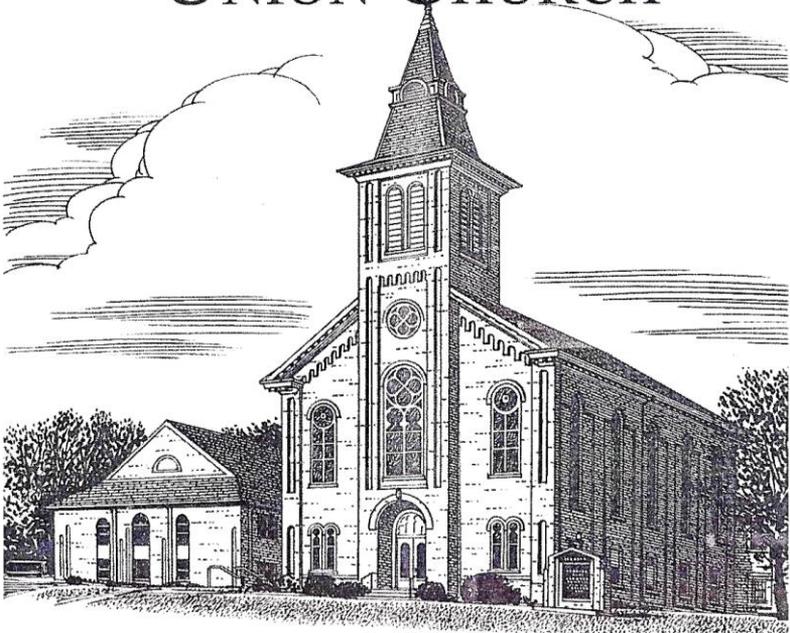


# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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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!



**Our Ziegels Sewing Mission is open to all those who are interested in helping.** Our next meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on January 19. Donations are appreciated.

**Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets** the third 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.

**Lutheran Social Services Meetings** are scheduled for January 24, March 28, May 23, Sept 26, Nov 21 and all at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Open to anyone that would like to join us!

### **Mission Team**

The Mission Response Team will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will be held on the Spring, Summer and Fall trips. All are welcome to join the Team!

In March of 2022 the Mission Team will be having a Crab Cake Fundraiser.

In May of 2022 the Mission Team will have our next Shrimp Boil Fundraiser.

In August of 2022 the Mission Team will be having our Golf Outing.

Hopefully in the Spring and the Summer and the Fall the Team would be able to plan our Mission Trips to be helping all our people in need.

## Christian Education

### **A Note from Kristin:**

New Year, new opportunities! The CE Team is brainstorming youth ideas for the coming months and volunteers are always welcome. If you have an idea that you would like to share, we would love to hear it! We are so hopeful for VBS this year and are looking for some exciting things to end our week together in June. As always volunteers are needed for VBS. Please reach out to me or Myrena Frantz if you are interested!



### **Sunday School**

Classes are held each Sunday from September through May for children and youth aged 1 through twelfth grade. Children are asked to gather in their classrooms by 10:00 a.m. and class ends at 10:55 a.m. Interested in teaching Sunday School? Contact Kristin Folck, Kelly Lucarelli, or Myrena

Frantz at [ziegelschrianieducation@outlook.com](mailto:ziegelschrianieducation@outlook.com).

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, December 26 or Sunday, January 2.

### **Sunday School Officers**

The following people were elected officers of the Sunday School for the 2022 term.

Myrena Frantz – President

Diane Moyer – Vice President

Kelly Lucarelli – Treasurer

The team is still in need of a secretary. If you would be interested in taking minutes during our meetings and being active in the Christian Education committee, please contact one of the officers.

The committee would like to thank Michele Quier for her many years of service to the Sunday School as the treasurer!

### **Confirmation Class Happenings**

Our Confirmation Class meets upstairs in the Acts Room from 10:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. If you know anyone who will be starting 7th or 8th grade and would like to join the class, please speak with Kristin Folck. The class will meet on January 9, 16, 23, and 30.

### **Christian Education**

Christian Education meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in the Christian Education of our members, please consider attending. Contact Kristin for the Zoom link!

### **Youth Group**

The Christian Education Team is looking for leaders for our Junior and Senior Youth Groups!

If you would like to plan events, encourage youth participation, and a positive impact on the young members of our congregations, please contact Kristin Folck at [kristinfolck@gmail.com](mailto:kristinfolck@gmail.com)

### **Valentine's Tea**

Join us on Sunday, February 13, at 2 p.m. for a Valentine's Tea Party! Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Traditional tea party food will be served. A silent auction and raffle tickets will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Lowhill Food Pantry. More information will be available on our Facebook page and in your bulletins. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kristin Folck, Myrena Frantz, Kelly Lucarelli, or Shana Hanna.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

Youth Sunday – May 15, 2022, at 11:05 a.m.

Mars and Beyond VBS – June 20-24, 2022

Confirmation Sunday – June 5, 2022, Union Worship 9 a.m.

Keep a look out for upcoming youth events!

## **The Lowhill Food Pantry**

The statistics for the month of November: The Pantry served 48 family units (94 adults, 67 children, and 17 seniors) for a total of 178 individuals. 18 clients were served on Saturday, 14 clients on Wednesday, and 16 clients on Thursday. 54 children were served during November for the Weekend Food Program for Students/Children. Church members provided 427 pounds of food during this month.

Our needs moving forward for the upcoming month are boxed potatoes, canned pasta, jelly, ketchup, and mustard. We also need dish detergent and any type of cleaning supplies. For the Blessings Room, socks are always needed ... socks for all ages

January 2022 open dates at the Pantry are Saturday the 8, Wednesday the 19, and Thursday January 20.

We continue to be thankful for your support and donations.

Thank You.

### **Dear Friends of Ziegels Church,**

The time has come, after 19 years, I have made the decision to retire my position as your church sexton. It was quite a hard conclusion to come to, my body just does not work as it did 10 years ago. Mike and I have found a wonderful new home, where we think the goats will be very happy (eventually), and as we start to look forward to our life changes and pieces of moving forward are hard.

I have made many friends at Ziegels and I do hope these friendships will continue. Change is bittersweet!

Yours in Christ.  
Diane Moyer

## Message from Lori.....

Another new year, another new beginning. We begin each January with our hearts full of hope for the new year, and our home for peace and love in relationships, and good health in the coming year.

*"Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,  
'God blesses you who are poor,  
for the Kingdom of God is yours.  
God blesses you who are hungry now,  
for you will be satisfied.  
God blesses you who weep now,  
for in due time you will laugh."  
(Luke 6:20-21, NLT)*

Jesus is the center of our lives, and He shares us courage to move forward with our faith. Throughout the ministry of Jesus, He shares happiness – leading the way. He leads us to love and eternal truth. Through His perfect life, He leads us to the path of obedience.

Whatever it is that you are hoping for in this new year, I believe the secret is knowing to whom you belong, and then surrounding yourself with relationships that are healthy and supportive.

Jesus **is** the foundation on which you should build your life. Storms will come throughout our days here on this earth, rain will fall, and winds will blow us about. If we have taken the time to build our faith on the Word, and the teachings and promises in the Bible, we have something solid.

When we surround ourselves with people who share our faith, with those who are supportive, and those who build us up. Our friends and family should be nurturing your faith, your strengths, just as you should be nurturing their faith and their strengths. Likewise, if we surround ourselves with those who are blind to Jesus and to us, those who seek to hurt us and control us, and those who nurture our fears and weaknesses, then surely, we will crumble into the waves of our troubles. If we are encouraging others to be weak and dependent, we are encouraging them to build on the sand as well.

If Jesus is the rock on which you have built your life, and you have been fortunate enough to gather people around you who love you and care for you, and you are able to openly and lovingly care for others, then you can find the strength to weather whatever it is this new year will bring your way.

Have a wonderful year !

### **Thank you**

- to everyone who donated the Street Homeless Project. 51 large shopping bags of items (every bag had a fleece blanket) were received and the items were delivered to the Street Homeless in downtown Allentown.
- to all who have donated items for Kutztown Manor.
- to those who have shared the Stockings and toys for our children in the Lowhill Food Pantry.
- for parents and family members who came to watch the Sunday School Christmas Program.
- for Confirmation students for their participation in the Christmas Eve Children's message.
- for all those who shared the contributions for the Wreath Across America.

*Thank you*

### **The following people are the sponsors for the month of December:**

- Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor:  
Richard and Liz Schaeffer
- Website Sponsor:  
Randy and June Wert

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The deadline for submissions for the  
February 2022 newsletter is Friday, January 21.

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