

Contact Information

You can reach us:

e-mail address: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

Website: www.ziegelschurch.org

Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 610-285-6157

Rev Jeff Kistler, UCC Interim Pastor	484-788-3743
Rev Andy Meckstroth, Lutheran Interim	484-523-3039
Lori Brawn, Lutheran Administrator	610-573-9764
Marlene Frantz, UCC Admin. Assistant	610-285-6631
Diane Moyer, Church Caretaker	610-285-4751
Jill Bruckart, Director of Music Ministries	610-419-0461
Kristin Folck, Learning Ministries Director	484-860-2549
Andrew Graff, 2018 Union Church Pres.	610-349-0359
David Grillo, 2018 Lutheran Council Pres.	610-928-3506
Don Peters, 2018 UCC Consistory Pres.	610-398-0828
Michele Quier, Newsletter Editor	484-661-6049

ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



Breinigsville, PA

***June 2018
Newsletter***

Volume 18, Issue 6

The deadline for submissions for the July/August 2018
newsletter is Friday, June 15.

Please contact Michele Quier directly or send information
by email to MichM7270@gmail.com



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 June 3 and June 17.

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 June 16, 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 !

Beginning on Sunday, July 1, we will have one Union service at 9:00 a.m. We will not have our Nursery open through July and August. Summer Sunday will be held following the Children's Time in Worship in July. **On Sunday, September 9, we will return to two Sunday services with the UCC worship at 8:30 a.m. and the Lutheran worship at 11:05 a.m.**

Small Group-How to Pray for Healing (May-June 2018)

Interim Pastor Jeff is leading a five-part teaching-prayer group on "How to Pray for Healing". Using a resource, "How to Pray for Healing", there will be one step presented at each gathering...related Bible verses, discussion, sharing of prayer concerns, and prayer. You do not have to come to all five.

Questions??? Contact Interim Pastor Jeff 484-788-3743

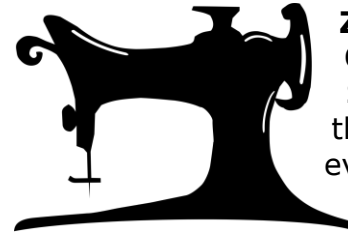
When: Five Thursdays: May 31, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

For: The gatherings are designed for anyone and everyone who is interested. This is prompted

in part by the number of serious illnesses encountered in the Ziegels congregations.



Ziegels Sewing Mission

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." We had 13 people attend our first meeting and we are looking for more volunteers. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 27 and we will begin our sewing projects. Donation of materials and other items would be appreciated, as well as monetary donations for supplies and shipping. If anyone would like to donate a portable sewing machine that would be appreciated as well. If you have any questions please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or e-mail her at Seashell246@gmail.com

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

Lutheran Social Services invites you to join us on Saturday, November 3 for a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater for the show, "Jesus." We will leave Ziegels at 10:00 a.m. and have lunch at Shady Maple and have time to do some shopping. We will return home around 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$130 for adults, \$125 for seniors 60 and over, \$75 for children 4-12, and \$65 for children under 4. Sign up forms are available at the organ door, narthex windowsills, in the Fellowship Room and in the office or use the form included in the newsletter. Deadline is October 3.

Special Music During the Summer



Share Your Talents during the summer months by offering special music for worship during July or August. Sign up sheet located

on the choir room door or call Jill Bruckart at 484-456-6701 or e-mail jillbb22@gmail.com.

Thanks for sharing your gifts to praise God!

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be held on on the Camden trip. Those who are traveling with the Mission Team are asked to attend.

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. The Team will leave following the Godspeed at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in traveling with the Team, please speak with Lori Brawn.

The 12th 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, and the drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the outing. 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.

Family Promise will serve as volunteers at the Iron Pigs Concession Stands for the 2018 season. Anyone who would like to help will help to raise funds for Family Promise of

Lehigh County is welcome to sign up. They will receive \$8.00 per hour for every volunteer. Please contact Kim Lapp at 484-268-8845 for more information.

Me? Really? Are you sure? Me?

Years ago, I watched a documentary, "Trouble the Water." It was a story of a woman in New Orleans who videotaped the arrival and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. She captured dramatic and disturbing footage seen from her attic: during and after the storm. Throughout the documentary, new clips and statistics were used, as well as interviews with survivors, with many of them in desperate situations even *before* Katrina even hit the Ninth Ward.

One young man clearly had no direction in his life; he was struggling with addiction and financial issues, and he was clearly going "nowhere fast" before Katrina. During an interview a few months after the storm he said, "Until the day of Hurricane Katrina, I had no idea that God could use a man like me". I can almost hear that conversation.

God: "Go now and save my people."

Man: "No, I can't do *that*."

God: "Oh, yes you can."

Man: "But I can't, I don't know how."

God: "I will give you exactly what you need."

Man: "But..."

How many times have we had that very same conversation. "God, how can You use me? I am unworthy, a sinner, a failure?" When God calls us to bring our faith to others, it is not always what we believe to be a defining moment, such as a car accident, a fire, or an earthquake, or a hurricane, or a tornado. It may be a moment spent with someone ill, a word of comfort to a family who lost someone dear to them, or a child who is searching for answers to those all-important questions that children ask. You may never realize how God has used you, but to

another person, one word, one touch, or one act of kindness may be a defining moment for them.

Paul wrote to the Romans, *"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.....If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly"*. (Romans 12:6-8, NLT)

Be assured, when God calls you, He will equip you. And if you say "No, I can't". God will say "Yes, you can". And He will show you how...and this I know to be true.

***God is good.....all the time,
All the time.....God is good.....to us!***

Always Amazed, Lori

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.

Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, June 3 and end on Sunday July 29. Starting July 1, following the children's sermon, the kids will meet in the Acts room for Sunday School. There will be no classes School during the month of August. If you are interested in teaching or helping, please contact Kristin Folck.

Perfect Attendance for the month of April

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

Pre-K- Quinly Hanna, Eli Yerger

Kindergarten and 1st - Colton Hanna, Alex Taylor, Dana Yerger

2nd and 3rd - Emma Taylor

4th, 5th, and 6th- Makela Frantz, Grace Clewell, Emma Clewell, Hailey Green

Confirmation - Karissa Moyer, Joshua Wynn, Evan Anderson, Kaleb Beers, Olivia Wynn

Confirmation Information Session- Sunday, June 10-

A parent meeting for the 2018-19 Confirmation Program will be held at 10:10 a.m. in the Romans Room. Parents with children entering 7th and 8th Grade in September should plan to attend this meeting. If you know anyone in your family, or your neighbors or friends, who might be interested in hearing about our Confirmation Program, please invite them to attend.

Like us on Facebook! Christian Education is now on Facebook! Our page was just launched and holds all of the information for upcoming events, camps, and pictures of all of the fun we are having! Our Facebook address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristianEdZiegels/>

And

check us out on Instagram too!

On Sunday, May 20, five 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.

Lutheran

Charlize Faith Bobbyn
Jenna Alys Frey
Karissa Jordyn Moyer
Kira Marie Schafer

UCC

Joshua Graham

Here are excerpts from their Faith Statements:

"I believe that God created the sun, moon, stars, music and everything else. I put my trust in God to take care of my worries...God loves us no matter what. That's why I love Him...I seek help from Him. I've never heard Him talk to me, but I know He is there for me."

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Holy Church and the Communion. The Spirit fills us with joy and give us our freedom. God's Holy Spirit fills our lives and gives us peace. God believes in us, so we believe in Him. Jesus believes in us, so we will believe in Him. The Spirit believes in us, so we believe in it."

"He is the creator of the world who gives us peace and the stepping stones to success."

"I believe that God made the earth and all of us. That He supports us and loves us forever. God will always be with us through both ups and downs."

"I believe in the Church, a place where we can confess our sins and won't be judged about our past and present. I believe in Jesus Christ....who has suffered His life so we can live ours. He has spoken and taught His disciples like He is teaching is now in the Bible."

Summer FUN!!



Our **Vacation Bible School "Hero Central"** will be held the week of June 18 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. At Hero Central, kids will discover their strength in God, explore God's mission for their lives, encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes, and realize qualities that make them truly heroes in God. Registration for all of our camps is available online! Follow this link to register your children online at <https://facebook.com/ChristianEdZiegels/> or <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/rrpgrqj0grub4f/>. Regular registration forms are available on the table upstairs outside of the Christian Education Office. Early registration helps us as we plan for supplies and food, so please get your forms in as soon as possible ("day of" registrations are always welcome though). T-shirts are available to order for \$8.00 orders are due by June 3. Those enrolling before June 3 will receive a free music CD. Please watch your June bulletins for a list of additional food and craft items that will be needed. Many volunteer spots are available. If you can help, please contact Kristin Folck.

VBS Donation List: Please let Kristin Folck know if you can provide any items so they may be taken off the list. All donations should be in the kitchen (marked VBS) by Sunday, June 17: 2 family size boxes of Cherrios and 2 family size boxes of Chex, 2 bags of pretzel sticks. 2 bags of mini marshmallows, 3 family size boxes of Cheez Its, 100 small waffle cones, 100 Rice Krispy treats, 2 large bags of M & Ms, 3 tubes of green icing, 3 tubs of Cool Whip, 5 pounds apples, 5 pounds grapes, 2 large watermelon, 3 family size pineapple chunks, 5 large boxes of blue jello, Goldfish crackers, and cubed cheese.



Bear Creek Day Camp will be July 16 - July 20. T-shirt orders can be placed through June 30. Register online at: <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/rrpgrqj0grub4f/> or <https://facebook.com/ChristianEdZiegels/> or grab a registration form on the table outside of the Sunday School office. Helpers are needed as well as host families for our counselors. Please watch your bulletins and the July Newsletter for additional items that are needed to make this camp a success.

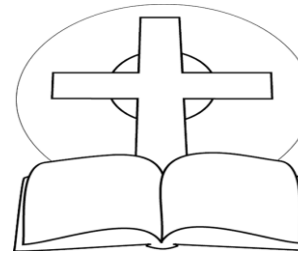
If you are interested in making a donation, please reach out to Kelly at: ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com. All donations should be marked BCC and dropped off to the kitchen by July 14: 3 jars of dill pickles, 20 bananas, large ketchup and large mustard, gallon of apple juice, 2 large heads of lettuce, 4 large bags of snacks (any kind), 2 bags of Thomas' bagels, jar of Mayo, tub of margarine or butter, 16 large tomatoes, (2) ½ gallons of OJ, (10) 20 pound bags of ice, 3 blocks of cream cheese, 64 ounces or 8 cups of shredded cheese, 15 boxes mac and cheese, (10) 8 count packs of hot dog rolls, 2 large cans of vanilla pudding, 2 jars of mild salsa, (4) ½ gallons of milk, 2 gallons of OJ, 5 boxes of cereal, (2) 16 ounce containers of sour cream, 6 bags of candy worms, lots of freezer pops.

MUSIC AND DRAMA



The 6th 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 time for the children to shine and share their talents. Our performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10 and all are welcome to attend. Registration is available: <https://facebook.com/ChristianEdZiegels/> or <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/rrpgrqj0grub4f/> or forms located on the table outside of the Sunday School Office.



Christian Education

Our next scheduled Christian Education meeting will be held Monday, July 16 at 6:30 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.

Election of Christian Education/Sunday School 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.

Please help us support our youth programs by prayerfully considering our needs for help noted below. Email us at ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com or call Kelly at 484-

375-8978 or Kristin at the church office to discuss the opportunities.

- We are looking for VBS teachers and helpers for the week of June 18-22.
- We will be looking for host families for four 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 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Sunday-Wednesday) and will need dinner provided for them that evening and accommodations for sleeping and showering. Counselors can be dropped off the following morning at church prior to 8:30 a.m. where we will provide breakfast for them.
- If you are interested in providing a Day Camp Scholarship for a 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.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!


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

Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor: Jim and Diane Hemerly in honor of their grandson Amari's 1st birthday.

Website Sponsor: Maynard and Elizabeth Koplin

Thank you to:

- everyone who supported the Mission Team by providing donations of food, purchasing Shrimp Boil meals, and helping to prep and serve and clean up.
- everyone who donated items for the Yard Sale and those who came out to help.
- everyone who purchased Hanging Baskets in support of Lutheran Social Services.
- those who helped at the Soup Kitchen in May.
- everyone who came out for the Property Workday on May 19 and May 19.
- all those who came out for our new sewing mission meeting.
- all the Sunday School members, children and parents who donated to Operation Starfish/Food for the Poor, Inc. Your donations help make a difference in the world, one life at a time. To date we have collected over \$200 and will continue to collect through the month of June!
- Carley Schopf for assisting Kelly Lucarelli during the congregational meeting by entertaining and watching over our young people.
- the members of our Lutheran Social Services committee and friends who graciously provided and served our Confirmation Dinner meal on May 19. We also give thanks to the UCC Consistory for providing appetizers for our dinner. We appreciate all your hard work.
- Lori Brawn for her assistance in coordinating for the 2nd year confirmation class Final Retreat.
- the teachers, parents, children and adult Sunday School members who participated and attended our Youth Sunday presentation on May 6. The children did a great job!
- Pastor Jeff for organizing and leading our confirmands during the 11:05 a.m. service on May 6. Job well done!

**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 olds, and five year olds (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 eea121@gmail.com

The Lowhill Food Pantry

Our contribution to the Pantry for the month of April was 245 pounds. Their current needs are baby food, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies, and baking items such as cake mixes and brownies. 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 socks for all ages, any size sheets, towels, flip flops, and summer type activities for children. Thank You for all of the donations for both the

Food Pantry and the Blessings Room. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Mailbag

Thank you to all the members of the Union Church for the cards and kind words in memory of my husband, Harold. Our family appreciated the hospital and home visits by Pastor Andy and Pastor Jeff, and the support they offered us during his illness. I also would like to thank Social Services for the wonderful luncheon following his service, and to all those who donated to the Lutheran Memorial Fund in Harold's memory. Sincerely, Mildred Gehringer and Family

Dear Ziegels Union Church,
Josh and I would like to extend a huge thank you to both congregations for their thoughts, prayers, messages, cards, and calls. We truly appreciate all of the support we have received during this difficult time.

In God's Love,
Kristin and Josh Folck

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from the May 8 Meeting include:

- Pastor Jeff discussed having a Prayer Meeting to discuss ways to pray for healing.
- Discussion was held on the Union Congregational Meeting and a conversation about the Exploratory Committee.
- Discussion was held on the Confirmation Dinner. The UCC Congregation will be providing appetizers and the Lutheran Social Services Committee will provide the meal. Help is needed for serving.

The next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.