

## November 2023

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### ZWINGLI HILL NEWS November 2023 Volume 61 No. #9

#### Dear Zwingli Church,

November is a time of gratitude, remembering, and giving thanks. From remembering and thanking the saints who have gone before us, to honoring our transgender siblings, and giving thanks for all we have accomplished, there are many things to celebrate and to be thankful for this November.

We start the month with All Saints Sunday, where we remember and give thanks for those saints who have gone before us and for those who are still with us who have inspired our faith. We will place stones (as we do every year) on the altar in honor or remembrance of those saints. We will also take time to remember the sacred meal that Jesus had with his disciples and what he shared with them.

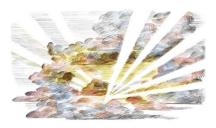
At the end of the month, we will remember our transgender siblings who have died from violence this year with a candlelight vigil on or near November 20. Details are being worked out, and more information will be published soon. We hope you will join us for this special event in collaboration with Souderton Area for All as we stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ community.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving together with our LYFT group on Saturday, November 18 with a night of food and games. Look for more information on the pages of this newsletter. Then we of course will spend time with friends and family as we celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for all that God has done for us and for the good things that have happened in our lives.

Finally, we can celebrate how much the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team has accomplished since its inception a little over a year and a half ago. In preparation for our meeting with Salford Mennonite's Welcome Team (equivalent to our DEI team) to talk about how we implemented our ONA covenant, we made a list of all that we have accomplished since our inception. And the list is impressive. We've been out spreading the word at Third Fridays in Souderton, we've gotten involved in the Montco LGBT Business Council, we've participated in several area Pride festivals, we have hung the Progress Pride flag in our sanctuary and have put up three different Pride flags over our Wile Ave door. We joined in picketing the movie "Dysconnected" - A hateful film about transgender kids that was shown in a private screening at the Broad Street Theater in Souderton. We participated in a Queer Prom clothing collection for SAGA. We received 25 gowns, 2 pantsuits, 2 shawls, and a few jewelry pieces. We helped raise funds for the Indian Valley Public Library facing threats of defunding from conservatives. We celebrated Juneteenth, and we have looked into addiction challenges and how we can help meet those needs with upcoming events. There is considerably more on the list. I hope you will take a look at the full list, which Lisa has in the front office.

So, may you have a November that is full of gratitude and thanksgiving. I hope you will join us in celebrating, remembering, and giving thanks at these and other events happening in November here at Zwingli.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Alan



All Saints' Sunday

On November 5, 2023, we will celebrate what has become a very meaningful service in the life of this church. All Saints Day is traditionally a time when we celebrate and give thanks for the lives of all the saints, both known and unknown. On All Saints Sunday, all those attending worship will have an opportunity to place a stone on the Lord's Table in memory of someone who has died, or a living saint who has inspired our faith. We will also celebrate, in the presence of the "great cloud of witnesses" (or communion of saints), the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please be sure to attend on this day, as we celebrate the lives of the faithful that have gone before us, as well as the life and faith that we share with one another.

#### **STILL GOING STRONG**

We are going to the Schwenkfelder Museum on November 2. Lunch as usual at Zwingli 12 noon and then off to the museum. See the sign-up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board. Hope to see you there.



The Advent "Hanging of the Greens" service will be held on Sunday, December 3. This is a well-loved service and participation friendly.



Plans are to continue the Advent Stocking Children's Message Series during Advent.



#### ZWINGLI FALL CLEAN-UP Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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



## Sunday, December 3 First Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Holy Communion 7:30 pm Souderton Alumni Men's Chorus Concert

Wednesday, November 30

Advent Bible Study

Experiencing Christmas

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday in Advent
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Wednesday, December 7

Advent Bible Study

Experiencing Christmas

Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday in Advent

Continental Breakfast at 8 am Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Congregational Meeting Following the Service

Wednesday, December 14
Advent Bible Study
Experiencing Christmas

Sunday, December 24
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

## Wednesday, December 21 Advent Bible Study Experiencing Christmas



#### **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

This year Music Ministries is offering a full and varied program of musical events.

#### Sunday, November 12 @ 2 pm Celtic Heirs

Rich Hartman will lead this concert of Celtic music.

#### Sunday, December 3 @ 7:30 pm Christmas Concert

Jon Leight's Alumni Men's Chorus will offer a program of choral music.

#### Friday, December 22 @ 7:00PM A Charlie Brown Christmas

The Eric Mintel Quartet, a jazz ensemble, will present A Charlie Brown Christmas. The day and time of this program is a departure from our usual Sunday performances as it will be a Friday evening show!

#### February 11, 2024 @ 2pm Celtic Music

Charlie Zahn returns with a concert of Celtic music.

This is the first time Music Ministries has scheduled this many performances in one year. As you can see we have a variety of musical offerings, and we hope to see a nice turn out for these performances. We have not yet scheduled a swing dance. It would be a nice event to close out our musical year, but we need your input as to how much interest there is to do this again.

Please contact Gene Mattes, Mark Comden or Charlotte Kramer with your thoughts.

In addition, we would like to ask the congregation for some assistance. As you know we always provide refreshments after each program. We are hoping to have assistance with this tradition. Please contact Gene Mattes or the church office if you are interested in helping at any one of our events. Thank you for your consideration.

Gene Mattes Chairman, Music Ministries



#### THE CIRCLE OF SISTERS BOOK CLUB!

The next Circle of Sisters Book Club will meet Wednesday, November 29 @ 7 pm in the Bright Space. The book title for November is *Down We Go: Living Into the Wild Ways of Jesus* by Kathy Escobar. Family and friends are welcome! Pick up a Book Club brochure (located on the bulletin stand) for a full description of the books being discussed this program year. Below is the description for this month's discussion.

Down We Go: Living Into the Wild Ways of Jesus\_by Kathy Escobar

Down We Go is a practitioner's guide for creating and cultivating missional community. It is based on the idea of living into the Beatitudes and explores what it means to follow Jesus into the hard places of suffering, inequality, and injustice in order to cultivate, hope, beauty, justice, equality, generosity and healing. The dream of living out the upside-down ways of Jesus is in our hearts, but many do not know how to make "what could be" really be. We need practical, tangible ideas to make dreams reality. We need to hear how it can work, from people on the margins and practitioners living in the trenches. We need real stories of practice that will fan our hopes and dreams for justice, mercy, equality, and healing in the kingdom of God into flame. Down We Go fleshes out practicing the ways of Jesus in action, personally and through life in community.

#### **FACEBOOK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few more people to run Facebook on Sunday mornings. This ministry allows Zwingli to share God's word on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. The people who worship through our Facebook page are members and nonmembers; local and out of state; homebound and mobile. This ministry touches many people for different reasons. If interested in helping, please let Lisa Cinciripini know. Training is available and there is a step-by-step guide to help you. It's not hard! Feel free to sit with one of our volunteers on a Sunday morning to see what it's like!

#### **CHURCH FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**

Offerings were short of expenses for September. Our deficit increased by \$13,726. This increased our deficit \$48,572. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving for the remainder of the year or make a catch-up offering to help the Church catch up on expenses. You will find catch-up envelopes in the sanctuary chair-backs for your use in helping Zwingli catch up to our 2023 expenses. Thank you!



#### SCAN THIS PAYPAL QR CODE TO MAKE A CASH OFFERING

Use your smart phone's camera or a QR scanning app. It will open



up your PayPal app and Zwingli's account so you can make your offering to Zwingli right from your seat. Don't have a PayPal account? Scan the QR code to download PayPal and create an account. Any questions? See one of the members of the Ministry of Stewards (Lois Johnston,

Charlotte Kramer, Tara Kuhnsman, or Rick Rogers).



#### **ADULT ELECTIVES**

# November 5 Joint Adult Electives and Adult Bible Study Christ Frees, Law Enslaves led by Charlotte Kramer

#### November 12, 2023 Columbarium

The Columbarium Committee will lead the Adult Electives class and hopes to answer your initial questions and learn if there is congregational interest in having a columbarium at Zwingli. Please note the Zwingli Columbarium Survey enclosed in this newsletter. Any completed copies will be collected after the class or later in a box on our table in the Atrium.

#### November 19

#### **Penn Foundation: Mental Health Awareness**

Are you aware of the difference between mental health and mental illness? Join us as Ryan Schweiger,
St. Luke's Penn Foundation, gives us an overview concerning mental health and how to talk about it.

## November 26 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

#### TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Looking for volunteers to teach or help (mostly we need helpers!) the Children's Sunday School. We have a combined class from grades Pre-K- 5th grade. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know and interact with our Zwingli children. The schedule, lesson plan link, and sign ups can be found on the sign-up genius on Zwingli's website, or a printed version is hanging on the board as you enter the Sunday School wing.

We are also looking for teachers and helpers on the first week of every month so some of our volunteers can attend the LYFT class. Our current need is for Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, helper only. Thank you so much for volunteering.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FADAA2BAAFE3-zwingli1#/

#### **UPCOMING FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

Please join us on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (Doors open at 6pm) in the Family Live Center. Our featured movie is **The Polar Express!** We will be serving Hot chocolate and selling Concessions for a small fee.



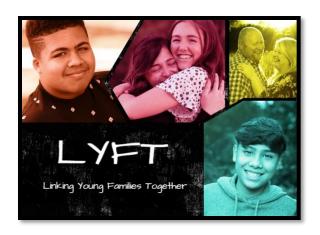
The Educator's Ministry would like to extend our heartfelt **THANK YOU** once again to everyone who contributed to the success of the first annual Zwingli Trunk or Treat! Your support and dedication made this event truly special. This year's event had an incredible turnout, with 16 beautifully decorated trunks captivating the imagination of children and adults alike. We are grateful for every participant who invested their time and energy into this event.

To all our ministries and members who took part in this year's Trunk or Treat, we express our sincere gratitude. Your involvement played a significant role in making the event a remarkable experience for the entire community. We hope to see your continued participation next year, as we believe that with your involvement, the event can become even more exceptional.

Additionally, we would like to extend our congratulations to Sally, whose trunk was voted as the best trunk of the event. Sally's creativity and effort truly stood out.

Once again, thank you to all the volunteers, decorators, and suppliers who made this event possible. We are overwhelmed by the positive response from the community and are grateful for your unwavering support.

Looking ahead to the future, we invite those who are interested in joining the Trunk or Treat committee for next year's event to keep an eye out for a communication in early 2024. Your participation will be crucial in planning and organizing an even more memorable gathering.



## ARE YOU A PARENT NEEDING SOME TIME AWAY FROM THE KIDS AND WITH OTHER ADULTS?

Join us for our parent's Sunday social hour, LYFT. We will meet for social and spiritual time together on the first Sunday of each month. While your kids enjoy Sunday school and youth group, take a break, and join us for some time with other adults. Next social hour is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Please join us for a family-friendly Game Night and Thanksgiving Potluck meal at Zwingli Church on Saturday November 18, starting at 6 PM.

Please RSVP by the end of the day on Sunday, November 12 to Pastor Alan at <a href="mailto:pastoralan@zwingli.org">pastoralan@zwingli.org</a>.



#### **MISSIONERS' UPDATE**

#### <u>ALL SAINTS OFFERING – NOVEMBER 5, 2023</u>

"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying."

Nelson Mandela

The first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday. We celebrate long ago saints and those we know as saints today; people who inspired us to "keep on trying." Many of these people are pastors whose lives shaped and influenced our own. Some of our Pennsylvania Southeast Conference pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because their retirement income is low, the churches of the PSEC 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.

We are joining with other PSEC churches again this year to send a message of care and support to those Saints among us who have served the church so well in past years! Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "All Saints Offering."



#### **HOLIDAY GIFT OF LIFE**

This Christmas give someone you don't know the gift of life. Twice each year blood supplies become dangerously low, during the summer and the Christmas holiday season. We all would like to know that if we needed blood in an emergency that there would be enough to save our life. Zwingli hosts the Indian Valley Blood Drive every 4th Tuesday of the month. The last few months the donations have been well below our normal contribution. As we enter the holiday season the November 28 and December 26 drives are of most importance to ensure that those who need blood have what they need. Please consider signing up for one of the two drives. You can register at GIVEaPINT.org. Click on Give Blood at the top left, click on Schedule Now, key in 18964 for the Zip Code, leave Mobil Drives set to Yes, set both dates to either the November or December drive, then click on Search. Choose the Indian Valley Community Blood Drive and pick your time. For further information, contact Jim See at 21m5ee@comcast.net. Only one person will receive your blood. However their family and friends will also be thankful for your donation.



#### **CROP WALK 2023**

Thank you to our Hunger Fighters and for the folks who donated towards ending hunger. We have raised \$3,667!

CROP began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Service. Today CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local CWS offices across the U.S.

Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community, which is what we do through CWS and PSEC.

Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs.

This year we, members of Zwingli UCC, raised \$3667!! **Thank you all!!** 

#### **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION REPORT**

In September we asked for contributions to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Pastor Butch's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Zwingli. We received \$1895. The Missioners requested that \$105 be moved from the Mission Bequest Fund to make our total donation to the Alzheimer's Association an even \$2000.

Our donation is not only in honor of Pastor Butch's 25 years of ministry with us, it is also in memory of his mother, Elaine Kuykendall, and all those from our congregation who have been impacted by this disease.

Thank you, Zwingli Family!!!



#### **DEI TEAM**

(Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

#### TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR), also known as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance, has been observed annually (from its inception) on November 20 as a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. The day was founded to draw attention to the continued violence directed towards transgender people. Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by a small group, including Gwendolyn Ann Smith, Nancy Nangeroni,

and Jahaira DeAlto, to memorialize the murder of Black transgender women Rita Hester in Allston,
Massachusetts and Chanelle Pickett in Watertown,
Massachusetts. After Hester's death, Smith was surprised to realize that none of her friends remembered Pickett or her murder, saying "It really surprised me that it had already, in a short period of time, been forgotten, and here we were with another murder at the same site." The first TDoR took place in November 1999 in Boston and San Francisco, as both Hester and Pickett's deaths occurred in November. TDoR continued to be observed annually on November 20, the anniversary of Pickett's murder. In 2010, TDoR was observed in over 185 cities throughout more than 20 countries.

Typically, a TDoR memorial includes a reading of the names of those who died from October 1 of the former year to September 30th of the current year, and may include other actions, such as candlelight vigils, dedicated church services, marches, art shows, food drives and film screenings. GLAAD (formerly the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) has extensively covered TDoR, interviewed numerous transgender advocates (including actress Candis Cayne), profiled an event at the New York City LGBT Community Center and discussed media coverage of TDoR.

Zwingli is in the middle of planning for Transgender Day of Remembrance. Please watch for details.

Resource: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transgender Day of Remembrance



#### THE PHOENIX

The Phoenix is a nationwide program and open to anyone in Recovery of addiction with at least 48 hours sobriety. The group meets every Sunday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Trinity UCC, Telford. Come for social fun of indoor and outdoor games. There is no charge and no questions asked about recovery. It is not a meeting. The purpose is to build an active, sober community committed to living vibrant lives in recovery. Do you know someone in recovery who might enjoy a social activity? Contact Joanne Kramlik at 215-815-7104. Or email jkramlik@yahoo.com



#### 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 Moment**

#### How to Cope When the World is Falling Apart Kristie Lowery, Congregational Health Nurse

"Be strong and courageous. **Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,** for **the Lord your God goes with** you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." **Deuteronomy 31:6** 

Watching the news these days can be a tad overwhelming. On a daily basis, we are bombarded with happenings in Ukraine, the most recent traumatic crisis between Hamas and Israel. The CoVid virus is still running rampid. Global warming is really messing up our weather and ecological systems. Fires destroying homes, and even towns are burning uncontrollably despite multiple efforts to slow it down. Flooding is occurring due to a deluge of rain, while others are experiencing major droughts. New Orleans is dealing with salt water invading the Mississippi River due to not enough rain to keep the water levels higher than sea level. Tornados and hurricanes are interfering with our lives, homes and businesses. Federal funding for catastrophic events is very close to meeting its limit due to the number of events that have occurred this past year. But that is not all! In addition, there are daily shootings not far from us as well as mass shootings across our nation at grocery stores, places of worship, Walmart's and schools. So how much can one person deal with before wanting to shout "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!"

History has a tendency to repeat itself. There was a pandemic in 1918 due to the Spanish Flu. There were also two world wars, poverty, food deprivation, and major communication issues with keeping people informed. Fast forward to 2023, and the same types of events are occurring. What is the big difference between historical events in the early to mid-1900's compared to now? The answer is technology and social media. The latest coverage from around the world reaches us as it is happening. Gruesome images are being transmitted to us with nothing left to the imagination. The broadcasts are coming right from the action as it is happening and include showing bodies on the ground, and describing in great detail what is happening. When they interview loved ones of the victims, it is very sad and you cannot help but think about your own family and how you would handle it.

So, what can we do to cope with this technology driven world that is in total chaos? Keeping informed is very important, but we do not want to isolate ourselves. We need to have a healthy boundary for information, which is vital for our mental health.

Each one of us responds in different ways to stress depending on our personalities, histories, and coping resources. How we embrace these traumatic events is based on what is happening in our own lives at the time. Seeing human suffering can have a huge impact on our coping skills. Research is finding that routinely being exposed to traumatic events in the media can contribute to anxiety, sleep disturbances, feeling of helplessness, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Recent studies show that over 60% of people may have news fatigue and are feeling worn out. We need to keep ourselves updated, but we also need to protect our mental well-being.

#### Some tips on how to cope:

- 1. Know the type of person you are. If you are highly sensitive, stories and images will impact you deeply. Be sure to set your limits.
- 2. Be aware when your system may become overloaded. It is the norm to have strong emotions when reading or seeing an image or hear an account of injustice and horror. When feeling overwhelmed, step away and refocus.
- 3. Try not to obsess over the information. Thoughts are powerful, and can affect your mood. Calm down the thoughts that are mushrooming and getting out of hand.
- 4. *Refocus your attention*. Evaluate how much time to spend reading, watching and listening to current events.
- 5. Choose a reputable source to access. The process of scrolling through social media feeds and focusing on every bit of information being communicated can impact on what you perceive is happening. Stick to the reputable news organizations and follow their communications. Not everything on the internet is fact.
- 6. Take a digital recess from the technology to replenish your coping skills. Set alarms to remind yourself to hydrate, eat, stretch, and go to sleep. It is very easy to get so distracted with events occurring, that several hours can be spent just scrolling for news.
- 7. Care for your body. Stress can affect the body physically. It is important to relax by doing stretches/exercise, have a massage, go for a swim/gym. Get out and enjoy nature, taking a long brisk walk or whatever movement you enjoy most.

- 8. Ground yourself by using all of your senses. Focus on breathing in and breathing out. Visualize in detail a calming scene, i.e.-picturing the ocean waves rolling in while the seagulls are flying above.
- 9. Be proactive. When dealing with traumatic events, there can be a feeling of hopelessness and wanting to do something that will help. Find an organization that may be taking donations to help victims, or collecting items needed for care packages. Contribute what you can or give your time to help in various capacities that will assist those who may have lost everything and may have nowhere to go.

It can be very gratifying knowing you have done something to help. The UCC church is usually responding to major disasters in some way. Stay tuned to their website for information, or through our Ministry of Missioners to see what you can do to help. Other local organizations help to coordinate ways to help. Some of the Ukraine affiliated churches have been working hard to help send items to Ukraine. And there are now organizations wanting to help people caught up in the Hamas/Israeli conflict.

The most important thing is to be alert and vigilant to focus on yourself and how you are coping with tragedies and disasters. Also remember that the only thing that ever stays the same is change. These difficult days will pass. The only thing that is 100% certain is that our world will continue to change. References:

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#### IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

Due to HIPAA privacy procedures implemented by all healthcare facilities, it is very difficult for the church to obtain patient information. If you (or a family member) are hospitalized or at a rehab or other health facility, please inform the church office and the pastor(s) directly. This is the only way to guarantee this information will be received by the pastors.



## SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

#### **Grocery Store Gift Card Fundraiser**

Purchase a grocery store gift card from Zwingli Church and 5% of your store spending goes to Zwingli's General Fund.

On Sunday mornings or through the church office during the week, you can purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card to Giant Stores, Landis Supermarket, or Shop Rite to use for your grocery shopping. This fundraiser supports the ministry of Zwingli UCC.

Thank you for your participation in this program!



#### **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!



#### **2023 FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS**

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

Chancel flowers are \$44. Bulletins are \$15.

To sponsor the flowers or bulletin, please pick up a form from the bulletin board next to the office. Once completed, attach a check and drop it off in the office. You can also mail it or drop it in the offering plate. Our mailing address is 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 —whether for dine-in, carry-out, or delivery- that you are a member of Zwingli. It's that simple!

### LAYMEN PLAYMEN AUDITIONS FOR 2024 SHOW CRAZY FOR YOU

Laymen Playmen is proud to present for its 36<sup>th</sup> production the Broadway musical, **CRAZY FOR YOU** (Music and Lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, Book by Ken Ledwig).

**Crazy for You** is a romantic comedy set in the 1930's which tells the story of a New York banker who is sent to Deadrock, Nevada to foreclose on a rundown theater. Of course, he falls in love with the theater owner's daughter and the story revolves around them and saving the theater.

Auditions will be held at Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from7pm- 9:30pm and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am— 12:00 noon. All ages welcome. Additional audition information can be found on <a href="https://www.laymenplaymen.org">www.laymenplaymen.org</a>. Please note change in location for auditions.

#### Show Dates for 2024 are April 19-21 and April 26-28.

There will also be an opportunity to learn some dancing! Two "Dance Workshops" will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Lansdale United Methodist Church. No tap shoes or sneakers for these sessions- regular dress or character shoes are acceptable. Registration is required for these sessions. Information can be found at

www.laymenplaymen.org.

For further questions, please contact Charla Bendas at <a href="mailto:cbendas2001@gmail.com">cbendas2001@gmail.com</a>.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS**

November 5 Maureen Hartman, Liz Bibic
Tom and Toni Kramlik

November 12 Gene and Rhonda Moyer
Ed and Sue Rauch

November 19 Susie and Dale Woodland
Dave and Carol Reiff

November 26 Rhonda Moyer, Gene Mattes Kristie Lowery, Mark Comden

December 3 Jen Smeed, Miles Smeed
Pam and Pete Myers

December 10 Jessica and Mike Jalboot Laurie and John Reynolds

#### <u>REFRESHMENTS</u>

November 5 Ministry of Shepherds

November 12 Generations of Indian Valley

November 19 Beth Swartz, Missy Rogers

November 26 Gladys Amspacher, Susie Woodland

December 3 Ministry of Missioners

December 10 Marian Eide, Rhonda Moyer

#### ACOLYTE

November 5 Jack Beidleman

November 12 Caleb Jalboot

November 19 Adalyn Neff

November 26 Claire Jalboot

December 3 Ryan Chalmers

December 10 Nora Jalboot

#### **FACEBOOK MONITOR**

November 5 Tony Villareal

November 12 Kristie Lowery

November 19 Toni Kramlik

November 26 Lisa Cinciripini

December 3 Sue Wack

December 10 Laurie Reynolds

#### **GIFT CARD SALES**

November 5 Betsy Villareal

November 12 Lisa Cinciripini

November 19 Maureen Hartman

November 26 Pam Myers

December 3 Carol Wenger

December 10 Betsy Villareal

#### **MONEY COUNTERS**

#### Steward of both Months – Tara Kuhnsman

November 5 Tara Kuhnsman, Rick Rogers

November 12 Mike and Jess Jalboot

November 19 Lois and Barry Johnston

November 26 Kristie Lowery, Marian Eide

December 3 Charlotte Kramer, Tara Kuhnsman

December 10 Carol and David Reiff

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## DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER MAILING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20!

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#### Office Hours

M- TH: 8:30-4:30, F: 8:30 – 3:30 Closed Daily 12-1

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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. Our commitment is that all members feel and be safe as we express God's universal and unconditional love in our church, community and daily lives. 9-12-21

# Zwingli UCC Music Ministry presents The Celtic Heirs



In Concert

Sunday November 12, 2023 2:00pm

Zwingli United Church of Christ 350 Wile Avenue Souderton PA 18964

Freewill Offering





"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."



### THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.