

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed July 3rd & 4th

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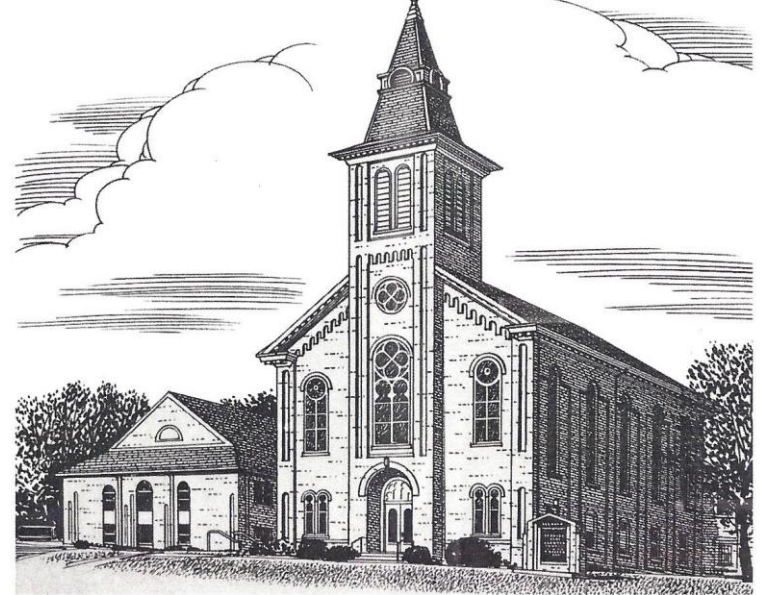
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The deadline for submissions for the September 2017
newsletter is Friday, August 11.

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ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



Breinigsville, PA

***July and August 2017
Newsletter***

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Beginning on Sunday, July 2, we will have one Union

service at 9:00 a.m. On Sunday, September 10, we will return to two Sunday services with the Lutheran worship at 8:30 a.m. and the United Church of Christ at 11:05 a.m.

Communion in July and August

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on the first and third Sunday of the month at the 9:00 a.m. Union summer services. The dates for July and August are July 2, July 16, Aug 6 and Aug 20.

Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2017

We pray for God's blessings upon the graduates in our Union Church Family and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

College

Payton Bachman – West Chester University
Kyle Graff – Kutztown University
Emily Parker -Kent State University
KellyAnn Purugganan – Kutztown University

Northwestern High School

Shawn Bear
Camryn Beers
Payton Breidinger
Tyler Derr
Isaac Fatzinger
Julia Haas
Alyssa Zuercher

Kutztown HS/Berks Career Technology Center

Gavin George

Brandywine Heights High School

Jacob Snyder

A Saturday Evening Family Friendly service will be held on Saturday, July 22. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in

the Fellowship Room and will end by 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. We are happy to offer a time of worship, praise, and activity to our children and youth, and also to those who may not be able to attend summer Sunday worship due to other commitments.

We are considering having a "Children/Youth Friendly Time" of worship on Sunday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m. All would be invited to participate. Be sure to check your bulletins for further information.

Lowhill Food Pantry School Supply Collection. We will be collecting backpacks, lunch bags, notebooks, pencils, markers, and other school supplies for the children of the clients of the Lowhill Food Pantry. A box is located in the lobby for your donations. The deadline is Sunday, July 30. The items will be distributed to the children beginning on August 5 for the 2017-2018 School year. ***Blessing of the Backpacks*** will be held at the union worship service on Sunday, July 30th.

The Election of Learning Ministries Officers will be held on Sunday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. Members eligible to vote or those seeking office must be Confirmed members over the age of 18, or the parent or legal guardian of an enrolled child. Motions will be by majority vote; voting by proxy or by absentee ballot is not permitted. If you would like to nominate someone for an officer's position, please drop a note in the offering plate or in the main office, or contact Laurie Rex by Sunday, August 6.

Sunday School Painting Fundraiser. Come join us for a Canvas Painting Party in the Church Grove on Saturday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 to create your own masterpiece. Light refreshments included with your ticket. Contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049 to reserve your spot as space is limited.



Harvest Home will be held at both

Lutheran and UCC worship services on Sunday, September 17. This year our theme is Corn, but we need all types of vegetables and fruits to make our display beautiful. Please remember that your contributions can come from the garden, a farmer's market, or grocery store. So, even if you don't have a garden, you can still help by purchasing a few items at a local roadside stand or the supermarket. **Please bring all produce to the church lobby prior to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16.** Your help to set up the display would also be appreciated. Contact Diane Hemerly at 610-285-6297 or Pat Elliot at 610-395-8034.

Bus Trip to Lancaster Saturday, November 18.

Lutheran Social Services invites you to join them for a bus trip to Lancaster. Spend some time in Kitchen Kettle Village, Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant and Stage for the Show "Our Christmas Dinner" followed by a Smorgasbord Dinner. See office for sign up sheet and pricing. Any questions please contact Diane F Hemerly at 610-762-8038 or jhemerly@aol.com.



Flower Bed Help Needed!

Keeping our church grounds beautiful is an important ministry. The weeds in our church flower beds are growing rapidly. As the outdoor area is the first impression folks have of our church, we would be very grateful for your help in keeping these beds under control. Volunteers are needed to help weed our flower beds! Thank you.

Sound Board Help Needed!

Are you interested in learning how to operate the Sound Board? We are in need for additional people to be trained on how to operate the sound board for church services and special programs. Please drop a note in the offering plate if you are interested.

Union Council is looking for volunteers to participate in a long-term Finance Committee. This committee would help

plan and consider spending for larger future projects/programs, and also help with the annual budget. If you are interested in joining this very important committee, please contact a Consistory or Council member. Thank you!

Sunday Fellowship Hour Needs Volunteers!

We are looking for people to help with the fellowship hour on Sundays! You can set up, clean up, or bring a tasty treat. The sign up sheet is available in the fellowship room. We are also looking for someone to take over for Jodi and coordinate this special hour. If you are interested please contact Jodi Schiffert at 484-633-5663.

A member of our church family in the New Tripoli area needs home care assistance.

Looking for older teen through senior citizen who can stay with an individual at their home. Hours would vary and occasionally may include an overnight. At times it could include driving to an appointment. Requirements are minimal as the need is primarily for safety reasons. You can bring your hobby, read, watch TV, etc. Hourly rate is negotiable. Call 610-823-8798 if you are interested or would like more information.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second



Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. The group makes Prayer Shawls, Baptismal blankets and scarves. All are invited to attend this group and share your gift, or come out and learn to knit and crochet.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group meets every Friday

at 7:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville. All are welcome!

A Message from Lori.....



On Saturday, October 14 the Mission Team

will be returning to Hattiesburg, Mississippi for a week of work with R3SM (Recover, Rebuild, Restore South Mississippi). Six members of the Team traveled to Hattiesburg in March, and worked with R3SM on flood recovery; by the time we return in October they will be well into recovery from the tornado in January of 2017. The damage from this tornado is extensive, and for those of us who had been working in Biloxi, it brought back many unsettling memories of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.

We invite all of you to sincerely consider joining the Mission Team for this week of rebuilding and renewing. R3SM is a wonderful organization that is truly dedicated to helping those affected by these natural disasters.

The Mission Team is a very inclusive group. We welcome all those who would like to offer their time and talents to help those in need. Through our fundraisers, the Shrimp Boils and Golf Outings especially, we are able to raise enough funds to help cover the majority of expenses. We do ask that everyone donate at least \$100.00 toward their travel expenses, if possible. The Team covers the cost of the vehicle rentals, organizational fees, and the groceries.

Please remember that all are welcome and all your gifts are important to the Team and those we work with, and those we work for. You do not need to be "constructionally" gifted to share your time. All the things we each have to offer are equally important. One may hammer, one may sweep the floor. One may measure and cut wood, one may offer an ear to listen. One may paint, and one may offer a shoulder to someone who needs support. God has given us many gifts to share.



We have been blessed to help many people, and we have been even more blessed to experience the help we have received from those we work for and with, in growing in our faith and trust in our Lord. If this door

opens for you, we pray that you listen to God's call to share His love and His grace.

As Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus, "Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence....When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Ephesians 3:12, 14-20, NLT)

Lori

LEARNING MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Summer Sunday School began on Sunday, June 11 and will end on Sunday, Sept 3. Starting on July 2, following the children's sermon, the kids will meet in the Acts room for Sunday School. If you would be interested in teaching or helping please contact Kristin Folck.

The following students are recognized for their faithful Sunday School attendance for the month of May:

Beginners – Eli Yerger, Angelina Fugazzotto
Pre-K – Dana Yerger

4th, 5th, and 6th – Makela Frantz, Olivia Wynn
 Confirmation - Mia DeLillo, Austin Fox, Raleigh
 Gehringer, Charlize Bobbyn, Joshua Wynn

The New Sunday School Year will begin on September 10 with a Sunday School Open House and a “Meet the Teacher.” Classes are held each Sunday from September through May for children and youth age 1 through 12th grade. Children are asked to gather in their classrooms by 10:00 a.m. and classes will end at 10:55 a.m.

On Sunday, May 15, ten of our young people affirmed the promises made by their parents in their Baptism. We are thankful for each of these newly confirmed members of Ziegels Union Church.

Here are excerpts from their Faith Statements:

“I trust in God and I am willing to try things other people may not think are possible, for Him. God is always working in my life, and because of this I have confidence.”

“I believe God and Jesus’s goals were to help all living things. I believe the church is here to guide me on my way.”

“He helps me when I get hurt or something goes wrong, he helps me get through it all everything in my life he helps me with, I just know it.”

“I accept God’s salvation and when I pray to him, he will help me. I believe that everyone God put on Earth has a promise.”

“Even though the Bible is complete, God is still speaking in my life. Just because Jesus is not teaching us, like he did during his life on Earth, I still learn from Him every day.”

“I believe that the Lord loves us, and everyone he created, with all His might, no matter what they do in life.”

“Everything I am, is because of Him. He gives me strength, hope and love. I may not be perfect, but God loves and

accepts me just how I am.”

Our next scheduled Learning Ministries meeting will be held Monday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. If you have an interest in the Christian Education of our members and would like to be involved in future events please join us. A Sunday School teacher or helper from each class is asked to attend.

Summer Camps for our Youth

Ziegels Union Sunday School will be celebrating our 25th year of “Bear Creek Day Camp.” Camp will run from Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. BBC is open to all children who have completed K through sixth grade. The cost per camper is \$70.00. Checks should be made out to “Ziegels Union Sunday School.” If your child would like to attend and you are in need of financial assistance, please call the church office at 610-285-6157. Get your registration forms in early. Forms are located outside of the Sunday School Office or in the Main Office.

The following is a list of food items that are needed for Bear Creek Day Camp. Please let Kristin Know if you can provide any items so they can be taken off the list. All donations should be in the kitchen (marked Bear Creek) by Wednesday, July 12.

3 jars of dill pickle spears	20 bananas
2 jars of bread and butter pickle spears	1 bag of apples
2 heads of iceberg lettuce	1 gallon of apple juice
4 bags of Doritos	3 bags of Thomas’ bagels
1 jar of Hellman’s Mayo	1 tub of margarine
16 large tomatoes	2 half gallons of OJ
(10) 20 lbs. bags of ice	1 lg tub Cream Cheese
2 bags white cheese curls	2 Boxes of Cheerios
70 serv Kraft Velveeta Shell	72 hot dog rolls
2 lg. cans vanilla pudding	(2) ½ gal. of whole milk
(4) ½ gal. of 2% milk	(4) ½ gal. OJ (Friday)
4 bx Kellogg’s Frosted Flakes	2 boxes of Rice Krispies



The 5th Ziegels Music + Drama Camp for children who have completed Kindergarten and older youth, and adults will be held the week of August 14-18. Camp will be in the evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. The

cost is \$10 per child with a \$15 family cap. T-shirts are available for purchase at a cost of \$7.50 each. The theme for camp this year is "Jesus: His Life and Times," a series of six skits based on the life of Jesus, which will provide plenty of opportunities for participants to shine and display their talents. Our performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 18. Registration forms are available in the Main Office.

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. for those who are interested in serving in our community as well as traveling with the Team on Disaster and Mission trips. Discussion will be held on fundraising and other Mission business. Please join us!

The Team will return to Camden, New York on Sunday, July 16 immediately following the Godspeed at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please keep the Team in your thoughts and prayers as they serve our brothers and sisters.

The 11th Annual Mission Team Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 5 at Allentown Municipal Golf Course with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. The fees are \$90.00 per golfer, which includes greens fees, lunch, and prizes. Donations of raffle prizes are needed as well as tee sponsors (\$50.00) and business sponsors (\$25.00). Foursome forms and sponsor forms are available in the main office or call Terry Oplinger at (610)462-5324 for more information. Help is also needed the day of the Outing.

Raffle tickets for the Golf Outing will be sold for \$10.00 per ticket, and the drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the outing. Prizes include a week in Myrtle Beach plus a \$300.00 Visa card, a 40" flat screen TV, a \$500.00 Visa card, a \$500 gift certificate for Hartman's Butcher Shop, an IPAD, a \$250.00 Home Depot gift card, a \$200.00 Hartman's gift certificate and (3) \$100.00 Visa cards. If you would be willing to sell tickets for the Team, for every ten you sell you will receive one free ticket. Please call Diane Hemerly at 610-767-5198 or e-mail her at jhemerly@aol.com

The next Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The menu will include a salad, ½ pound of shrimp, sausage, and potatoes, corn, a drink and a desert. A children's meal will include salad, ¼ pound of shrimp, sausage, potatoes, half a cob of corn, a drink and a dessert. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. We will be eating inside! Please call Lori at 610-573-9764 by September 13 to place your reservation. You must preorder! Eat in or take out! Help will be needed in preparing and serving! All proceeds will be used for work in disaster relief recovery.

We will be returning to Hattiesburg, Mississippi on Saturday, October 14 and we will return home on Saturday, October 21. We will be working on tornado relief with R2SM, an organization dedicated to helping victims of natural disasters. We have ten beds available. If you are interested, please contact Lori.



Community News



Zumba classes at Ziegels are held in the Acts Room on Monday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. Missi Fuggazotto is the

instructor. The cost is \$30.00 for 6 classes or \$7.00 per class. Please bring a towel and water. Childcare is not provided.

Lowhill Food Pantry

Our contribution to the Lowhill Food Pantry for the month of May was 246 pounds. A BIG Thank You to everyone who participates in this community program for your contributions and generous support. Donations are accepted the last Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the third Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or by appointment. Donations can also be dropped off at both the New Tripoli Bank branches and ESSA Bank, as well as the boxes in the Church.

The Lowhill Food Pantry will once again offer snack pack items to children that enroll for their "Summer Snack Pack" program. The suggested items are: cereals, cake mixes, pancake mixes and syrup, canned meats (tuna and chicken), canned vegetables and fruit, boxed potatoes and rice, spaghetti, other pastas, and sauce, peanut butter and jellies, soups, canned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli), jello and puddings, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. As always when purchasing/donating items, please keep in mind the need for the items to not carry an expired or soon to be expired date.

The Blessings Room has the following needs: flip flops – any size, summer clothes for children – any size, children's socks – any size, towels, sheets, books – coloring, sticker, learning, puzzles, and outdoor games. As always keep in mind that the wish is that the items are all new or gently used.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

July Sponsors:

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor and the Church Website:** In memory of Terry Evangelista by Marlene Evangelista.

August Sponsors:

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** In honor of Adam Danner's Birthday by Tony, Kelly and Olivia Danner.
- **Website Sponsor:** Keith and Michele Quier

Thank you to:

- everyone that donated their time or supplied items for our Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner.
- everyone one who brought clothing for the clothing collection.
- to everyone who donated food items and decorating items for VBS and those who worked on organizing crafts, snacks, games, science, and teaching time, and to all the children who came out to enjoy a week of fun and learning.

Mailbag

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Allentown West – West Lehigh County, please accept our sincere thanks for your most recent check of March 5, 2017 for the Snack Programs in the Northwestern and Parkland School Districts. Your continued caring generosity helps to make a difference in the life of students who need food on weekends. We also want to make special note, and again thank you for your continued support since the beginning of this program in 2015. Your congregations through your various fundraising events, collections contributed \$4,963.98 since November of 2015. Thank You so very much for your continued partnership with this project. Sincerely, Dan Crane, President and Gloria Zimmerman, Club Service Chairperson

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from the June 13 meeting include:

- The DLM annual review was completed. UC approved continuing education classes in Lancaster with the stipulation that Kristin stays as DLM at least one year after the course is completed.
- Discussion on parking lot. Property getting more bids.
- Discussion on Church Nursery and helpers. Reviewing Safe Sanctuary Guidelines.

- Union Committee approved commitment to Family Promise. We will need lots of volunteers and help with this very important program.

Union Church Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday, August 8.