to accommodate distancing per row, and three chairs distance will need to separate individuals or family units. Ushers will be on hand to help. Access within the building is limited to the sanctuary, atrium and restrooms. Hand sanitizer will be available in the entryways to the church and sanctuary and in the bathrooms. The offering plates will be located in a stationary location in the atrium, though we encourage you to provide your offering by mail or electronically. There will be piano and organ music but no congregational singing, though we will have cantors singing the verses. We will not be able to pass the peace in the usual way, and the pastors will not be able to greet before or after the service. We highly discourage hanging out before or after in the parking lot. *The safety of our worshipers is our primary concern*. We understand that some may not be comfortable with “in person” worship at this time and we respect their desire not to attend. We ask that you come to the building when you feel comfortable.

Other changes will happen too as we adapt and respond to the pandemic and the necessary precautions needed. The pastors, elders and leadership will also be talking about changes to our typical services during the holiday season (Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve). *We ask for your patience, understanding and prayers* throughout these challenging and ever-changing times.

- **A prayer labyrinth will be constructed outside near the adjoining park.** A Boy Scout from Troop 14 will be constructing a prayer labyrinth as his Eagle project in the near future. Plans are being made now and hopefully the labyrinth will be in place before the cold of winter sets in. Zwingli church has been a sacred space for many throughout the years, as folk have prayed on the grounds or in the prayer chapel. With access to the chapel unavailable, the relatively new prayer bench and the outdoor worship space are great places for church and community folk to pray and spend time in silence, communing with God. The labyrinth will be a new part of our gift to the community for sacred time.

Blessings and Peace,

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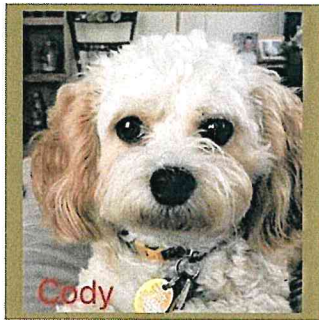
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Healthy Moment
Comfort Obtained from our Pets
By Kristie Lowery
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*"Be sure you know the condition of your
flocks,
give careful attention to your herds."
Proverbs 27:23*



I will be the first to admit that dealing with the effects of a pandemic for six plus months has contributed to some very long days. And as time has passed, I have found there are days that my attitude has not been the best and I have fallen into an apathetic mood and "who cares" when it comes to motivation and energy. The one bright spot through this pandemic has been our three year old Cavachon dog named Cody. Cody does not care that there is a pandemic and that people are upset with all that is wrong in the world. He greets us every morning with his playful antics, getting excited about going for a walk, and wanting to play fetch all day long.

It recently occurred to me, that if we had not had Cody through this pandemic crisis, I could very well see myself quite depressed. I recently received a mailing from the American Heart Association that included two articles: "Can Your Pet Help

You Be Healthier?" and "Do Dog Owners Live Longer?" After reviewing their literature, I totally agree that pets can help you be healthier and happy.

While we have been in shut down mode, and staying home, our ritual has been to take Cody to a local park each morning to allow him to run and explore. Later in the day, we take him for a walk in our community, which is part of a 55 plus setting and has a pond and retention basin with walking paths. Cody loves to take a walk and checks out nature along the way. He sees squirrels as playmates, and wants to run over and play with them but then is confused because they disappear right in front of him, having run up the back of the tree where Cody cannot see him. These walks with the dog became our entertainment the last few months. There are several residents with dogs in our community. These daily walks have assisted with socialization as we encounter other residents walking their dogs. The dogs interact as we keep our social distance talking to our neighbors (Dog leashes are 6 feet long). Without the incentive of Cody wanting to be outside, I am sure we would have turned into melancholy couch potatoes.

There have been studies completed on the health benefits of owning a pet. It has been noted that owning a pet can lower the risk of heart disease as well as lower blood pressure. Owning a pet can give your life meaning. Leading a healthy life style leads to greater emotional stability. Animals need exercise, especially dogs. Owning a dog helps you to make healthier choices through the need to exercise the dog. Those who walk their dogs are more likely to meet the recommended amount of physical activity required for a healthy life style compared to those who do not. Pets are a great source of emotional support. Our pets provide cuddles and snuggles, lighten the emotional stress, and bring a sense of stability into a time when everything is difficult. Despite what it is

happening in your life, your pet still needs to be cared for, needing to be fed, watered, pottied, and given regular exercise. Meeting their needs, helps to put some normalcy in your life and gives you something to focus on other than the negativity in your life. Emotional support from dogs is a blessing when you need one the most.

I know that not everyone is a dog lover or has a pet. And I can only speak for dog owners, as I have never had any other type pet. But I can tell you that looking back over the last 6 months, having Cody has helped to keep me focused on each day and meeting his needs has helped me to make healthy choices. If you have a pet, take some time to pet them, talk to them, and provide affection to them, which they will return to you and will help lift your spirits for a brighter day.

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2020 HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR UPDATE

To our Zwingli Family,
Soon it will be fall, and in a normal year the Holiday House Tour Committee would begin making announcements about the upcoming holiday tour during the worship service. Nothing about 2020 has displayed any sense of normalcy, and with that the Holiday House Tour is no exception. We would be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the House Tour in December; however, as is the case with many events of a normal year the House Tour of 2020 will not occur.

During the month of March, the committee would have begun inviting homeowners to open their homes for visitors to enjoy. The process had begun, and as the case with everything we considered normal activity, the process was abruptly discontinued when Covid19 closed down the world. It became clear quite early in the closure that it would not be prudent to engage in any large-scale social activities during 2020, and so the decision was made to look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary in 2021. Putting life in perspective our paramount concern is for the health and safety of the homeowners, visitors, and volunteers.

We are sure that this sad news comes as no surprise. And so, we look forward to enjoying the Holiday House Tour of 2021 with eager anticipation.

With our wishes for your good health and safety,

The Holiday House Tour Committee

Gladys Amspacher

Marian Eide

Bobbie Ralphs

Susie Woodland



October 4, 2020

On October 4, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with churches around the world. This celebration originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and was first observed in 1936. It celebrates our oneness in Christ and common call to serve in a world in need of healing and peace.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
(AND STUFFED ANIMALS)**

Animal lovers and friends, save the date! On October 25th in the afternoon, we will celebrate our annual Blessing of the Animals. Unfortunately, it's not practical to offer the blessing during worship during the pandemic, but we will provide a socially distanced and safe way for your beloved pets (and stuffed animals) to be blessed!! Please stay tuned for more specific information about timing and logistics on October 25th.



All Saints' Sunday

On November 1, 2020, we will celebrate what has become a very meaningful service in the life of this church. All Saints Day is traditionally a time when we celebrate and give thanks for the lives of all the saints, both known and unknown. On All Saints Sunday, those attending worship (online or in-person) will have an opportunity honor the memory of someone who has died, or a living saint who has inspired their faith. We will also celebrate, in the presence of the "great cloud of witnesses" (or *communion of saints*), the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service will look a bit different than in the past, but we hope it will be meaningful for those in-person and those watching on-line alike. Please be sure to worship on this day at church, home or wherever you may be, as we celebrate the lives of the faithful that have gone before us and that are in our midst.



SONGBOOK AND HYMNALS

Since live streaming will continue until we are confident about everyone's safety, we are offering the opportunity to borrow a hymnal and/or songbook for those who prefer to have the music for singing at home. They are available in the church vestibule during office hours. Please notify Lisa if you plan to borrow.



JOIN US ONLINE EACH SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!

Prelude music will begin at 8:45 am.
Worship will begin at 9 am.

To join us on Facebook Live, go to:
www.facebook.com/Zwingli.ucc

Don't have a Facebook Account? No problem –below are directions to watch the worship service without a Facebook account.

1. Click on www.facebook.com/Zwingli.ucc/live at 8:45 am.
2. If video is not playing, click the word "videos" in the left column, then look at the first video thumbnail under "all videos". This should be the most current Live video. If you are early, you may need to refresh the page by hitting F5 on your keyboard.
3. You DO NOT need to log in or sign up to be able to view the service.
4. Remember, if you load the page before the stream starts, the stream will not pop up. You will need to refresh the page.

To view the worship service at a later date:

Go to www.zwingli.org or
Go to Facebook.com/Zwingliucc or
Go to Twitter #Zwingliucc or
Check your weekly Z-News on Monday.



ZWINGLI ZOOM ROOM FELLOWSHIP!

Join us this Sunday following worship for fellowship through Zoom! To join in, follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86751925286?pwd=K3lqbEdMcDZHY0pOaEVpSWxqTWMydz09>

Meeting ID: 867 5192 5286

Password: 7231186

Or dial 1-646-558-8656 or 1-312-626-6799.

Follow the prompts. The Meeting ID: 867 5192 5286, Password: 7231186

The meeting ID and Password is good through and including Sunday, December 27.

Adult Electives Class will immediately follow fellowship on the same Zoom address.

REFLECTIONS

FAITH REFLECTION ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

Tuesdays at 12 noon of each week. Pastor Butch or Pastor Elaine will provide a short 6-8-minute faith reflection on Zwingli's Facebook page. Please join in with other friends and members as we strive to make connection and share our faith. You can simply go to Zwingli's Facebook page at the appropriate time.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE

We will meet for Prayer Circle with Pastor Elaine or Pastor Butch **each Wednesday** of the month from 12:00 to 12:30. The zoom invitation will be sent ahead of time. We feel that heartfelt communal prayer is especially needed on a consistent basis as we continue to deal with individual, family and church concerns, the pandemics of COVID 19 and racism, as well as other societal issues and direction.



STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends,

Martin Luther King, Jr. once called love "the most durable power in the world." As he explained, "Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that. Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." In the United Church of Christ, we hear God calling us to **Three Great Loves**. Love of Neighbor. Love of Children. Love of Creation. Love becomes trite when we quote it but don't work for its realization in our lives. But in the United Church of Christ we give ourselves to answering God's call to love. We strive to courageously love all the time.

The annual stewardship campaign, which begins in November, provides the resources our congregation and the wider United Church of Christ need to answer God's call to love. We will talk about the ways God calls us to love children, our neighbor, and creation. Generosity to the annual campaign assures that our congregation can faithfully answer God's call to love.

As we remain in this pandemic, longer than anticipated, the Stewards want to reach out and thank everyone for your faithful, loyal commitment to giving during the past few months.



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT ZWINGLI?

Our Membership Class plans in the spring got sidetracked by COVID 19. It will be handled a bit differently, but we certainly welcome anyone who is interested in membership. With the increased use of technology, you can "join" no matter where you are. Please contact the office (215-723-1186 or office@zwingli.org) with your interest and we will be in touch directly to set up the necessary meetings. If we already know of your interest, you should have heard from us by now. Looking forward to the next step to your membership with Zwingli.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee and Elders met recently with the Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian, Interim Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call. After a lively discussion the decision was made to make a few important changes to the profile and re-post the position on the National UCC website. We will also make a short video highlighting who we are and are called to be, to be posted along with the profile. Hopefully, we will be receiving new candidate profiles in the near future. Please keep the search committee and process in your prayers. We will keep you informed of news and progress. (Search Committee: Mark Comden (Chair), Jim Bush, Chris Jalboot, Dr. Angela Mosby, Dr. Karen Rosenberger, Pastor Butch)

ONA

Our journey through the Open and Affirming process continues. Pastor Butch led our Bible Study Part 3, addressing some of the New Testament verses that are often used in opposition to the LGBTQ+ community. A recording of (most of) the class is available at this link. https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-Nd3gAl1qPZ5IAktihV1MbwjVHPqEWz3eK9VfU5avEedOUgyQTPvGxnM_jCVL26J.dfDmPSV9tbNoru3i Passcode: n86&0?\$\$ (Sorry, I forgot to start the recording for the first few minutes). Questions and conversations around this topic are always welcome. The team wants to be as helpful as possible in increasing everyone's understanding of the importance of embracing these children of God who are often discriminated against and treated unjustly.

One of our ONA Team members will be bringing the message on October 11th, and we look forward to having leaders of a PFLAG group speak at another Adult Electives class this fall - that date TBD. PFLAG is a support group that was formed in 1973 to meet the needs of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. It has grown to a nationwide organization with over 400 chapters throughout the country and its support now encompasses all the LGBTQ+ community.

We offered a class last year to help with the terminology surrounding this issue. If you were not able to attend, or attended and lost your vocabulary sheet, Pastor Elaine will be glad to send you one upon request.



ZWINGLI FALL CLEAN-UP
Saturday, October 24
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Please bring your favorite garden rake and work gloves.

Bottled water and individually packaged snacks will be provided.

Masks within 6' of others and social distancing will be required.



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! What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.



GROCERY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Buy your groceries and help Zwingli all at the same time!

This fundraiser benefits the Zwingli General Fund! Purchase a **GIANT Store, Landis Supermarket or Shop-Rite** gift card from Zwingli Church and 5% of your purchase goes directly into the General Fund. Cards are available for purchase through the church office during the week.



FUNDRAISING WITH FOOD

Just a reminder that we have partnered with Fasageo's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 724 Ridge Rd., Sellersville, PA for an ongoing fundraiser. 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!

MISSIONS

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Zwingli UCC will support Keystone Opportunity Center's (KOC) annual Thanksgiving food drive again this year. We encourage everyone to collect food items or give a gift card to support families in our community. The collection and delivery process will be a little different this year. To ensure the safety of the recipients and KOC staff, KOC will take donations directly from October 26 to October 30 between the hours of 10:00 am & 1:00 pm. You may drop off donations at KOC's front door on 104 Main St., Souderton. Pull into the marked parking spaces and a volunteer will come out to collect the donations. KOC will then store donations in quarantine until distribution.

KOC is collecting individual items, full Thanksgiving bags and gift cards. If you would like to assemble a full bag, please adhere to the following list. No substitutes, please, and check expiration dates:

- 13-16 oz. box of instant mashed potatoes
- Two 24 oz. plastic jars of applesauce
- Two cans of fruit (in juice)
- One box brownie or cookie mix bag
- Two boxes of stove top stuffing
- Two cans of green beans
- Two cans of corn
- One 1 lb. can coffee
- One powdered drink mix of ice tea or lemonade
- One \$25 gift card to Aldi, Walmart, Landis, or Giant. Landis & Giant gift cards are available at church, but call the church office first to make arrangements to purchase them.

Gluten free bags are also welcome. Please indicate that the contents are totally gluten free.

If you are donating a complete bag, you can choose to add a few non-perishable grocery items; i.e. holiday cookies, candies or nuts, seasonal paper napkins, decorations, etc. However, DO NOT include cash, additional gift cards, or anything beyond the list above.

COVID-19 CONVALESCENT PLASMA DONORS NEEDED

M-K has been providing units of Convalescent plasma from donors who recovered from COVID-19. The antibodies from the plasma of the recovered donor gives patients the strength needed to recover. Besides the 29 local hospitals that they currently supply, they're also working with the federal government to build up a stockpile of 400,000 units. The need still exists. If you know someone who has recovered and is willing to donate plasma, have them go to www.giveapint.org and learn what needs to be done. NOTE: The donor must be free of symptoms due to COVID-19 for at least 28 days.



SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

Although all 16 appointments were filled two weeks prior to the drive, by the date of the drive three had opened up. In the end 11 pints were successfully donated bringing the total for both churches for the year to 76, a 14% increase over last year.

The next drive will be held at Zwingli on Monday, January 18th from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. You can sign up electronically now or contact Jim See to sign you up. Walk-ins will only be accepted if there is an open slot the day of the drive.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Please consider supporting this effort by submitting your donation to the church office no later than October 30th.



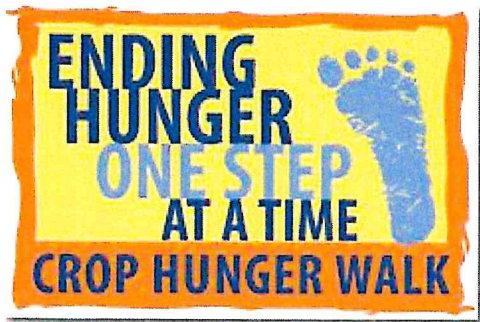
NEIGHBORS IN NEED

This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of

NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Please consider supporting this mission program by submitting your donation to the church office no later than October 30th.

KOC FOOD DONATIONS

Food donations normally collected in the church and delivered to Keystone Opportunity Center weekly was discontinued when the church building was closed. We look forward to continue that once regular worship begins. In the meantime, KOC is accepting donations every Monday from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at their 104 Main Street entrance. Pull into the marked parking spaces and a volunteer will be out to collect the donations. These donations are placed in a conference room in quarantine for a few days before being moved to the Pantry.



PENNRIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK – OCT.11:
*You are invited to the 37th, but first ever
VIRTUAL, Penridge CROP Walk!*

This year, we are being safe and practicing social distancing while raising money online to help end hunger. It is easy to get involved. All you do is go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa/Team/View/136206/Zwingli-UCC>, click on the orange button that reads "JOIN OUR TEAM" and follow the prompts to sign up. When you start your fundraising page, add the church you are affiliated with so we can connect you back to the right team at the end.

After you are signed up, share the website any way you can with friends and family to help raise donations. We are asking that you join us on Oct. 11 via social media to "not walk" together. Go for a walk in your neighborhood. Take a family hike or bike ride. Go for a run or get moving on your treadmill. The idea is to get out and do something active while practicing social distancing. Take a picture and share it to Facebook and/or Instagram (@PenridgeCropWalk) tag us and use hashtags:

#virtualpenridgecropwalk
#endhungernow #enoughforall
#crophungerwalk

If you are not on social media, please email a picture to office@zwingli.org so we can add you to the Penridge Crop Walk virtual flip book. We hope to "see you" on Oct 11th! Please see Lisa Cinciripini with any questions.

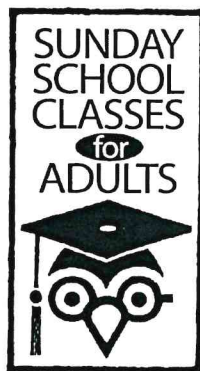


**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEWS**

We have been blessed with good weather so far, and plan to continue meeting outdoors with masks and social distancing. We got off to a great start with our Balloon Brigade, bringing cheer to 31 of our church members on Sept 13th. We greatly appreciate the volunteers who are going out of their way to make sure we can make this possible for our children and youth.

Last year our "big class move-up" was from kindergarten to first grade. This year, the "big move" came in our young people moving from 5th grade into youth group, which is now under the leadership of Jason Burns. There's the potential of doubling our youth group size this year. Prayers are welcome.

Weather permitting, we will continue through October with our outdoor classes, after which we will convert to virtual Sunday School, trying to find occasions to bring the children together safely for some outdoor activities. It's clear that this time of being safely together has been meaningful to all involved.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue our practice of combining Adult Electives and Bible Study on the first Sunday of each month. You can participate in our Adult classes by joining the Zoom Room Fellowship link in the bulletin each week any time after 10:00 AM on Sundays. We transition to Sunday School at 10:30.

Topics for upcoming weeks will be -

October 11 - In the absence of a Ministry Fair this year, ministry team representatives will share how they are continuing their work during the COVID pandemic.

October 18 - Remember what it feels like to be free to travel as Nancy and Butch Hafler share photos and tails of their travel last summer

October 25 - More ministry teams will share what their ministry is doing to keep Zwingli active and involved. Perhaps you will have some ideas to share about ways to do some useful alternatives in safe ways.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ZWINGLI ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet every Sunday morning via Zoom at 11:30 am. We will be studying traditional Sunday School themes based on the Standard Sunday School Commentary. Our

teachers are *Larry Moss, Jonathan Widgins, Charlotte Kramer, and Pete Kispert*. The themes for 2020-2021 will be:
Fall 2020: Love for One Another
Winter 2020-2021: New Testament Call
Spring 2021: Prophets & God's Covenant
Summer 2021: Confident Hope
Join our Sunday School Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link in your Sunday morning bulletin.



BULLETIN SPONSORS

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person and haven't had the opportunity, now is a great time! It only costs \$15.00 to sponsor a bulletin and that money will help alleviate some of the paper cost involved in creating bulletins every Sunday. Payment can be put in the offering plate with a note with the wording you prefer and the date you are interested in sponsoring. See available dates and sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office.



ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

Zwingli Nursery School opened in September with five children. They have learned the importance of wearing a mask, washing your hands, and socially distancing. Zwingli Bear is there to help them remember how to stay safe and healthy! Other concepts the children have been learning about are: the color red, the letter A and the shape circle. They've also been learning about apples and friendship and playground/classroom rules. It was a great start to the school year!



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.



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

Providing Help • Offering Hope

CURRENT NEEDS FOR THE KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER FOOD PANTRY ARE:

Our current food pantry needs would be enhanced by the following donations:

- Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn
- Chunky Soups and Stews
- Coffee & Tea Bags
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Fruit in Juice
- Tuna
- *Personal care items: shampoo, razors, toothpaste, body wash, deodorants, feminine hygiene items
- *Laundry Soap
- *Dryer Sheets
- *Toilet Paper
- *Shampoo
- * (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. Thank you for taking the time to help those in need. Your generous gift will help to continue to serve families and neighbors in the Souderton Area School District and build better lives for themselves. The families we serve appreciate your generous donations.

Please place your donations in the box labeled Keystone Opportunity Center in the coat room area.

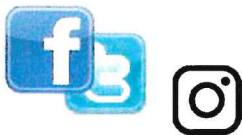
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER MAILING IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION FOR ALL OF NOVEMBER AND THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN DECEMBER.

Note to the Mailing Crew and anyone else who wants to help: If allowed, we will meet on Wednesday, October 28, at 9:00 a.m. Come out and help!



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SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.

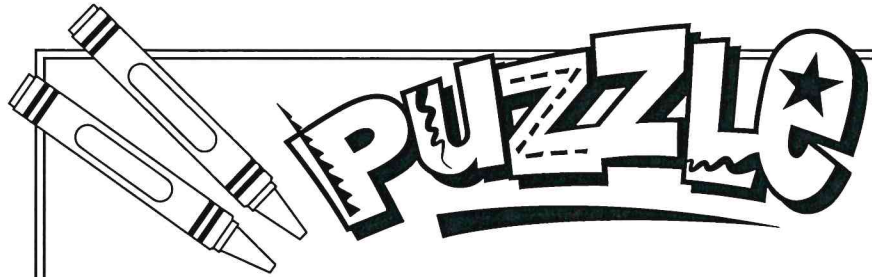


What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

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Answer: root, seed, sow, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow