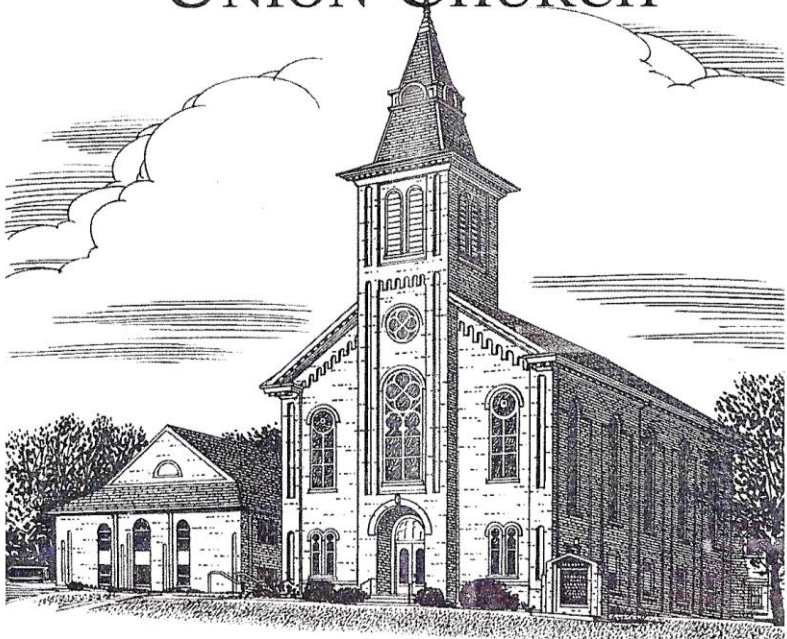


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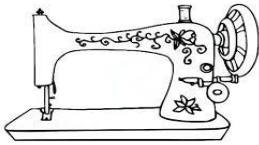
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Newsletter***

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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 is in need of members to help with the flowerbeds and other items. We will be meeting on Saturday, July 17 at 8:00 a.m. Anyone who would prefer to come during any week to work on the weeds are able to help the Property members. We are thankful for your help.

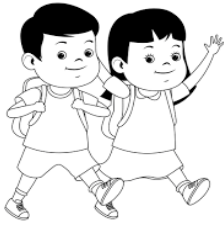
Our Ziegels Sewing Mission is open to all those who are interested in helping.



We make pillowcases for local children's hospitals, dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World," and chemo port cushions. Our next meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November

17 and December 15. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500. Donations are appreciated.

Sadly, early Monday morning (June 7) the home where David Harwick was living burned down. He has some injuries on his hands and feet with the fire. Thankfully, he and his dog were able to get out of the home. David is staying with Keith Harwick at this point. The Church is available as a channel for any monetary gifts that people may wish to make to help David in his recovery from this tragedy. Cash or checks may be sent to the Ziegels Lutheran Congregation and the amounts will be given to David. Please pray for the family and thank you!



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 25. The items will be distributed to the children beginning on August 1 for the 2021-2022 School year. **Blessing of the Backpacks will be held at the Union Worship Service on Sunday, July 25.**

Harvest Home September 12, 2021 "Container Gardening"

There is nothing better than home grown vegetables from your summer garden that you start from seeds or small plants. It's always nice to plant some extra veggies to share with your family or the neighbors or to the Lowhill Food Bank on September 12 for Harvest Home.

We hope you can plant some extra things to share but if you don't have a garden space- how about doing some "Container Gardening." Container Farming is the practice of growing edible plants in various sized enclosed, usually portable objects such as pots, boxes, baskets, tins, barrels, boots, etc. Try a tomato plant in a bucket, a head of lettuce in an old basket or potatoes in grow bags. There are lots of ideas on the internet or just use your creativity. All you need is potting soil, a container that has drainage in the bottom and a spot, so your garden gets some sun and don't forget to water. We would love to have some "container gardens" for the display on September 12.



Congratulations to Our Graduates of 2021. 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

Rachel Anderson
Brandon Duarte
Christopher Duarte
Austin Fox
Darren Fritch
Matthew Lucarelli

Parkland

Alexis Damiano

Lehigh County Community College

Liesel Quay - Graduated with an AS in Biology. She will be continuing her studies at Cedar Crest College majoring in Genetic Engineering.

Muhlenberg College

Tyler Derr – Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. He is Major in Finance with a Minor in Business Administration.

Wilkes University

Joshua Inman – Graduated with a Masters of Education in Classroom Technology.

Mission Team

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Mission Trips and fundraisers. All are welcome to join the Team !

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

at Allentown Municipal Golf Course with an 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.



On Sunday, September 12 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, stationery and envelopes, etc. Please bring donations by September 5.



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Our Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 19 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 following people are the sponsors for the months of July and August:

- Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:
 - July** - Marlene Evangelista in loving memory of her husband, Terry.
 - August** – Deb Ginder
- Website Sponsor:
 - July** – Lori Brawn
 - August** - Terry Bender – Buckeye Tavern on Brookside.



A Message from Lori.....

After Paul pleads three times for Jesus for his thorn in the flesh to leave him, Jesus responds.

"⁹ Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.'" So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NLT)

If you are in Christ and Christ is in you, He is with you wherever you go, whatever you do and whatever you need. When you feel distressed, isolated, and alone you can say, *"I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me."* (Psalm 16:8 NLT)

We know that Christ lives in us. The Spirit of God is always working in the lives of His believers. He cares for our souls. We are blessed with the grace of Jesus and the love that he shares with us always.

Peace to all,

Lori

Christian Education

The summer is flying by! It's hard to believe that we are getting into the second week of July. The Christian Education Team is working hard on September and the upcoming Sunday School year. Classrooms will be changing for the Sunday School kiddos and we hope to have everything back and in person! That being said, we are waiting for a decision from the Union Church on what our worship service times and frequency will be, before announcing what time Sunday School and Confirmation will meet.

The team is also working on a Rally Day event for our members and community! This event is also dependent on our worship times, so stay tuned!

Sunday School is open to children of all ages and our Confirmation Program is open to children beginning in grade 7. If you know someone who is in grade 7 or 8 who might be interested in Confirmation, or a family who may be interested in Sunday School, please have them contact the Christian Education Team at ZiegelsChristianEducation@outlook.com.

Confirmation paperwork packets are being sent out and we are so excited for our Second Year kids to be in the building for the first time. If your child is set to start grade 7 and you would like to enroll them in Confirmation, please contact the CE Team at the email listed above.

The CE Team is so looking forward to seeing everyone in September, we've missed all of the kids and their smiling faces!

See you soon!

Kristin

The Lowhill Food Pantry

The statistics for the month of May ... the Pantry served 42 family units (89 adults, 58 children, and 13 seniors) for a total of 160 individuals. 17 clients were seen on Saturday, 12 on Wednesday, 12 on Thursday, and one client was seen on another day. The Church provided 43 pounds during May.

The current needs are ketchup, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, jelly, and bars of bath soap. Socks continue to be needed for the Blessings Shop. **Thank You for all your consistent help with the needs of the Pantry and Blessings Shop.**

In May we started a Food Pantry program called ... Weekend Food Program for Students/Children ... to ensure that there would be sufficient food for them on weekends. 23 families signed up for the program and currently we are serving 59 students/children. The box of food is picked up by the families at their regularly scheduled days/times.

The July dates for hours at the Pantry are Saturday July 3, Wednesday 14 and Thursday July 15.

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