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**April 2019
Newsletter**

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The deadline for submissions
for the May 2019 newsletter is Friday, April 12.
Please contact Michele Quier directly or send information
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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. UCC service and 11:05 a.m. Lutheran service. The dates for this month are April 7 and April 21.

Our Wednesday Lenten gatherings will be held on April 3 and 10. Each gathering begins with a soup meal at 6:00 p.m. and the service at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will join us!

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday services will be Sunday April 14. Holy Communion will be served at the 8:30 a.m. UCC service as well as the 11:05 a.m. Lutheran service.



Holy Week

Wednesday, April 17, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. –

Way of the Cross and Soup Meal. There will be about 20 experiential sites, set up across the sanctuary. Each has a scripture reading and a short response. Each has something to “do” to steer our spiritual response to the reading. The readings themselves follow Jesus through his mission, to the cross and beyond, and invite us into the story. Soup Meals will be offered through the day. A child friendly event will also be offered for the children to experience the journey from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 - Ziegels Church will observe Maundy Thursday with a Union Agape Meal (a form of “Love Feast”) at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be an arranged pot luck supper, followed by an informal Communion around the tables in the Fellowship Hall and a teaching for children (and adults) about the Stripping of the Altar. Finally, we will devotionally process upstairs to the church sanctuary where all are welcome to participate in the Stripping of the Altar. (The purpose is to experience the first Communion in its original meal setting. This will be a “family-friendly” event in which children of all ages can participate.)



Good Friday Worship will be held April 19 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday Noon Service will be a meditation on the passion of Jesus focused on eight different objects which will be presented in the church. Patterned on a “Stations of the Cross” service. Scripture passages will be read, a hymn will be sung, and a prayer will be offered relating to each object. The whole service will last no more than 45-50 minutes. The focus on objects will make it easier for children to relate.

On Easter morning, April 21, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Services will be held at:

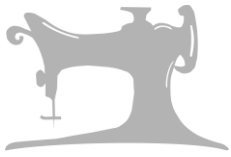
- 6:00 a.m. - Union Sunrise Service begins in the cemetery then moves to the sanctuary for worship and communion by Intinction
- 8:30 a.m. – UCC Festive Worship with Holy Communion by Intinction
- 11:05 a.m. - Lutheran Festive Worship with Holy Communion

Please be with us on this day as we celebrate the risen Christ!

The Lutheran Social Services Spring Basket Social to



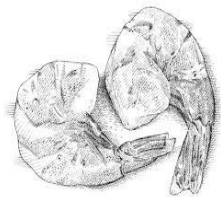
benefit the “Good Samaritan Fund” will be held on Saturday, April 6. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the drawing begins at 1:00 p.m. The \$7.00 donation includes a first ticket sheet and a light lunch. Additional tickets are \$4.00. We welcome those who would like to donate baskets and prizes !



Our Ziegels Sewing Mission is open to all those who are interested in helping even if you do not know how to sew.

We make pillowcases for local children's hospitals, dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World," and chemo port cushions. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or e-mail her at Seashell246@gmail.com. Donations of material (100% cotton), binding and/or monetary contributions are appreciated.

Church Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Have you started your spring cleaning and have items you no longer need or want (Holiday decorations, books, toys, etc.)? Come out and set up your own space or donate items for the church table. Each space is 20' by 20' (you must provide your own table) to sell your items and the space can be reserved for \$10.00 for non-members and free to members. All proceeds will go towards Wreaths Across America. Help is needed to set up and prepare for the Yard Sale (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.), food prep, and to clean up after the event. Donations of baked goods and other food items would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Loch, Shana Hanna, or Carley Schopf.



Our next Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, May 5 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The menu will include a salad, ½ pound shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn, a drink and a dessert. A children's meal will include a salad, ¼ pound 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 May 1 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.

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!

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.



The 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 luvplumeria@yahoo.com.

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Summer and Fall trips and our fundraisers. All are welcome to join the Team!

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 7 and we will return home on Friday, July 12. 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. service. If you are interested in traveling with the Team, please speak with Lori Brawn.

The 13th Annual Mission Team Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 21 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.

Mark your calendars for "Ziegels End of Summer Picnic" on August 24. If you would be interested in helping plan the event, please contact Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf.

A Message from Lori.....

You know when you are finally nearing the end of a long Pennsylvania winter when you see the daffodils and crocus' pop through the semi-frozen ground. The flowers are a sign that spring is coming, even though the winter weather may linger for a few more weeks.

Hope is wonderful thing to have, but a terrible thing to lose.

The disciples had been with Jesus nearly three years. In the beginning, they had given up everything to follow this man. They left their boats and their fishing nets in the water, closed the doors on their businesses, and waved goodbye to their families. They put all their hope in this one man. The Son of God.

I imagine it was quite unsettling for them when Jesus began to foretell of his death. Jesus provided for their physical needs, and their spiritual needs, He was the One who had the answers and kept the order in their group. What would a future look like without Him? Hope was slipping away from them!

They began to talk about who would sit at his right and who would sit at his left. James and John insisted they would be able to "*drink the cup*" Jesus was about to drink. (Matthew 20:22) The others were not happy. In the following days, the disciples watched as Jesus' authority was challenged by the chief priests and elders. They were uncomfortable as Jesus washed their feet and more uncomfortable, I am sure, as Jesus predicted one of them would betray Him. But yet, they slept as Jesus prayed in the garden.

All the darkness of these days must have weighed heavy upon their shoulders and their hearts. And then came the trial, His crucifixion, His death.

Just as the daffodils and crocus' predict the end of a long Pennsylvania winter; the empty tomb predicted the end of the long winter of the heart and soul for the disciples and Jesus' many followers.

"Then the angel spoke to the women. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen. Come, see where His body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead, and He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there. Remember what I have told you.'" The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message." (Matthew 28:5-8)

Imagine the shock and disbelief. Imagine the joy in the women's hearts as they ran to tell the others what they had just witnessed. After days of heart wrenching grief and pain, a glimmer of light. Jesus' victory over suffering and death!

And then there was hope once again.

Easter Blessings, 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. Pre-K through First Grade meet in the Timothy room, Second through Sixth Grade meet in the Romans Room. 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.

Our annual Lenten Loose Change Offering will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Collection containers will be located outside of the elevator on the first floor and next to the water fountain on the second floor. Proceeds will be sent to the Snack Pack Program at Lowhill Food Pantry.

Confirmation Class Happenings

The Confirmation class will meet on April 7, 14, and 28. Our lessons for April are Saul/Paul, Learning Goal Workshop and preparing for Youth Sunday.

Important Upcoming Events:

- The Final Retreat for second year students will be held on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m.
- Lutheran Council Interviews will be held Monday May 13, at 7 p.m.
- UCC Consistory Interviews will be held Tuesday, May 7, times to be determined.

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 meetings will be held Monday, May 20, 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.

Lenten Sessions

During our Lenten series in the month of April, there will be two kid-centered breakout sessions, exploring why we do what we do in worship. On Wednesday, April 3, the children will be exploring liturgical colors. On Wednesday, April 10, the children will be learning about the importance of candles in worship. We hope to see you there!

Youth Group

Easter Egg Hunt Prep Sleepover! On Friday, April 12, we will hold a youth group sleepover. Youth in grades 7 through 12 are invited to sleep at the church, prep goodie bags, eat snacks, and hang out! In the morning we will color eggs for the hunt! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kristin Folck. A reminder that the Easter Egg Hunt is one of the Confirmation Program's requirements!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine! Children age 1 year old through 6th grade are invited to participate in the Hunt. We ask that parents and children meet in the sanctuary before the hunt for a presentation. An Adult challenge course will also be held! Refreshments will be served in the grove following the event! Invite your neighbors, family and friends! Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School 2019

Kids get Powered Up and Raise Their Game for life with Jesus at PowerUp VBS. Connecting with kids through a culturally relevant video game theme, kids learn that God loves them, wants a relationship with them, and He gives them power to live for Him! Join us the week of June 24 – 28. Volunteers are needed to lead Crafts and Games. Additional volunteers are needed to help with leading our youth through their day at VBS. If you would be interested in helping with VBS please contact Kelly Lucarelli or Kristin Folck. Youth volunteers are always welcome!

Camp Registrations

Paper registration forms will be available outside of the Christian Education Office beginning on Sunday April 7. Online registrations will be available as well. Watch your bulletins for further updates.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 5 – Youth Sunday Service at 11:05 a.m.
- VBS “Power Up” – June 24 – 28
- Bear Creek Camp – July 15 -19

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.

The Weisenberg/Lowhill Township Historical Society Basket Social will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Zettlemoyer’s Auction Company. Winners will be chosen on the 28th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00, extra tickets are \$5.00. For more information contact Nancy at 484-767-2307.

Sunshine Center Preschool is accepting new students for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes include two and three-year-old, three-year-old, and four-year-old. 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!



Ontelaunee Park Veterans Memorial Committee

The four townships of the Northwestern Lehigh School District have come together in a unified effort to honor our local Veterans with a permanent memorial to be located in Ontelaunee Park. The vision of the committee is to list all the names of our residents who served in the military services since the Revolutionary War to the present time, with provisions for adding Veterans' names into the future.

Our hope is that you will help us identify local Veterans with your archives, memorials and cemeteries, as well as asking for help from your membership about the Veterans in their families. Copies of existing Veteran information you might already have would be acceptable. We would like to include all Veterans who served before, during or after their residence in any of the four Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn or Weisenberg. All Veterans will be included regardless of where they served, overseas or at home, or if they saw combat.

If you have any questions please call Willard Dellicker, Committee Member, at 610-298-2737. The form to be filled out is available in the Church Office at Ziegels.

The Lowhill Food Pantry

In the month of February, we contributed 287 pounds of food along with items for the Blessings Room. This month the Pantry served 71 family units (148 adults, 84 children, an 24 seniors for a total of 256 people).

This month the current Pantry needs are cereal, hamburger helper, grape jelly, jello, and puddings. When donating always be mindful of expiration dates on items. The Pantry will be giving small boneless hams to their clients for Easter. The hams should weigh approximately six pounds each. Any donations of these hams would be appreciated.

The Blessings Room has the following needs: socks of any size and for women and men. Again, always keep in mind that the items should be gently used or new.

For April, the Pantry and Blessings Room will be open on April 6, April 17, and April 18.

Please know the Food Pantry and their clients are very grateful and appreciative of the support our Church gives to this organization. **Thank You so much.**

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Eleanor Reynard in loving memory of Charlie.
- **Website Sponsor:** The Men's Bible Study in honor of our Risen Lord.

Thank You to:

- our Teams that have provided our Lenten Soup Meals in March, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Council, the Mission Team and the UCC Consistory
- those who attend our Sewing Mission group, our Prayer Shawl Group and to our Men's Breakfast Bible Study.
- Carley Schopf and Shana Hanna who planned our Pot Pie Dinner and to those who helped to prep, serve and clean up, and to those who attended the meal ! And also thank you to those who donated food items.
- the Mission Team (Kerry Merkel, Terry Oplinger, Dave Purugganan, Winona Schappell, Sarah Taylor and Bruce Watt (Lowhill) and Petey Zellers (Hope Cherryville) who traveled to Wilmington, North Carolina to help rebuild and repair homes for those who needed help following storms in 2018.

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from The Union Church Meeting held on March 12 include:

- Andy Schopf answered any questions from Property's Annual Report. Union approved the purchase of two sets of new doors for the carport and the courtyard.
- Discussion on Confirmation Sunday June 9 and approval for one Union Service that day.
- Rob Ziegler communicated that Shared Ministry Committee recommended the purchase of the new organ. Union approved recommendation.
- Discussion on Exploratory Committee.
- Fellowship Committee announced a "Family Day Picnic" scheduled for June 30.
- Pastor Andy discussed the "Great Hymn Race" and Pastor Kent discussed Grief Support Group.
- Family Promise discussion.
- Approved the Press Ad for Easter
- Confirmation Dinner: UCC will supply the dinner this year and Lutheran will provide appetizers

The next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9.