

Church Office Closed

*The office will be closed Monday, September 3 and
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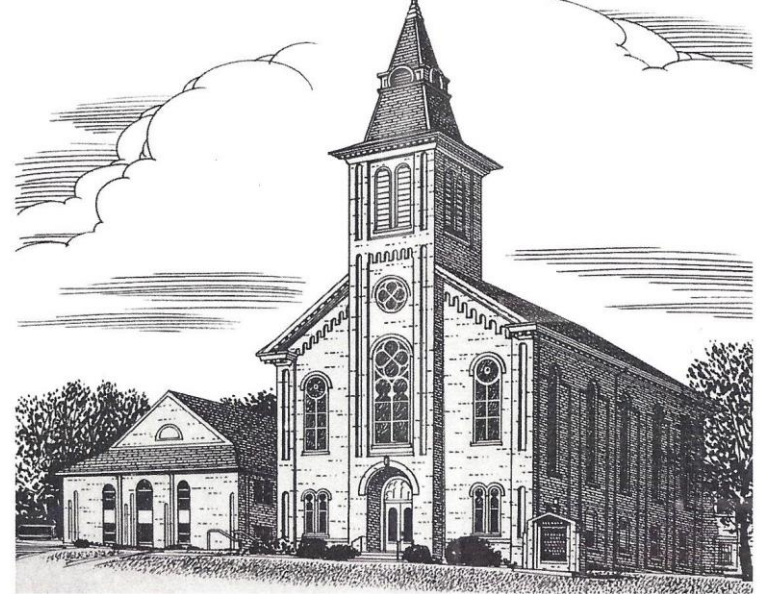
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The deadline for submissions for the October 2018
newsletter is Friday, September 14.

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ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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**September 2018
Newsletter**

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On Sunday, September 2, we will have our last Union Service of the summer. We will be serving a Moravian Communion. **On Sunday, September 9,** we will return to two Sunday services with the United Church of Christ worship at 8:30 a.m. and the Lutheran service at 11:05 a.m.

Communion in September

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 September dates are September 2 and 16.

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.

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, enjoy singing child friendly songs, have a family project or activity, and then close with music and prayer, followed by light refreshments. All are invited, ages 0-100! Our dates are September 22 and November 20. We are happy to offer a time of worship to those who may not be able to attend summer Sunday worship due to other commitments. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends!

Harvest Home will be held at both worship services on Sunday, September 16. This year our



theme is Melons, 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 15.* 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.



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 will be making pillowcases for local children's hospitals and dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World." Our meetings will be on Wednesdays: August 22 September 22. Donation of materials (bright and flowery for dresses and child friendly material for pillow cases, all 100% cotton, no bright red please) and other items would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or e-mail her at Seashell246@gmail.com.

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

Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Fall trip. All are welcome to join the Team!

A Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The menu will include a salad, 1/2 pound of shrimp (1/4 pound of shrimp for children's meals), sausage, 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 and our Sewing Ministry.

The Mission Team will be traveling South to work with Fuller Centers Rebuilders on October 13. If anyone is interested in participating in the trip, please speak to Lori.

A Message from Lori

I trust you all enjoyed your summer and that you were able to enjoy at least a few days away with your family and friends. Summer is the perfect time to take a break from the craziness in our lives and re-charge our spiritual batteries.....and also to enjoy God's amazing creation.

September is almost here, once again, and I can't be the only one who thinks the winters seem so long and the summers fly by so quickly! The children are getting ready to go back to school and there are a million things to do in preparation. Backpacks, lunch bags, and school supplies are flying off the shelves. We are caught up in shopping for new clothes and shoes, and cramming in last minute doctor and dentist appointments. It truly is a time of transition.....new buses, schools, classes, teachers and friends for our children, and new schedules for the whole family!

And the signs of change are all around us. The hummingbirds seem to be feeding more often in preparation for their long journey south, and the tiny bunnies hopping around a few weeks ago are now much larger. We've all noticed the sun is setting much earlier these days, and the morning air is chillier than it had been.

And here at Church, we are preparing for changes as well. We are excited to have all the children and youth return to their Sunday School classes on September 9, spend time with their friends and learn about how much God loves them! We sincerely hope that if you have not attended Sunday School in the past, that you will join us this year.

We are continuing our monthly Sewing Mission to provide dresses for girls in countries who may never have had a dress before, and pillowcases for children who are ill and in local hospitals. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting monthly to share their knitting and crocheting gifts with those who need prayer shawls to bring them peace during

trying times.

Family Promise is moving forward, and the hope is that by the end of this year we will begin hosting homeless families at Ziegels. The Mission Team will be heading South in October to help those who are still suffering following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Ziegels continues to work with the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen on the fifth Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to join our ministries that help us to grow in our faith and understanding of the Lord.

Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi, "....for I have learned how be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:11-14, NLT)

Let God help you find your peace and comfort by beginning, or continuing, to be a part of our wonderful ministries.

Blessings and Peace, 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.

UCC Interim Pastor Jeff Kistler Says Farewell

August 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Ziegel United Church of Christ and Ziegels Union Church for the past twenty-two months.

It has been especially gratifying, with Pastor Andy and with God's guidance, to assist the Union Committee in resolving the conflict that existed when both interim pastors came in 2016. I appreciate the camaraderie that has developed among Ziegels leaders... or was it that, once the acrimony and stress were addressed, the underlying trust and unity re-surfaced?

While I shall not be present for the conclusion of the work of the Exploratory Committee, I have faith that God-inspired choices will be made and the work will progress toward a positive conclusion and future for Ziegels Church.

For your information, I have no present plans to resume work as a pastor. I'm going to rest, relax, gain perspective, garden, take some vacations, spend more time with my wife Barbara, and catch up on household and administrative work, at least until the New Year. For me and for all of us, the future, as well as the present, is in God's hands.

So to Ziegels I say: God bless you, God keep you and God challenge you into the future.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Happenings

The new Sunday School Year will begin on September 9th with a Sunday School Open House and a "Meet the Teacher." Classes are held each Sunday from September through May for children and youth age 1 through 12th grade. Children are asked to gather in their classrooms by 10:00 a.m. and classes will end at 10:55 a.m. Adult and young adult learners are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class with Ralph Wilhide in the Matthew Room all year long.

If you would be interested in helping with our programs, please contact Kristin Folck at 484-860-2549 or KristinFolck@gmail.com or Kelly Lucarelli at ziegelschristianeducation@outlook.com or 484-375-8978.

This year we are excited to announce changes to the structure and teaching of our Christian Education curriculum offered Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Volunteer teachers and helpers are needed. Sign-up sheets are in the Upper Narthex and volunteers are asked to sign up for as little as one week or as many weeks as you feel called. This new teaching style will give EVERYONE in the congregation the opportunity to assist in the Christian Education of our young people. Please consider this opportunity to get involved with our ministry of education.

Confirmation Happenings

The Confirmation Program will begin again on September 9, 2018. The class meets in the Acts classroom and is led by Jeff Rex and Bryan Bachman. If you know someone in 7th or 8th grade who would be interested in the program, please have them contact ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com.

On Sunday, September 9, the first-year confirmands will receive their bibles at the 8:30 and 11:05 a.m. services. Both second and first year confirmands will also have their covenants blessed at this time.

Youth Group Happenings

On Saturday, September 8, we will be hosting our first movie night of the year! We will meet in the fellowship room for dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will be serving chicken fingers and French fries and will be watching "Moana." Bring pillows, stuffed animals, or anything comfy! Parents are asked to pick up their children at 9 p.m. Please contact Kristin Folck if your child is interested in attending.

On Sunday September 23, our Senior High Youth are invited to breakfast at Chris's Restaurant. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and be back in time for the second service. Please bring money for breakfast! Contact Kristin Folck if your child is interested in attending. (Transportation will be provided up to 11 attendees! Additional transportation may be needed.)

Watch the bulletin and Facebook/Instagram for more information. Youth grades 6 through 12, keep watch for more information on Youth events on September 30, 2018.

Christian Education

Our next scheduled Christian Education meeting will be held Monday, September 17 at 6:00 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. All are welcome!

Please help us support our youth programs by prayerfully considering our needs for help. Email us at ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com or call Kelly at 484-375-8978 or Kristin at the church office to discuss the opportunities. 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 monthly. Please include your donation in the offering plate marked WUFOO or email Kelly at Ziegels ChristianEducation@outlook.com for more information.

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.

Calling All Gardeners! St. John's Lutheran Church in Fogelsville will be a drop off point for "Plant a Row Lehigh Valley" this summer. Drop off produce every Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church. "Plant a Row" volunteers will transport your donations to the St. Paul UCC Food Pantry in Trexlertown. A cooler will be placed outside the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Monday until the end of the growing season. For more information, contact Beth Furman eea121@gmail.com

The Fellowship Hour Needs Volunteers!

Everyone likes to have 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.

Sunshine Center Preschool

is accepting new students for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes include two and three-year-old, three year old, four year old, and five year old (Pre-K). 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!



Lowhill Food Pantry

In the month of June we contributed 0 pounds and in July we contributed 253 pounds. The food pantry's current needs are all types of cereal, canned fruits, Ramon noodles, and pancake syrup.

We give thanks to all who donated school supplies. Ziegels collected more than 10 backpacks, over 50 folders, more than 40 notebooks, 15 pencil cases, 20 drawstring bags, 12 packs of pencils, crayons and other items. In addition, the Men's Bible Study Breakfast Group donated \$200.00 for items that might be needed for the children.

Thank you for all the appreciated donations!

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Donald and Debbie Peters in honor of Donald's birthday.
- **Website Sponsor:** Jim and Diane Hemerly in honor of Jess Hemerly and Jon Koshi's Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you:

- to all who came out for Summer Sewing Mission meetings and those who have been donating materials and other items, as well as portable sewing machines.
- to those who attended our Family Services this summer.
- to those who have been attending our Men's Bible Study Breakfast Meetings.
- to all who have shared their musical talents and those who are a part of our Choir ministry.
- to all those who donated items for the Blessing of the Backpacks for the Lowhill Food Pantry and thank you to the Men's Bible Study Group for a \$200.00 donation for supplies.
- to the Jerusalem Singers for sharing their talents with us and to everyone who donated food items for the Jerusalem Singers.
- to all who came out to support our Mission Team during the Golf Outing and those who provided food items and sponsorships.
- to our amazing members and especially: all of the children, parents, Bear Creek Staff, Morgan Klotz, Mae Fitzgerald, Diane Moyer, Greg, Chris, Daulton and Ben Heintzelman, who participated in, led our children, fed our children, and housed our guest counselors from Bear Creek, during Bear Creek Day Camp in July. And to our members who helped with food and monetary

donations to make this program a success!

- all of the children, parents, Dakota and Myrena Frantz, KellyAnn and David Purugganan, Christa Taylor, Winona Schappell, and Helen Gambler, who participated in, led our children and fed our children during Music and Drama Camp in August. And to our many members who helped with food donations to make this experience a success! And especially to Pastor Andy who wrote the scripts for the Camp.

Mailbag

Dear Ziegels Union Church, we thank you so much in allowing us to join in your worship. We truly appreciate your always generous donations towards our mission. Thanks again, The Jerusalem Singers

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from July 10 Meeting include:

- Thank you letters received from Christ Church Lowhill for a \$70 donation and Family Promise for a \$500 from June 9 awareness event
- Josh Wynn is looking for an Eagle Scout Project

Next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11.