

**Church Office Closed**

*The office will be closed Wednesday, July 4*

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The deadline for submissions for the September 2018  
newsletter is Friday, August 10.

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# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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**July -August 2018  
Newsletter**

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## **Beginning on Sunday, July 1, we will have one Union**



**service at 9:00 a.m.** On Sunday, September 9, we will return to two Sunday services with the United Church of Christ worship at 8:30 a.m. and the Lutheran service 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 1, and 15 and August 5 and 19.

## **Sunday Fellowship Hour**

There will be no Fellowship hour for the months of July and August. It will resume again on Sunday, September 9.

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**Family Friendly Services!** Our time together begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room and will end by 7:00 p.m. We begin with a lesson, and enjoy singing child friendly songs, then we have a family project or activity, and close with music and prayer, followed by light refreshments. All are invited, ages 0-100! Our dates are July 28, August 18, September 22 and November 20. We are happy to offer a time of worship to those who may not be able to attend summer Sunday worship due to other commitments. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends!

**Lowhill Food Pantry School Supply Collection.** We will be collecting backpacks (boy backpacks or neutral plain colors), lunch bags, notebooks, pencils, erasers, highlighters, markers and colored pencils 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 29. The items will be distributed to the children beginning on August 2 for the 2018-2019 School year. **Blessing of the Backpacks will be held at the union worship service on Sunday, July 29.**

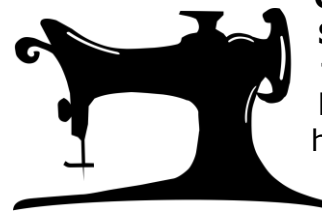
**The Jerusalem Singers will be with us on Sunday, August 5 at the 9:00 a.m. service.** Please be sure to bring along canned or packaged food items to donate to their ministry. Items may be placed in the boxes in the lobby. Thank you for your support.

**Ziegels Union Church Picnic - Saturday, August 25, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Anyone that would be interested in helping to plan this picnic is welcome to contact Kim Lapp.

## **Harvest Home will be held at both worship services on Sunday, September 16.**



This year our theme is Melons, 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 15. 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.



**Our new Sewing Mission is led by Shelly Daniels and is open to all those who are interested in helping,** even if you do not know how to sew. We will be making pillowcases for local children's hospitals and dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World." Our meetings will be on Wednesdays: June 27, July 18, September 22. Donations of materials (bright and flowery for dresses and child friendly material for pillow cases, all 100% cotton, no bright red please) and other items would be appreciated, as well as monetary donations for supplies and shipping. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500.



## **Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2018**

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.

### **Northwestern**

Jason Frey  
Johnny Gambler  
Aaron Green  
Daulton Heintzelman  
Tanner Klotz  
Angelina Lucarelli  
Robert Mason  
Tori Schiffert  
Karly Rex  
Alyssa Schankweiler  
Tyler Wiik  
Noah Meyers

### **Penn State**

Alex Bobbyn – Double major in Broadcast Journalism  
Comm. and Economics  
Collin Breidinger – Bachelor of Science in Turf Grass  
Science

### **Kutztown**

Madeline Parker- Bachelor of Science in Business  
Administration-Marketing

### **Bloomsburg**

Morgan Klotz – Bachelor of Science for Early Education

### **Muhlenberg**

Jake Najarian – Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a  
minor in Physics

### **Millersville**

Courtney Bortz – Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

### **LCCC**

Myrena Frantz – Associate Degree in Applied Science  
Computer Generated Animation and Digital Arts

### **West Chester**

Madeline Bachman – Bachelor of Science in Marketing

### **University of Phoenix**

### **Emmaus**

AshInn Masters

### **Parkland**

Kali Lauer

### **Brandywine**

Mackenzie Snyder  
Mason Snyder

Brian Lilley – Master of Business Administration

## **Mission**

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Camden trip. Please pray for those who are traveling to Camden to serve our brothers and sisters in need.



**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Team Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 4** 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**, the drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Outing. Prizes include a week in Myrtle Beach plus a \$300.00 Visa card, a 40" flat screen TV, gift cards, an IPAD, four Phillies tickets, two Sight and Sound tickets. If you would like to to sell tickets, for every ten you sell you'll receive one free. Please call Diane Hemerly at 610-767-5198.

**A Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The menu will include a salad, ½ pound of shrimp (1/4 pound of shrimp for children's meals), sausage, and potatoes, corn, a drink and a desert. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Please call Lori at 610-573-9764 by September 12 to place your reservation. You must preorder! All proceeds will be used for work in disaster relief recovery and our Sewing Ministry.

**We will be returning to Denham Springs, Louisiana on Saturday, October 13** and we will return home on

Saturday, October 20. We will be working with Fuller Center Rebuilders on flood relief. We have fifteen beds available. If you are interested, please contact Lori.

*"As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind.....But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41, NLT)*



Our lives are often filled with storms. We have broken friendships, we have health issues, we lose those we love. Sometimes, when we finally feel like we are through the eye of the storm, and feel some calmness coming toward us, it is not much longer before we see the next storm moving in. At times, the storm lands on us in one moment, with no sight of it coming, and no forecast. We grieve, we pray for relief. We hope for peaceful days. We cry, we are distracted from our everyday lives, we think ahead for what will be, what will come.

As difficult as these storms are for us, life is much easier when we know Jesus is with us. When we are able to place our distress in His hands we can have moments, minutes, days without worry and stress. If you feel as if Jesus isn't

with you or that He is not waking up to quiet your storm, well, then you must remember that Jesus IS with you, always...and you are safe with Him.

When you trust in the Lord there is a peace that covers you and a blanket of comfort for placing all your worries in His hands. It is not always easy for us, as humans, to give up control of our situations. We like to have a plan, to know what is happening, what is coming, what is going. But at the end of the day, no matter the control we think we have, it is not ours. It is our faith and trust that moves us along and guides the way we live our lives and takes away our fear.

If we obsess and allow depression and worry to steer us through our storms and then Jesus wakes up and quiets our storm he will likely ask us, "Why are you so afraid ? Do you still have no faith ?"

I really don't want Him to ask me that question.

Peace,

*Lori*

**The Men's Bible Study Breakfast Group meets every Friday** at 7:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast and study our weekly scriptures!

**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](mailto:jhemerly@aol.com)

**LEARNING MINISTRIES**

**Sunday School Happenings**

Summer Sunday School will end on Sunday, July 29. There will be no Sunday School during the month of August. Starting on July 1, 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 at [KristinFolck@gmail.com](mailto:KristinFolck@gmail.com) or 484-860-2549.

The new Sunday School Year will begin on September 9 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are asked to gather in their classrooms by 10:00 a.m. and classes will end at 10:55 a.m. Adult and young adult learners are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class in the Matthew Room all year long with Ralph Wilhide.

**Confirmation Happenings**

The Confirmation Program will begin on September 9, 2018. The class meets in the Acts classroom and is led by Jeff Rex and Bryan Bachman. If you know someone in seventh or eighth grade who would be interested in the program please have them contact [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com).

On that day, the first year confirmands will receive their bibles at the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:05 a.m. services. All confirmands will also have their covenants blessed at this time.

**Christian Education**

Our next scheduled Learning Ministries meeting will be held Monday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. If you have an interest in Christian Education 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.

**The Election of Learning Ministries Officers will be held on Sunday, August 19** following the worship service. If you would like to nominate someone for an officer’s position, please contact Christa Taylor by Sunday, August 12.

**SUMMER FUN!**

Bear Creek Day Camp takes place from July 16 through July 20. Registration takes place now until July 13. There is a limited number of slots available, so please sign up today! The cost to attend is \$75.00 for the first child, and \$70.00 for each sibling. Register online at: <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/rrpgrqj0grub4f/> or visit our website at [Ziegelschurch.org](http://Ziegelschurch.org) or grab a registration form on the table outside of the Sunday School office. Please watch your bulletins for additional items that are needed to make this camp a success and please reach out to Kelly at: [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com) if you are interested in making a donation. All donations should be marked BCC and dropped off to the kitchen by July 14.

❖ **Bear Creek Donation List**

3 jars of dill pickle spears	20 bananas, bag of apples
1 large ketchup, mustard	60 large Rice Krispy treats
2 large lettuce heads	2 pretzel sticks, 2 chips
4 bags snacks- large	4 bags of bagels
4 bags of Tortilla Chips	1 tub of margarine or butter
16 large tomatoes	60 Go-Gurts
(10) 20 pound bags of ice	3 blocks of cream cheese
3 lbs. of Grapes	64 oz. shredded cheese
15 boxes of Mac and Cheese	10 – 8 count hotdog rolls

2 large cans vanilla pudding	2 jars mild salsa
3 gallons Milk	2 gal. OJ, 1 gal. apple juice
5 boxes cereal	2 16 oz. of sour cream
6 bags of candy worms	Lots of freezer pops!
Breakfast Casserole or CrockPot breakfast for 4 adults-Monday to Thursday	5 blocks of 16oz. cheese (can be any Cheddar-Colby Jack-Mozzarella)



**Music and Drama Camp-** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ziegels Music + Drama Camp is for children who have completed Kindergarten and older, as well as youth and adults. This event will be held the week of August 6-10. 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 \$8.00 each. Deadline for t-shirts is July 21. The theme for camp this year is "Noah's Incredible Cruise," a delightful 35-minute children's musical that will provide plenty of chances for the children to shine and share their talents. Our performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10. Registration is available on line: <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/rpgrqj0grub4f/> as well as forms located on the table outside of the Sunday School Office.

**Please help us support our youth programs by prayerfully considering our needs for help noted below** Email us at [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com) or call Kelly at 484-375-8978 or Kristin at the church office to discuss the opportunities.

- ❖ We will be looking for host families for 4 Bear Creek counselors for the week of July 15-19. Please consider hosting one or two counselors for a night or for the week. Counselors will need to be picked up at the church between 5-6:00pm (Sunday-Weds) and will need dinner provided to them that evening as accommodations for sleeping and showering. Counselors can be dropped off the following morning at church prior to 8:30am where we will provide breakfast for them.
- ❖ If you are interested in providing a Day Camp Scholarship for Bear Creek Camper, please reach out to us for details.
- ❖ Donations are being accepted to help defer the costs of an online program we are using this year to reach more families and allow them to register and make payments when applicable for our Christian Education programs such as VBS and BCC and Drama Camp. The cost to utilize this online program is \$40.00 monthly please include your donation in the offering plate marked WUFOO or email Kelly at [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com) for 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 gifts or come out and learn to knit and crochet.



**Sunshine Center Preschool** is accepting new students for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes include two and three-year-old, three year old, four year old, and five year old (Pre-K). If you would like more information or



would like to register a student, please contact Diane Hemerly at 610-285-6297 or Pat Elliot at 610-395-8034. All children are welcome!

## 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.

**Calling All Gardeners!** St. John's Lutheran Church in Fogelsville will be a drop off point for "Plant a Row Lehigh Valley" this summer. Plan to plant some extra veggies in your garden for the needy! Drop off produce from your row (and any other extra produce) every Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church. "Plant a Row" volunteers will transport your donations to the St. Paul UCC Food Pantry in Trexlertown for dispersal on Tuesday morning. A cooler will be placed outside the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Monday beginning June 11 until the end of the growing season. For more information, Contact Beth Furman [eaal21@gmail.com](mailto:eaal21@gmail.com)

**Family Promise will serve as volunteers at the Iron Pigs Concession Stands for the 2018 season.** Anyone may sign up to help raise funds for Family Promise of Lehigh County. Family Promise will receive \$8.00 per hour for every volunteer. Please contact Kim Lapp at 484-268-8845 for more information.

**Sue Himmelreich, Outreach Specialist for Morningstar Living,** is hosting an informal seminar in September. This educational outreach initiative is aimed at educating and empowering people to make informed choices that positively impact their health and wellness. Information on eldercare and identifying the warning signs that your parents may need more help, and what you can do to

prevent emergencies will be shared. If you would be interested in attending this seminar, please speak with Lori.

### Lowhill Food Pantry

Our contribution to the Lowhill Food Pantry for the month of May was 57 pounds. Their current needs are boxed of cereal, spaghetti sauce, and jelly. Always keep in mind the need for the item(s) to not carry an expired or soon to be expired date. The needs of the Blessings Room are outdoor activities for children for the summer, along with the ever popular flip flops. **Thank you** for all of the donations for both the Food Pantry and the Blessings Room which are most appreciated by the clients.

For your general information: 2,861 snack packs were distributed for the 2017/2018 school year at Northwestern among the four buildings. At Northwestern, snack packs are distributed each Friday for students so food is ensured for the weekend. This program is paid for by the Lowhill Food Pantry and the Rotary Club of Allentown West-Western Lehigh County. Additionally, the Lowhill Food Pantry does a summer snack pack program for the children of registered clients who opt to participate. They receive a supply of food once a month when their parents come to the Pantry for their supplies. This program starts when school ends and continues until school starts in late August

## *Thank You To Our Sponsors!*

and then the regular Snack Pack program begins.

**The following people are the sponsors** for the month of July:

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Jim and Diane Hemerly in honor of grandson Amari's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

- **Website Sponsor:** Maynard & Annabelle Koplin

**The following people are the sponsors** for the month of August:

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** In honor of Ziegels Union Church by Andrew Graff and family.
- **Website Sponsor:** Helen Gambler in honor of our Lutheran and UCC Congregations.

- to those who attended our first Family Service this summer.
- to those who have been attending our Prayer Meetings.
- to all who have shared their musical talents, and those who are a part of our Choir ministry.
- all of the Children, Parents, Teachers and Volunteers who participated in and led our children during VBS Hero Central in June! And our members who helped with food and craft donations to make this program a success!
- Pastor Jeff for organizing and leading the Prayer Study focus group "How to Pray for healing."

## Mailbag

I would like to thank all the congregants who sent me well wishes and prayers. I am truly grateful for all the encouragement and kind words that I have received. This has been a difficult time for Diane and I but knowing that we have the love and support of the Ziegel's Church family has been a comfort to us. On top of all the cards we have received I also want to thank Jerry and Renee Miller for their support, Dave and Donna Purugganan for the chemo shirt and seat belt cushion, and Mae Fritzgerald for the prayer shawl. Blessings, Diane and Michael Moyer

## Thank you to:

- to all who gave a donation during the Jingle Offering for our new Sewing Ministry. The collection was \$227.19. We thank everyone so much for your support !
- to all who came out for our first two Sewing Mission meetings and those who have been donating materials and other items, as well as portable sewing machines.

## Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from June 12 Meeting include:

- New water pump installed, sexton roof done.
- Discussion on Church Nursery and helpers. No Nursery in July and August.
- Discussion on Ziegels Picnic
- Need for Bear Creek Camp Host Families

Next Union Church Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 10 and August 14.