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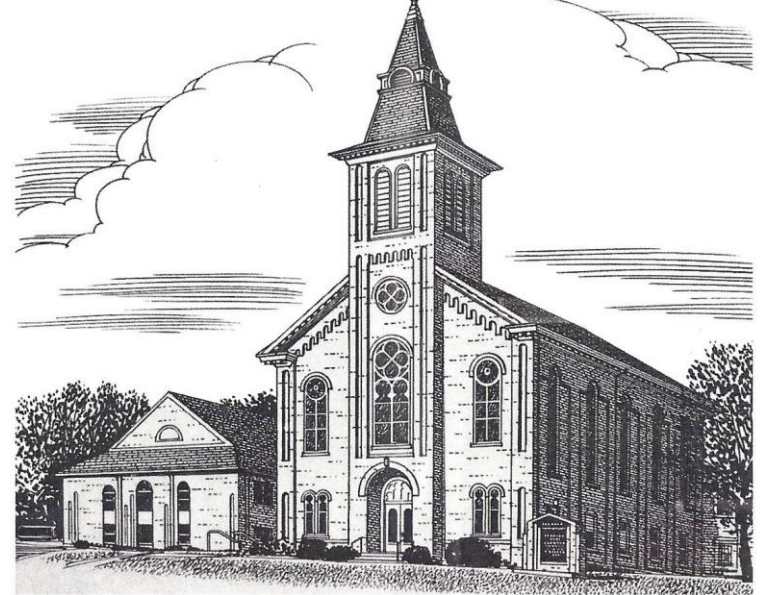
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***February 2019
Newsletter***

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The deadline for submissions for the March 2019
newsletter is Friday, February 8.

Please contact Michele Quier directly or send information
by email to 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 February 3 and 17.

If we need to cancel worship.....

In the event of bad weather and if we need to cancel worship, the information can be found on:

- WFMZ (on TV or www.wfmz.com) for Church Worship and Library closings
- Our website (www.ziegelschurch.org) in the facebook block – lower right on your screen
- On our facebook page
- Or you can call a staff person or council/consistory member as they are all contacted

“Souper” Bowl Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 3. Everyone is asked to bring canned or boxed food items or monetary donations. You may place your items on the front pews of the Sanctuary. All food donations will be given to Lowhill Food Pantry to support those in our community who are in need, and monetary donations will support the SnackPack Program. Thank you !



We will also be having a “Soup”er Bowl Soup Lunch.

A variety of soups and bread will be available for lunch after the 11:05 a.m. service. Donations for lunch will be accepted and all proceeds will go towards the new organ. **Pre-orders will be accepted thru January 27** and can be picked up February 3 after the 8:30 a.m. service. \$5 for a 2-cup serving and \$10 for a 4-cup serving. Order forms are in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Help will be needed Saturday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. to help prepare the soups. If you are interested in donating ingredients, please contact Shana or Carley.

The Mission Team will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will be serving plain and chocolate chip pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits. A Freewill Offering will be requested for the Organ Fund and the Mission Team will match the donations ! Please join us !



On Saturday, March 23, the Fellowship Committee will host a Pot Pie Supper from

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will need people to help cook the pot pie the day of the dinner at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen. (This will be Pot Pie soup, not pies) If you can help or would like to donate ingredients, please contact Shana Hanna (jshannafarm@gmail.com 484-894-4001) or Carley Schopf (carleyweis@aol.com 484-695-8183).

Our Ash Wednesday Worship will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. Soups will be served after the Noon service and at 6:00 p.m. Every Wednesday evening our Lenten Soup Meals will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by our services at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will join us!

The 19th Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration



will be held on Saturday, March 16 at the Hamburg Field House. The theme this year will be “Sports”. Almost 900 farm family members and their supporters will be given thanks for the hard work that is accomplished each and every day on our behalf. All families are invited to attend

for free if they make their living from the land. If you would like to attend, please see Lori in the office for the registration form. As in the past, Ziegels will be supporting this event. Donations may be placed in the offering plate marked “Farm Family Banquet” or in the milk cans in the halls. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our support to those who work hard to tend the land and provide for others.



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 February 20, March 19, and April 16. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or e-mail her at Seashell246@gmail.com. Donations of material (100% cotton), binding and/or monetary contributions are appreciated.

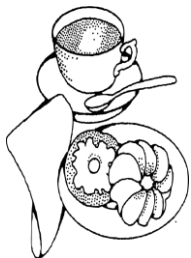
Mark your Calendars! A Basket Social, sponsored by the Lutheran Social Services Committee, will be held on Saturday, April 6 at the Church. The event will be held in support of the Good Samaritan Fund. Watch for more details.

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.



Mission

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Spring and Summer trips, and fundraisers. All are welcome to join the Team!

The Mission Team will be traveling South to Wilmington, North Carolina on March 23. We will return on March 30. The Team will be staying at a Moravian Church and working with their group of responders for those who have had damage from the recent storm. We still have four beds open. If you might be interested in participating, please speak to Lori.

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, 1/2 pound shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn, a drink and a dessert. A children's meal will include a salad, 1/4 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.

A Message from Lori.....

I'd like to tell you what I had learned in 2007.

- My 15-year-old son, Nick, could not fly. (I pretty much already knew that, but apparently, he didn't.)
- If you jump off bleachers that are 15 feet high, you will almost certainly break at least one bone in your body.
- You should not be naïve enough to think that if an ankle is swollen to the size of a basketball, that it might be "just a sprain".
- You will always hear many opinions; be sure to listen so you understand what will come next.

And, many other things that I had already known were reinforced.

- Two plates and a wire and six screws will stabilize an ankle so that it may heal and grow the way it is meant to heal and grow. Much like God's love on our broken hearts or broken spirits will help us to heal and grow the way we are meant to heal and grow.
- In some dramatic and traumatic days that we must live through, a right ankle broken in two places and a left heel that is fractured can be an inconvenience, especially since you may not walk or bear weight on it for a couple of months; BUT our blessings can be counted in the fact that Nick did not break his neck, his back and he was not paralyzed. God's Grace is present always!
- Wonderful healers come in all shapes and sizes – doctors, nurses, pastors, friends and especially family. (These are God's hands, feet, and love at work before your very eyes!)

There are things that I know, and share, but no one listens to me. (Mommyisms)

- "A little fear is a good thing."
- "Don't try to be a hero"
- "You might hurt yourself, so think before you jump." (that one never works)

And then, the things you learn that you don't want to learn.

- Like letting go a little more every day. When your 15-year-old son wakes up in recovery, sees you, and asks you, his Mom, "Where is my girlfriend?" (I never saw that one coming – he was still my baby.)
- We really do not have any control of our lives – but it feels great to know that God is right there next to you in every moment, in the ER, in the X-Ray room, in the OR waiting room, right there in your heart, right there where you need Him to be.

Love Him, Serve Him, Rely on Him, Need Him, Thank Him. He IS our "all in all."

In God's Amazing Love, Lori

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Sunday School Classes are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. ending at 10:55 a.m. Children ages Pre-K through first Grade meet in the Timothy Room, grades 2 through 6 meet in the Acts Room. Children ages 1 through 3 meet in the Genesis Room. Our adult and young adult learners are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class in the Matthew Room all year long with Ralph Wilhide.

It's Pizza Time! The Sunday School is doing a Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. Order forms are available outside of the Christian Education Office, in the Main Office, in the Fellowship Room or see any Sunday School student. Orders are due by Saturday, February 16. Orders will be available to pick up on Tuesday, February 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any orders not picked up at that time, will be placed in the freezer behind the choir room.

We are ACTIVELY looking for VOLUNTEERS! If you would be interested in helping with our programs (the commitment level can vary) please contact Kristin Folck at KristinFolck@gmail.com or 484-860-2549 or Kelly Lucarelli at ziegelschristianeducation@outlook.com or 484-375-8978

Confirmation Class Happenings

The Confirmation Program meets every Sunday in the Acts room from 10:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. and is led by Jeff Rex and Bryan Bachman. If you know someone in seventh or eighth grade who would be interested in the program, please have them contact ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com.

Our Christian Education committee estimates 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 financial hardship. If you would like to sponsor a student, a donation in any amount may be made to your congregation and marked 'Confirmation Program.' Any support you give is greatly appreciated!

Christian Education

WELCOME! Ready for the New Year? Considering a resolution? Do you want to be involved with growing Ziegels Church? 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. EVERYONE in the congregation can assist in the Christian Education of our young people! Please consider this opportunity to get involved with our ministry of education.

Early Communion Class is scheduled for February 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Please RSVP by February 24, to Kristin Folck at 484-860-2549 or email at KristinFolck@gmail.com

QUAKE 2019! Chaperones are NEEDED! You do not need to have a youth member in your family to be a Chaperone. Please consider attending this exciting program!

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:

- Early Communion Class will be offered on February 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Burying of the Alleluias on March 3 at both worship services
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- Youth Sunday, May 5 at the 11:05 a.m. Lutheran Service
- Pentecost and Confirmation Day, June 9 •

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.

The Lowhill Food Pantry

In the month of December we contributed 295 pounds of food along with many bags of items for the Blessings Room. The Pantry served 77 households (166 adults, 100 children, 23 seniors, and 3 new people) this month. 98 children participated in the Christmas gifts program and that was very much appreciated. A special thank you to thank Kelly Lucarelli for organizing the Christmas gifts and Lonnie Damiano for organizing the Children's Christmas Stockings to ensure that the children of the Pantry had presents and stockings at Christmas time. The families and particularly the children so appreciated the gifts given.

The current needs are pancake mix, syrup, SpaghettiOs's, canned fruit, cereal, personal care items, and cleaning supplies. When donating always be mindful of expiration dates on items. The Blessings Room has the following needs: kitchen dish wash towels along with kitchen drying towels, towels, and sheets. Always keep in mind that the items should be gently used or new.

Thank you to the members who participated in this year's program.

The Lowhill Food Pantry and their clients continue to be most grateful to Ziegels Union Church for the continued support and involvement. Do you know that Ziegels Church is #2 in giving of donations of all the area Churches ... Awesome and a big THANK YOU.

Open dates for the Pantry are February 2, 20, and 21.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

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

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Donald and Debbie Peters in honor of Ziegels' children
- **Website Sponsor:** Connie Davis in memory of Don Davis

Thank you to:

- all who attended our Christmas Eve Worship Services and the Lessons and Carols Service on December 30. We are thankful for your attendance !
- to all our choir members and those who shared their musical talents during our Advent and Christmas Season. And to Lutheran Social Services for planning the fellowship time.

Mailbag

We are so very grateful for the cards, cookies, candy, and the gifts we received this Christmas Season. We are blessed and thankful for the wonderful support you provide for all of us. Have a very blessed New Year ! Ziegels Church Staff

Sunshine Center Preschool is accepting new students for the 2018-2019 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!

Union Church Committee Minutes

Highlights from January 8 Meeting include:

- Hosting Family Promise families on February 3 through February 10
- Pastor Kent held discussion on Grief Support Group
- Yearend reports due by February 2

Next Union Church Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12.

Grief Support Group – At the January Union Committee meeting, we discussed and agreed to form a team to explore the formation of a grief support group for our congregations and community. Anyone experiencing a major loss in her or his life finds that emptiness, imbalance, and hopelessness can take them into dark places. Friends and family want to help, but don't always know what to say or do. A support group can be a place for one in mourning to share his or her loss with others who have experienced similar pain. And such a group can be an avenue for that same one in mourning to be the compassionate hearer for another who is traveling along that same road. If you are interested in being part of the team that will research how to start such a group, what kind of group is most beneficial, and how to run and maintain a support group, please see either of the pastors or contact the church office (610-285-6157). We would like to begin the research the first or second week of February. Thank you.