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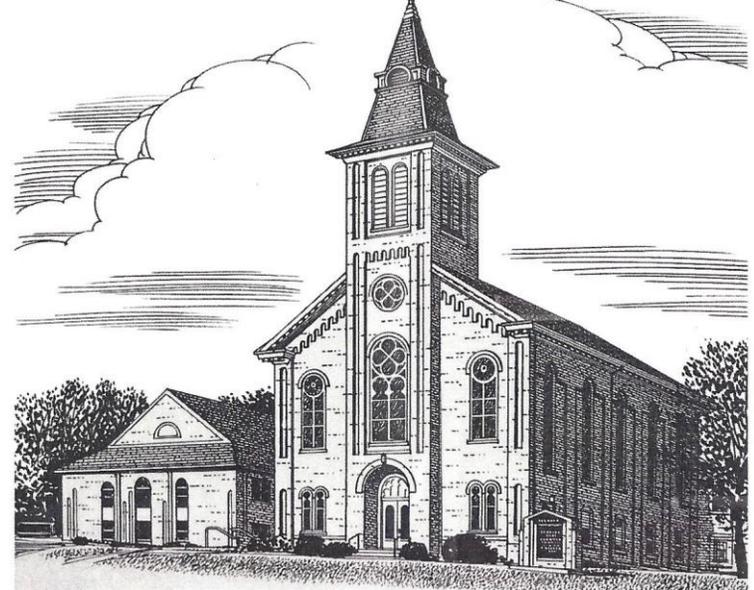
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# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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The deadline for submissions  
for the June 2019 newsletter is Friday, May 17.  
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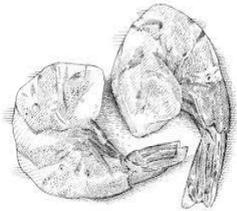
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The sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on the first and third Sunday of each month at both the 8:30 a.m. UCC service and 11:05 a.m. Lutheran service. The dates for this month are May 5 and May 19.

**Our Church Yard Sale is on Saturday, May 4** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

**Mark your calendars!** Family Day Picnic – June 30 after Union Service.



**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 meetings will be on May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 13 and December 11. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or e-mail her at [Seashell246@gmail.com](mailto:Seashell246@gmail.com). Donations of material (100% cotton), binding and/or monetary contributions are appreciated.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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 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. on July 7. 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.

### ***A Message from Lori.....***

*"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.....Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it to be. How strange a body would be if it had only one part!*

*Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:12-27, NLT)*

The Mission Team is looking forward to our trip to Camden, New York this July. What do we do on a mission trip? Do we have the skills to do anything that is needed? Who's going? Who has God brought together? What do we plan to take with us? There are many questions that we ask when we go on a mission trip. But there are other questions to ask. Why are we going? What are we expecting from our mission trip? What do you want to see God do? What do you want Him to do, in, through, and around you? What are you bringing home with you? Are you asking for and seeking a deeper relationship with God?

I encourage you to ask God to reveal Himself to you in ways you never have expected and to experience things you have never experienced. Are you searching for Him in the midst of the trip? Do you want to find Him? Do you desire that those you minister to and with will find Him as well? Are you confident God will give you what you need for the week ?

All are welcome to take the trip. You do not need to be a construction person. You don't have to know how to do everything that needs to be done. You can learn from our group, but the most important part of the week is learning to follow God's call for you!

## 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.

### **Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, July 7 and end on Sunday July 28. There will be no Sunday School during the month of August. Starting on July 7, following the children's sermon, or as dismissed by the Pastors, the children 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 or 484-860-2549.

### **Confirmation Class Happenings**

The Confirmation class will meet on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. Our lessons for May are Youth Sunday, The Apostle's Creed, and Lydia.

### **Important Upcoming Events**

- The Final Retreat for second year students will be held on Friday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- Lutheran Council Interviews will be held Monday May 13, at 6:45 p.m.
- UCC Consistory Interviews will be held Tuesday, May 7, times to be determined.

### **Confirmation Day**

On Sunday, June 9, our second year Confirmation Students will be confirmed during a 9:00 a.m. Union Service.

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, 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.

### **Youth Group**

On Friday, May 24, our Senior High Youth Group will meet for an Escape Room and Lock-In Event. Youth in grades 7 through 12 are invited to come out to the church at 7:00 p.m. and then sleep over. Invite friends, bring snacks, and get ready for some fun! Pick up on Saturday, May 25, will be 10:00 a.m. Please contact Kristin Folck or Kelly Lucarelli if your child would like to attend.

On Saturday, June 1, our Senior High Youth are invited to come help construct horseshoe pits. The horseshoe pits will be a great addition to our outside facilities and will be available for use during the End of Summer Picnic and Family Day Picnic. Please contact Kristin Folck or Kevin Taylor if your child would like to help. Service hours for Confirmands will be given and High School students seeking volunteer hours will also receive a letter stating how many hours they volunteered that day.

## 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!

The following is a list of food items that are needed for VBS. 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 Wednesday, June 19.

Rice Krispy Treats (100 pre-packaged)	Fruit Roll-Ups (100 pre-packaged)
Blue Jell-O Cups (100 pre-packaged)	4 Cans of Whipped Cream
3 boxes of Teddy Grahams	3 bags of Cheddar Pop Corn
2 boxes of Microwave Popcorn	2 lbs of Strawberries
2lbs of Blue Berries	4 lbs of Grapes
3 lbs of Bananas	3 bags of Pretzels

## Camp Registrations

Paper registration forms will be available outside of the Christian Education Office. 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, 8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- Bear Creek Camp – July 15 -19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## 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.

**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 March, we contributed 113 pounds of food along with items for the Blessings Room. This month the Pantry served 61 family units (135 adults, 80 children, and 14 seniors for a total of 229 people/61 family units).

This month the current Pantry needs are spaghetti sauce, sauerkraut, canned pasta (spaghetti O's) and canned fruit especially fruit cocktail. When donating always be mindful of expiration dates on items.

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

For May, the Pantry and Blessings Room will be open on May 4, 15 and 16.

**Thank You** can not be said enough for the support Church members show to this community organization. Please know your support is appreciated.

### Mail Bag:

Dear Friends at Ziegels,

I want to thank you all for the caring support you have given me over these past 5 ½ years since I received my cancer diagnosis. I can't thank you enough for all the many cards, the flowers, the gifts, the yummy goodies, the visits, and most especially for the prayers offered on my behalf. You all have been such an important part of my life for so many, many years and I am so very grateful. As I move forward in my "cancer journey," I ask that you continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. Hope to see you soon!

Thank you and God Bless

Renee Miller

### The following people are the sponsors for the month of May:

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Bob and Jane Mason in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- **Website Sponsor:** Renee and Jerry Miller in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Thank You to:

- our Teams that have provided our Lenten Soup Meals in April – Christian Education, Worship and Music and our Staff.
- Lutheran Social Services for their Basket Social. They donated \$2,927.00 to the Union Good Samaritan Fund and \$217.00 to the Organ Fund.
- those who attend our Sewing Mission group, our Prayer Shawl Group and to our Men's Breakfast Bible Study.
- those who attended our Lenten services, the Way of the Cross, the Agape Meal, Good Friday services and our Easter Sunday services. We especially give thanks to those who prepared food for our Agape Meal!
- our Organist Jill Bruckart and our choirs for sharing their talents during Lent and Easter.
- everyone who donated a baked good, attended, or volunteered time to the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Cracker Barrel for the donation of the Eggs.
- Texas Road House for the donation of items for the goodie bags.

## Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from The Union Church Meeting held on April 9 include:

- Balance of chairs for Fellowship Hall are ordered and Property measured for new doors in the carport.
- Exploratory Committee: Really need to address the "Why."
- Need to ensure that everything is locked in the picnic stand (door and windows).
- Briefly discussed "Safe Sanctuary". Committee formed to explore further.
- Discussion on "Masters Flowers."
- 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, May 14.