



Zwingli United Church of Christ

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

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Dear Zwingli Church Family,

June is Pride month. A month where we celebrate around the globe the lives of the LGBTQIA+ community. LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, + those who are questioning and others who don't fit into the standard heteronormative ideologies of society. It seems only appropriate during the month of June we are finalizing the Open and Affirming (ONA) covenant for Zwingli, before the adoption of the ONA covenant this fall. For it is by adopting this covenant that we can extend a radical and extravagant welcome to ALL of God's people.

On June 13 you are invited to an in-person class to talk about ways Zwingli might implement the Open and Affirming covenant into the life of the church. What can we expect? How will Zwingli UCC be different? Will it be different, or is this going to go away once we approve the covenant? That day, Pastor Butch and I will lead a discussion, answer questions, and introduce the ONA implementation team to you. This is a great time to ask questions, voice concerns, and be in prayerful consideration of the way forward with the ONA covenant.

On June 15, you are invited to our regular church council meeting, where the ONA covenant will be presented for approval by the council. This is also a time for you to voice your support and your concerns to the council. I encourage you to be at this meeting so you can be a part of the process. Once this happens, you can continue to ask questions to our ONA team members over the summer.

I know these next few months will be busy with graduations, Father's Day, Fourth of July, and vacations. Plan to join us as we will celebrate graduates and Father's Day in worship on June 20. I hope during all the busyness of the summer months you will stay connected to your church family. For it is by being in community together, and by sitting at the feet of Jesus we learn, grow, and deepen our faith.

Sometime in late August through September, with a date to be determined, we will have a congregational affirmation of the ONA covenant. This is where we decide if we are going to adopt this covenant as a church body. And of course, I hope you will be there for this special event. I say this because we are called to love ALL of God's people without exclusion, with an extravagant welcome that includes LGBTQ+ people in our community, and this is how we ensure that this will happen for our church family.

I hope to see you soon. Have a blessed and safe summer, and always may we practice the radical welcome Christ has shown us, by welcoming ALL of God's people.

Sincerely,

Pastor Alan

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Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

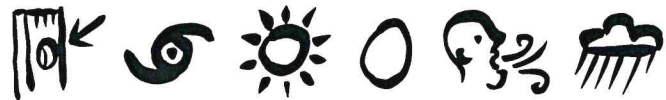
1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Sun, Jesus!



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. -----
- Before using this, you must break it. ----
- This falls without getting hurt. -----
- This gets bigger the more you take away. ----
- This has an eye but cannot see. -----

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.
It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV



RETURN TO CHURCH

JOIN US IN PERSON

OR

ONLINE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Follow the directions below for your choice of worship.

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN-PERSON WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

If you would like to attend IN-PERSON WORSHIP, you will need to sign up. A link will be sent out weekly for you to sign up on-line OR you can call the church office at 215-723-1186 by 3:30 pm on Friday.

There is a limit to the numbers we can accommodate, so please register. We also ask that you be mindful of the information sent out previously about precautions like wearing a mask properly (from the bridge of the nose to below the chin), social or physical distancing (6 feet!) and washing hands or using hand sanitizer frequently. The precautions are a way to keep one another safe and to practice love of neighbor!

Important! Please write all names of people attending in "first name" section and be sure to click the correct amount of people attending. This is important for contact tracing purposes.

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

To Worship On-Line, follow the directions below:

Prelude music will begin at 8:45 am.

Worship will begin at 9 am.

The bulletin will be attached to your weekly email.

To join us on Facebook Live, please do the following:

Hold down the Control button on your keyboard and click on the following link:

www.facebook.com/Zwingli.ucc

Don't have a Facebook Account? No problem – here are directions to view worship service without creating 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](https://www.facebook.com/Zwingliucc) or

Go to Twitter #Zwingliucc or

Check your weekly Z-News on Monday.



Healthy Moments
Acts of Kindness Can Improve Your
General Well Being
Sandy Schuler

CONFIRMATION/PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 23rd, we celebrated 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 worked hard to prepare for membership in the church. We also thank our mentors who worked individually with their confirmands.

Confirmands and their mentors are:

- Alex Jalboot/Jen Smeed
- Claire Jalboot/Erin Chalmers
- Bryan Kuhnsman/Tom Kramlik
- Jadyn Odenwald/Laurie Reynolds
- Brandon Panner/Pam Myers
- Ryan Panner/Pam Myers
- Mason Scovronski/Ed Bibic

“But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked” Luke 6:35

Kindness by definition means having or showing a gentle nature and a desire to help others: wanting and liking to do good things and to bring happiness to others. We've all heard the phrase “*out of the kindness of one's heart.*”

Heart disease is related to kindness since it is a major reason why lonelier people die more often. Loneliness has been proven to cause higher blood pressure and blood sugar, along with anxiety and depression.

Acts of kindness boost serotone, dopamine and releases endorphins in our brain. These chemicals are why we have feelings of satisfaction and well being which allows our pleasure reward brain centers to light up. Kind people have 23% less pain, stress, hypertension, anxiety and depression in their lives. People also have been found to live longer and feel more energetic.

Kindness is priceless without cost and often contagious. All you need to do is give a smile, open a door, check on your elderly neighbors, give someone a phone call and of course many other acts will give you

that euphoric feeling which helps you live a healthier life.

Live well and always be kind.



OPEN AND AFFIRMING

On Sunday, April 25, the Covenant Creation Committee and the Open and Affirming Team introduced the Open and Affirming Covenant to the Zwingli members who attended our special presentation during Adult Electives. Below is the covenant that we are praying will be adopted by Zwingli in the near future.

ONA COVENANT - OUR JOURNEY

At Zwingli United Church of Christ, we promise to engage and nurture Christ's light in all of God's people, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, race or ethnic background, social status, soul injury, religious beliefs, age, and physical, mental, or addiction challenges.

We aspire to be a counterweight to exclusion and discrimination. We choose to purposefully welcome and include all people in every aspect of our church family including worship, fellowship, and leadership, lay and ordained, and will meet you where you are on life's journey to share God's love with you. It is our commitment that all members should feel and be safe, as we express God's universal and unconditional love in our church, community and daily lives.

You are invited to an in-person class on **Sunday, June 13 @ 10:30 am** to talk about ways Zwingli might implement the Open and Affirming covenant into the life of the church. What can we expect? How will Zwingli UCC be different? Will it be different, or is this going to go away once we approve the covenant? That day, Pastor Butch and Pastor Alan will lead a discussion, answer questions, and introduce the ONA implementation team to you. This is a great time to ask questions, voice concerns, and be in prayerful consideration of the way forward with the ONA covenant.

For more information about becoming an Open and Affirming church, please visit the following websites:

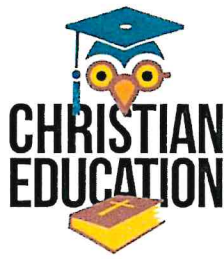
<https://openandaffirming.org/ona/>

https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/justice/health-and-wholeness-advocacy-ministries/lgbt/lgbt_ona/

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lisa Cinciripini at office@zwingli.org or 215-723-1186.

ONA Team: Lisa Cinciripini, Ed Bibic, Lois Hunsicker, Sue Wack, Joan Yeager, Gene Moyer, Rhonda Moyer, Earl Ludwig. Pastor Butch Kuykendall, Pastor Alan Miles and formerly, Pastor Elaine, served as ex officio members

CCC: Ashley Scovronski, Obie Ralphs, Billy Leake, Carolyn Leake, Julie Neff.



**ADULT EDUCATION AT ZWINGLI
BY ZOOM**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet every Sunday morning via Zoom at 11:30 am (except the first Sunday when we join Adult Electives at 10:30.) We will be studying traditional Sunday School themes based on the Standard Sunday School Commentary. Our teachers are Larry Moss, Jonathan Widgins, and Charlotte Kramer. The Spring theme will be *Prophets & God's Covenant*.

Join our Sunday School Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82617259547?pwd=dXMvRGptNjQ1dEpXK2pxTFQyNjQ3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1725 9547
 Passcode: 7231186
 Or dial 1-646-558-8656 or 1-301-715-8592
 Follow the prompts. The Meeting ID: 826 1725 9547, Password: 7231186. This link is good through August 28.



**SAVE THE DATE: GRADUATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 20th**

Are you (or do you know of) a member of Zwingli that graduating this year? If so, we want to celebrate your success! Join us on June 20th, during worship, when we will recognize your hard work!



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer Youth Schedule

May

5/26 6:30 PM | Mini-Golf at Freddy Hill Farms, Ice Cream After

June

6/14 | Last Day of Souderton Schools

6/15 6:00 PM | **Youth & Families Cookout (LYFT, Youth, Children, and Parents)**

6/20 9:00 AM | Graduation Sunday

6/29 4:00 PM | Hiking / Paddle Boating at Peace Valley Park

July

TBD | Summer Service Project / Details Coming soon

7/19 10 AM | Join us for skating at Inline 309, and then join us for lunch after

7/27 8 AM | **Day at Dorney Park (LYFT, Youth, Children, and Parents)**

August

8/9 5 PM | Hike the Perkiomen Trail at 5 PM / Ice Cream / Snacks on the Trail

8/29 11:30 AM | **Back to School Cookout (LYFT, Youth, Children, and Parents)**



ZWINGLI ZOOM ROOM FELLOWSHIP!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82617259547?pwd=dXMvRGptNjQ1dEpXK2pxTFQyNjQ3Zz09>

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE

We will meet for Prayer Circle with Pastor Butch or Pastor Alan **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.



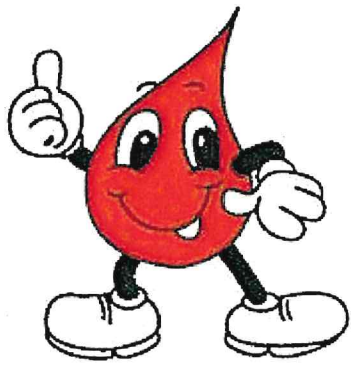
THANK YOU!

The Missioners wish to thank all who donated to the Lenten mission project this year which supported Doctors Without Borders with a total donation of \$830. They were quite busy this past year addressing the world wide pandemic both domestically and internationally. Thank you.



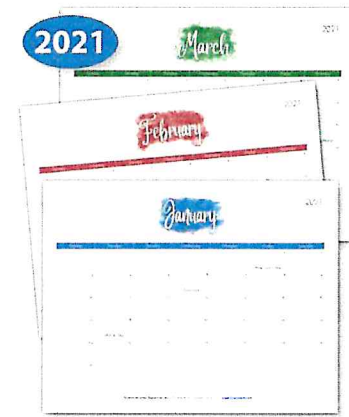
FAITH REFLECTION ON FACEBOOK LIVE!

Tuesdays at 12 noon of each week, Pastor Alan or Pastor Butch 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.



JULY BLOOD DRIVE

This will be held at Zwingli on Monday July 12th from 1:00 until 6:00 pm. As of May 17th there were plenty of slots open. You can register today on-line at GIVEaPINT.org. Click on Give Blood at the top left, click on the Schedule Now box, key in 18964 for the Zip Code, choose Include Mobil Drives, set both dates to 07/12/2021, then click on Search. Choose the Zwingli schedule and pick your time. As of May 17th face masks must be worn and screening will be conducted before entering. Plus due to distancing guidelines, walk-ins will not be taken for this drive unless there's an open slot. These guidelines may change by July. Watch the bulletin for any updates. For further information, contact Jim See at 21m5ee@comcast.net. Note: If you recently received the COVID vaccine you are allowed to give blood.



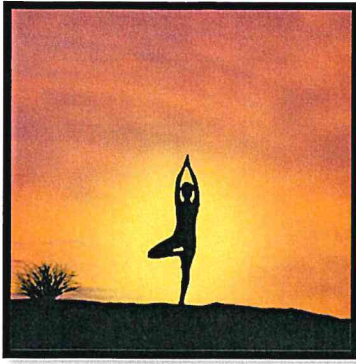
CALENDAR COLLECTION

The final collection of 2021 calendars for SCI Phoenix was picked up last month. We will begin collecting 2022 calendars near the end of the year. Thanks were expressed to Zwingli members for your generous support again this year.



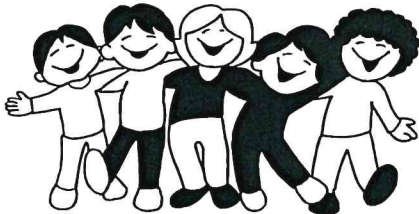
INSTAGRAM VOLUNTEER WANTED

Zwingli needs a better presence on Instagram to share God's love and Zwingli events. If you use Instagram and would be willing to post for Zwingli, please contact Lisa in the church office at office@zwingli.org or 215-723-1186.



YOGA

Yoga is good for the mind and body. Join us on zoom Wednesday evenings at 7 pm each week. All are welcome male, female, young and old. Contact Eleta Hittinger if interested via text or Email at 267-663-8137 / cota11158@gmail.com . Eleta will provide you with the link. Hope you'll be joining us.



CELEBRATING 51 YEARS!

WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS!

Zwingli Nursery School is now accepting registration for the 2021-22 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.



SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP THE

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

GIANT, Landis and Shop Rite Gift Cards

By purchasing **store gifts cards** from Zwingli Church, on a Sunday morning, you help contribute 5% of your store spending to the general fund of our church. AND, it doesn't cost you a cent. Purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card to **Giant Stores, Landis Supermarket or Shop Rite** through the church office during the week. Thank you for your participation in this program!

SUPPORT ZWINGLI BY SHOPPING ATAMAZONSMILE!

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! Or type in this link which will take you directly to Zwingli's Amazon page:

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



BULLETIN MAILINGS

Would you like a bulletin mailed to you on a weekly basis? Please call the church office and we will add you to our weekly bulletin mailing list.



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.

2021 FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

Would you like to sponsor the flowers in the chancel one Sunday morning or a bulletin?

Chancel flowers are \$39.
Bulletins are \$15.

For either/both sponsorship, please request a form from the church office or pick one up in the vestibule during office hours. Fill out the form and attach a check and place in the labeled box in the vestibule OR mail to 350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA 18964. We appreciate your support.



FASAGEO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA FUNDRAISER

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!



STAY INFORMED

If you want to stay current on what Zwingli Ministries and Council are doing, pick up a Pre-Council Report in the vestibule or ask the church office to email you one. See the wonderful ideas that are being shared by your leaders!

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS

- June 6** Laurie and John Reynolds
Joan Yeager, Kristie Lowery
- June 13** Lee and Lois Hunsicker
Liz Bibic, Erin Chalmers
- June 20** Rick Rogers and Missy Rogers
Liz Bibic, Sue Wack
- June 27** Joan Yeager, Kristie Lowery
Laurie and John Reynolds
- July 4** Lee and Lois Hunsicker
Jen Smeed
- July 11** Rick and Missy Rogers
Liz Bibic, Sue Wack

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING
ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST MAILING IS

MONDAY, JUNE 21st

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION FOR
ALL OF JUNE AND THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN
JULY.



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