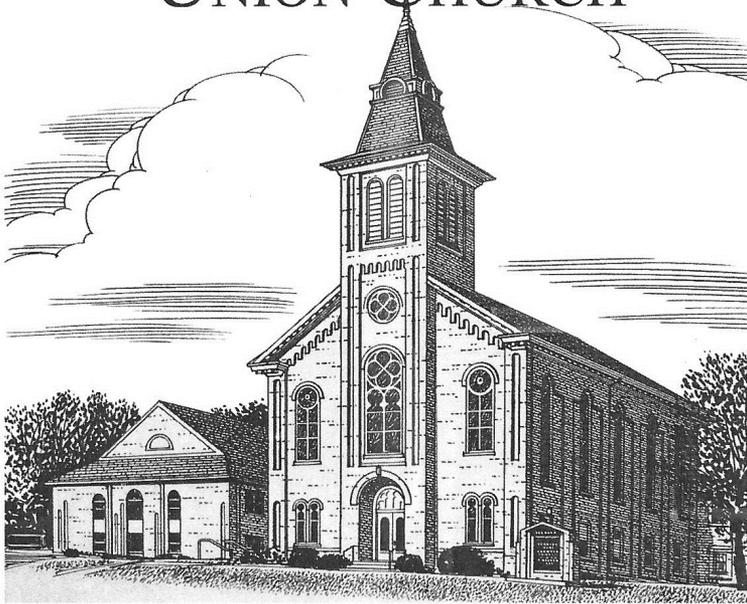


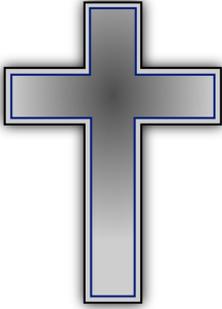
# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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Our Maundy Thursday Worship will be held on Thursday, April 1 in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. The Good Friday Worship will not be held at the Church but will be placed on Facebook, YouTube and Constant Contact. Easter Worship Services will be held on **Sunday, April 4 at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.**

Please be sure to make your reservations with the name of your family and the number of people. Please call the Church or contact Lori at 610-573-9764 or [lori1962@verizon.net](mailto:lori1962@verizon.net), if you are not able to sign up on the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ba4a62fa3fd0-easter> As always please wash your hands, wear your masks and be sure to continue with Social Distancing.

**The Men's Bible Study Breakfast Group** will be meeting every Friday at Cracker Barrel at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast and study our weekly scriptures!

**The Property Committee will be doing a workday** at the church for the cleaning and mulching around the church on April 10 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. We also have to clean and mulch the playground up in the field. Anyone that can spare a few hours to help clean and mulch would be appreciated. Bring your rakes and shovels. Let's try to keep the outside of the church looking nice. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping. Property Committee.

**Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens will be performing a "Blessing of the Bikes"** at Ziegels Union Church on Saturday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. a Metric B Ride will be led. The route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35407073>. Please do not ride if sick or exposed to Covid, social distancing is required, and masks must be worn.

**Ziegels Community Yard Sale !** Saturday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join the Fellowship Committee to have our first fundraiser of the year for Wreathes Across America. Are you spring cleaning and have items you no longer need ? Yard Sale item donations for the church table are welcome ! Donations for baked goods, snacks and drinks needed and watch for more information to come in the church bulletins, E-mail, and the Website !

Rain date: TBD

RESERVE YOUR SPACE

20' x 20' (must provide your own table)

FREE for Ziegels Members, \$10 for non-Ziegels members, Vendors welcome

Please contact Laura Loch, Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf if you have questions. All donations made to the church must be placed in the food pavilion. Please call ahead to schedule a drop off.

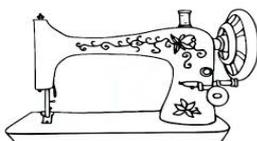
**The 14th Annual Mission Team Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, August 7**

at Allentown Municipal Golf Course with a 8:00 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.



**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," chemo port cushions and masks. Our meetings will be held when the Church re-opens. Donations are appreciated.



**Our Prayer Shawl Ministry** will continue to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room when the Church re-opens. All are invited to attend this group.



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

We are finally nearing the end of this long Pennsylvania winter. The flowers are a sign that Spring is coming, even though winter might linger a bit. We hope to see the daffodils and crocus' pop up through the semi-frozen ground.

Hope is wonderful thing to have, but hope is also a terrible thing to lose.

The disciples had been with Jesus nearly three years. In the beginning, they had given up everything to follow this man. They left their boats and their fishing nets in the water, closed the doors on their businesses, and waved goodbye to their families and friends. They put all their hope in this one man. The Son of God.

I imagine it was quite unsettling for them when Jesus began to foretell of His death. Jesus provided for their physical needs, and their spiritual needs, He was the One who had the answers and kept the order in their group. What would a future look like without Him? Hope was slipping away from all the disciples.

They began to talk about who would sit at His right and who would sit at His left. James and John insisted they would be able to "*drink from the bitter cup of suffering Jesus was about to drink*" (Matthew 20:22, NLT). The others were not happy. In the following days, the disciples watched as Jesus' authority was challenged by the chief priests and elders. They were uncomfortable as Jesus washed their feet and more uncomfortable, I am sure, as Jesus predicted one of them would betray Him (John 13:1-30, NLT). But yet they slept as Jesus prayed in the garden.

All the darkness of these days must have weighed heavy upon their shoulders and their hearts. And then came His trial, His crucifixion, His death.

Just as the daffodils and crocus' predict the end of a long Pennsylvania winter; the empty tomb predicted the end of the long winter of the heart and soul for the disciples and Jesus' many followers.

*"Then the angel spoke to the women. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead, and He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there. Remember what I have told you.'" The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message." (Matthew 28:5-8, NLT)*

Imagine the shock and disbelief. Imagine the joy in the women's hearts as they ran to tell the others what they had just witnessed. After days of heart wrenching grief and pain, a glimmer of light. Jesus' victory over suffering and death ! And then there was hope once again.

Peace and Blessings,  
Lori

## **Christian Education**

### **A message from Kristin:**

It's really beginning to feel like spring, finally! I look forward to this time of year, when the days get a little longer, flowers start to bloom, and everything becomes green and new! This is the time of year when the Christian Education team really begins prepping for VBS and our other camps in full force. With the cancellation of camps last year, we all really looked toward this summer and the possibility of camps. Right now, we are working on plans for VBS, but we need your help!

If you would be interested in volunteering for VBS this year, please contact the CE team. We are aiming for a fully outdoor VBS that follows COVID-19 protocols and safety guidelines. Since we want to hold VBS outside, we need extra volunteers. So, if you want to come hang out with our youth for a week, learn some awesome songs, help with crafts or snack, learn our Bible stories for the week, or just want to see what VBS is all about, please let us know! We would love to see you there!

Kristin

### **Zoom Sunday School**

Sunday School continues to “meet” in our Zoom Room! Sparky joins us for our Bible story, we play games, watch videos and learn a monthly Memory Verse.

The topics for April are: “Doubting Thomas,” “Isaac and Rebekah,” and “The Tower of Babel.”

Resource Packets have been distributed to all registered students! If you are missing anything please, contact the CE Team at [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com) or by calling or texting our direct line 484-504-9069.

Zoom Confirmation continues to “meet” in our Zoom Room at 10:40 AM. We begin with a Worship Watch Party and lead into our lesson for the week.

The student’s complete sermon notes and are working their way through the New Testament by completing Bible Breakdowns. The class has also been participating in virtual team building! We have been playing “Among Us” and spending time together outside of the Confirmation Curriculum.

### **Adult Bible Challenge**

A new Bible Challenge will begin on April 1. A bible verse will be posted daily on the CE Facebook page and supplies will be available outside of the CE Office. If you would like to have supplies sent to you, please contact Kristin Folck at [KristinFolck@gmail.com](mailto:KristinFolck@gmail.com)

## **Vacation Bible School**

The CE Team is looking toward summer and the possibility of VBS, but we need you! VBS is tentatively scheduled for June 21-25, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed for all stations as we are attempting a fully outside VBS. Adult, teen, and confirmand volunteers are welcome! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kristin Folck at [kristinfoleck@gmail.com](mailto:kristinfoleck@gmail.com) or contact the CE Team at [ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com](mailto:ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com)

**Our next Christian Education Meeting** will be held on April 19 at 7 p.m. If you have an interest in the Christian education of our youth or would like to teach Sunday School, please join us!

## **Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Noon.

## **The Lowhill Food Pantry**

The February statistics for the month of February.....the Pantry served 51 family units (103 adults, 61 children, and 17 seniors) for a total of 181 individuals. 29 clients were seen on Saturday and 30 clients were seen on Wednesday along with the Thursday group due to a pending snowstorm. One client was seen on a different date because of not being able to make the change to Wednesday. The Church provided 191 pounds.

The current needs are boxed potatoes (mashed and au gratin/scalloped type), pancake syrup, jelly, and canned pasta. Please continue to be mindful when donating food of expiration dates on the cans/boxes. Socks continue to be a need for the Blessings Room.

The Pantry continues to box food ahead of time and place outside the main door at the client's scheduled times per direction of Second Harvest. The refrigerated and frozen items are given to clients also at their scheduled times.

The April dates for hours at the Pantry are Saturday, April 3, Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22.

Continued thanks to Ziegels Church for their active support and participation in this community program.

**The following people are the sponsors for the month of March:**

- **Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:** Eleanor Reynard in loving memory of Charlie.
- **Website Sponsor:** Terry Bender – Buckeye Tavern on Brookside.

**Contact Information**

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**Church Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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