



Zwingli United Church of Christ

Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

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Dear Zwingli Family,

By the time you receive this, Halloween will be just arriving (if the mail is on time). Maybe you will be enjoying your Halloween candy while you are reading this. Wherever this finds you, I hope and pray all is well with you as the month of October ends and November begins. We've got a lot going on this month at Zwingli, and I am going to highlight those in this letter.

Before we get into the busyness of November, let's take some moments to be contemplative. November is the month of giving thanks, and we've got a lot to be thankful for this year. In last month's newsletter, Pastor Butch highlighted a lot of items we are thankful for as a church. So, over the month of November, I invite you to consider what and who you are thankful for each day. Once a day, take some time to write a note, make an entry in your journal, or share a social media post highlighting what you are thankful for. Gratitude -particularly saying it out loud or writing it out on paper- is a good contemplative practice for us to pursue. It allows us to pause and to give thanks to God for all that God has provided for us. An extra bonus of putting this into practice: it is good for our mental health. I will be doing this every day in November and I hope you will join me in this important spiritual practice.

As promised, here are a few of the events we want to highlight for the month of November:

Stewardship Campaign – Our **stewardship campaign starts on Sunday, October 31** and goes for four weeks. I hope you will be in prayerful consideration of how you will give offerings to God for the next year. You can read more about the stewardship campaign inside this newsletter.

All Saints Sunday – **On Sunday, November 7**, we will look back at our Saints who have gone on to join the great cloud of witnesses. **If you have someone you particularly want lifted up this year, please email us at pastoralan@zwingli.org**. Make the subject line of your email "All Saints Sunday" – and we will make sure and add them to the list.

After Thanksgiving day, join us at church **Sunday, November 28**, for the **Hanging of the Greens service**. This is always a special time of year at Zwingli. We hope you will be able to join us for this kick-off to the Advent/Christmas season at Zwingli.

And finally, we have a great opportunity for spiritual development and Christmas cheer this Advent season. Join us for our **book study, called The Redemption of Scrooge**. Join us as we look at how the life of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future can help us dive deeper into our faith. We hope you will join us for this spectacular book study, **starting December 1, 2021**.

With all that is going to happen over the next month, I hope you have an amazing November. I look forward to seeing you at some or all the upcoming events. For easy navigation, see the table of contents on the reverse side of this page.

Sincerely,
Pastor Alan

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PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

PUZZLE

GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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 w y l a s a
 3 5 2 4 6 a
 1

 p y r a
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 continually,
 e g v i
 4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

h n t a s k
 2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Please stay tuned for details regarding this year's Thanksgiving Eve service scheduled for Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. More information will be sent via email, snail mail, Facebook, Z-News and other means once plans are finalized.



The Advent "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held on Sunday, November 28. Decisions about how the service will happen are still in the planning stages since the pandemic is still altering and affecting our usual traditions and routines. More information will be sent via email, snail mail, Facebook, Z-News and other means once plans are finalized. Please stay tuned!



Plans are to continue the Advent Stocking Children's Message Series during Advent. As stated above, we're still considering how best to carry on this young, but well-loved tradition.



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

Follow the directions below for your choice of worship.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The Return to Church (RTC) team continues to require masking indoors **for all** who attend services or use our buildings. We also ask those attending on Sunday mornings to speak and sing softly during worship services.

Continuing with a policy requiring masks is a very difficult decision. We are acting in this way due to the high level of COVID-19 cases, the aggressive or unknown behavior of variants, and information gleaned from Montgomery County and the CDC. The team is especially concerned for youth and children who have not been or are not able to be vaccinated.

We will continue to monitor pertinent information as we always have and make ongoing decisions about restrictions as new information is available. We ask for your patience and hope our church community can be flexible enough to move in and out of restrictions with ease, if necessary, as we keep in mind the safety of our congregation and the community at large.

We continue to ask for your help in protecting our entire congregation by staying home if you feel sick or are experiencing any of the following:

- Any symptoms of Covid-19 – cough, fever, loss of smell and/or taste, headache, or shortness of breath.
- Have cared for or been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days. (Please note that this does not apply to health care professionals.)
- Have been advised to self-quarantine.
- Are currently infected with Covid-19 or are undergoing treatment for Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support of our Zwingli community. The RTC Committee



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.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE

We will meet for Prayer Circle with Pastor Alan 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.



Healthy Moments

Tis the Season for Women's Health Detecting Cervical Cancer

By Kristie Lowery, Faith Congregational
Health Nurse

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." 3 John 1:2

The focus of last month's article was on breast awareness. This month we continue to expand on women's health by addressing the need to monitor for cervical cancer. The cervix is the lower, narrow end of the uterus. Cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent with regular screening tests and follow up. It is also highly curable when found and treated early.

All women are at risk for cervical cancer. It occurs most often in women over age 30. Each year, approximately 12,000 women in the United States develop cervical cancer. The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer. HPV is a common virus that is passed from one person to another through sexual contact.

Early on, cervical cancer may not cause signs and symptoms. Advanced cervical cancer may cause bleeding or discharge from the vagina that is not normal for the individual. If any of these symptoms occur, it is important to contact your physician for follow-up.

The Pap test is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available. Women between ages 21-29 years should see their physician and undergo a Pap test every three years. Women within the age group of 30-65 years are urged to get a Pap test every three years, HPV testing every five years or a combination of these two tests every five years. For women 21-65, it is important to continue getting a Pap test and/or HPV test as requested by the physician. The testing needs to be continued even if it is anticipated there will be no more pregnancies and/or sexual activity.

Exceptions to these guidelines for obtaining a Pap test would be if a female is over 65 and has had a normal Pap or HPV test for several years. The other exception is if the cervix has been removed as part of a total hysterectomy for non-cancerous conditions (fibroids).

The risk of developing cervical cancer is increased with the presence of the HPV virus. Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV. The risk of developing HPV is greater if sexual activity began at an early age or if there have been multiple sexual partners. There are many types of HPV and most will go away with minimal treatment. But when the HPV persists and will not go away, it can cause cervical cancer. Other factors increasing the risk for cervical cancer include smoking, having HIV (virus causing AIDS), using birth control pills for extended period of time (five or more years), and having given birth to three or more children.

To prevent cervical cancer, see your doctor regularly for a Pap and/or HPV test. Follow up with your physician if your cervical cancer screening is abnormal. Get the HPV vaccine. It protects against the types of HPV that most often cause cervical cancer. It is recommended for

preteens (both boys and girls) aged 11-12 years, but can be administered up to age 26. The vaccine is given in a series of either two or three injections. Even with having the vaccine, women need to have regular Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer.

Last month the challenging question was asking where you were with your breast awareness screening. This month, the question is to ask if you are up to date on your cervical cancer screening? When was your last Pap test or HPV test completed? If you are current, pat yourself on the back and continue to be compliant with cervical cancer screening. If not, please add to your list of things to do and make it a priority. Early detection is usually a curable situation. Waiting for symptoms to appear could become a long-term health journey with troublesome outcomes. For your own peace of mind, make sure all is good!!!

Resources:

"*Inside Knowledge Cervical Cancer*" [Inside Knowledge 2018 Cervical Cancer Factsheet \(cdc.gov\)](#) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Center and Prevention. CDC Publication #99-9123. January 2019



2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ROOTED IN LOVE

The U.C.C. 2021 stewardship campaign theme couldn't be more appropriate. Its called *Rooted in Love*. This refers to essentially all we do as a Christian, as a

church member and as supporter of Zwingli's mission which is to welcome, care for and love our neighbors as our selves, and love God above all else. Every human on this planet is a small piece of the face of God: loving one means loving the other. Plain and simple. As we offer our time, talents and treasure to support the church, we support its mission. We enable the congregation to spread God's love inward and outward. Our offerings are Rooted in Love just as is our extravagant welcome to all. Zwingli's steps toward becoming an Open and Affirming congregation means that when we get to that goal, we continue to walk the walk. That takes commitment as a congregation to continue to support that walk. We will reach our goals by ensuring Zwingli remains successful, and that includes being financially successful in meeting our budgeted expenses. As of August 31, 2021, offerings are about \$24,000 behind expenses. The Ministry of Stewards encourages the congregation to make up any past offerings missed during vacations. We also ask that for those who can to prayerfully consider a slight bump up in giving for the remainder of this year. Giving is higher than at this time last year, but it is not quite high enough to meet our current expenses. This is also a great time to start prayerfully considering your level of giving for 2022. Our stewardship campaign will officially begin on Sunday, October 31st and will wrap up on Stewardship Sunday, November 21st. The Ministry of Stewardship is very grateful for the abundant and generous giving of Zwingli members.



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

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!



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.



ONA

On Sunday, October 10, Zwingli United Church of Christ celebrated and consecrated the receipt of about 140 signed affirmation statements saying that each member agrees and will support our church becoming an Open and Affirming church.

It took 2 ½ years of study/discussion/seminars/research and prayer to learn how important it is that our church offer radical hospitality and share God's love with all people.

The ONA Implementation team will begin meeting this month to see how Zwingli can move forward with our promise to welcome the marginalized people of our community.

If you have ideas or thoughts on how you would like Zwingli to implement this promise, please let one of our team members know. (Lisa Cinciripini, Carolyn Leake, Rhonda Moyer, Joan Yeager, Pastor Alan Miles).

ONA COVENANT

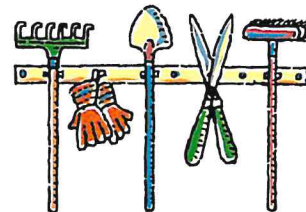
At Zwingli United Church of Christ, we promise to engage and nurture Christ's light in all of God's people, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, race or ethnic background, social status, soul injury, religious beliefs, age, and physical, mental, or addiction challenges.

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.



STILL GOING STRONG

On Thursday, November 4 we will be taking a tour of Pennypacker Mills after our luncheon. If you would like to join us please sign up on the bulletin board next to the coffee area and indicate if you can drive or need a ride. We will meet at the church for lunch first. Any questions, ask Pam Myers or Carol Reiff.



Help Us Maintain the
Church Grounds

ZWINGLI FALL CLEAN-UP
Saturday, November 20
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Please bring your favorite garden rake and work gloves
Refreshments will be provided



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian education is important, and so children and youth Sunday school will continue to meet during the winter months indoors in the education wing, from 10:30 - 11:30 AM, every Sunday. Masks are required.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS WANTED

If you are interested in teaching or being a helper for our Prek - 2nd grade class or our 3rd - 5th grade class, please sign up on the sign up genius link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FADAA2BAAFE3-sunday>

If you are interested in teaching or being a helper for our youth group Sunday school, please use the sign up genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49afa62ca02-youth>



YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- November 6-7** Sleepout for Homelessness
- December 24** – Christmas Eve Worship Help
- December 29** – Holiday Party!

Starting on Sunday, November 28, Youth Group will be studying the book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*. Books will be provided for the youth!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We will meet every Sunday morning in person at 10:30 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 Jonathan Widgins, Toni Kramlik and Charlotte Kramer. The themes for 2021-2022 will be:

- Sep, Oct, Nov 2021: Celebrating God
- Dec, Jan, Feb 2022: Justice, Law, History
- Mar, Apr, May 2022: God Frees and Redeems
- Jun, Jul, Aug 2022: Partners in a New Creation

THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE
Wednesdays at 7 PM
Starting December 1, 2021



ADULT ELECTIVES THIS FALL

We will continue our practice of combining Adult Electives and Bible Study on the first Sunday of each month.

Topics for upcoming weeks will be:

November 7

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

November 14

History of the Underground Railroad in Montgomery County

Ryan Conroy will lead this overview of the history of the underground railroad in Montgomery County. The presentation will span the time period of its activity and will touch on specific houses, properties, individuals, and much more.

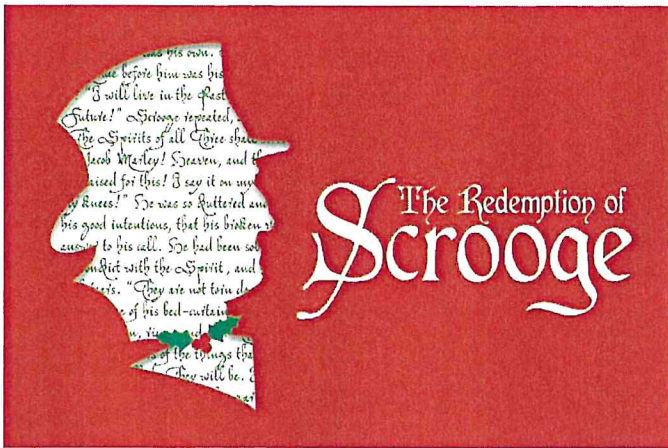
November 21

On this Sunday following Veteran's Day Weekend, we will honor veterans and hear from one who served in World War II.

November 28

God's Love is for Everyone

Acceptance and welcome of LGTBQ members is sometimes difficult for some denominations. We will view a film entitled, "God's Love is for Everyone" which focuses on a Mennonite church in rural Illinois which went through a discernment process of welcome and acceptance.



Join us for a four-week Advent study on *The Redemption of Scrooge*. We will look at how our faith can be impacted by the story of Scrooge, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, Future. I hope you'll join us for this study which is sure to bring some extra Christmas cheer this holiday season.

Books are available for purchase on Amazon or you can contact the church office if you would like us to place a group order. The cost of the book is \$10. Or, order it from Amazon here: shorturl.at/fjpOQ

Signup by emailing Pastor Alan at pastoralan@zwingli.org



ALL SAINTS OFFERING

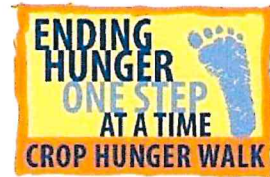
“For all the saints who from their labors rest,...”
— William W. How

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Some of our PSEC pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because their retirement income is low, the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference supplement the cost of their health benefits.

The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ administers these supplemental gifts according to whomever has the greatest need. Last year your gifts provided \$6,100 to meet the Conference's \$14,890 commitment to the 7 pastors, spouses, and widows who received health and dental insurance assistance.

Join with our Conference churches this year to send among us who have served the church so well in past years! Please place your contribution for the 2021 All Saints offering in an envelope marked “All Saints.”



CROP HUNGER WALK

Thank you to the walkers and sponsors for helping to advance communities around the world. Your donations will help provide supplies and education to start small farms that generate food and income for their family and neighbors. A portion of the funds will stay local. Zwingli raised **\$3,980.00!!!** Our involvement in the Penridge Crop Walk is the change this world needs!



ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

October was an exciting month. We had some new friends enroll in our school. We are learning the concepts: the color orange, the letters Cc and Dd, the numbers 1 and 2, and the shape of a triangle. We celebrated Fire Prevention Week doing special art projects, playing with toy fire engines and firefighters, and reading stories and singing songs about

them. At the end of the month, we will have a class Halloween parade and party.



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 vestibule or contact Lisa in the office for an electronic copy. See the wonderful ideas that are being shared by your leaders!



TABLE OF PLENTY

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and staffing issues, the Thanksgiving Day Meal will not be held this year.



November 7, 2021
Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn back your clocks for an extra hour of sleep!



MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Shop for unique handmade and re-purposed items. Great for gifting. All proceeds benefit the Mennonite Central Committee.

Shop Hours will be:

Thursday, December 2: 9 am – 8 pm
Friday, December 3: 9 am – 8 pm
Saturday, December 4: 9 am – 5 pm
December 6-11: 9 am – 6 pm

Darning Egg Gifts
737 Hagey Center Drive
Unit C
Souderton, PA 18964

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER MAILING IS

*****MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8*****

This deadline is earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving.

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION FOR ALL OF DECEMBER AND THE FIRST THREE WEEKS IN JANUARY

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS

- November 7 Jen Smeed, Miles Smeed
Joan Yeager, Charlotte Kramer
- November 14 Lee and Lois Hunsicker
The Chalmers
- November 21 Susie and Dale Woodland
Liz Bibic, Carol Reiff
- November 28 Sue Wack, Larry Moss
Pam and Pete Myers
- December 5 Gene and Rhonda Moyer
Kristie Lowery, Marian Eide
- December 12 Jen Smeed, Miles Smeed
Ed and Sue Rauch
- December 19 Mike and Jess Jalboot
Laurie and John Reynolds

REFRESHMENTS

- November 7 Erin Chalmers, Lois Hunsicker
- November 14 Janet Whitefield, Eleta Hittinger
- November 21 Gladys Amspacher,
- November 28 Pam Myers, Karen Kispert
- December 5 Kristie Lowery, Charlotte Kramer
- December 12 Toni Kramlik, Joey Bush
- December 19 Betsy Villareal, Myra See
- December 26 Ministry of Educators

FACEBOOK MONITOR

- November 7 Kristie Lowery
- November 14 Lisa Cinciripini
- November 21 Tony Villareal
- November 28 Laurie Reynolds
- December 5 Tony Villareal
- December 12 Kristie Lowery
- December 19 Lisa Cinciripini

MONEY COUNTERS

- November Steward of the Month: Tara Kuhnsman
- November 7 Tara Kuhnsman, Kristie Lowery
- November 14 Tara Kuhnsman, Erin Chalmers
- November 21 Jack and Judy Dunn
- November 28 Lee and Lois Hunsicker
- December Steward of the Month: Charlotte Kramer
- December 5 Charlotte Kramer, Marian Eide
- December 12 Lee and Lois Hunsicker
- December 19 Carol and Dave Reiff
- December 26 Ed and Liz Bibic

TRUSTEE ON DUTY-NOVEMBER - Barry Tice

Zwingli UCC Staff

- Butch Kuykendall, D.Min.....Senior Pastor
- Alan Miles, M.Div..... Associate Pastor
- Steve Emery.....Director of Music/Organist
- Linda Cuddahy.....Nursery Caregiver
- Lisa Cinciripini.....Office Administrator
- Kristie Lowery.....Office Assistant

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Blessings

