



April 2010

Dear Friends & Family,

I am writing to bring you up to speed on the happenings at my church, Zwingli United Church of Christ, and to ask for your help for Zwingli. June 19, 2010 will mark the second year anniversary of the fire that destroyed most of our church buildings. During these two difficult years, Zwingli UCC has continued to worship, grow in faith and provide important ministry and mission to others. We have been able to do this, in part, because of the help of our neighboring churches and local community partners that have provided use of their facilities, encouragement and assistance.

I now ask for your help by making one of my most important charitable priorities one of your own. I invite you to be part of our mission by supporting our rebuilding efforts. Supporting Zwingli UCC means being a part of an organization that has supported the community and those in need both near and far.

Recently Zwingli UCC conducted a blood drive for American Red Cross, led a winter coat collection for a men's shelter, held a food drive for the Keystone Opportunity Center, sent hygiene and baby care kits to Haiti, sent youth to work on mission projects in Philadelphia during the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, and the list goes on.

2010 marks the 40th year in which Zwingli UCC has provided nursery school care and a commitment to nurture the hearts and minds of children (of members and non-members alike) who attend. We offer highly skilled teachers, a fun and engaging curriculum, and of course, a loving atmosphere fostering growth. We now rely upon the Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club, also our temporary place of worship, as an inviting place to provide these outreach services.

In April we take our turn hosting local homeless families for the month, providing meals and shelter as they struggle to get back into a self-sustained housing situation. We do so using the facilities of Souderton Mennonite, a partner in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, while we await the rebuilding of our own church campus at 350 Wile Avenue.

You can be a part of all of this and more through your support of our rebuilding fund. I am seeking your financial support in whatever amount and over whatever period of time you are able. We anticipate needing to raise additional monies to rebuild the church over the next 3 years. My fellow members of Zwingli have promised to contribute \$700,000 thus far over a three-year period. Though an amazing amount for a church our size, it falls short of our financial needs to rebuild our church and continue supporting efforts and ministry to communities near and far. Visit us on our website at [www.zwingli.org](http://www.zwingli.org) to learn more.

Please consider a way in which you can offer a financial gift and be an important partner in our rebuilding efforts. You may send your contributions to: Zwingli United Church of Christ, 350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA 18964. We will be happy to provide you with a letter detailing your contribution for your tax returns. As important, we ask for your prayers that we meet the challenges before us. We will continue our mission as stewards dedicated to sharing our many God given gifts with others in our community and world.

Sincerest thanks,