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When we become aware that we do not have to escape our pains, but that we can mobilize them into a common search for life, those very pains are transformed from expressions of despair into signs of hope. (Henri J.M. Nouwen, The Wounded Healer)

As we await the warmth and hope that spring often brings, we find ourselves in a world and community that are struggling. The war in Ukraine demonstrates again the destructiveness and human cost of unhinged power, a narcissistic leader, and historic wounds. The division in our country and other places around the world are disheartening, anxiety producing and scary. The pandemic has caused trauma and worry for those who have suffered directly as well as those of us who support loved ones, neighbors and friends, or people who work on the front lines in health care. The continued marginalization of women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community (including youth who often have no voice), the poor, and others is appalling and unchristian. The arguments in too many school board meetings are often based on misinformation, fear, and an attempt to hold on to or develop tired and hurtful policies. The reality that far too many people suffer from homelessness, food insecurity and underemployment.

Yet, there are places of great hope and light too. The efforts to move toward some sense of peace; the dedication of many who offer their lives, expertise, resources and prayers; the work of many to offer a listening ear and a chance for conversation about issues and concerns close to our hearts; churches and other organizations that strive to provide extravagant welcome, affirmation and support; organizations and churches that work to meet some of the needs of those struggling financially and in other ways; the insights and help of persons highlighting and addressing the effects of trauma, mental health and the effects of war.

I love Henri Nouwen's work and insights. But when I read the quote again recently, I felt unready to heed his words. No one likes to be hurt and most of us do our best to avoid hurting others. I often want to get rid of pain or avoid pain and stress altogether. However, Nouwen's insights are honest and true to human experience. We'll all suffer loss, be hurt, deal with trauma and pain. Some more than others. What Nouwen suggests is that this is a universal experience and a place where we can begin to explore our deepest humanity and begin to search for common meaning and healing. But it takes courage and vulnerability to face these issues and experiences together. It takes realizing, as Barbara Brown Taylor once said, that we must go through the graveyard to get to Easter. We also need to trust that God is amid our joys and sorrows and is working to transform our pain into signs of hope. Together, we can be wounded healers, a part of Christ's ministry of reconciliation and mercy. This is what Lent is all about. Preparing ourselves. Worshipping, praying, serving, learning, reflecting and finding ways to hear God's voice and heed the call of Christ.

I hope we can be a church that is realistic about the circumstances of the world and our personal lives, yet be signs of hope, as well as those who work to bring about hope in our corner of the world. If we are up for the journey and the struggle, then we will be a Lenten and Easter people ready to be wounded healers, seeking ways to be ministers of reconciliation, hospitality and hope. We've taken steps in this direction. It's not easy and there are stumbles along the way. But, if we trust in Jesus, and rely on each other and the Spirit, then God will lead us in the Way.

May the rest of Lent, Holy Week and Easter be blessed my friends.
Peace, Butch

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HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

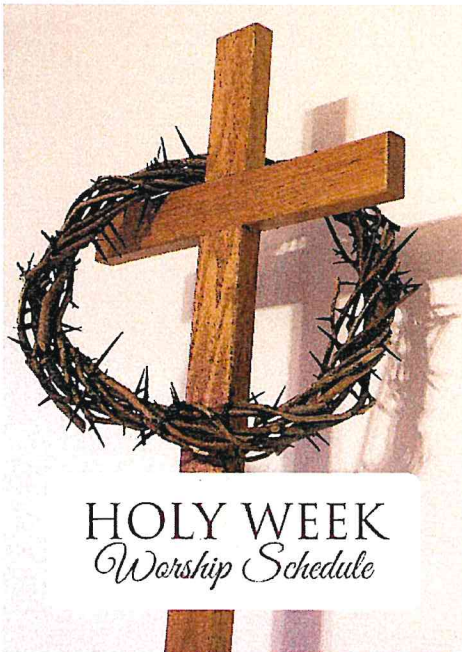
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"As a _____ looks after his
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 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V
 _____ them, so will I _____ after my _____.
 D R G S O L L P H S V V K
 I will _____ them and _____ them.
 I V H X F V K Z H G F I V
 I will _____ for the _____ and bring back
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 the _____ . I will _____ up the _____
 H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W
 and _____ the _____ . You are my
 H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P
 _____ ... and I am your _____."
 H S V V K T L W



sheep, God
 Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue,
 pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak,



COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will join with Emmanuel Lutheran and Trinity UCC for a combined Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 15 at 7:00 pm. The worship service will be hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran Church located at 69 W. Broad Street, Souderton

Stations of the Cross – Emmanuel Lutheran

Friday, April 15 from 8 am to 4 pm
Self-Guided Meditation in the Sanctuary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday – Zwingli UCC

April 17
6 am and 9 am
Sacrament of Holy Communion

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE IS BACK!

When: Sunday, April 17 2022 @ 6am

Where: Zwingli UCC fire pit area (weather permitting, inside if bad weather)

Who: Everyone!

What: Join us for a service 100% organized and put on by our Youth Group. We will be worshipping together as we explore our 5 senses and how that fits in with the Easter Season.

Look for a sign up for breakfast following the Sunrise Service and prior to our normal 9am service, which is also back!



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower orders are due by Monday, April 11.

























For ages:  **Zwingli** 350 Wile Avenue
 Toddler -  **U.C.C.** Souderton, PA
 Grade 5  Zwingli.org
 (215) 723-1186

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**JOIN US APRIL 9TH FROM
 9AM-12PM IN CENTENNIAL PARK
 FOR OUR FIRST EASTER EGG HUNT!**


BYOB—bring your own basket!

**62 CHURCH ROAD IN TELFORD
 AGES 10 AND UNDER
 RAIN OR SHINE**


 To register send us an email or message on our Facebook Page by
 March 25. Please include the age(s) of your child(ren).


**Interested in being a sponsor?
 Email telfordhappenings@gmail.com
 for more information!**



WELCOME BACK, ART AND CAROL!

With great pleasure, we reintroduce to you our new Choir Director, Art Clyde, and his spouse Carol Birkland. If you were a member of Zwingli back in the 1980s, you might remember that Carol served as Director of Christian Education and sang in the choir. Art was our Director of Music, and Steve Emery was the organist. The team worked well together and helped develop the vitality of Zwingli's music program.

In a bit of a role reversal, Steve and Art will work as a team again. This time, Steve will continue as our Director of Music, and Art will be our Choir Director. Since we already approved our budget this year and didn't include this position, Steve has generously relinquished a portion of his salary. This reduction in pay makes sense since Steve will have fewer responsibilities when Art starts directing the choir. Additional funding for the Choir Director position will come from the Mildred Mitchell Music Fund.

When Art left his position here, he and Carol moved to Cleveland, where he worked on the national staff of the UCC as

editor of *The New Century Hymnal*. Art spent fifteen years there as Minister for Worship, Music, and Liturgical Arts. During those years, Carol had become the Editor in Chief of *Fleet Equipment Magazine* and wrote curricula for the UCC. When Art retired from the national staff in 2006, he and Carol settled in Minneapolis, joining Union UCC. Art directed the choir there (with Carol in the soprano section!). He also led worship services and music workshops, and taught classes at United Theological Seminary.

They are delighted to have returned to Zwingli and look forward to being involved in the music ministry alongside Steve Emery and the many lay volunteers who offer their time and talents.



SPRING CLEAN-UP
 Saturday, April 9
 8 a.m. – Noon

Please help Zwingli UCC with
 Spring Clean-Up!

Bring your favorite garden rake, gloves or
 shovel!

There are a lot of sticks to pick up!

Refreshments Provided



LABYRINTH DEDICATED!!

On Sunday, March 20, we dedicated a new outdoor labyrinth constructed by Andrew Brown. Andrew is a Life Scout with Troop 14 in Telford, and the labyrinth was his Eagle Scout project. Andrew began scouting with Troop 401 and thought of Zwingli when it was time for him to discern a project for his work toward becoming an Eagle Scout. We're thrilled with Andrew's work and very thankful he decided on this project to enhance the spiritual life of Zwingli and the wider community. He plans to register the labyrinth with the world-wide labyrinth locator (labyrinthlocator.com) that highlights a number of local labyrinths. Along with the prayer bench and outdoor worship space, members, neighbors, and friends can find places to pray and commune with God.

We have often set up a portable labyrinth in our Family Life Center. Labyrinths were used in Christian spiritual practice as early as the 4th century, flourishing in Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries. Unlike a maze, which is designed to trick and confuse, the labyrinth is a single path into its center and out again, inviting the walker into sacred space and encouraging a pilgrimage of discovery about God and our interior life. In short, the labyrinth is a path for prayer and meditation and a way to deepen our faith.

We are grateful for Andrew's efforts and the help of other scouts from Troop 14, the

support of his parents, Seth and Carole, and the adult leadership of Troop 14. For now, we ask that you allow spring (whenever it truly arrives) and the growth of grass to happen before walking the labyrinth. Hopefully, later in April the labyrinth will be ready for those in need of spiritual nourishment that walking the labyrinth can provide. Information about walking a labyrinth will be provided after Easter for those needing direction. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Pastor Butch.



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

*Follow the directions below
for your choice of worship.*

IN-PERSON WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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

RETURN TO CHURCH GUIDELINES

After consultation with the new CDC guidelines, Montgomery County, and other resources, the Return to Church (RTC) Team has made a change to the masking policy. **Masking is recommended, but is not required.** For those who have been vaccinated and are healthy, masks are not required indoors. If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe illness, we recommend speaking to your primary care physician about masking

choices, or we recommend you wear a mask. If you live with someone whose health is compromised, we recommend wearing a mask.

There are other important matters to mention regarding worship/events at Zwingli as we live into the "new normal" of the pandemic:

- We will continue to pause our fellowship/refreshment time until we can meet outdoors.
- We will continue our current practices around passing the peace and greeting before and after worship.
- We will continue our current practices regarding announcements during the service.
- If you do wear a mask, please be careful to wear it properly. Double-masking is encouraged unless you are wearing an N-95 or KN-95 mask.
- Please try to social distance as best you can when attending in person worship and events. Please remember to practice good hand hygiene.
- Get vaccinated as soon as possible and keep up with vaccination boosters!! We encourage this out of our deep care for you!!

We continue to ask for your help in protecting our entire congregation and the wider community by staying home if you feel sick in ANY way. Please also stay home if you have experienced 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.
- If you are unvaccinated, we recommend that you wear a mask or enjoy our services and special church events from home.

The RTC Team will continue to monitor pertinent information as we always have and make ongoing decisions about mitigation efforts 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.



ON-LINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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.

If you miss our live broadcast, you can watch at a later time:

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



Healthy Moment

The Hidden Health Benefits of Tea By Kristie Lowery, Faith Congregational Health Nurse

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

During the cold wintry days, it is always comforting to curl up with a blanket and a cup of tea to warm up. People all over the world have been drinking tea for thousands of centuries, and for good reason. Numerous studies have shown that a variety of teas may boost your immune system, fight off inflammation, and even ward off cancer and heart disease.

While some brews provide more health advantages than others, there's plenty of

evidence that regularly drinking tea can have a lasting impact on your wellness. Put the kettle on, because we're sharing some of the biggest benefits hidden in the world's most popular teas.

White Tea: Known to have a delicate flavor, white tea comes from the *Camellia sinensis* plant that's native to China and India. It is also the least processed tea variety. Research shows it may be the most effective tea in fighting various forms of cancer thanks to its high level of antioxidants. White tea may also be good for your teeth since it contains a high source of fluoride, catechins and tannins that can strengthen teeth, fight plaque, and make it more resistant to acid and sugar. This variety also offers the least amount of caffeine, making it a smart choice for tea drinkers who want to avoid or limit their caffeine consumption.

Herbal Tea: Herbal teas, sometimes called tisanes, are very similar to white teas, but they contain a blend of herbs, spices, fruits or other plants in addition to tea leaves. Herbal teas don't contain caffeine, which is why they're known for their calming properties. There are numerous types of herbal teas, all with their unique benefits. Some of the most popular herbal teas include:

- Chamomile tea – Helps to reduce menstrual pain and muscle spasms, improves sleep and relaxation, and reduces stress
- Rooibos – Improves blood pressure and circulation, boosts good cholesterol while lowering bad cholesterol, keeps hair strong and skin healthy, and provides relief from allergies
- Peppermint – Contains menthol, which can soothe an upset stomach and serve as a cure for constipation, irritable bowel syndrome and motion sickness. This tea variety also offers pain relief from tension headaches and migraines.

- Ginger – Helps to fight against morning sickness, can be used to treat chronic indigestion and helps to relieve joint pain caused by osteoarthritis

- Hibiscus – Lowers blood pressure and fat levels, improves overall liver health, can starve off cravings for unhealthy sweets, and may prevent the formation of kidney stones

Green Tea: Green tea originates from China, where the leaves are processed with heat using a pan-firing or roasting method and Japan, where the leaves are more commonly steamed. Green tea is exceptionally high in flavonoids that can help boost your heart health by lowering bad cholesterol and reducing blood clotting. Studies show this type of tea can also help lower blood pressure, triglycerides and total cholesterol. Other research has found that green tea has a possible impact on liver, breast, prostate and colorectal cancers. This tea variety has also shown to be anti-inflammatory, which helps keep your skin clear and glowing. In recent years, matcha – a form of green tea – has grown in popularity. Matcha is a very fine, high quality green tea powder made from the entire leaves of tea bushes grown in the shade. Since it is the only form of tea in which the leaves are ingested, matcha contains even more antioxidants than regular green tea. In fact, some have suggested that one cup of matcha is the equivalent to 10 cups of regular green tea.

Black Tea: Black tea is made from the leaves of the *Camellia sinensis* plant, the same plant that's used to make green tea. However, the leaves are dried and fermented, giving black tea a darker color and richer flavor. Unlike many other varieties, black tea is caffeinated, so it's important to monitor your intake. When you do pour yourself a cup of black tea, you benefit from flavonoids that combat inflammation and support healthy immune function. However, you don't have to

merely drink black tea to benefit from its healthy properties. It can be steamed, cooled and then pressed on minor cuts, scrapes and bruises to relieve pain and reduce swelling. A black tea bath can also ease inflammation caused by skin rashes and conditions such as poison ivy.

Oolong Tea: Oolong tea is a traditional Chinese tea variety that's made from the same plant used to make green and black teas. The difference is how the tea is processed: Green tea is not allowed to oxidize much, but black tea is allowed to oxidize until it turns black. Oolong tea is somewhere in between the two, so it is partially oxidized. This partial oxidation is responsible for oolong tea's color and characteristic taste. Oolong tea is notable for containing l-theanine, an amino acid that reduces anxiety and increases alertness and attention. Scientists have found that l-theanine can help prevent cognitive diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. Oolong tea is also high in polyphenols, which are linked to lowering inflammation, preventing the growth of cancers and decreasing type 2 diabetes risk.

Which Teas Should Be Avoided? While a majority of teas are beneficial for your health, you may want to steer clear of these varieties:

- Detox teas made for fad diets that suggest you will quickly lose weight. These teas often come laced with laxatives that can be harmful to your health.
- Fancy tea lattes and drinks from your favorite chain store. While some of these drinks, such as a green tea latte, may appear healthy, they are loaded with sugar.
- Trendy bubble teas that are also loaded with sugar, calories and carbs, and have little to no nutritional value.
- Herbal teas that may potentially trigger allergies. Many herbal teas contain different types of fruits, herbs, spices and

flowers that some people are allergic to. If you have allergies, always read the ingredients on the package before you consume a new herbal tea.

So who is ready for a cup of tea? Enjoy and know that drinking tea is a healthy thing to do!

References

<https://www.pennmedicine.org/updates/blogs/health-and-wellness/2019/december/health-benefits-of-tea>.



ONA IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Day of Silence – April 8

The Day of Silence is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQ students and allies all around the country—and the world—take a vow of silence to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ people in schools. The Day of Silence falls on the second Friday of April.

Started in the mid 90's by two college students, the Day of Silence has expanded to reach hundreds of thousands of students each year. Every April, students go through the school day without speaking, ending the day with Breaking the Silence rallies and events to share their experiences during the protest and bring attention to ways their schools and communities can become more inclusive.

Over 4 in 5 LGBTQ students don't see positive LGBTQ representation in their

curriculum, nearly 9 in 10 experience harassment or assault, and almost a third miss school because they feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

In 2000, GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) one of the largest LGBTQ education networks in the country, adopted the Day of Silence as one of their official projects. Many participants choose to wear tape over their mouths or Xs on their hands to further call attention to the movement. GLSEN believes that every student has the right to a safe, supportive, and LGBTQ-inclusive K-12 education. They are a national network of educators, students, and local GLSEN Chapters working to make this right a reality.

To learn more about GLSEN and how their research on four major ways schools can cultivate a safe and supportive environment for all students, please go to: www.glsen.org

Today, there are over 10,000 institutions registered as participants in the day of silence. All 50 states are represented in this number, as well as a number of other countries, including Singapore and New Zealand. Day of Silence continues to grow, as more and more people become aware of the issues facing LGBTQ youth.

References: www.glsen.org
<https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-silence/>



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.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME

Please join us for Sunday School and Youth Group on Sunday mornings from **10:15 - 11:15 AM**. We are starting a little earlier but having the same amount of fun. During the winter we are gathering indoors **with masks** and social distancing. As soon as the weather warms up, we will gather outside again. Looking forward to all of you joining us. **Remember - 10:15 - 11:15 AM.**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the sanctuary for the following classes:

April 3

Joint Adult Bible Study led by Toni Kramlik

April 10

What Questions do we have about Faith?

Pastor Alan Miles will lead this discussion and respond to questions from the congregation. Send your questions for Pastor Alan to answer, by end of day Tuesday, April 5 to pastoralan@zwingli.org.

April 24

Lead In Drinking Water: What You Need to Know About School and Home Tap Water.

Lead in Philadelphia schools' drinking water is in the news again. What is really going on? Should I be worried about my local school and home tap water? Rick Rogers of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will discuss the Philly school's situation, how lead can get into tap water and what you can do to minimize risks to you and your family's health.

May 1

Joint Bible Study led by Jonathan Widgins

May 8 Mother's Day

In recognition of Mother's Day, Kyna Castaneda will share her experience and background as a Doula with us. It will be interesting to learn how COVID-19 impacted patient care for clients during the pandemic. We invite you to join us for this live presentation and discussion.

MISSIONS

UKRAINE CRISIS

The Missioners decided to respond to the crisis with a donation taken from the Mission Endowment Fund immediately in the amount of \$1,000. It was sent in March to the UCC Global H.O.P.E. Ukraine Emergency Appeal (<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>). We considered other agencies, but settled on this one.

Currently the Lenten appeal is going on for the World Wildlife Fund plus the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal just wrapped up in March. We decided to wait until after Easter to launch this. We'll reimburse the Mission Endowment Fund with the first \$1,000 collected. Anything over \$1,000 will be forwarded to the UCC Ukraine appeal. However should you wish to donate now, please mark "Ukraine" on your envelope.



The Missioners have selected the World Wildlife Fund as the recipient of a special Lenten Offering for their mission to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth.

WWF has organized these threats into work centers in these six areas:

- Food
- Climate
- Freshwater
- Wildlife
- Forests
- Oceans

All of these are areas of great concern to humankind as we face the threats of global warming. By assisting WWF, we help ourselves and protect future generations while serving the will of God.

Envelopes will soon be available in the vestibule or you may forward your check made payable to Zwingli UCC and marked WWF to the church office. More information will follow.



REACH OUT AND READ PROGRAM

Zwingli UCC Ministry of Missioners along with Pastor Butch Kuykendall and Pastor Alan Miles deliver a donation to the new Souderton CHOP Primary Care office on County Line Rd for their Reach Out and Read program. (missing from this picture is Missioner – Nancy Hafler)

Thank you to all who supported the Advent Mission Project which provided, along with interest from the Mission Endowment Fund, enough to purchase over 600 new developmentally appropriate books to be

given to CHOP Primary Care offices through the Reach Out & Read program. The books will help young families give their children a head start in life.

MILLER-KEYSTONE CANTEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It should be of no surprise that blood supplies are in short supply in both the Red Cross and Miller-Keystone. Both have also been hit with staffing issues since the pandemic. Recently our Indian Valley Community Drive for January and February had to be canceled due to illness in the drive staff and the April drive is already canceled due to short staffing. Along with staffing issues is the need for more local volunteers to staff the canteen at the drives. When a volunteer isn't available, paid staff has to fill in. As a non-profit organization, that cuts into the bottom line.

M-K is the sole provider of blood for over 25 hospitals which includes Grand View, St. Luke's and Lehigh Valley. You can contact Jim See at 215-257-4160 if you would like to find out more about it. Or you can call M-K directly and talk to Kathy Hoy, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-926-6060 ext. 1103 or email at khoy@GIVEaPINT.org.

Staffing the canteen is not hard, it's not strenuous, it's not complicated, it's not rocket science. Please consider this opportunity.



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



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 or throughout the week, 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** on Sunday mornings or through the church office. Thank you for your participation in this program!

LANDIS SHOPPERS

If you shop at Landis, please consider purchasing gift cards from the church office. We learned recently that if the gift cards are not used within a year, they start to take service fees from the balance. Due to COVID, the sales of these cards have been sparse. The cards have been re-dated, so they are good for a full year, but it would be helpful to use them up! Please see Lisa Cinciripini to purchase a card. We have \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. 5% of your purchase goes directly into our general fund budget.

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>



**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!



ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

Zwingli Nursery School is now accepting registration for the 2022-23 school year!

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

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE MAY MAILING IS MONDAY, APRIL 18!

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS

- April 3 Jen Smeed, Gene Mattes
Carol and David Reiff
- April 10 Mike and Jess Jalboot
John and Laurie Reynolds
- April 17 Charlotte Kramer, Carol Wenger
Rick and Missy Rogers
- April 24 The Chalmers
Lee and Lois Hunsicker
- May 1 Joanne and LaMar Kratz
Jonathan Kratz, Liz Bibic
- May 8 Barry and Lois Johnston
Joan Yeager, Gladys Amspacher

ACOLYTE

- April 3 Cali Smeed
- April 10 Adalyn Neff
- April 17 Claire Jalboot
- April 24 Miles Smeed
- May 1 Ryan Chalmers
- May 8 Nora Jalboot

REFRESHMENTS-Temporarily Cancelled due to COVID concerns

FACEBOOK MONITOR

- April 3 Tony Villareal
- April 10 Kristie Lowery
- April 17 Laurie Reynolds
- April 24 Lisa Cinciripini
- May 1 Tony Villareal
- May 8 Kristie Lowery

MONEY COUNTERS

- April 3 Rick Roges, Sue Wack
- April 10 Charlotte Kramer, Marian Eide
- April 17 Mike and Jess Jalboot
- April 24 Erin Chalmers, Rick Rogers
- May 1 Charlotte Kramer, Carol Wenger
- May 8 Joanne Kramlik, Sue Wack

TRUSTEE ON DUTY – APRIL: Barry Tice

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- Butch Kuykendall, D.Min.....Senior Pastor
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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.

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