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# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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**June 2019  
Newsletter**

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The deadline for submissions  
for the July/August 2019 newsletter is Friday, June 14th.  
Please contact Michele Quier directly or send information  
by email to [MichM7270@gmail.com](mailto: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. UCC service and 11:05 a.m. Lutheran service. The dates for this month are June 2 and 16. Communion will also be held on Pentecost, June 9.

**On Pentecost, Sunday, June 9 at our Union 9:00 a.m. service** our young people will affirm the promises made by their parents in their Baptism. **Early Communion Class is scheduled for June 9 at 11:30 a.m.** A light lunch will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Please RSVP to Kristin Folck at 484-860-2549 or [KristinFolck@gmail.com](mailto:KristinFolck@gmail.com).

**The Fellowship Committee will be having a property day** on June 15 at 3:00 p.m. to clean the nature trail for the family day picnic. Please consider joining us to help. If you have a rake, please bring it with you.

**The last Fellowship hour before the summer will be June 23** and the Fellowship hour will resume again on Sunday, September 8. There will be no Fellowship hour for the months of July and August. If you have questions, please contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or [luvplumeria@yahoo.com](mailto:luvplumeria@yahoo.com).

**Beginning on Sunday, June 30, we will have one Union service at 9:00 a.m.** On Sunday, September 8, we will return to two Sunday services with the Lutheran worship at 8:30 a.m. and the UCC worship at 11:05 a.m.



**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 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 are appreciated.

**Family Day Pot Luck Picnic is June 30** after the Union Service. All are welcome to join us for our Union Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by our Family Day Picnic. We will eat between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The Church will provide hotdogs, rolls and drinks and you may bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. All events during the day are free of charge. We will be playing BINGO, Horseshoes, Twister, a Family Scavenger Hunt and a bonfire for the teens. Weisenberg Township's Fire Truck will be joining us to cool us all down so be sure to bring a bathing suit and towel. We are accepting prizes for Bingo, feel free to be creative (basket of vegetables from your garden, a dessert, perennials, etc.). Please contact Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf at [Ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:Ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Mark your calendars for "Ziegels End of Summer Picnic" on August 24.** If you would be interested in helping or can help get donations, please contact Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf.

### Special Music During the Summer



Share your talents during the summer months by offering special music for worship during July or August. Contact Jill Bruckart at 484-456-6701 or [jillbb22@gmail.com](mailto:jillbb22@gmail.com). Thanks for sharing your gifts to praise God!

**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. All are invited to attend this group.

**Join the Youth Group on June 1 at 2:00 p.m.** to help dig out the Horseshoe Pits. The event will be followed by a pizza dinner. All are also invited to help Josh Wynn with his Eagle Scout Project on June 1 and June 8 at 9:00 a.m. Please let Lori know if you are able to help with any of these events.

# Ziegels Mission Team

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2019 we are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year of Mission and Disaster Relief work. Our first trip was to Del Rio, Texas from March 13 to March 22, 1999. The Team had 21 people on that first trip.

We are so blessed for the years we have been able to help those who are in need in our local communities and who do not have the money or have the physical health to repair their homes so that they may remain warm, safe and dry.

Over the years we have witnessed the devastation in many Southern states following tornados and hurricanes. We have struggled to find the words to describe what we have seen. We pray for the lost, for those who survived, and for those whose lives will never be "normal." We pray for the first responders who search for the survivors and the volunteers who help set up places for Mission Teams to arrive to help clean up and rebuild homes for those who lost so much.

We are thankful for the financial gifts and the support of our fundraisers from our congregations. What an amazing gift to have all those who support us ! We have been blessed to have many other people join our team from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Norfolk, Virginia and Waupaca, Wisconsin and Cherryville Hope Church, Jordan UCC and Christ's Church at Lowhill.

You have all responded to Christ and obey him by sharing

generously with God's people and with everyone else. You are a blessing to the ones we help in the midst of a disaster. Be aware of not only ways we can be a blessing, but ways we are blessed in this serving, and ways other people who are serving are a blessing as well. We need to give ourselves with joyful and grateful hearts and keep our eyes on God.

# Ziegels Mission Team

## 1999 to present

## 43 Weeks of

## Service

**Del Rio, Texas** – 1999

**Appalachia Project** – 2000

**Honduras** – December 2000

**David Kentucky** – August 2001, April 2002, July 2003,  
October 2016

**Camden, New York** – June 2004, July 2005, June 2007, July and October 2011, July 2012, July 2014, July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018

**Port Charlotte, Florida** – January 2005

**Biloxi, Mississippi** – November 2005, February, June and November 2006, April and October 2007, March and October 2008, April and October 2009, April and October 2010, April 2011

**Bergen County, New Jersey** – May 2013

**Tuscaloosa, Alabama** – March and September 2012, November 2013, October 2014, March and October 2015

**Hattiesburg, Mississippi** – March and October 2017

**Denham Springs, Louisiana** – March 2018

**Wilmington, North Carolina** – March 2019

By the end of 2019, we  
will have served our  
Lord and our  
brothers and sisters  
45 weeks!

### Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on

Monday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Fall trip 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 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. 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.

**On Sunday, September 8 we will celebrate the Synod's "God's Work, Our Hands."** We will be packing Military boxes for those who serve outside of the country. Donations will be needed: Snack bars, cheese crackers, candy (no chocolate), (we send a lot of Moose Crunch Bars), gum, nuts, trail mix I, Ramen noodles, flavoring packets for water, beef jerky, instant Mac and Cheese, peanut butter, toothbrushes and paste, lip balm, lotions, word puzzle books, stationary and envelopes, etc. Bring donations by September 1.  
**Our next Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 29.**

**A Mission Team Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 3.**

**The Mission Team will be returning to Tuscaloosa, Alabama** on Saturday, October 12. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity. The Team will return home on

Saturday, October 19. All are welcome to join us for the amazing week of serving those in need. Please contact Lori if you are interested. A fundraiser will be held for this trip and information will be in the next newsletter.

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

A young man wrote this to his girlfriend, "Sweetheart, if this world was as hot as the Saharan Desert, I would crawl on my knees through the burning sand to come to you. If the world would be like the Atlantic Ocean, I would swim through shark infested waters to come to you. I would fight the fiercest dragon to be by your side. I will see you on Thursday.... if it does not rain."

It is easy to love and easy to serve others when it requires no sacrifice on our part. But that is not the way that God calls us or wants us to love and serve.

*"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God." (1 John 3:16-19, NLT)*

How can we have all we need yet not show compassion to others who remain in need? It might be inconvenient; it might be uncomfortable, maybe even painful at times, but it is necessary.

Each of us are called by God, in some way, to share what we have with those in need. We can offer God's peace and God's love to people in need. The gift of services that we give is important in building the body of Christ, even more than

material donations. Those who respond to the message of Christ and have obey by sharing generously with God's people are very blessed. Always look not only for ways you can be a blessing, but ways you are blessed in serving, and ways that other people who are serving are a blessing to you and to others.

With love and peace,  
Lori

### **Sunday School**

Classes are held each Sunday for children and youth ages 1 through 8th grade. Children are asked to be in their

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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 and 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 June 2 and the Confirmation dinner will be held on June 8.

Did you know that the Christian Education 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!

**Youth Group**

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.

	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

**Bear Creek Camp at Ziegels**

For 2019 our Bear Creek Theme is Step by Step. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." —Joshua 1:9

Bear Creek Day Camp- JULY 15 to 19 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for grades KDG through 6th! Bear Creek Registration fee is \$65.00 for the 1st camper and additional siblings are \$60.00 each till June 24. After June 24 the fee is \$75.00 for the first camper and additional siblings are \$70.00 each. If you are interested in a T-shirt for your child make an \$8.00 check to the Sunday School.

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. 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
2 16 oz containers of Sour Cream	1 bag of apples or oranges
Lunchmeat donations are needed- please reach out to Kelly if you are interested	1 gallon of apple juice
2 bags of a Snack- Large- any kind	3 bags of bagels
1 jar of Mayo	1 tub of margarine or butter
Lots of Freezer Pops!	2 half gallons of juice
4 Boxes Cereal- any kind that kids like !	2 blocks of Cream cheese
	64 oz. or 8 cups (2lbs) of shredded cheese
6 boxes of Mac and Cheese	1 gallon of OJ
4 half gallons of Milk	2 jars of mild salsa

**Camp Registrations**

Paper registration forms are available outside of the Christian Education Office. Online registrations are accessible by using the following site:

<https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/p5bj6r10b9c27/>

**Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, June 9 - Confirmation at 9:00 a.m.
- VBS "Power Up" – June 24 – 28
- Summer Sunday School July 7, 14, 21, 28
- Creek Camp – July 15 -19

**Please help us support our youth programs by prayerfully considering our needs noted below.** Please call Kelly at 484-375-8978 or Kristin at the church office to

discuss the opportunities. Email us at [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com).

- We are looking for VBS teachers and helpers for the week of June 24-28.
- 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. to 6:00 p.m. (Sunday-Wednesday) and will need dinner provided to them that evening and also 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 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.

**Our next scheduled Christian Education meeting** will be held Monday, July 29th, 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.

**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 children. 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!

**New Tripoli WLTHS "Food Truck and Car Display" on Sunday June 16 from Noon to 5 pm.** Four Food Trucks are coming: Smokehouse, Diggity Dogs & More, Josie's Fancy Funnels and Blendlife. New Tripoli Bank will be giving away free ice cream. Automobile displays ... and still looking for people to come and display their hot rods, muscle cars, antiques, and classics. Our hotel and outbuildings will be available for exploration. Dr. Russ Rentler will be performing on stage. Dr. Rentler recently won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Deep South Mountain Dulcimer contest and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Hammered Dulcimer contest in Petal, Mississippi. The Ontelaunee Park Veterans' Memorial group will have an information table. Come join us for a fun afternoon for all ... invite your friends too.

**The Kutztown Folk Festival** is seeking volunteers to help greet visitors, hand out the daily programs, and answer questions. The festival will run from June 29 to July 7. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Bev Godshall at 610-285-6052.

### **The Lowhill Food Pantry**

In the month of April, we contributed 134 pounds of food

along with items for the Blessings Room. This month the Pantry served 66 family units (147 adults, 73 children, and 19 seniors for a total of 239 people).

For the next two months, the Pantry needs are cereal, grape jelly, vegetable and hearty soups, sauerkraut, hamburger helper, canned pasta, and men's and women's deodorant. When donating always be mindful of expiration dates on items. The Blessings Room has the following needs: kitchen towels, activity books, outdoor games, towels, and socks of any size for children, women, and men. Again, always keep in mind that the items should be gently used or new.

For June, the Pantry and Blessings Room will be open on June 1, 19 and 20 and July 6, 17, and 18. The Pantry's Summer Snack Pack program will start June 20, 2019. Of special note in 2019 is the Pantry's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations and thank you for providing this need for our community.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU Ziegels Union Church for your support of this community project.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** The Graff Family.
- **Website Sponsor:** Lori Brawn in honor of our graduates.

### **Mailbag**

We want to thank everyone who sent cards and words of sympathy for the loss of Ray. We all appreciate the kindness given to us. We also give thanks to Social Services for the time of fellowship and all those who donated to the Memorial Fund. Gloria and the Hausman Family

**Thank You to:**



- Shana Hanna, Carley Schopf and Laura Loch for planning the Union Yard Sale and to all those who donated items and helped to make the event a success.
- all those who attended the Shrimp Boil. And those who donated items and prepped, served and cleaned up. The proceeds totaled \$1,399.74.
- those who donated to the Jingle Offering during the Lutheran Palm Sunday service. The donation to the Sewing Mission was \$67.13.
- all those who helped the Property Team on Saturday, May 11.
- all that are continuing to donate to the Organ Fund and those who are running in the Hymn Race !
- all the children and families who attended and participated in our Youth Sunday May 6! Our children did a great job!

### **Union Church Committee Minutes**

Highlights from The Union Church Meeting held on May 14th include:

- Property gave proposal for new roof. Will be discussed at next Shared Ministry Meeting
- Confirmation Dinner: UCC will supply the dinner this year and Lutheran will provide appetizers
- Ziegels changed from Host to Support Church for Family Promise
- Christian Education Discussion
- Will send \$150 donation to Weisenberg Fire Dept. for 2019

The next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th.