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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Zwingli Family,

We just celebrated Memorial Day and summer officially starts June 21. There are so many exciting events and special days coming up, recognizing the achievements of the next generation. Graduations will be happening this week for several local schools, we have Scout Courts of Honor, and graduation parties to attend. We also will celebrate Pride month kicking off June 1, which will culminate in Imago Dei Sunday (Pride Sunday) on June 30, where we celebrate the image of God in each of us.

Seeing the next generation coming into their own, moving on to next steps in their lives, celebrating all of who they are with Pride month, reminds me of how we the church need to be embracing the next generation. We need to be the church alive in the world, modeling cooperation between generations, modeling mentoring, and encouraging each other (young and young at heart) as we try to get through life, being authentic with each other as we live out our faith in the world and the community in which we live.

This next generation is unabashedly themselves and they crave authenticity. They aren't afraid to just be who they are. Their lives have been online and they know that the most important thing is being authentic in all aspects of their lives. They want a church where they can be fully their authentic selves and not have to hide behind religious piety.

We must become the safe place where we can be authentically ourselves, warts and all, grappling with our faith, sharing our struggles, because we know the God of love LOVED us before we could even ask. We need to be a place where we can share our struggles and not be worried that others are going to think badly of us. We say "No Matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here" but do we mean it? Whoever someone is, are they truly welcome?

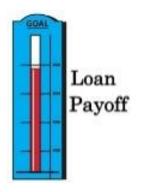
May we become the church for the next generation. May we be the church where we mean it in every aspect, that ALL of who you are is welcome here. May we mean it that you can be authentically you in this place. May we mean it that you can ask the tough questions as you struggle with faith. May we mean it that you can share your struggles and still be treated with love. May we walk alongside each other in all aspects of life.

May we always remind others that God loves them authentically and that we love them too! May we be the church where you learn to love God and how to live out God's love in the world. I think we already are embracing these qualities in a lot of ways. And may we continue to seek out the next generation as we live our faith authentically.

May it be so, Zwingli United Church of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Alan



PARTY TIME!

We have met our goal to pay off the remaining construction loan six weeks early! With the loan paid off, we are more likely to be able to meet our budgeted expenses at the end of 2024. The Ministry of Stewards thanks the congregation for the many, generous donations to make this happen. We are incredibly blessed! Look out for more information on the "We Are Debt Free" celebration tentatively planned for September. Any additional gifts in the Rebuilding/Mortgage category will go to our Capital Reserve Fund which was created to cover major building/property expenses. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for moving our congregation when we needed it! Amen?...AMEN!



Stephen Ministry at Zwingli UCC

"Come to me, all that are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Is life more than you can handle alone right now? Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a love one, a recent move – or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life? Could you benefit from having someone who would listen and care and walk with you through this difficult time?

There is no need to struggle alone! Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness. Zwingli has seven trained Stephen Ministers available to provide you with confidential care you may need to make it through the challenges that life may bring your way. Contact one of the pastors or Kristie Lowery if you are facing life challenges, or going through a difficult time and could benefit from the care of a supportive Christian friend.



KNOW OF ANY ZWINGLI MEMBERS GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If so, we want to know! Graduation Recognition Sunday is <u>June</u> 16th. Please e-mail Lisa at office@zwingli.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?). Please submit this information to the church office by **Sunday, June 2nd.**

Graduates, please join us on June 16th during worship when we will recognize all your hard work!



VOLUNTEER FOR OUR CHURCH TABLE AT SOUDERTON'S THIRD FRIDAYS!

Souderton's Third Fridays are fast approaching, and we are excited to be a part of this wonderful community event! To make our participation a success, we need your help in monitoring our church table. The 3rd Friday event runs from 6-9 for the community.

We are looking for volunteers to cover two shifts in the months of August, September, and October. Here's how you can help:

1. **First Shift (5:00 PM - 7:15 PM)**

- Assist with setting up the table and materials from church and setting up in the Zwingli spot at 3rd Friday.

- Engage with kids by encouraging them to play our fish game (it's a hit).

- Answer any questions visitors may have about our church.

- 2. **Second Shift (7:15 PM 9:15 PM)**
 - Continue engaging with kids and answering questions.
- Help with cleaning up and packing away materials at the end of the event and returning them to church.

To sign up please use this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49AFA62CA02-49788024-third

Each shift requires two volunteers to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your support in any capacity is greatly appreciated and will help us make a positive impact in our community. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Alan.



TELFORD NIGHT MARKET Volunteers still needed for June 12th

Zwingli UCC has been invited to participate in this year's Telford Night Market June 12th, July 10th and August 14th. Telford Night Market is held at the Telford Train Station on Main St. from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. In 2024. We are looking for 1-2 helpers during this time to help the kids with the craft and provide outreach for their church. Telford Happenings will provide the craft. This is a great service opportunity for Zwingli members, Ministry members and teens/young adults. **We are in need 2 volunteers for June 12th** Here is the link to the signup genius for those who would like to participate on behalf of Zwingli for this event: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49AFA62CA02-</u> 48106143-zwingli

Thank you!



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<u>LYFT</u>

Be on the lookout for future communications regarding Youth Group and LYFT events during the summer months so we can stay connected! We hope to see you at those events and we hope the kids enjoy their summer.



Healthy Moments Texting and Driving Kristie Lowery, Congregational Faith Nurse

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

At 55 miles per hour, sending or reading a text is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed. Distracted driving is doing another activity that takes the driver's attention away from driving. Distracted driving can increase the chance of a motor vehicle crash. Anything that takes your attention away from driving can be a distraction. Sending that message, talking on a cell phone, using navigation system, applying makeup, adjusting the radio, and eating while driving are a few examples of distracted driving. Any of these distractions can endanger you, your passengers, and others on the road. Per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nine people in the United States are killed every day in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.

Distractions can lead to major consequences within a few seconds and can have lifetime repercussions. Texting while driving causes the driver to take their focus from the road and onto their handheld device or other items in the car. Even while stopped for a traffic light, the focus is on the phone and not necessarily on what is happening in the intersection. Fourteen percent of all fatal car crashes involve the improper use of a cellphone while driving.

Statistics gathered from Federal Communications Commission have compared texting and driving to drinking and driving. Findings included: (1) texting while driving is six times more likely to cause a car accident than drunk driving. (2) men are about four times more likely to drink and drive, but women text and drive more frequently. (3) using a cell phone while driving, whether hand-held or hands free device, delays a driver's reaction time by as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08%.

Knowing that distracted driving can result in major consequences, why do people continue to do it? One main reason is that distracted driving does not feel dangerous. It is the same as keeping up with traffic and not sticking to the speed limit. Until they are stopped and receive a ticket, drivers continue to keep up with traffic. And the same with distracted driving. People think it is ok to multi-task. But it takes your full attention off of the road and increases safety concerns. Many drivers have experience making bad driving decisions and not suffering any consequences. Most times when drivers text, they are lucky and do not have an accident. And so they continue to do so, ignoring the actual risk. But when an accident with fatality occurs, reality sets in very quickly with the knowledge that it could have been avoided if not distracted.

Recommendations to prevent distracted driving:

- Do not multitask while driving. Avoid adjusting your mirrors, selecting music, eating, making a phone call, or reading a text or email. Do it before your trip, or once you stop but not while driving.
- 2. Utilize drive mode apps to help you avoid cell phone use while driving. Consider trying an app to reduce distractions while driving. There are apps that allow the parents of teen drivers to lock their phones while driving and avoid distractions with the phone.
- 3. If you are a passenger in a car with a distracted driver, ask the driver to focus on driving.
- 4. Passengers can reduce distractions for the driver by assisting with navigation or other tasks.
- 5. Parents should talk to their teens or young adults about the rules and responsibilities involved in driving. Remind them that driving is a skill that requires the driver's full attention. Emphasize that texts and phone calls can wait until arriving at a destination.
- 6. Parents can set consequences for distracted driving. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has a *Parent'Teen Driving Agreement* to discuss expectations for driving and set the family rules of the road. There is also a CDC resource titled *"Parents are the Key"*.
- 7. Set an example by keeping your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel while driving.
- 8. Know the Pennsylvania laws regarding distracted driving. It is illegal to use your cell phone while driving to send or receive texts, emails, or messages of any kind. If a driver is caught using a mobile device for any purpose, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will issue a \$50 fine. If a driver receives a call while driving, they should pull off to the side of the road to answer the call.

Texting while driving is dangerous and can result in you or someone else being seriously injured or even killed. The Bible scripture quoted at the beginning of the article, states "Love your neighbor as yourself". Do not text and drive for the safety of you and your loved ones, and all those that may cross your path while driving.

References:

Dangers of Texting While Driving | Applied Social Psychology (ASP) (psu.edu) The Real Reason You Shouldn't Text While Driving - Behavioral Scientist. Aline Holzwarth. April 3, 2018 Distracted Driving | Transportation Safety | Injury Center | CDC Texting & Driving Statistics in 2024 | The Zebra



DEI

JUNETEENTH - PLEASE WEAR RED!

Join us Sunday, June 23 as we honor Juneteenth. We will have a Juneteenth display in the atrium and a video during worship about the importance of Juneteenth and we hope you will all wear red on June 23. The color red is a color that plays a large role in Juneteenth celebrations, especially in food. Red may symbolize the following:

- Bloodshed: Red may represent the blood shed by enslaved ancestors
- Sacrifice: Red may be a sign of sacrifice
- Transformation: Red may represent transformation
- Spiritual power: Red may be symbolic of spiritual power

June 19th is not the day the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. It is the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas finally learned that the United States had abolished slavery. A more than two-year delay that compounded centuries of bondage with tragedy.

Although Juneteenth has been celebrated in African American communities for generations, it became a federal holiday for the first time last year. In June 2021, with the bipartisan support of Congress, President Joe Biden established Juneteenth as federal holiday. At the time, the President said:

"Great nations don't ignore their most painful moments. They don't ignore those moments of the past. They embrace them. Great nations don't walk away. We come to terms with the mistakes we made. And in remembering those moments, we begin to heal and grow stronger."

"The truth is, it's not — simply not enough just to commemorate Juneteenth. After all, the emancipation of enslaved Black Americans didn't mark the end of America's work to deliver on the promise of equality; it only marked the beginning. "To honor the true meaning of Juneteenth, we have to continue toward that promise because we've not gotten there yet." Juneteenth is a reminder that freedom, justice, and equal rights cannot be taken for granted. These ideals must be cherished and ever renewed. These ideals must be embodied in practice every day and defended. Juneteenth is also a celebration of the miraculous perseverance and resilience of the descendants of the enslaved. It is a marker of a special relationship to the ideal of liberty shared by any and all of us who come from communities that have been persecuted, dispossessed, or held in bondage.

As we reflect on Juneteenth's meaning and lessons for this day, we must recommit to the legacy of emancipation, to the protection of civil rights, and to the fulfilment of liberty and justice for all.

> JUNE 19, 2022 A Statement from Dr. Alondra Nelson in Recognition of Juneteenth

https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2022/06/19/astatement-from-dr-alondra-nelson-in-recognition-of-juneteenth/



Music of the Underground Railroad Sat. June 8th at 4 pm Pennypacker Mills 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Celebrate Juneteenth with musician and historian Joe Becton. He will present stories and songs of the Underground Railroad. All ages welcome. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.







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www.SyncRecovery.org

This project is made possible by Bucks County Opioid Settlement Funds.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!



Zwingli will also be represented at the Perkasie Farmers Market on June 29 from 9am – 12 and at the Lansdale Pride on Sunday, June 9.



ZWINGLI SUMMER SUNDAY SOCIALS

Once a month from May-September on a Sunday afternoon, join us for fellowship at local wineries/breweries. Join us for some 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. No need to sign up, just show up. We will set up as group. Look for the purple canopy!

This event is open to all ages. Friendly dogs are welcome at some of the venues. Food is offered at some of the venues. Please check their website for more information.

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

Dates/Places:

June 23 – Branch Creek Taphouse, 30 W. Chestnut St., Souderton, PA 18964 <u>https://www.branchcreektaps.com/</u> Seating is provided.

July 14 – Adello's Winery, 21 Simmons Rd, Perkiomenville, PA 18074 <u>http://adellowines.com/</u> August 11 – Imprint Brewery & Taproom, 1500 Industry Rd, Suite O, Hatfield, PA 19440 <u>https://imprintbeer.com/</u> (*This is an indoor event – no need to bring chairs. Free arcade! Please review website for more information.*) September 15 – Bishop's Winery, 2730 Hilltown Pike, Perkasie, PA 18944 https://www.bishopestatepa.com/

Time for all Dates/Locations: 1-4 pm

See Lisa Cinciripini with questions.



BLOOD PLATELET DONATIONS COMING TO ZWINGLI

The beginning of May we were informed by Miller-Keystone that the monthly Indian Valley Community Blood Drive has been so successful that they're sending TRIMA machines and an additional staff member to our May drive and will continue to do so each month. Besides regular donations, this machine enables them to also collect platelets.

Platelets are small, colorless cells in our blood that are crucial for controlling bleeding and healing wounds. They're particularly vital for heart surgery patients, burn victims, transplant recipients, accident victims, premature babies and especially cancer patients, who often need daily platelet transfusions due to treatment side effects like anemia and platelet loss. If you plan to donate platelets, after clicking on the **Indian Valley Community Blood Drive** selection, click the **Platelets** tab before choosing your time slot.

CHURCH FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF APRIL 30, 2024

The financial deficit grew significantly during April, increasing by \$13,811 to a total of \$17,494. Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to help Zwingli's offerings match our expenses. Thank you! – Ministry of Stewards





Keystone Opportunity Center Food Bags for Summer Student Aid Program

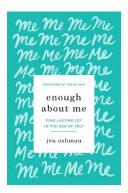
20% of our area's students receive reduced or free breakfast and lunch at school and families struggle to meet food needs through the summer months. Keystone's Food Pantry has created the Summer Aid Program to provide "kid-friendly food" to enrolled pantry participants throughout the summer. Presently there are over 450+ students registered for the Keystone Food Pantry. We want to make sure each child has all the food they need this summer. Here is how you can help.

Fill a reusable shopping bag with these types of items:

- Macaroni & Cheese (Microwavable)
- Juice boxes, drink mixes (no bottles please)
- Breakfast Cereal (Family Size)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Crackers, animal crackers, cookies
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola & cereal bars
- Tuna (3 cans) & Mayo (small jar)
- Pudding & Fruit cups
- Granola & cereal bars
- Microwaveable Meals Spaghetti O's (meatballs & raviolis) in flip top containers.
- 2 cans of chicken noodle soup
- Pretzels

Thank you for your willingness to help these students and their families who need our support to have a healthy and safe summer. Cash donations are also welcome. Please note "KOC Food Bags" on your check. Look for this and more information about how you can support KOC this summer on the Missioners' Table in the Atrium. Please put completed bags in the coat area at the parking lot entrance. We will be collecting May 28 through August 8.

THE CIRCLE OF SISTERS BOOK CLUB!



June:

Enough about Me: Find Lasting Joy in the Age of Self by Jen Oshman

Women today feel a constant pressure to improve themselves and just never feel like they are "enough." They live their daily lives disheartened, disillusioned, and disappointed. That is because joy doesn't come from a new self-improvement strategy; it comes from rooting their identity in who God says they are and what he has done on their behalf. This book calls women to look away from themselves to find the abundant life God offers them—contrasting the cultural emphasis on personal improvement and empowerment with what the Scriptures say about a life rooted, built up, and established in the gospel.



ZWINGLI NURSERY SCHOOL

Zwingli Nursery School is now accepting registration for the 2024-25 school year! Please call the church office, visit <u>www.zwingli.org/zns</u> or see Lisa Cinciripini for a registration form. Classes held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 11:30 am



WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE

If you want to be part of the Prayer Circle, please let the church office know and we will send you the link. We will meet for Prayer Circle with Pastor Butch and Pastor Alan *each Wednesday* of the month from 12:00 to 12:30. We feel that heartfelt communal prayer is especially needed on a consistent basis as we continue to deal with individual, family and church concerns, as well as other societal issues and direction.



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.



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.



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!

LAY READER

LAY READER			
June 2	Tony Villareal		
June 9	Kathy Pendleton		
June 16	Julie Neff		
June 23	Barry Johnston		
June 30	Toni Kramlik		
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE			
June 2	Erin Chalmers		
June 9	Laurie Reynolds		
June 16	Lisa Cinciripini		
June 23	Jen Smeed		
June 30	Tom Kramlik		
SUNDAY MORNING USHERS/GREETERS			
June 2	Maureen Hartman, Liz Bibic		
	Tom and Toni Kramlik		
June 9	Susie and Dale Woodland		
	Dave and Carol Reiff		
June 16	Mike and Jess Jalboot		
	Pete and Pam Myers		
June 23	Charlotte Kramer, Carol Wenger		
	Rick and Missy Rogers		
June 30	Jess and Mike Jalboot		
	Laurie and John Reynolds		
July 7	Rhonda Moyer, Gene Mattes		
	Kristie Lowery, Mark Comden		
July 14	The Chalmers		
	Lee and Lois Hunsicker		
July 21	Barry and Lois Johnston		
(Perkasie Park)	Gladys Amspacher		
REFRESHMENTS			
June 2	Pam Myers, Toni Kramlik		
June 9	Suzi Leonard, Laurie Reynolds		
June 16	Ministry of Shepherds		
June 23	Ministry of Educators		
June 30	DEI Team		

July 7	Janet Whitefield, Liz Bibic
July 14	Ministry of Trustees
July 21	Perkasie Park
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	
June 2	Adalyn Neff
June 9	Evan Chalmers
June 16	Harrison Neff
June 23	Nora Jalboot
June 30	Alex Vogt
July 7	Jack Beidleman
July 14	Alena Neff
July 21	Nora Jalboot
FACEBOOK	
June 2	Lisa Cinciripini
June 9	Laurie Reynolds
June 16	Katie Farina
June 23	Kristie Lowery
June 30	Lisa Cinciripini
July 7	Sue Wack
July 14	Laurie Reynolds
July 21	Tony Villareal
GIFT CARD SALES	
June 2	Betsy Villareal
June 9	Lisa Cinciripini
June 16	Maureen Hartman
June 23	Pam Myers
June 30	Carol Wenger
July 7	Betsy Villareal
July 14	Lisa Cinciripini
July 21	Maureen Hartman
MONEY COUNTERS	
June 2	Dave and Carol Reiff
June 9	Lee and Lois Hunsicker
June 16	Lois Johnston, Kristie Lowery
June 23	Mike and Jess Jalboot

June 30	Charlotte Kramer
July 7	Charlotte Kramer, Marian Eide
July 14	Lois Johnston
July 21	Carol and Dave Reiff
<u>NURSERY</u>	
June 2	Kathy Pendleton, Lois Hunsicker
June 2 June 9	Kathy Pendleton, Lois Hunsicker Chelsea and Dean Winkler
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June 9	Chelsea and Dean Winkler

*PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to participate on your scheduled Sunday, please call one of the other individuals on the list and arrange to switch dates.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MAILING ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST MAILING IS MONDAY, JUNE 17!

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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

