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Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

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Yours is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter. (Psalm 74:16-17)

The days of summer are well upon us and will be filled, hopefully, with opportunities for vacations, more time with family, summer celebrations and a chance for respite and relaxation. We're looking forward to easing pandemic restrictions, while remaining mindful and diligent in the face of new variants and containing the spread of COVID. We're living in a hybrid world with expectations for in-person and online options, varying mask restrictions, and new options for work, entertainment, and recreation. The church also finds itself in the midst of this "new normal."

At Zwingli, we will continue to be active this summer in the best and safest way we can. Face Book livestreaming of services will continue alongside in person worship (meaning folk on vacation can now tune in to a live service while away! :). Our young people and families will have a chance to experience a new version of Vacation Bible School along with sister churches (*A OK Fridays*). We'll return to Perkasio Park on August 22nd for worship and a luncheon. The church will continue the discernment process for becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation during the summer, culminating in an opportunity to affirm our Open and Affirming Covenant in late August and early September. There will be chances at Zwingli for fellowship, youth gatherings, ministry meetings, the Wednesday Prayer Circle and worship. I'm also excited to be serving with Ed Bibic and the Rev. Tony Villareal as delegates to General Synod 33, the national gathering of the United Church of Christ which will be held July 11-18. The Synod will be conducted virtually for the first time in the UCC's history, while the PSEC delegates will gather in person at a local venue July 16-18 during the most intense business portions of the Synod.

Summer is always a time at Zwingli when certain aspects of church life slow a little while others keep humming along. No matter where you may be or what you find yourself doing during the summer months, please do your best to remain faithful to your call as members of Zwingli UCC and Christ's church. Continue to pray for Zwingli. Be involved as best you can in worship and the many events that are planned. Continue to give, so that the ministry we've been called to accomplish and fulfill can remain vibrant and strong. Finally, be thankful for our community of faith. Be thankful to God, who created and creates our days and seasons, a God that is still speaking in the midst of this odd and wondrous time.

Blessings this summer,

Pastor Butch

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2021 ZWINGLI GRADUATES

High School

Brittney Klausfelder graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School. She will be attending Kutztown University majoring in Elementary Education.

Abbie Iannetta graduated from Penridge High School. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh. Abbie is interested in Computer Science and International Business.

Justice Odenwald graduated from Souderton High School and is heading to Kutztown University.

Max Jalboot graduated from Quakertown High School. He will be going to University of California-Irvine majoring in biology.

Kaylee Yeager graduated from Penridge High School. She will be attending Duquesne University in the fall majoring in nursing.

College, Graduate School

Brandon DiCicco graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Marketing and minor in Communications. He has started a job at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as an outside sales representative.

Christina Fogle graduated with her master's degree (Marriage, Couples & Family Counseling) from Kutztown University.

Phoebe Rogers graduated from Arizona State University with a BA in Supply Chain Management with a minor in Tourism

Management and a Certificate in International Business Studies.

Susannah Rogers graduated from Temple School of Physical Therapy with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Caroline Sene graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Arts double major of Political Science and Sociology. Her plan is to attend Suffolk University in Boston for a law degree.

ACTS OF KINDNESS FRIDAYS

Calling all kids! Bring your grown-ups to **Acts of Kindness Fridays**, starting July 30 at 5:30 pm. Each Friday evening, dinner, scripture, and kid-friendly, hands-on service projects will help us connect to God and each other as we have fun serving our community. Come to as many **A OK Fridays** as you can, and invite your friends and family of all ages to participate. All are welcome. Please see enclosed flier for more information. Questions? Contact Pastor Alan at pastoralan@zwingli.org



SUMMER COMMUNION

Summer Communion will be observed on August 1st, both in person and virtually. For those attending at church, we'll continue to experiment with individually packaged

elements in an effort to practice health-conscious habits in light of the pandemic. Those joining online are invited to prepare elements at home or wherever you may be so you can participate virtually. No matter what you choose, communion is a time to celebrate our oneness in Christ and call to be Christ's body in the world.



**JOIN US IN PERSON
OR
ONLINE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

Follow the directions below for your choice of worship.



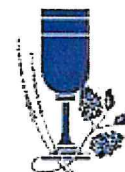
IN-PERSON WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

We have reopened to full capacity. That's right, no more limits on how many people can worship with us on a Sunday morning. When you join us for church, we **simply ask that a chair be left empty between family groups and people who are here worshipping with us on their own.** We also ask that you **wear a mask, singing and speaking the liturgical responses softly** in unison with us, to keep air particulates from spreading. This will protect our most

vulnerable who are unable to get vaccinated.

We will have a **fellowship time outside from 10-10:30.** Individually packaged snacks and water will be provided. We look forward to visiting with each of you!

P.S. Please be attentive to announcements regarding restrictions in the near future as the RTC team considers changes.



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.

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

Type the following web address
www.facebook.com/Zwingli.ucc

(Note: Don't have a Facebook Account? No problem - directions to watch the worship service without a Facebook account can be found at the bottom of announcement.)

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.

**Directions to view worship service without creating a Facebook account:

1. Type in web address:
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.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

Since we are meeting again in person followed by fellowship outdoors, zoom fellowship will be discontinued. Please accept our apologies to those not attending in person.

REFLECTIONS

FAITH REFLECTION ON FACEBOOK LIVE

The weekly Faith Reflections provided on Tuesdays will be on hold for the summer. After a break, Pastors Alan and Butch will evaluate the possible return of FB Faith Reflections for the Fall.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE ON ZOOM

We will continue our Prayer Circle with Pastor Alan or Pastor Butch each Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:30 by zoom. The zoom invitation will be sent ahead of time. Please consider joining this important act of Christian faith and concern.



ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

You're invited to visit our nursery school and meet our teachers on Saturday, July 17 from 10 am – 11 am! Take a tour and see how Zwingli Nursery School can be the perfect place for your child's preschool education. For more information, call 215-723-1186 or find us online at www.zwingli.org/zns or <https://www.facebook.com/Zwingli-Nursery-School-Souderton-109544970601833>

We Still Have Openings!



We value all lives and believe every person is sacred and a beloved child of God. Therefore, I am pleased to let you know that **on June 15, 2021, the Zwingli church council affirmed the Open and Affirming (ONA) Covenant** that has been presented by our ONA and Covenant Creation Committee.

On August 29, 2021 and for several weeks after we will be in the process of affirming that covenant in worship. As you prayerfully consider whether you will join the church leadership in affirming the ONA covenant, we invite you in July and August to ask us questions, and enter into conversation with Pastor Butch and Pastor Alan, and the rest of the ONA committee.

As you have questions, comments, and concerns, or want to just talk about it, we invite you to reach out to us. You can ask questions by contacting the church office via phone or email (office@zwingli.org), or Pastor Butch and Pastor Alan directly at pastorbutch@zwingli.org, or pastoralan@zwingli.org, or by calling the church office.

What an exciting time to be the church. Our God is still speaking, and we are still listening.

ONA COVENANT

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.



Healthy Moment What Should I Say or Avoid Saying To Someone Who is Grieving? By Louis Kuykendall Jr., D.Min

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. - Matthew 5:4

When someone is grieving or mourning it's often difficult to know what to do or say to them. This feeling is a common experience, and may arise due to fears we will say something thoughtless, or will cause greater sadness for the bereaved friend when we bring up the loss. Or maybe, in a desire to comfort and support those who are grieving, we want to say or do just the right thing that will help the bereaved feel happy or find healing. The discomfort arises

as well because it's hard to be with someone who is sad, or to see a friend hurting. Loss, and especially death, makes many of us uncomfortable, perhaps due to feelings about our mortality, or sense of how the world should work, or fear of the unknown, or because we feel powerless to make things better when others suffer a loss. Whatever the source of uneasiness, those who befriend and support the bereaved are often at a loss for words.

Each situation regarding loss and grief is unique. What may be fine to say in one instance may be inappropriate in another. However, there are some common guidelines and phrases that are helpful, or that should be avoided, when talking with someone who is grieving. The following lists are not exhaustive regarding what to say or not say, but hopefully will offer examples for comforting the bereaved. Remember that you cannot take away the pain, but you can be a resource of support and even hope and healing.

Possible things to say to a friend, acquaintance, or loved one who is grieving:

1. The first thing to consider is whether you need to say anything at all. Being present with and listening to the person grieving is one of the most important things a friend or family member can do.
2. Do not be afraid to talk about or mention the person who died, or talk about the pet lost, or refer to the situation that underlies the grief. However, be sensitive to the needs of the bereaved and what they are willing to talk about. For example, a daughter lost her mother, Gloria, in the summer. When the extended family gathered for Thanksgiving dinner, no one mentioned the mother's name. The daughter was

heartbroken and felt the other family members' refusal to speak her mother's name aloud dishonored her life and memory. Although the daughter was not looking for a deep conversation about her (and their) loss, simply saying "we miss Gloria" would have acknowledged her mother's death and the feelings that accompanied the loss.

3. Acknowledge the pain and sadness.
4. "If you can (or "if you're ready") tell me more about your brother. He was such a special person."
5. "You can talk to me about your dad any time you want."
6. "I am so saddened by your loss."
7. "Feeling sadness and anger is normal," or "Feeling grief is normal."
8. "Do you want to talk about it?"
9. "Pets are such a part of the family. I know you will miss Sophie."
10. "I'm thinking about you/praying for you."
11. "I remember when your sister..."
Sharing a memory that is dear to you can be helpful.
12. "I miss him too, so I can only imagine the pain you're feeling."
13. "I wish I had the words to help—just know that I am here for you"
14. "This really sucks," or "This is really hard."
15. "I've got a big shoulder, so don't be afraid to let go and feel what you need to feel."
16. "Whenever you're ready, I am willing to listen and help if I can..." You can help a friend do things like plan for the funeral, think about other job possibilities, brainstorm a new direction in life or college to attend, research ways to participate in charitable organizations that offer a connection to the loved one or friend they lost. Of course, timing is

critical regarding how and when to offer help.

Examples of what not to do and say:

1. Avoid being overly cheery or looking for a bright side.
2. "You'll be stronger because of this," or "Be brave."
3. "It's God's plan," or "This is God's will."
4. "You have other siblings" (or friends, or "at least you have your mother").
5. "They're in a better place."
6. "Stop being so dramatic," or dismissing the loss (e.g., the death of a pet, or loss of a relationship)
7. "It's time to move on," or "Get over it."
8. "I know how you feel." Even if you have lost someone close, or experienced a similar loss, does not mean you know how the friend or loved one feels. Each individual's grief and path are unique. The bereaved may be open to your comfort and advice because they know about your loss, whatever it may be. However, be careful not to equate the feelings and circumstances and be mindful of the process the friend needs to deal with.
9. "Please stop crying, it will be alright," or "Get it together."
10. "Shouldn't you be more upset?"
Avoid telling others how to grieve.
11. "Oh, you'll find another boyfriend/girlfriend."
12. "At least your grandmother lived to 93."
13. "You'll get into another school, just keep trying."
14. "Don't you think it's time to get another pet."
15. "Time heals all wounds."
16. Don't try to answer the question "Why?"

Reference

Kuykendall, Louis Jr. "What Should I Say or Avoid Saying to Someone Who is Grieving?" *Grief and Loss – Your Questions Answered*. Greenwood, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, LLC.2020. pp 93-95. (*Grief and Loss* is focused on a teenaged and young adult audience, but the information shared is applicable for anyone suffering grief and loss).



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer Youth Schedule

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)**



MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

JULY BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be held at Zwingli on Tuesday, July 27th from 1:00 until 6:00 pm. Entrance will be through the main doors. 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. Per current Zwingli policy face masks must be worn. 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 27th. For further information, contact Jim See at 21m5ee@comcast.net. Note: If you recently received the COVID vaccine you are allowed to give blood.

KOC KIDS SUMMER FOOD BAGS

Keystone Opportunity Center will be providing children of families who come to the Food Pantry with bags of good nutritious food during the summer. Currently there are 466 children registered. You can help by filling a large reusable bag with the items on the following list between now and the end of July:

- Macaroni & Cheese (Microwavable)
- Juice boxes
- Breakfast cereal (low sugar)

- 2 cans of Spaghettios w/meatballs
- Granola or Protein bars
- Snacks: i.e. fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, pretzels, microwave popcorn
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (strawberry or grape)
- Pudding and/or fruit cup (pack of four)
- Applesauce
- 3 cans of tuna w/flip top lids or foil packs or canned chicken or Hormel meats

You can also just purchase some of the items from the above list. Additionally, fresh fruit such as apples, bananas and oranges can be offered separately with the bags. The bags & individual items can be dropped off in the vestibule at church or delivered directly to KOC on Mondays between 10 am & 12 pm at the Main St. entrance (104 Main St.) or Tuesdays through Thursdays between 9 am & 4 pm at the rear Food Pantry entrance. NOTE: Be sure to tell them that this donation is for the **Kids Summer Food Bag Program**.



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

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



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!

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.

PASTOR BUTCH AVAILABILITY IN LATE JULY

Pastor Butch is serving as a delegate to the 33rd Genral Synod of the United Church of Christ July 11-18. Though Synod is virtual, he will be involved in numerous worship and workshop experiences, serving on a resolution committee, attending plenaries and business meetings as a voting delegate, taking opportunities to connect with others around the country and otherwise being immersed in Synod events and schedule.
Butch will be on vacation July 19-26.

During this time, please pray for and support Pastor Alan and the Elders!



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!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From July 1 – September 6, the office will be open 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Closed 12-1 daily.

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS

July 11	Rick and Missy Rogers Liz Bibic, Sue Wack
July 18	Laurie & John Reynolds Joan Yeager, Kristie Lowery
July 25	Lee & Lois Hunsicker Erin Chalmers, Liz Bibic
August 1	Rick & Missy Rogers Liz Bibic, Sue Wack
August 8	Laurie Reynolds, Sue Wack Joan Yeager, Jen Smeed
August 15	Joan Yeager, Lois Hunsicker Liz Bibic, Laurie Reynolds

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

July 4	Pam Myers
July 11	Laurie Reynolds
July 25	Jalboots

LAY READER

July 4	Liz Bibic
July 11	Sue Wack
July 25	Jalboots

FACEBOOK MONITOR

July 11	Tony Villareal
July 18	Laurie Reynolds
July 25	Kristie Lowery
August 1	Nikki Bechtel
August 8	Lisa Cinciripini
August 15	Kristie Lowery
August 22	Laurie Reynolds
August 29	Nikki Bechtel
September 5	Tony Villareal
September 12	Lisa Cinciripini

DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING MAILING
ARTICLES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER MAILING
ARE DUE

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY
INFORMATION FOR
**ALL OF SEPTEMBER AND THE
FIRST TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER.**



Zwingli UCC Staff

Butch Kuykendall, D.Min.Senior Pastor
Alan Miles..... Associate Pastor
Steve Emery.....Director of Music/Organist
Linda CuddahyNursery Caregiver
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Kristie Lowery.....Office Assistant

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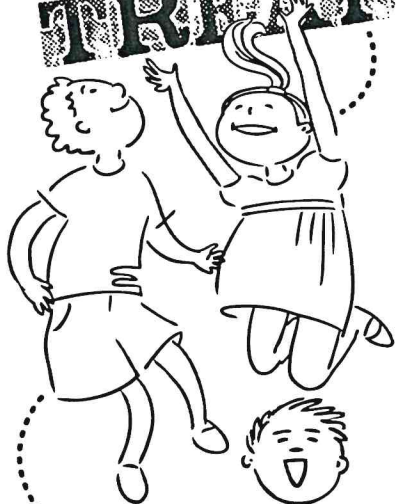
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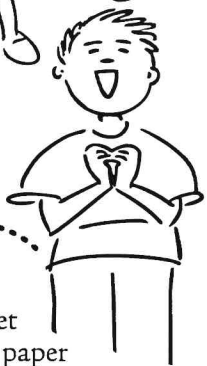
Summer Office Hours: M- F: 8:30-3:30 Closed 12-1



A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.



What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> R
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R

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Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION