

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed Monday, October 8.

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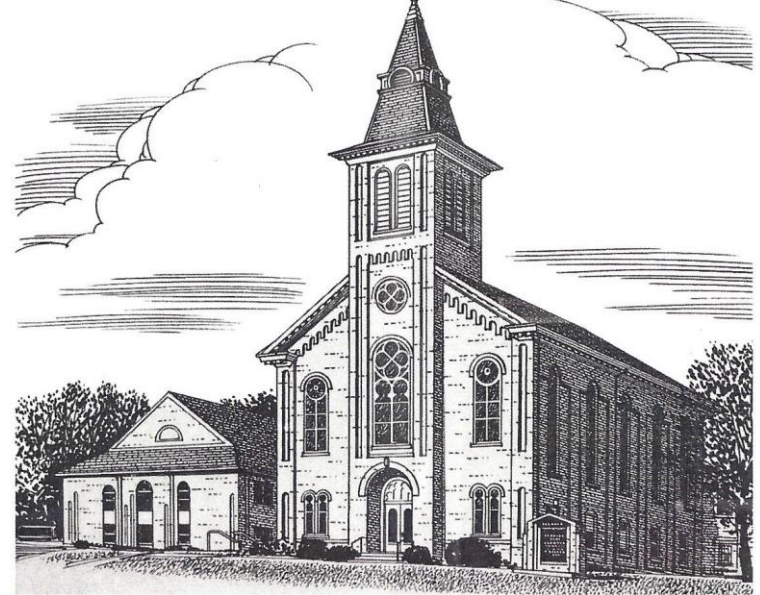
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The deadline for submissions for the November 2018 newsletter is Friday, October 12.

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Newsletter**

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Communion in October



The sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on the first and third Sunday of the month at both the UCC and the Lutheran services. The October dates are October 7 and 21.

We will not have an attendant in the Nursery through the end of this year. You are welcome to use the Nursery Room or bring your children down into the Fellowship Room and view the service on the television in both rooms.

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the church grove. You are invited to bring your pets for the blessing. For the safety of all, all animals must be contained or restrained, either by a sturdy carrying container, leash or halter.



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Drinking water and clean up materials will be provided. You do not need to be a pet owner to attend.

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 **October 20 (we will meet at 4:15 p.m. and the gathering will continue on into Trunk or Treat)** and November 20. We are happy to offer a time of worship to those who may not be able to attend Sunday worship due to other commitments. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends!

Our new Ziegels 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 make pillowcases



for local children's hospitals, dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World," and chemo port cushions. We will meet on October 17, November 14 and December 12. If you have any questions please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500.

Get in the Halloween spirit and join Ziegels Union Church to watch the Topton Parade on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Topton Legion. We will have drinks and snacks to share. Please contact Shana Hanna at jhannafarm@gmail.com or (484) 894-4001 or Carley Schopf at carleyweis@aol.com or (484) 695-8183 for more information.



All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 4. All are invited to bring photos of their loved ones and place them on the windowsills in the Sanctuary beginning on October 21.

Join us November 11! We will be having a Thanks-Giving potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join as we give thanks to our Veterans and our church volunteers. Turkey and stuffing will be provided. Please RSVP to Shana Hanna at jhannafarm@gmail.com or (484) 894-4001 or Carley Schopf at (484) 695-8183 or carleyweis@aol.com by November 4.

Please join us for Worship on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Our service will be a "Love Feast" in the Sanctuary. We will be sharing Moravian Love Feast buns and cider and we will share all the things for which we are thankful. All are welcome to come and please bring your family and friends to celebrate our blessings!

Our Annual Advent Night of Music will be held on Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

On December 8 at 4:00 p.m. we will be riding the Santa Claus train at the Allentown Auburn Railroad in Kutztown. Cost is \$15 for age 12 and over, \$13 for age 65 and up, \$9 for age 3-11 and \$0.01 for age 2 and under. Registration and payments due by September 30 to guarantee seating. Checks should be made out to Allentown Auburn Railroad. Contact Shana Hanna at jhannafarm@gmail.com or (484) 894-4001 or Carley Schopf at carleyweis@aol.com or (484) 695-8183 for more information and registration forms.

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion will be held on the Spring trip and fundraisers. All are welcome to join the Team!

The Mission Team will be traveling South to work with Fuller Centers Rebuilders in the second week in March.

A decision has not been made as to where we will be going. We will be checking into places in the Carolinas and also Texas. If anyone is interested in participating in the trip, please speak to Lori.

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.



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.

Family Promise plans to begin hosting families in November. Greenawalds UCC will be first host church. Stay

tuned for Ziegels host time and training. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lori Brawn or Kim Lapp.

A Message from Lori

After Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005, our Mission Team traveled to Biloxi thirteen times to assist those who lost so much in that horrendous storm, not only physically but emotionally. As we traveled down South, the Team always wore t-shirts that had BILOXI either on the front or the back of the shirts. In 2006, after several trips and knowing how much work still needed to be done to help the survivors, we arrived in Philadelphia waiting to head South. Many people asked why we were traveling there as a group. Are you going to the casinos? Are you going on vacation? For us, this was completely shocking. We explained to everyone that there was much to do for our brothers and sisters. And this shocked them! People thought that all the homes had been repaired and the people were back to their normal lives.

It was difficult for us to believe that is what others were truly thinking, but as we discussed these conversations during our devotions we began to understand what was happening. In a few months after Katrina there was very little news on TV about the damage, and the medical issues, and the deep sadness of those who suffered through the storm.

We had been so involved in the work. We were there for the first time two months after the storm came through. There was no way to know where you were going with all the street signs down, no restaurants, grocery stores, or banks were open. No electric in most places. Bethel Church, who we first began to work with, had so many people who came for food, who came to speak with Pastors, who stood in lines waiting to sign up for help with their medical issues. You just wanted to cry all day for all the pain you saw, and you felt, and you would never forget.

A year after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, there is still much to be done. And now, Hurricane Florence. Everyone is watching the reports on the news and reading the articles on-line and in the newspapers. Those in North and South Carolina are suffering through the loss of their homes, their family photos and all their possessions, and wondering how they will ever get past this disaster.

But more than all of those things that have been lost, there is the loss of family members and friends. How do you even begin to walk through this dark valley of sadness ?

In a few months, we will know nothing about the current situation unless you know people who are working in the hot mess. There will be other news, other stories, hopefully not other disasters. The memories for those who do not live in those towns destroyed will fall away.

It is so important that we continue to pray, remember, and keep all those who are suffering in our thoughts. And not just the disaster victims but others we know and love who have been broken over medical issues and the loss of loved ones. For each of us, it can fall from our thoughts but not from the thoughts of those who continue to suffer.

As Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, *"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."* (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 7, NLT)

Love helps us heal.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our next scheduled Christian Education meeting will be held Monday, October 1, 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.

Sunday School Happenings

The new Sunday School year began in September. Classes are held each Sunday from September through June for children and youth age 1 through eighth grade. Children in Pre-K through grade 6 are asked to gather in the Hebrews room, Beginners meet in the Genesis room, and Confirmands meet in the Acts Room at 10:00 a.m. and classes will end at 10:55 a.m

Confirmation Happenings

Our Confirmation Class began on Sunday, September 9. The Class meets upstairs in the Acts Room from 10:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. If you know anyone who is in the 7th or 8th grade and would like to join the class, please speak with Kristin Folck.

The class will meet on October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Our lessons for October are, "Centurion," "12 Disciples," and a lesson on the Reformation led by Pastor Andy.

On Friday, November 2, the class will leave for our first retreat at Camp Hope in Hope, New Jersey. The class will return on Sunday, November 4.

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

Our next Dinner and a Movie Night will be held on Saturday, November 10. We will have dinner at 5:30, menu to be determined. We will be watching "Sing!" This event is open to children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. If your child would like to attend, please speak with Kristin Folck, Kelly Lucarelli, or sign up out side of the Christian Education Office.

Trunk or Treat

On Saturday, October 21, we will hold our annual Trunk or Treat. All youth are invited to participate. Come dressed in your Halloween costume! Invite your friends and bring your family for a fun night of trick or treating throughout the parking lot of Ziegels Church. Prizes will be given out to the best decorated trunks! If you plan on decorating your trunk, please arrive at 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat begins at 4:15 with a group activity. Judging begins at 5:15 p.m. and the top four prizes will be announced at 6:00 p.m. by our panel of judges. We ask that you stay with your vehicle at this time. Trunk or Treat will run from 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donations of cupcakes, juice, apple cider, and other goodies are greatly appreciated. Please contact Kristin Folck if you have any further questions or if you would like to help with this event.

Quake 2019

On Friday, February 8, the Confirmation Class will be leaving for Allentown Youth Quake! All confirmed youth are invited to join us as Junior Guides! Permission slips are available outside of the Christian Education Office or can be sent via email. If you would like to attend, contact Kristin or Kelly or send an email to ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com

Summer Sunday School Attendance

We would like to acknowledge the following students for their attendance at Summer Sunday School: Ashlyn Carmody, Emma Clewell, Grace Clewell, Alivia Fox, Angelina Fugazzotto, Luke Fugazzotto, Paulo Fugazzotto, Vinnie Fugazzotto, Hailey Green, Colton Hanna, Quinly Hanna, Jakob Hausman, Pierce Hausman, Grace Highley, Jaxon Masters, Ava Missmer, Max Schmoyer, Olivia Schmoyer, John Schopf, Samuel Schopf Alex Taylor, Emma Taylor.

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.

Lowhill Food Pantry

In the month of August we contributed 108 pounds. The food pantry's current needs are mac n cheese, canned fruit, boxed pasta (but not spaghetti) hearty soups, boxed potatoes, cereal, and shampoo. As always when purchasing/donating items, please keep in mind the need for the item to not carry an expired or soon to be expired date. The Blessings Room always is in need of socks for all ages, towels, and sheets. Keep in mind that the items are all new or gently used.

Thank you again for all the donated school supplies which were distributed during the month of August. These items are always needed and appreciated by the school students. They pick out the items they need and get especially excited about selecting their school packs. Thank you again for supporting this community organization.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Carl and Katherine Hoch in honor or their Anniversary.
- **Website Sponsor:** Donald and Debbie Peters in loving memory of Doris Brunner.

Mail Bag

Dear Friends, We are very thankful for all the cards and prayers that were given to us for our grandson Christopher. We appreciate all the support we received from all of you. Sincerely, Ray and Gloria Hausman

Just a note to thank and congratulate the End of Summer Picnic Committee for the great picnic on August 28. Also a big shout out to everyone who attended and helped out at the picnic. There was a lot of time spent in planning and preparing for the event and it was truly a fun night. There was plenty of great food, lots of new carnival games for children and adults. The tractors and the tractor pull were also a nice addition to the festivities. Baked goods for sale and for the cakewalk were plentiful along with lots of prizes won at the raffle. If you weren't there, you missed a great night, hopefully it will come again next year. Diane L. Hemerly

Thank you to:

- all who came out for our Sewing Mission meetings and those who have been donating materials and other things.
- those who are attending our Family Services.
- those who have been attending our Men's Bible Study Breakfast Meetings.
- all who came out to support our Mission Team during the Shrimp Boil in September and all those who donated items and helped prep and serve.
- everyone who planned, donated, and helped at our End of Summer Picnic and to all who attended. What a fun evening!
- everyone who donated items for our beautiful Harvest Home display and to those who set up the display, cleaned up, and delivered to the Food Pantry.
- students and parents who helped and participated in Summer Sunday School.

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from the September 11 meeting include:

- Director of Christian Education review sheets due to Michele Quier by October 7. All responses are kept confidential.
- Property Committee is looking at replacing some of the chairs that are starting to bow in the Fellowship Hall.
- Exploratory Committee is moving towards a recommendation.
- Fellowship Committee received a lot of great feedback about the End of Summer Picnic.
- Budget Committee is reportedly making progress.

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