

# January/February 2024

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### ZWINGLI HILL NEWS January-February 2024 Volume 62 No. #1

#### Dear Zwingli Church,

As we begin a New Year, it's valuable to reflect on the last year as well as look forward to the future. I encourage you to read the Year End Report because it gives a snapshot of what ministry opportunities we've engaged as well as the number of members and friends who work to sustain our ministry and mission. Looking back tells us what we've accomplished and identifies our priorities.

There's the old saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." But such thinking isn't healthy for the church. There are always times to re-evaluate and challenge ourselves. We are called to keep our hearts and minds open for what new thing God may be calling us to do. This does not mean everything should change, or that we should change just for the sake of change, or that any particular change must happen for us to be faithful. But it is important for us to look to what kind of church we are and need to be in the 21st century.

At the Council/Ministry Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> we reviewed past accomplishments and future directions. We discussed priorities for the coming year, things we want or need to give extra attention as we reflect on what God is calling us to be and do in the next year and beyond. During the meeting we looked at four priorities for the coming year – growing edges and places to enhance our ministry. One priority was around music and ways to enrich our music program. In previous months, specific steps were discussed among the pastors and Elders and a

plan put in place to look at ways to diversify – not change but diversify – our music program. Pastor Alan has been asked to lead this effort, but it will take a collaborative approach among leaders and members for our hopes to be realized. Another priority is Stewardship. Though we have been generous in our giving (we gave more in 2023 than we did in 2022) we know that expenses were greater than income last year. The Stewards are envisioning new possibilities for funding streams, but whatever is planned will take all of us working together to make it happen. A third priority concerned community engagement. We are already engaged in the community in a lot of ways, some more visible than others. But the church of the future will require Zwingli to continue to find ways to connect with, celebrate with and serve our community. Again, this is not the responsibility of just the pastors, or Evangelism, or the leaders, but is a responsibility we all share.

The priorities mentioned already are immediate concerns in the coming year. The last priority concerns leadership, which is a more long-term issue. This priority is driven by the question, "What should leadership for Zwingli look like for the years ahead?" This is a question that involves reflection on staffing and lay ministry (like Council and Ministries) as well as asking deeper questions like "What kind of skills are needed by leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?" "Is there a way to reconfigure staffing or Council and Ministries to meet needs in the future?" "What kinds of positions would be needed?"

I will be taking a sabbatical in April, May and June. More will be said in the coming months about the sabbatical and how ministry needs will be handled. But one of the things I will do during this time of reflection will be to focus on these leadership questions through readings and online classes. When I return, the pastors, Elders, Council and ministries will have further discussions about possibilities and needs. This conversation will also involve all of us. Though we could find that we're OK where we are, I believe we will discover that new and creative ways to do ministry in the years ahead will be needed. It will be essential

for churches to be more flexible and open, focused more on the community, and imaginative in its efforts to reach and connect with the *nones* (the religiously unaffiliated), especially those who have lost trust in the church.

After writing this, I realize we're taking on a lot. But Zwingli has always been a church that has risen to a challenge. May we do so together, led by the Spirit and open to the call of God in Christ Jesus.

Peace, Butch



We thank the following Zwingli members for having served on the various Ministries and Church Council. Their work has been greatly appreciated and they will be missed!

Evangelism: Flo Rutherford, Larry Kratz

Missioners: Earl Ludwig, Nancy Hafler, Barry Johnston

**Shepherds:** Barbara Kratz **Stewards:** Charlotte Kramer **Trustees:** Butch Hafler

Vice-Moderator: Michael Kracht Member at Large: Charlotte Kramer



#### **LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY!**

According to CDC guidelines, if you are not feeling well you need to stay away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick. Whether we like it or not, our faith calls us to care for each other, and that means not getting others sick when we know we are sick. If you have a fever, please do not leave your home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) This is the best way to keep our church healthy. Jesus still loves you even if you miss a Sunday in person due to illness. We are online if you feel well enough to watch! You can watch us here:

www.facebook.com/Zwingli.ucc/live



#### **BLOOD SPILL!**

In 2023 we "spilled" 256 units of blood into Miller-Keystone's blood bank through our monthly Indian Valley Community Blood Drives. Just shy of last year's total, but still significant. Every two seconds in America, someone urgently needs blood. This need

extends beyond emergencies like car crashes, and includes a wide range of medical treatments such as cancer therapies, cardiovascular and orthopedic surgeries, and organ and bone marrow transplants.

Zwingli hosts this blood drive in the Family Life Center every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please consider signing up by registering 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 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.



It's that time of the year again.... ② On March 23rd, we will be hosting a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt that promises to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for the entire community.

## EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY AND PLASTIC EGG DONATIONS NEEDED - by March 10th

This year we are asking for both plastic egg donations, as well as, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, NON-NUT candy donations that will fit inside a standard plastic egg. Starting Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule or by the board as you enter the

Sunday School wing or can be dropped off during office hours (Mon-Th: 8:30 – 4:30, F: 8:30-3:30).

#### Below is a list of candy to choose from:

Hershey Kisses - Plain - no nuts
Mini Hershey Chocolate Bars - Plain - no nuts
Jolly Rancher Hard Candy
Twizzlers
Mike and Ikes
Swedish Fish
Sour Patch Kids
Airheads
Dots
Junior Mints
Tootsie Rolls
Gobstoppers
Laffy Taffy
Life Savers
Life Savers Gummies

Skittles
York Peppermint Patties

Starburst

Your generosity will not only add excitement to the Easter Egg Hunt but also bring joy to those participating.

Mark your calendars and spread the word among your friends, family, and neighbors. Let's come together and celebrate the joy of Easter with fun-filled activities and a spirit of generosity!

We look forward to having you join us on March 23rd for an eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan (pastoralan@zwingli.org)

or Jen Smeed (<u>jennifersmeed@yahoo.com</u>) or call or text 267-240-6977.



#### **FASTNACHTS**

For many years, two Zwingli women have organized and coordinated everything for Fastnacht Day. One has decided to retire from this important ministry. We have one very experienced person in need of a partner. Someone willing to learn, help coordinate, and support this mission. Unfortunately, we are not going to make Fastnachts this year. We hope to bring Fastnacht Day back to Zwingli next year. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.

Meanwhile, Little Zion Lutheran Church is making Fastnachts this year. To order, folks can leave a message at Little Zion's church office (215-723-7404) or order online:

https://www.littlezion.org/fastnachtorderform

There are also notices posted in Zwingli with these ordering details.



#### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

February 11 - Arrive at church an hour or half-hour earlier and enjoy a continental breakfast. The Shepherds will host a Continental Breakfast between 8:00 and 9:00. Join us in the Family Life Center for Bagels and cream cheese, fruit, and yogurt, and of course, baked goods. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for breakfast and fellowship.



The Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 69 w. Broad Street, Souderton.



#### **Maundy Thursday**

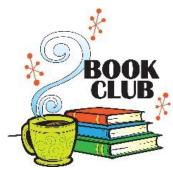
Thursday, March 28
Zwingli UCC
7 pm
Hand Washing/Communion

#### **Good Friday**

Friday, March 29 Emmanuel Lutheran Church 7 pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31
Zwingli UCC
6 am – Sunrise Service
9:00 am – Traditional Service
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be Celebrated at Both Services



#### THE CIRCLE OF SISTERS BOOK CLUB!

## January 31 @ 7 pm: The Color of Heaven (The Color of Heaven Series Book 1) by Julianne Maclean

A deeply emotional tale about Sophie Duncan, a successful columnist whose world falls apart after her daughter's unexpected illness and her husband's shocking affair. When it seems nothing else could possibly go wrong, her car skids off an icy road and plunges into a frozen lake. There, in the cold dark depths of the water, a profound and extraordinary experience unlocks the surprising secrets from Sophie's past and teaches her what it means to truly live...and love.

#### February 28 @ 7 pm: Rabbit, Run by John Updike

Rabbit, Run is the book that established John Updike as one of the major American novelists of his—or any other—generation. Its hero is Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, a one-time high-school basketball star who, on an impulse, deserts his wife and son. He is twenty-six years old, a man-child caught in a struggle between instinct and thought, self and society, sexual gratification, and family duty—even, in a sense, human hard-heartedness and divine Grace. Though his flight from home traces a zigzag of evasion, he holds to the faith that he is on the right path, an invisible line toward his own salvation as straight as a ruler's edge.

#### March 27 @ 7 pm: The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

In Morrison's acclaimed first novel, Pecola Breedlove—an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others—prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.



Zwingli Music Ministry presents
Charlie Zahm in Concert
Sunday, February 11, 2024
2:00PM
FREE WILL OFFERING

Zwingli United Church of Christ 350 Wile Ave, Souderton PA 18964

Phone -- 215-723-1186

#### MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE MINISTRY OF TRUSTEES takes care of property concerns. We meet once a month to review any property concerns and we open and close the church on Sunday mornings (taking turns). The property concerns we manage are the following:

**Property Maintenance** Spring/Fall Cleaning Use of Building **Future Planning** Equipment-inventory, repair, use **Cleaning Crew** Church Insurance Parking Decorations Church Garden/Landscape **Energy Conservation** Utilities Inspection of Boiler & Fire Extinguishers Security Sound System Committee **Building/Construction Committee** 

Please address questions to Tom Cinciripini.

**THE MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM** helps to manage church visibility. We meet once a month to review and discuss ideas about:

Hospitality
Advertising and Promotion
Community Outreach Events
Promote UCC Initiatives
Website and Social Media Input and Support

Please address questions to Joanne Kramlik.

#### **2023 FINAL CHURCH FINANCIAL STATUS**

Zwingli ended 2023 with a significant deficit of \$59,408. Thanks to the Advent Project and catch-up offerings, that deficit decreased by \$13,799 from November to December. These figures represent offerings vs. budgeted expenses. The church council will determine from what account the money will come to balance the 2023 books. 2023 offerings increased by \$8,000 over 2022. 2023 expenses, however, increased \$26,839 over 2022. Please prayerfully consider how you can help Zwingli boost offerings by 14% so that there will be no deficit in 2024. Thank you! – Ministry of Stewards



#### 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, Maureen

Hartman, Tara Kuhnsman, or Rick Rogers).

#### **2023 YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

2023 Year-End Statements are now available. You can pick yours up in the atrium or call the church office to have it mailed to you. 215-723-1186 or <a href="maileographe">office@zwingl.org</a>



Healthy Moments
Measles Alert
Kristie Lowery, Faith Community Nurse

"The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness." Psalm 41:3 On January 11, 2024, the Montgomery County Health Department issued an alert for local and confirmed cases of Measles due to a measle exposure and outbreak in the Philadelphia area. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Public Health (OPH) is working to identify and contact all Montgomery County residents who may have been exposed at two locations in the Philadelphia area, checking their vaccine status, warning them that they may have been exposed, and issuing quarantine recommendations where necessary.

#### Measles is a very dangerous virus:

- About 90% of people who have close contact with an infected person will get measles if they're not vaccinated.
- About 1 in 5 unvaccinated people who gets measles in the United States is hospitalized.
- As many as 1 out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.
- About 1 child out of every 1,000 who gets measles can develop neurological symptoms.
- Nearly 1 to 3 of every 1,000 children who become infected with measles can develop respiratory and neurologic complications, that can lead to a terminal illness.

## What to do if you're immune to measles People are immune to measles if they:

- Were born before 1957
- Have already had measles.
- Have received two doses of measles-containing vaccine (usually given as measles, mumps, and rubella or MMR vaccine) and are not immune-compromised.

If you are immune to measles, you don't have to do anything — even if you were in those buildings where exposure may have occurred.

#### If you're not immune to measles:

You should take precautions if you may have been exposed and are not immune to measles. This includes infants under the age of 12–15 months, who typically haven't been vaccinated yet. If you or your child are not immune, you should:

- Contact your healthcare provider or pediatrician right away, especially if you don't feel well. Tell your doctor about your possible measles exposure.
- Alert your healthcare provider before visiting. Tell them that you've been exposed to measles and ask them to call the health department.
- Stay home. You could give measles to vulnerable people, so you must quarantine.

#### If you're not sure if you're immune:

If you were exposed to measles, you should:

- Contact your healthcare provider or pediatrician right away, especially if you don't feel well. They can review your immunization records to make sure you've had both doses of MMR vaccine.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and around anyone who is unvaccinated, until you learn your status. This will help prevent others from being exposed.

#### Symptoms of measles

Measles is an extremely contagious virus. Each person who has measles can infect dozens of others. Measles symptoms usually appear about a week or two after being infected. The first symptoms are usually:

- High fever.
- Cough.
- Runny nose.

- Red, watery eyes or pinkeye.
- White spots in the mouth
- Rash on face, neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet.

If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated immediately

Contact your healthcare provider about vaccines if:

- You have not been vaccinated.
- You have children that are at least one year old and have not been vaccinated.

MMR vaccine — which protects against measles, mumps, and rubella — is extremely safe and effective at preventing measles. MMR vaccine has been safely used for decades and protects millions of Americans. Two doses of vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles. People who have received two doses of vaccine and are not severely immune-compromised are very unlikely to get measles.

Since the vaccines were discovered and given to prevent measles, there has been very little exposure to measles. However, in recent years, measles is being seen more often due to the number of individuals not getting vaccinated. Be proactive, and take action quickly if you are aware of exposure. If you or your children have not been vaccinated, consider getting it as soon as possible to avoid mass exposure as there used to be before the vaccine.

For updates on measles exposures or spread in Montgomery County visit <a href="https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/measles">www.montgomerycountypa.gov/measles</a>. For more information about measles, visit <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html</a>.

References

News Flash • PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: MONTCO HEALTH OFFICIALS W (montgomerycountypa.gov)



#### **ADULT ELECTIVES**

#### **January 28: Supporting People with Special Needs**

Juli Apple from Access Services will define and differentiate between mental illness and intellectual disabilities during the presentation. We will also explore how to better support someone with special needs in your spaces using open dialogue, relational skills, holistic care, and outside resources. There will also be time for Q&A!

#### February 4: Joint Adult Bible Study led by Toni Kramlik

#### February 11: Prevent and Resolve, Senior Bullying

You can be a victim of bullying at any age. As we grow older, some people never "grow up." Our presenter, Danielle Moore, will guide us through this interactive program, which is designed to educate individuals on senior bullying and includes: types of bullying, why people bully, and what an individual can do to help themselves or others in a bullying situation. This program will help anyone involved in a bullying situation to find the confidence needed to report the problem. Join us as we learn how to recognize bullying issues among senior populations.

#### February 18: The Church and Families with Addiction

Representing the Addiction Task Force of the PSEC, Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens will discuss not the science of addiction per se but the relation of those addicted to the church and to Christian theology. The local congregation has long been estranged from the community of people in or out of recovery for many unfortunate reasons. Clemens will discuss ways local churches can expand their calling to be a welcoming and inclusive community with this population. Hopefully some representatives of the family and friends of the addicted/ recovering community will attend.

#### February 25: Intergenerational Sunday School: Let's Move!

Something for everyone today as we celebrate the amazing bodies God gave us. Dr. Karen Kispert, will share valuable information on healthy living. This event aims to bridge the generation gap and promote learning and understanding among different age groups and fitness levels within our congregation. Come join us in the Family Life Center for fun, easy-to-follow exercises, healthy snacks, and more.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

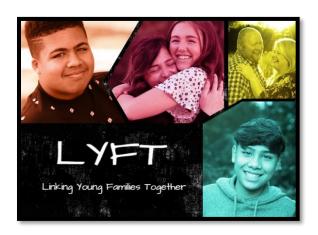
Are you looking for a beautiful way to enhance your faith and to encourage others in their faith journey? If you are, you might want to try out instructing our children. The Educators are looking for volunteers to **teach or be a teacher's helper in March, April, and May** during the Children's Sunday School hour. We offer a combined class from grades Pre-K- 5th grade. This is also 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 you can

find a printed version hanging on the board as you enter the Sunday School wing.

We are also looking for teachers and helpers on the first Sunday of every month so some of our volunteers can attend the LYFT class. Our immediate need is for a teacher and helper on Feb 4th.

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

Thank you so much for volunteering.



## 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. The upcoming dates we will meet are **February 4**<sup>th</sup>, **March 3**<sup>rd</sup> and **April 7**<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

#### Intergenerational Sunday School Let's Move! led by Dr. Karen Kispert

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Intergenerational Sunday School event on Feb 25, 2024. The session will be led by Karen Kispert, who will share valuable information on healthy living. This event aims to bridge the generation gap and promote learning and understanding among different age groups within our congregation. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to come together, learn from each other, and promote healthy habits for a better future. There will be fun, easy-to-follow exercises, healthy snacks, and more. This is for all ages and fitness levels!



LYFT SOCIAL EVENTS

Let's get together for some fun social events for parents, kids, and youth. We will go ice skating at Spring Mountain and bowling at Earl Bowl. We will go bowling and ice skating in April and Feb/March respectively. Please click on each doodle poll and let us know what dates and times work for you.

Link for Skating:

https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/erg9KGKa

Link for Bowling:

https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dJEQLoob

We will let you know what was decided via email by the beginning of February.



#### **DEI TEAM**

(Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

## POPE FRANCIS APPROVES CATHOLIC BLESSINGS FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES

Pope Francis has granted his formal approval allowing Catholic priests to bless same-sex couples so long as they do not appear to endorse their marriage, marking the church's most permissive decree yet on the issue of same-sex couples.

Pope Francis has made liberalization toward LGBTQ Catholics a hallmark of his papacy. He has urged the decriminalization of homosexuality and in 2013 when asked about gay priests, he replied: "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

This new policy insists that people seeking God's love and mercy should not be subject to "an exhaustive moral analysis" to receive a blessing. It offers people a means to increase their trust in God. "The request for a blessing, thus, expresses and nurtures openness to the transcendence, mercy, and closeness to God in a thousand concrete circumstances of life, which is no small thing in the world in which we live," says Pope Francis. He added: "It is a seed of the Holy Spirit that must be nurtured, not hindered."

Why does this matter to us? We are not Catholic.

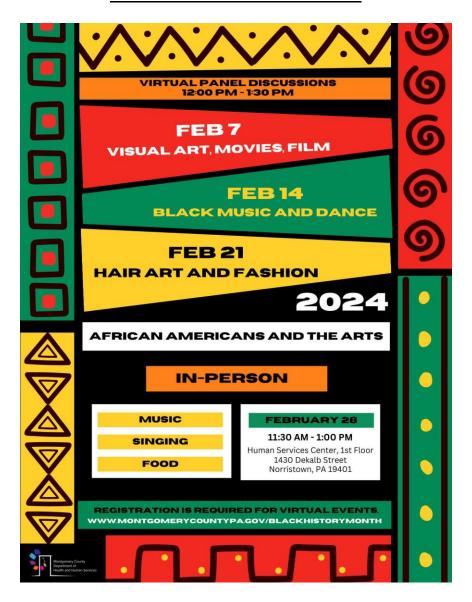
It matters because the Pope has a large audience, and being more loving to the LGBTQ community makes other religions more loving. The heterosexual world just expects to be accepted and nurtured – that they would be welcomed wholeheartedly without issue. The LGBTQ community is not offered that same acceptance unconditionally. They are watched and judged and sometimes reviled for who they are, partly because of the church's long-time stance against the LGBTQ community.

This is a small step, but it is a step in the right direction. Please continue to pray for acceptance and love for all people.

Quotes for the above article were lifted from the following news stories: https://www.npr.org/2023/12/18/1220077102/pope-francis-blessings-same-sex-couples

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/pope-formally-allows-priests-to-bless-same-sex-couples

#### FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



On February 7, 14, and 21 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM, the Montgomery County Black History Month Committee will host 3 virtual panel

**discussions** focusing on this year's theme: African Americans and the Arts. Registration is required.

- Wednesday, February 7: Blacks/African Americans in the Arts – Visual, Movies & Film
- Wednesday, February 14: The Influence of Black Music & Dance
- Wednesday, February 21: African Americans' Hair Art & Fashion

On Wednesday, February 28, the Committee will host an **in-person event** at the Montgomery County Human Services Center, Green St, Norristown, PA 19401( (610) 278-3000 to celebrate African Americans' contributions to the arts with music, literature, visual art, and delicious food. Registration is not required to attend. Lunch will be served after the program.

More information about the events and registration links for the virtual sessions can be found at

https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3683/Black-History-Month



#### **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.



Watch for information about our Lenten Mission Project in Sunday bulletins and Z-news, coming soon.



#### IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

Due to HIPAA privacy procedures implemented by all healthcare facilities, it is exceedingly 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 the pastors will receive this information.



## 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 purchase 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!



#### **2024 FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS**

Would you like to sponsor the flowers on the chancel one Sunday morning or the printing of the bulletin?

Chancel flowers are \$50. Bulletins are \$15.

Please pick up a form from the bulletin board next to the office to sponsor the flowers or bulletins. Once completed, attach a check and drop it off in the office. You can also mail it in or put it in the offering plate. Our mailing address is 350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA 18964. We appreciate your support.



#### WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

If there are cancellations due to inclement weather, please check the following:

#### **Worship Service**

Website: www.zwingli.org and check the Twitter feed on the left

side of screen.

Facebook: ZwingliUCC

Email

Church Office: 215-723-1186 Call Lisa at 215-808-8926

#### **Evening Events/Activities**

If the Souderton Area School District dismisses early or is closed due to inclement weather, all evening events will be cancelled unless you hear directly from your leader.

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

January 28 Susie and Dale Woodland

Dave and Carol Reiff

February 4 Jen Smeed, Miles Smeed

Pam and Pete Myers

February 11 Charlotte Kramer, Carol Wenger

Rick and Missy Rogers

February 18 John and Laurie Reynolds

Mike and Jess Jalboot

February 25 Rhonda Moyer, Gene Mattes

Kristie Lowery, Mark Comden

March 3 The Chalmers

Lee and Lois Hunsicker

March 10 Barry and Lois Johnston

Joan Yeager, Gladys Amspacher

March 17 Joanne and LaMar Kratz

Jonathan Kratz, Susan Kelley

#### REFRESHMENTS

January 28 Ministry of Shepherds
February 4 Ministry of Educators
February 11 Sue Pro, Sandy Schuler
February 18 Janet Whitefield, Liz Bibic

February 25 Ministry of Trustees

March 3 Joey Bush, Lois Hunsicker

March 10 Ministry of Elders
March 17 The Reynolds Family

#### **ACOLYTE**

January 28 Nora Jalboot
February 4 Alex Vogt
February 11 Harrison Neff
February 18 Evan Chalmers
February 25 Alena Neff

March 3 James Beidleman
March 10 Jack Beidleman
March 17 Caleb Jalboot

#### **FACEBOOK MONITOR**

January 28

February 4

February 11

February 18

February 25

Laurie Reynolds

Tony Villareal

Katie Farina

Lisa Cinciripini

Sue Wack

March 3 Laurie Reynolds
March 10 Tony Villareal
March 17 Kristie Lowery

#### GIFT CARD SALES

January 28 Lisa Cinciripini February 4 Maureen Hartman

February 11	Pam Myers
February 18	Carol Wenger
February 25	Betsy Villareal
March 3	Lisa Cinciripini
March 10	Maureen Hartman
Marah 17	Dama Marana

Pam Myers March 17

#### **MONEY COUNTERS**

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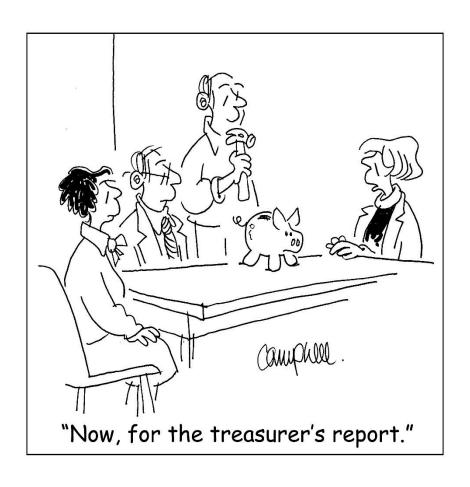




At Zwingli United Church of Christ, we promise to engage and nurture Christ's light in all of God's people, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, race or ethnic background, social status, soul injury, religious beliefs, age, and physical, mental, or addiction challenges.

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.

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# Puzzle!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

14 – 7 =	Father
10 + 9 = _	heavenly
9 + 9 =	_ the
12 + 12 =	blessing
2 - 1 =	Praise
7 + 7 =	_ has
11 + 11 = _	every
	Christ
8 + 8 =	us
10 + 10 = _	realms
8 + 9 =	in
5 + 5 =	Lord
10+ 11 = _	with

10 - 5 =	God
6 - 3 =	_ to
12 -6 =	and
6 + 6 =	Christ
18 - 9 =	_ our
22 - 11 =_	Jesus
1+1=	_ be
7 + 6 =	_ who
2 + 2 =	_ the
10 + 5 = _	blessed
4 + 4 =	_ of
10 + 13 = _	spiritual

10 + 15 = \_\_\_ in

1	2	3	4	5		6
7	8	9	10	-	11	12
13	14	1:	5	16	17	18
	19	20		21 22		22
2	23		24	25	26	
	1	Ephesi	ans 1:3,	NIV		

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1.3, NIV