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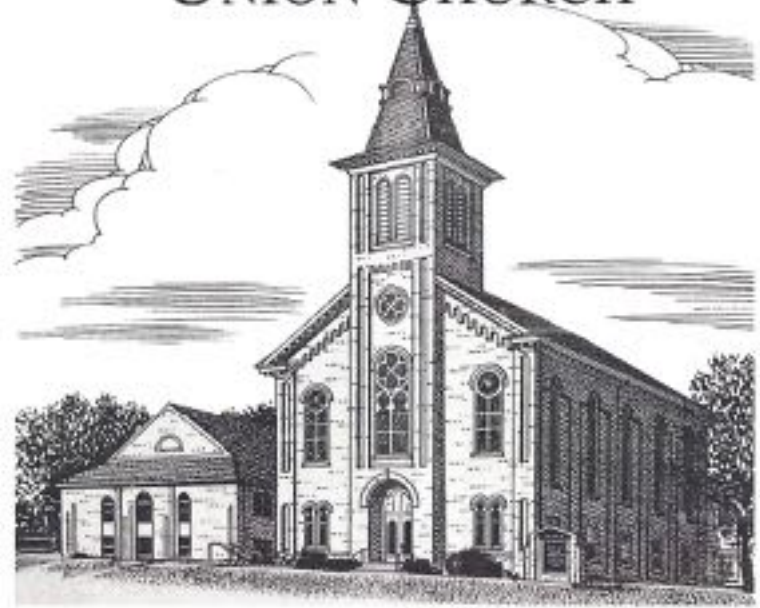
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The sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on the first and third Sunday of each month at both the 8:30 a.m. Lutheran service and 11:05 a.m. UCC service. The dates for this month are January 7 and January 21.

The church office will be closed on December 24 to 27 and December 30 to January 2.

If we need to cancel worship.....

In the event of bad weather and if we need to cancel worship, the information can be found on:

- WFMZ (on TV or www.wfmz.com) for Church Worship and Library closings
- Our website (www.ziegelschurch.org) in the facebook block – lower right on your screen
- On our facebook page
- Or you can call a staff person or council/consistory member as they are all contacted

Wise men Still Worship Him



Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, means “an appearance” or “a revealing,” and is the official Season for proclaiming the identity of Christ. Epiphany

begins at sundown the day before January 6. Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to make the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus’ first followers were

Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the now-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the world. Epiphany is a season of worship, as the whole world follows the Wise Men to find and honor Jesus. The symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown, and a globe, or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

Lent Begins in February

Our Wednesday evening Lenten Services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continue through Wednesday, March 21. Remember that we will begin each gathering with a soup meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us!

From the Church Office

Many people are giving up their landlines and relying solely on their cell phones for communication. If you have moved or if you have changed

All Committee Chairpersons and organization heads should submit their 2017 reports for the annual report by

January 31, 2018.

Sunday Fellowship Hour Needs Volunteers!

Everyone likes to have the drinks and tasty baked goods during the fellowship hour on a Sunday. Volunteers are needed in order for this to happen and not much time is required. People are needed for set up, clean up and for baking the treats. Sign-up sheets are located in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or luyplumeria@yahoo.com.

Monthly Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM 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.

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on fundraising and future work projects. Please join us!

Our next **Shrimp Boil** will be held on Sunday, April 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Mission Team will be traveling to Denham Springs, Louisiana to work with Fuller Center Rebuilders the week of March 19, 2018. We have chosen this location because they have lost so many volunteers who have moved on to Texas. The Team experienced this same issue in Biloxi, Mississippi and made at least a five-year commitment to serve in Biloxi. We are unsure at this point if we will be driving or flying. It would be an 18-hour drive from PA, and at this point the cost to fly into Baton Rouge would be close to \$300.00 per person. The airline fees will need to be paid by each volunteer. We have reserved 15 beds and nine have been placed on hold, so please contact Lori as soon as possible if you would like to go along!

The Team will return to Camden, New York this summer. They will be working with Cluster 13 Ministries. This trip is open to families and teenagers. We will be leaving on July 15 and we will return home on Friday, July 20. If you would like to work with us for a week or even a half week, you are more than welcome. If you are interested in traveling with the Team, please speak with Lori Brawn.

We are in the process of preparing 120 CleanUp Buckets for Church World Services. These buckets will be sent to help those recovering from Hurricane Harvey, Irma and other natural disasters. We are seeking donations to help us collect the items needed to fill these buckets. After the items are collected we will be offering an Assembly Party to prepare the buckets for shipping. Each bucket will contain 4 scouring pads, 7 sponges (including one large), scrub brush, 18 Easy Wipes, (2) 25 ounce laundry detergent, 16 ounce disinfectant dish soap, 12-16 ounce household cleaner, 48-50 clothespins, 100 foot clothesline, 5 dust masks, 2 pairs non-latex gloves, work gloves, 30 heavy duty 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll,

and one 6 or 9 ounce bottle of insect repellent. The totals we still need are:

342 scouring pads	88 scrub brushes
607 small sponges	1,602 Easy Wipes
97 large sponges	
(120) 100' clotheslines	
(110) 16 ounce disinfectant dish soap	
(240) 25 ounces laundry soap	
(120) 12 ounce household cleaner	
(97) packs of 48-50 clothespins	
(118) 30 heavy duty trash bags on a roll	
(120) 6 or 9 ounce bottle of insect repellent	

If you would like to supply the items for one bucket or make a donation of one particular item we would be so happy for your help. Items should be brought to church by the end of the year. Please let Lori know what you'll bring so that we can mark it off the list !!!

Family Promise in 2018.

Ziegels will be participating in the ministry of Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families move forward in finding work and a place to live. Thirteen churches in our area will be participating in housing two to three families for four weeks out of the year. Many hands make for light work so there are many opportunities to support this ministry. If you would like to volunteer to shop for food, prep and serve, clean up, help with homework and evening family activities, or be an overnight chaperone please call Lori Brawn at 610-285-6157 to sign up.

We will be collecting board games and puzzles for the families that will be staying at Ziegels during our Family

Promise weeks. A box will be located in the lobby. Please speak with Missi Fugazzotto at 484-256-3588 if you have any questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Classes are held each Sunday for children and youth ages 1 through 8th grade. Children are asked to be in their classrooms by 10:00 a.m. and class is dismissed at 10:55 a.m. Please remember that children should not be sent to their classrooms before 9:55 a.m. and should be picked up by 10:55 a.m. Our schedule allows just enough time for our Sunday School teachers and helpers who attend early service to get to their classrooms and for our teachers and helpers who attend late service to get to their service on time.

Our Adult Sunday School Class is offered every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Ralph Wilhide leads the class and they meet in the Matthew Room.

On Sunday, February 18, the children will "Bury the Alleluias" in preparation for Lent. The children are asked to meet outside the organ door at 8:20 a.m. and/or 10:55 a.m. After they have paraded with the banners through the sanctuary they may return to their seats. The Alleluias will

be released on Easter Morning.

Our annual Lenten Loose Change Offering will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Collection containers will be located outside of the elevator on the first floor and next to the water fountain on the second floor.

Confirmation Class Happenings

The class will meet on January 7, 14, 21, and 28.. Our lessons for January are "Judges" and "Ruth." The class will also continue to work on their Learning Goals.

On Friday, February 8, the Confirmation Class will leave for the Allentown Youth Quake. If confirmed youth would like to attend, please contact Kristin Folck.

Did you know that the Learning Ministries Committee has calculated that it costs \$220.00 per student per year for the Confirmation Program? Each family in the program is asked for a donation of \$100.00 per year, but for some this is a major financial hardship. If you would like to sponsor a student, a donation in any amount may be made out to your congregation and marked Confirmation Program. Any support is greatly appreciated!

Christian Education

Our next scheduled Christian Education meeting will be held Monday, January 22, at 7 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.

Youth Group

Ice Skating and Roller Skating outings are being planned. Watch your bulletins for further information.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

- Saturday, March 24 – Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, May 20 – Youth Sunday Service, 11:05 a.m.
- Sunday, May 20 - Sunday School Program at 10:10 a.m.

Sunday Perfect Attendance



Beginners: John Harold

Pre-K: Jaxon Masters

2nd and 3rd Grade: Anna Longenderfer

4th, 5th and 6th Grade: Sarah

Longenderfer, Makela Frantz

Confirmation: Kira Schaffer, Kaleb Beers, Ryan Cardinale

Community News

We will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, January 31 and are looking for people to make Chicken Pot Pie Soup. If anyone is interested in helping out at the Soup Kitchen please contact Kim Lapp at 484-268-8845. The soup kitchen dates for 2018 are: January 31, May 30, August 29, October 31.



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.

The Lowhill Food Pantry

Our contribution to the Lowhill Food Pantry for the month of November was 357 pounds. Special thanks to the members who supplied turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving season. **THANK YOU** for all the support and contributions you give to this organization which strives to help people in our own community. Please know that these clients are most grateful and thankful for your kindness.

The current suggested items for the Food Pantry are canned fruit, hearty soups, hamburger helper, ramen noodles, cleaning supplies, deodorant for men and women, and feminine hygiene items. Keep in mind when purchasing/donating items, please keep in mind the need for the item

to not carry an expired or soon to be expired date.

The suggested items of need for the Blessings Room are kitchen utensils, particularly large spoons. As always keep in mind that the items are all new or gently used.

Also want to sincerely **THANK** the Knitting Group here at Church for answering our call for need of scarves and hats. They donated over (25) scarves and a few hats to the Blessings Room when they had none for the clients.

Again, Thank you so much!!

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

The following people are the sponsors for the month of January:

Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor: Kim Lapp and Ralph Wilhide in honor of a Blessed New Year

Website Sponsor: Josh and Kristin Folck in honor of A.J., Amelia and Tanner, our nephews and niece.

Thank you to...

- everyone who donated items and food, volunteered their time, and families that attended our Christmas Shoppe Event
- everyone who donated to the jingle offering for the Disaster Relief Cleanup Buckets.

- everyone who attended our Moravian LoveFeast on Thanksgiving Eve.
- everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Greens.
- everyone who sponsored poinsettias for Christmas.
- everyone who participated in Advent Night of Music, and those who attended, provided food, and helped to prep and cleanup. A special thanks to Lutheran Social Services for organizing the refreshments, and to Jill Bruckart for organizing the Program.
- those who filled stockings for the Lowhill Stocking Ministry and those who purchased gifts for the children of the Pantry. A special thanks to Lonnie Damiano and Kelly Lucarelli for organizing everything.
- all those who purchased wreaths in honor or in memory of a loved one and those who organized and participated in Wreaths Across America.
- everyone who purchased Union Soundz CDs and Daryl Wolf's books for Christmas gifts.
- everyone who traveled with the Mission Team this year, and those who supported us through monetary donations and prayers.
- all who set up and cleaned up after Fellowship Hour and those who provided baked goods and snacks. And a special thanks to Jodi Schiffert and Doreen Wynn for organizing.
- everyone who sponsored the Food Pantry, the website, our newsletters, bulletins, flowers and the Nursery throughout 2017. Your support is

appreciated

- all of those that served on Committees, Council and Consistory in 2017 and those who participated in the events that have helped us reach out to our members and our community.

Mailbag

Lutheran Social Services – Just a few lines to let you know the residents (Kutztown Manor) enjoyed their evening with all of you. When it comes to playing Bingo, you don't have to coax them. I believe they'd play every day....thank you again for thinking of the residents. Thank you for the game of bingo from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Also, thank you for the snack picks. They were very happy.

Irene Kressley, Resident Council President

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from December 12th Meeting include:

- Reviewed Christmas Eve services and coverage

Next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9.

Wishing you all
a
very happy and
healthy
New Year !