Dear Zwingli Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Holy One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I pray this newsletter finds you doing well in the midst of all that is happening around us.

As we leave May behind and head into the month of June, I am reminded of just how fast time flies and how busy we all are. I hope this summer is a time of rest and rejuvenation for you. We are told that it is important to make sabbath, or shabbat, or rest an important part of our lives. Sabbath has its origins early on in Israel’s history and harkens back to the original garden of Eden, when God and his people dwelled together constantly. It is a reminder to set an intention in rest and to abide with your creator. So, I invite you to rest and dwell in relationship with family (and your church family), friends, and God. I pray you have time to commune with your heavenly creator, away from the busy-ness of the world. I hope you take time to rest over the summer months and to make your church family a part of that time.

This month we have several celebrations. Each Sunday of June, we will celebrate the culmination of all our work on our Open and Affirming Covenant process. We celebrate pride all month long with lots of activities and a special message from our conference minister, Rev. William Worley. We also celebrate Juneteenth on Sunday, June 19th. We celebrate with our black and brown siblings the day word of the Emancipation Proclamation reached its final destination in Texas, letting all slave owners and slaves know that slaves were now free citizens. It is a huge day to celebrate!

As Summer begins, I hope you take time to rest, and that you take time to abide with your Creator. I hope that means you will take time away. But also, I hope that you will you take time to remain connected to your church family. I hope to see you at our Pride month activities, including Juneteenth. There are many other activities as well, so take time to read and reflect on what will be most meaningful for you and your spiritual journey. And may you find rest and Sabbath this Summer season.

Peace,
Pastor Alan

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JUNETEENTH

What is the holiday called Juneteenth? President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. He stated “that all persons held as slaves” in the Confederate states “are and henceforward shall be free.” The enforcement of the Proclamation could not be achieved until the end of the Civil War in 1865. Union Major General Gordan Granger and his troops would arrive at Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 with the news that the Civil War ended and that the enslaved were now free. Granger delivered General Order No 3 which stated “The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the US, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection here to fore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor.” The following year, Juneteenth was celebrated in Texas with music, barbecues, prayer services, parades and other activities. It quickly spread to other parts of the United States.

The term Juneteenth is a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The holiday has also been called Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day. On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth officially became a federal holiday.

JUNE IS LGBT PRIDE MONTH

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposiums, and concerts. LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

LGBT Pride Month is also the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people as a social group. Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the predominant outlook that bolsters most LGBT rights movements.

Common symbols of pride include the rainbow flag and other pride flags, the lowercase Greek letter lambda (λ),
the pink triangle and the black triangle, these latter two reclaimed from use as badges of shame in Nazi concentration camps.


PRIDE MONTH AT ZWINGLI!

Join us each Sunday during June to celebrate!

June 5 – Pride Month Kick-Off!
Rainbow Balloon Selfie Station, Rainbow Scavenger Hunt, Pride Prayer Bracelets and Special Rainbow Treats to Kick Off the Month

June 12 - Rainbow Day!
Everyone wears rainbow colored shirts to church.

June 19 – Juneteenth!
Learn the meaning of Juneteenth and celebrate the anniversary of freedom for all people held as slaves.

June 26 – Open and Affirming Sunday!
Hear a special video message from our Conference Minister, Rev. Bill P. Worley, and then enjoy a special ONA celebration cake!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Join us for a continental breakfast on Sunday, June 12 at 8 am. The Ministry of Shepherds will provide the food – you provide the fellowship! We’ll finish in time for worship at 9:00 a.m.
Hope to see you there.

KNOW OF ANY ZWINGLI MEMBERS GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If so, we want to know! Graduation Recognition Sunday is right around the corner and we want to celebrate all our graduates and their hard work! Please e-mail Lisa at office@zingli.org with the name of the graduate, where they’re graduating from and what their next plans are (if they’re continuing their education where and what are they studying? If they’ve taken a job, where and what are they doing?).
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!
August 1-4, 9AM - Noon

Do you love food? Do you love fun? Do you enjoy teaching and helping our kids? Volunteer with us at Vacation Bible School.

Our theme this year is “Food Truck Party”, based on Cokesbury’s curriculum. During the week, we’ll learn about the ways that God loves us so we can love others.

Hosted at Little Zion Lutheran (267 Morwood Road in Franconia Township) and in partnership with St. Paul’s Lutheran of Telford and Zwingli UCC of Souderton, we’re looking for leaders and assistants in preschool (age 3) through 5th Grade.

We’re also looking for teens and adults with a passion for sharing God’s love with kids through a variety of ways during the program. Even if you are only available to volunteer for some of the time, helpers are needed for many roles, from assisting with snack time to leading our Pre-K group. For more information about VBS and to volunteer, please contact the church office. office@zingli.org or 215-723-1186.

ZWINGLI SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS
June 5 from 1 – 4 pm

Once a month from May-September on a Sunday afternoon, join us for fellowship at Bishop Estate Vineyard and Winery, 2730 Hilltown Pike, Perkasie. We will enjoy good conversation, live music, tasty wine/beer, and the great outdoors!

Bring a snack to share and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Food trucks are there if you prefer to purchase something to eat. No outside alcohol permitted, but water and soft drinks are fine to bring.

No need to sign up, just show up. We will set up as group. Look for the purple canopy out in the field!

This event is open to all ages and friendly dogs are welcome.

Cost: Whatever you choose to buy. There is no cover charge.

Dates: June 5, July 17, August 14 and September 18. Time: 1-4 pm

See Lisa Cinciripini with questions.
WALKING THE LABYRINTH

As you know, we dedicated a new outdoor labyrinth on Sunday, March 20 and have been waiting for the ground to be ready for those who would like to walk the labyrinth. That time has come! 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 hope you will take advantage of this way of praying and connecting to God.

Some of you may be wondering how to walk the labyrinth. Information about walking the labyrinth will be available May 9 in the church office and atrium. For those who would like to walk the labyrinth before then, instructions can be found at peacelabyrinth.org and veriditas.org (under the “labyrinth resources” tab, see “New to the Labyrinth?” Printable instructions available). 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/Zvingliucc or
Go to Twitter #Zwingliucc or
Check your weekly Z-News on Monday.
leave. As a member of the ACT Alliance, UCC support is being targeted to people most in need through humanitarian relief partners with a history of working in the region.

In March the Missioners arraigned for $1,000 to be sent to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund from Zwingli’s Mission Bequest Fund. The need has increased immensely since then. Thus we’re initiating a summer appeal to allow the congregation an opportunity to increase Zwingli’s support. All donations will be sent to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund. We’ll be kicking off this appeal on June 12th and extending it through August. Simply mark your envelope “Ukraine”.

Uniting in prayer, action and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected, and with our global partners who are welcoming those driven from their homes.

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**UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

On February 24, the Russian military attacked Ukraine. Millions of persons have sought refuge outside of Ukraine. Others have remained in the country but are displaced from their homes. The humanitarian crisis is accelerating in Ukraine and in neighboring countries as the violence continues and the number of people on the move multiplies.

The United Church of Christ is appealing for support for refugees who have fled the Ukraine to neighboring countries and for elderly and other vulnerable people who are displaced within Ukraine and unable to

**9/11 NEVER FORGET MOBILE EXHIBIT**

Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) is privileged to be hosting the Tunnel to Towers Never Forget Mobil Exhibit on July 16th & 17th at the M-K Bethlehem Donor Center at 1465 Valley Center Pkwy. As part of this very special event, MKBC is also collecting blood, with a goal to collect 343
units of blood – one for every New York firefighter, who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11. For more information or to donate, go to GIVEaPINT.org. Click on Tunnel to Towers at the top right, then follow the directions to schedule a time. Watch the Sunday bulletins for updated information as the date gets closer. NOTE: You can give blood even if you recently received the COVID vaccine.

All Together!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022, the UCC churches will be collecting for the Strengthen the Church offering. The funds raised will help build new churches, support leadership development, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life of our youth and young adults. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

MILLER-KEYSTONE CANTEEN 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 volunteering. 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.

PASTOR BUTCH AWAY MAY 8 TO JUNE 5

Please offer your support to Pastor Alan, the Elders and other leaders while Pastor Butch is away for vacation time. In addition to Pastor Alan preaching on May 15 and 22, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Fred Schwerdt as guest preacher on May 29 and Rev. Nancy Hardy as guest preacher on June 5.
Healthy Moment
Men’s Health: Why it is Important?
By Kristie Lowery
Faith Congregational Health Nurse

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

The month of June is Men’s Health Month. When it comes to prevention and early detection, men’s health is often not considered a priority with men compared to women. Men are more likely to overlook routine checkups and will delay seeing a healthcare provider for symptoms of a health issue. According to the statistics, the life expectancy for men is 76.3 years while the life expectancy for women is 81.4 years. Over the years, there has been a gradual increase in this gap. Men are almost twice as likely as women to die of a heart attack and significantly more likely to die of cancers as compared to women. One of the most problematic behaviors seen trending among men is not seeking help and delaying a doctor’s visit. Statistics show that women are 33% more likely to visit their health providers and 100% better at maintaining screening and preventive services than men.

Many of the health ailments and conditions men face can be prevented or treated if detected early. To start taking better care of their health, it is important for men to understand their risk factors and how they can improve their overall health. Some of the types of disease that affect men’s health include:

- **Cardiovascular Health**: Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is a general term that includes many different conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States.
- **Prostate Health**: As you age, the prostate can become larger. It’s a normal part of aging for most men. Around the age of 40, the prostate may increase from the size of a walnut to the size of an apricot by the age of 60, it could be the size of a lemon. As the prostate increases in size, problems with urination can occur. Over 30 million men suffer from prostate conditions that impact their quality of life.
- **Diabetes**: Diabetes is a very serious condition that affects your body’s ability to turn what you eat into the energy it needs to function. Most diabetic expenses are related to hospitalizations and medications to treat complications of diabetes. People with diabetes incur an average $16,750 annually in medical expenses. That is 2.3 times the medical expenses of a person without diabetes.
- **Cancer**: Cancer can strike anyone, at any age, of any gender. The National Cancer Institute estimates that one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The most common cancers in men include prostate, lung, colorectal, bladder, melanoma

There are several options for men to promote good health:

- Visit your doctor: Schedule yearly checkups with your doctor and keep
those appointments. Your doctor can help monitor your weight, blood pressure, and the level of cholesterol in your blood. Your doctor can recommend lifestyle changes, medications, or other treatments to help get your weight, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol under control.

- **Get moving**: Regular exercise is one of the best ways to prevent heart disease and keep your heart strong. Try to get at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise every week.

- **Maintain a healthy waist**: If your waist measures more than 40 inches around, it could be cause for concern. Cut calories from your diet and exercise more.

- **Break unhealthy habits**: Smoking and second-hand smoke can cause health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, and heart disease. It also puts you at risk for developing many types of cancer. Excessive alcohol consumption and use of recreational drugs, anabolic steroids can cause significant health issues including heart attacks, strokes, serious infections.

- **Protect your skin**: Melanoma is a type of skin cancer. Men over the age of 50 are at a heightened risk of developing it. It is important to protect yourself from radiation of the sun. Use sunscreen, avoid long exposure time in the sun. Conduct a monthly skin check to look for new or unusual moles, changes in existing moles, or changes to the color or texture of the skin.

- **Check the prostate**: If you have trouble urinating, develop pain when you urinate or notice blood in the urine, it may be a sign of prostate problems. Make an appointment with your doctor.

- **Check for colorectal cancer**: Screening for colorectal cancer should start by age 50. Discuss with your doctor the need for a colonoscopy and how often to have one.

To improve men’s health, it is important to be aware of things happening with the body and to seek advice from a healthcare provider. Preventive visits are essential to improving everyone’s health, regardless of age or gender.

References:

- *3 Reasons to Celebrate Men’s Health Month*. https://www.tricitymed.org/2017/06/03-reasons-celebrate-mens-health-month/

**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 gift 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
Look for our booth at:
3rd Fridays of Souderton on June 17 from 6 – 9 pm
Telford Market on Wednesday, June 22 and Wednesday, July 27 from 6 – 8:30 pm.
Come and see us!
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 JULY/AUGUST MAILING IS MONDAY, JUNE 20!

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS
June 5  Gene and Rhonda Moyer
         Kristie Lowery, Mark Comden
June 12 Jen Smeed, Gene Mattes
         Gene and Rhonda Moyer
June 19 Mike and Jess Jalboot
         Laurie and John Reynolds
June 26 Charlotte Kramer, Carol Wenger
         Rick and Missy Rogers
July 3  Liz Bibic
         Lee and Lois Hunsicker
July 10 Joanne and LaMar Kratz
         Jonathan Kratz, Gladys Amspacher

ACOLYTE
June 5  Evan Chalmers
June 12 Caleb Jalboot
June 19 Claire Jalboot
June 26 Miles Smeed
July 3  Caleb Jalboot
July 10 Nora Jalboot

REFRESHMENTS
June 5  ONA Team
June 12 Missioners
June 19 Trustees
June 26 ONA Team
July 3  Suzi Leonard, Laurie Reynolds
July 10 Janet Whitefield, Joanne Kramlik

FACEBOOK MONITOR
June 5  Lisa Cinciripini
June 12 Kristie Lowery
June 19 Lisa Cinciripini
June 26 Tony Villareal
July 3  Laurie Reynolds
July 10 Laurie Reynolds

MONEY COUNTERS
Steward of the Month: Joanne Kramlik
June 5  Carol and Dave Reiff
June 12 Lee and Lois Hunsicker
June 19 Joanne Kramlik, Kristie Lowery
June 26 Ed and Liz Bibic
Steward of the Month: Charlotte Kramer
July 3  Charlotte Kramer, Marian Eide
July 10 TBA

Trustee of the Month – Tom Cinciripini/Barry Tice

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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.

9.12.21
A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

“But you will receive __ __ __ __ when the Holy __ __ __ __ __ comes on you; and you will be my __ __ __ __ __ __ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the __ __ __ __ __ __.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV