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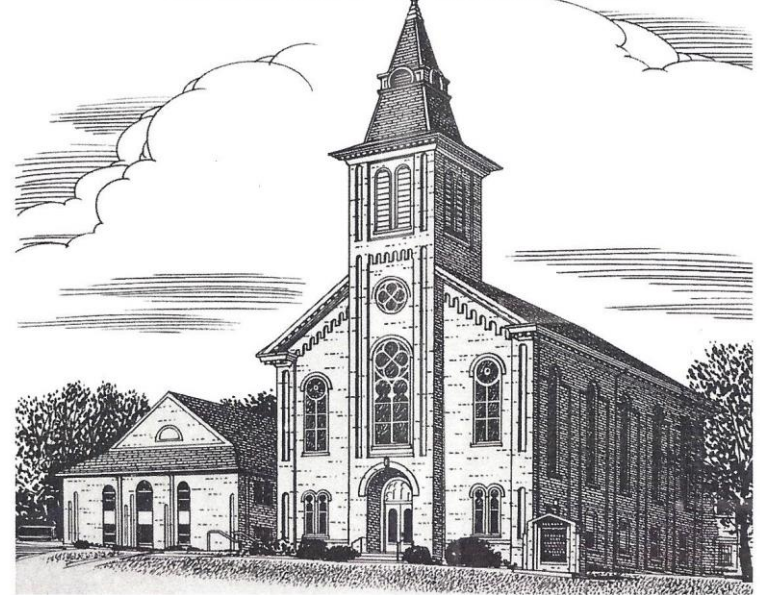
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The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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**July/August 2019
Newsletter**

Volume 19, Issue 7 & 8

The deadline for submissions
for the September 2019 newsletter is Friday, August 16.
Please contact Michele Quier directly or send information
by email to MichM7270@gmail.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 United Church of Christ service at 11:05 a.m. Fellowship Hour will resume again on Sunday, September 8.



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 are July 7, and 21 and August 4 and 18.

Family Day Pot Luck Picnic is June 30 after the Union Service. All our welcome to join us for our Union Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by our Family Day Picnic.

Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, July 7 and end on Sunday September 1. The class will begin following the children’s sermon, or as dismissed by the Pastors. The children will meet in the Acts room for Sunday School. Class will begin approximately 9:30 a.m.

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. 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.

On Sunday, June 9, seven 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

Kaleb Micah Beers

UCC

Evan Patrick Anderson
 Ryan Curtis Cardinale
 Dartanyon Miles Delillo
 Sarah Elizabeth Randall
 William Henry Randall
 Olivia Dawn Wynn



Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2019

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

Zachary Anderson
 Ashley Bennicoff
 Hayden Bobbyn
 Sydnee Derr
 Dylan Heckendorn
 Robert Mason
 Hunter Newhard
 Erin Randall
 Amber Schiffert
 MaKewnah Wehr

Parkland

Brant Leiby

Marywood University

Cody Gangaware – Bachelor of Exercise Science, two minors in coaching and nutrition

Millersville

Kaylee Rex

Penn College of Technology

Ty Scott Druckenmiller – Bachelor Science Degree

Ranger School of Nursing, Bornwood, Texas

Kacy Houser - RN

The Hymn Race will end on July 21 after the service. On Sunday, July 28 we will celebrate the new organ with the singing of the hymns that have won the Hymn Race. On October 6 at 4:00 p.m. we will have the dedication of the Organ, which will be followed by a time of Fellowship. Be sure to join us for both these great events.



Our Ziegels Sewing Mission is open to all those who are interested in helping. 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 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. Donations are appreciated. **A Blessing of the dresses, pillowcases and pillows will be held at the union worship service on Sunday, July 28.**

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 28. The items will be distributed to the children beginning on August 3 for the 2019-2020 School year. **Blessing of the Backpacks will be held at the union worship service on Sunday, July 28.**

We will be hosting the End of Summer Community Festival on August 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All of the proceeds from the picnic will go towards the Ziegels' youth program and Family Promise. Hannah Violet Trio will be the entertainers. There will be a wide variety of food for sale, including turkey BBQ, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, French fries, and ice cream. We will have a Snow Cone sale, a cake walk, bake sale, and a raffle (we are getting great donations). There will also be quite a few activities, a free kid area (face painting, rock painting, corn boxes, tattoos), and pedal tractor pulls for adults and kids.

Donations and volunteers are needed. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4daaad2aa5f49-endofsummer>) or contact Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf. Please come out, bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a great night!



Harvest Home will be held at both worship services on Sunday, September 15. This year our theme is Apples, 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 14. 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.

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 to work with Cluster 13 Ministries on Sunday, July 7. Please pray for those who are working with our brothers and sisters in need: Kaleb Beers, Lori Brawn, Ryan Cardinale, Terry Oplinger, Bruce Watt and Josh Wynn.

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.

A Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 29 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.

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

A Message from Lori.....

Jesus at the Beach

The sea calls to me, in a way that is not heard by my ears, but instead felt by my heart. Just as You call me to where You are; thousands of miles apart, but never closer in heart.

The sun reminds me of You; soft, inviting, wrapping its warmth around me, sensing my need to feel safe and relaxed and welcome. Reminding me of the comfort of Your embrace.

The ocean breeze reminds me of You; refreshing and calming as I sit in peace; remembering how You awaken my senses with just Your presence. Remembering how You envelope me in a peace that is indescribable, yet simple and honest and raw with emotion.

The sand reminds me of You; so beautiful and brilliant and pure, so warm against my skin. Comfort comes in the tiny, tiny grains that together make a whole. Reminding me how apart we are is so insignificant and invisible in this world, together we are a beautiful combination of light and goodness.

The air reminds me of You; so fresh and clear and clean and healing. Remembering how You cover me with Your protection and Your love, blowing away the hurts, and soothing my broken soul.

The ocean reminds me of You; so powerful and peaceful. The waves crash against the sand and return to the sea, restless and random, yet peaceful and predictable. Reminding me of the passion and the calm of a love; never-ending, yet gently flowing in and out of my life, cooling my warm skin and refreshing me like no other.

The sea calls to me, everything speaks my name in a language all its own, just as You do; unheard by ears, unseen by eyes but felt in the deepest depths of my soul. Only understood by my heart.

Have a Blessed Summer, Lori

Sunday School

The new Sunday School year will begin on September 8, classes are held each Sunday from September through May for children and youth age 1 through grade 8. Children are asked to gather in their classrooms, Pre-K through first grade in the Timothy Room and second through sixth grade in the Galatians Room by 10:00 a.m. and classes will end at 10:55 a.m.

On Sunday, June 9, seven of our young people affirmed the promises made by their parents in their Baptism.

Here are excerpts from their Faith Statements:

"I believe that God will lead our way even if the ride is bumpy or smooth."

"I believe the Holy Spirit is the one who is pushing me to be the best I can. He's the one that believes in me when everything is against me."

"I believe that the church stands for love, hope, and faith."

"To me the Holy Spirit is the inspiration for people to believe in God and Jesus. I believe it is the fire in our hearts."

"I now understand that I need to put my life in God's hands, and he will guide me."

"I believe in God. He is in the air we breathe and the places we go, because he created us."

"I believe in God the creator, who has come through Jesus to teach and work in us."

Christian Education

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

The Election of Learning Ministries Officers will be held on **Sunday, August 18** following the 9:00 a.m. worship. If you would like to nominate someone for an officer's position, please contact Christa Taylor by Sunday, August 4.

On Sunday, July 14, an informational meeting will be held for the upcoming Confirmation year. Students entering 7th and 8th grade in September should plan to attend this meeting. If you know anyone in your family, or neighbors or friends who might be interested, invite them to attend. Contact Kristin Folck with any questions or concerns.

Bear Creek Camp at Ziegels

The Bear Creek Camp 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 will be held from July 15 to 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for grades kindergarten through sixth! Bear Creek Registration fee is \$65.00 for the first camper and additional siblings are \$60.00 each until June 24. After June 24 the fee is \$75.00 for the first camper and \$70.00 for each additional sibling. If you are interested in a t-shirt for your child, please make an \$8.00 check, payable to the Sunday School. Deadline to order t-shirts is Sunday June 30. A limited number of t-shirts will be available during the week of camp. Helpers are needed as well as host families for our counselors. Please watch your bulletins for any additional items and please reach out to Kelly at: 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.

Camp Registrations

Registration forms are available outside of the Christian Education Office. Online registrations are accessible on: <https://ziegelschristianeducation.wufoo.com/forms/p5bjb6r10b9c27/>

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 these opportunities. Email us ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com.

We will be looking for host families for four Bear Creek counselors the week of July 15. Please consider hosting one or two counselors for a night or for the week. Counselors need to be picked up at the church between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and will need dinner provided to them that evening and accommodations for showering and sleeping. 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 cost of an online program we are using this year to reach more families and allow them to register and make payments where applicable for our Christian Education programs such as VBS and BCC. The cost to utilize this online program is \$40.00 monthly.

Community Movie Night!

Join us on July 20 and August 17 out in the grove for a Movie Night! These community events will begin at 7:00 p.m. Movie suggestions are always welcome! Please contact Kristin Folch or Kelly Lucarelli if you would like to suggest a movie!

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!

The Lowhill Food Pantry

In the month of May, we contributed 120 pounds of food along with items for the Blessings Room. This month the Pantry served 58 family units (117 adults, 66 children, and 20 seniors for a total of 203 people).

The Pantry needs are cereal, grape jelly, hamburger helper, canned pasta (SpaghettiOs's) and men's and women's deodorant. The Blessings Room has the following needs: kitchen towels, activity books, outdoor games, towels, and socks of any size for children, women, and men.

The Pantry's Summer Snack Pack program will start June 20, 2019 for those that have registered. The Pantry hours for the remaining days of July are 6, 17, and 18.

Continued THANKS Ziegels Union Church members for supporting this very worthwhile community need.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Marlene Evangelista in memory of Terry.
- **Website Sponsor:** Donald and Debbie Peters in honor of their anniversary.

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Bonnie and Harry Millward for God's many blessings.
- **Website Sponsor:** Kelly, Tony and Olivia Danner in honor of Adam's birthday.

Thank You to:

- those who attend our Sewing Mission Meeting and Prayer Shawl Meetings.
- Josh Wynn and all those who helped him to build the shed under the pavilion.
- to everyone who donated food items and decorating items, to those who worked on organizing crafts, snacks, games, and teaching time, and to all the children who came out to enjoy a week of fun and learning at VBS!

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from The Union Church Meeting held on June 11 include:

- Shared Ministry Presented proposed Evaluation Process for Union Employees
- Organ Dedication on Sunday, Oct 6 at 4:00 p.m.
- Discussion on Exploratory Committee

The next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m.