

meet hostility from others. close their lips when they **Rebbe Nachman of Breslov** because of those who "The world goes on

Chimes

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Interested In CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in joining Zwingli UCC, please contact the Church Office. All are welcome to become part of this faith community.



Church Office Hours Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Closed Holidays These are scheduled open office hours. Other hours are available by calling

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www.zwingliucc.com - This Website has all you need to know about Zwingli United Church of Christ, programs offered, current newsletter and videos, and devotionals as well as information on all things Zwingli!



Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts!

The Pastor is in – Call 828-817-9055 to speak with the Pastor!!!! You can also text message at the same number! **Email: mtpreach.59@gmail.com or zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com**

Friends With Binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows.

Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me



that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy, and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!



Whew! I have always worked in situations where the concept of "Feast or Famine" has occurred. Crazy prep and planning, hard work followed by a bit of a lull in the schedule have always been in my life. I have actually convinced myself, and I am pretty sure it is the case, that this is the natural order of things. If we were to have everything we want, exactly when we want, it does something

strange to our minds and ultimately our personality. Our recognition of our blessings, our sense of thanksgiving, is lost. Just as the tide goes in and out bringing life-giving nutrients as well as the perfect habitat for an aquatic nurse-ry, our lives are a fluctuation of highs and lows, of times of frantic activity and

of calm and solitude. As we are closing in on the end of this thing known as COVID-19 Pandemic, we are slowly learning how to adapt and thrive even with and without certain things. We have just finished the Monticello Homecoming celebration as well as the rush of all the activities and expectations of the County Fair.



I pray that we will have some breathing room through this month of August to plan and implement the fall worship, programs, and activities. That will be another high point! Currently, I am seeing a trend that events that have been curtailed for the past year or so have seen an upsurge in attendance this year! Homecoming saw a huge number of attendees at all the functions! Perhaps after a time of little or no contact, we are hungry for the things that being together bring to our lives.

August holds so much potential. It is definitely a month that displays GOD'S ABUNDANCE FOR US! A time of warm summer sun, a time for family and friends,



a time to enjoy the blessings of who and where we are. May we find some peace as well as excitement as the warm summer days fade into autumn!

Let us remember all the blessings that we share as well as the blessing we are to each other!

Peace, Pastor Lance



Holy Spirit, weave a fabric of justice to cover the world, using us as threads of your love and mercy.

Zwingli Operations & COVID Precautions

During the July meeting of the Zwingli Consistory Board, it was decided that, as of August 1, persons attending inside services at Zwingli are requested to follow the following procedures: mask wearing is optional for those who have been vaccinated. We would encourage those who are unable to be vaccinated or have chosen not to be to please continue to wear masks to protect themselves and others. We will still maintain our social distancing in the pews as well as meetings. Hand washing and sanitizer use are encouraged! Please be very sensitive about touching and space issues in each interaction as well as making your comfort levels known to those around you. Each of the attendees are at different comfort levels as far as one on one contact! We thank you for your help in not only keeping our congregation safe, but also allowing all of us to feel more confident and comfortable. FM transmission of the Worship Service will continue. Those not feeling well or who are uncomfortable with crowds can join us from the comfort of their cars. All rooms in the Church are capable of receiving the FM signal as well and can be utilized by attendees to maintain their comfort level. We are not quite ready for passing of the peace and social time, but they will return. We will continue to broadcast a weekly video as well as our third Sunday Drive-In Service. This is just one more step in the journey toward normalcy!

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

Dear Friends and Members of Zwingli United Church of Christ,

As you may or may not have noticed, we had to do some emergency excavating on our property this month. This was due to a break in a drain line which carries water from the springs under our Church away from the building. The system in place has been working for many years but the drain line broke, undermining the soil under our east side driveway. The pavement caved in and water was shooting from the surface. Unfortunately, our system did not comply with 2021 State Laws and our drain had to be routed across the Parking Lot.

Building and Grounds had been working on bids and ideas to upgrade or replace our Parking Lot for several months prior to this drain line issue. Fortunately, we had not moved on paving the lot and drive before this issue occurred! Paving is a major expense to our Church and there are some facts that you all need to know to help us make decisions on the Parking Lot and driveway. Our Parking Lot is mostly Chip and Seal, a light coating of tar covered with gravel repeated in several layers.

Chip and Seal

Chip and Seal is less expensive in the short term. Each seal costing far less than paving. Our Parking Lot has served us way beyond its life expectancy. If you walk across our Parking Lot you will find it is covered with cracks and places where lines have been buried. The original intent and purpose of Chip and Seal is a continual process. It is meant to be reapplied periodically to maintain the surface. Those of you who travel county highways know that on about a three-year rotation, those roads are Chip and Sealed. This makes for a usable surface.

There are also some problems with Chip and Seal. The biggest, it is not a permanent fix. Others include: loose gravel on the top is tracked and carried away on shoes and tires which ends up in our cars and the Church or is thrown by lawn mowers. The surface is also compromised each time we plow snow or add salt/sand for ice and snow removal. Gravel is eventually pushed off the lot.

Paving

Paving is a mixture of tar/asphalt and gravel that has been superheated and bonds more tightly. The surface is finished and is more permanent. The surface would be resistant to ice and snow removal, both chemical and physical. It would also need to be sealed periodically for a longer life. That sealing process is more like a coat of paint applied to the surface and what I am hearing needs to be reapplied every 5 years. This can be done commercially or by volunteers. The cost for the sealing would range from \$.15 -.23/square foot depending on who and how it is applied.

Building and Grounds

After speaking with paving contractors and acquiring rough estimates, the committee decided to look at all the options possible for our resurfacing. The only company that will Chip and Seal is the County Transportation Service. The committee acquired a bid for Chip and Seal through the Village. We were surprised when the person who formulated the bid also gave us a bid for paving.

The Paving Option was recommended by everyone who quoted as well as village service workers as the best option for our Church.

Asphalt Paving

The bid includes removal of existing materials, regrading for surface water drainage, and replacing with asphalt paving. The pavement will need sealing every five years. (Currently, we are waiting for bids which we will share at our meeting. We know that they all will exceed \$48,000.)

As this expense would exceed the maximum spending for the Consistory to approve for a project, we need to call a Special Meeting of the Church membership. We are asking you to attend a Special Meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 1, following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary of Zwingli UCC. Please plan to attend as we determine the future of this project!

Pastor Lance Smith Consistory Pres. - Sheri Wichser

Building and Grounds Chair - Buck Walls



Sunday, August 1, following the Worship Service!



Pleasant View Nursing Home Birthday Party

Zwingli UCC will be hosting the Birthday Party on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (The committee will be

there at 1:15 p.m. to set up the party and assist the residents to their seats.)



Super Sunday

The last Sunday of each month is designated as SUPER SUNDAY!!

Super Sundays are designed for people of **ALL AGES** to have an enriching experience with a Bible story or concept! Snacks and sometimes meals are included in the festivities. There is always a story and a craft and some kind of activity that makes you think and **MOST OF ALL-FUN!!!!** The programs are designed for youth and adults to participate in and to have an interactive experience with the story!





Reach The Sun

The quickest way for anyone to reach the sun and the light of day is not to run west, chasing after the setting sun, but to head east, plunging into the darkness until one comes to the sunrise. ... Walk into the darkness rather than try to outrun it. Gerald Sittser, *A Grace Disguised*



Whatever happens today, Dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace.

Hands of Change Youth Service Project We are Back!!!!



HOC youth will be roaming Green County enjoying the concept of serving others.

2020 tended to slow us down to a complete stop! The COVID-19 virus took away most of our service opportunities, so we had to postpone our meetings! We are looking at some great service opportunities this year that will not only help others, but will bring each of us a feeling of place and responsibility!

HOC is an afterschool service program for youth Grade 6-12. We will meet one afternoon each week following school. Adult volunteers will pick up youth at the school following the dismissal and provide a snack and transportation to a service site. Assisted living centers, the Humane Society, food banks, pet food bank, and many other opportunities will arise! The program will begin in September. Please see our website www.zwingliucc.com for registration or contact Pastor Lance or the Church Office for more information.





Zwingli Float for 2021 Homecoming!! Construction: Bob LaBarre, Lance Smith Decoration & Theme: Kathleen Grossen, Roann Austin, Chris Meier Assembly Crew: Tim Kolasch, Kathleen Grossen, Roann Austin, Kristina Janisch, Nancy Karlen, Lance Smith, Ken Engelke Thank you to Richard Keller for pulling the float and loaning us his flatbed wagon for the base!

Thank you to Joe & Trena Janisch & son Lincoln, and Kristina Janisch & son Nathanael for riding on the float!





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From Our Records

Remembering with Love those who have passedMary Strause06/20/1925 to 06/18/2021Undesignated Memorials in Memory ofHelen Wettach by John & Elizabeth Lever, Michael Furgal

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Jeannette Broge Window Restoration by May Burgy, Roger & Karen Brugger, Carolyn Hilliard, Barb Getman, Robert & Katherine Reffue, Vicki Ingwell, Susan Sinnett, Dave & Mary Jean Blum, Katie Grenzow, Sally Disrud, Patty Blumer, Ruth Zeller, Tim & Sheri Wichser

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ZWINGLI UCC IS SEEKING MUSIC DIRECTOR

Are you passionate about music and serving others through musical performances? We are looking for a leader to help guide our music activities. This person would select music for the Church Year, lead and organize our Choir, and conduct special events. Approximate time commitment is 15 hours per month.

This is a paid, less than part-time position.



organist/pianist



We are looking for individuals who can play piano or organ proficiently for our Sunday morning services and other special events. This position may also be asked to accompany our Choir or other special music and would need to be available for practicing with those groups. This is a paid per practice/event position.



If you are interested in any of these Zwingli UCC positions, please call 608–575–7175 for more information.



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