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**UCC Consistory meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.**

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**ZIEGEL UCC – PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Please contact **Ruth Roeder at 610-395-1914** or Pastor Larry at the **Church Office 610-285-6157.**

**UCC:** Pastor Larry Pickens, Bob Lilley, Molly Hanna (Lori Snyder’s daughter), Nancy Kleinsmith, Terry & Barbara Kleinsmith, Arlene George, Perma Miller, Pam Colsten, Carl & Katharine Hoch, Barbara Ziegler, Nancy Geiger (Roger Snyder’s sister). **Nursing Home, Assisted Living & Shut In:** Arlene Snyder, Grace Zimmerman, Arline Lahn, Kathleen Kennedy, Laila Loch, A.J. Henry, Al & Elaine Savelli, Betty Lotier, Forrest Merkel.

**Family and Friends:** Mason Raska (Nancy Kleinsmith’s great grandson), Jack Johnson (Lori Snyder’s friend’s grandson), Ella Grace, Roy Stettler, Myrna Kamp, Pastor Jack Ivey, Dale Zellner, Ricky Gilliard (Kristin Folck’s friend’s brother), B. Henry Halversen (Karin Lilley’s brother), Elaine Decembrino (Connie Davies’ friend), Denice Trexler (Mae Fitzgerald’s cousin), John and Marilyn Vojtasek, Frank, Liz and Michale Carden, Mike Henry Jr, Gerald and Anna Breininger, Joyce Harmony. .

**Lutheran:** Jerry Miller, Marlene Evangelista, Carol Merkel, Linda Folck, Clarabelle Dengler, Jason Fronina, Dennis Rothermel, Lena Fox, Deanna Quay, Drena Merkel, Gloria Herber, Michelle Quier, Sherri Lauer, Bradley Heintzelman, Helen Gambler, Alida Phillips, Clarence Hausman, Beth Lamkin, Kirstin Wert, Veronica Leibensperger, Derek Green, Tammy Bauer.

**Please remember our members, friends, and all their families in the service and all those serving in areas of danger.** SGT. Garth Ritter (U.S. Army), SGT. Scott Esterly, SGT. Owens, Christopher (U.S. Army), Connor Smith (U.S. Army), Jessica Albright Thomas (U.S. Army), Ben Beitler (US Navy), Dale Host (Airman, Air Force Reserves),and **All those serving in areas of danger.**

## 2022 GRADUATES

Mia Lynn DeLillo– Northwestern Lehigh High School  
Charlize Faith Bobbyn – Northwestern Lehigh High School  
Jenna Alys Frey – Northwestern Lehigh High School  
Raleigh M. Gehringer – Northwestern Lehigh High School  
Aubrey Reese Remaley – Northwestern Lehigh High School

Kira Marie Schafer– Parkland High School  
Joshua Graham Wynn – Parkland High School

Nathan Miller – Sparta High School

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!

**If you or someone you know graduated this year and your name and/or their name is not listed above, please call the church office (610-285-6157) to let us know so we can acknowledge it in the next newsletter. Thank you.**

### **ZIEGEL UCC Educational Assistance Grant**

**Applications** are available for members of Ziegel UCC who are furthering their education. Contact Kim Anderson, Ziegel UCC Consistory President (484-951-2198) if you would like to fill out an application form. The application forms need to be turned in by Sunday, July 31, 2022 to Kim Anderson or the church office. The checks will be distributed during the Union 9 AM worship service on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

**Sign up for Ziegel UCC emails.** We have partnered with Constant Contact to send out emails to our Ziegel UCC Family in an effort to communicate to our members. Please know that you can unsubscribe from our emails at any time. Visit [ziegelschurch.org/ucc-congregation](http://ziegelschurch.org/ucc-congregation) for more information or to sign up for our email distribution list.

**Please consider signing up for Ziegel UCC Online Giving.** While we appreciate everyone who attends our worship services in person or sends in their offerings by mail every week, our online giving opportunity through Vanco is an easy and convenient way to tithe to our Church. With our online giving, you can choose to make a one-time offering, or set up recurring weekly or monthly offerings through your credit card or bank account. For more information or to sign up for online giving, visit [ziegelschurch.org/ucc-congregation](http://ziegelschurch.org/ucc-congregation).

**UCC and Lutheran Members are needed to work on the Soundboard during worship.** Those who would like to assist will be trained by those who are currently working on the Soundboard. Please contact Andy Graff or Lori Brawn for more information.

**Monthly Newsletter:** If you have an article that you want put in the Monthly Newsletter (UCC and/or Lutheran), please contact the church office (610-285-6157) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Please remember our members in Nursing Homes,  
Personal Care Facilities, and our shut-in Members:**

**Arline Lahn, Heather Glen, Room 247  
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**Forrest Merkel – The Willows, Room 202  
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**Katharine Hoch – 6324 Hilltop Road, Orefield, PA 18069**

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**Jessica Albright Thomas (U.S. Army)  
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**JULY/AUGUST, 2022 NEWSLETTER  
CONSISTORY MEMBER LETTER**

Hello Friends. This is Roger Snyder, Consistory member of Ziegel UCC.

As summer rolls in, I am reminded of church picnics of the past, outdoor family get togethers, and softball games. You get my drift.

It seemed like every church or small community in the New Tripoli and Kutztown area had a softball team and every church and park had picnics on Saturday nights. These picnics helped a lot to support the church and it's programs.

Unfortunately, these events have gone by the wayside. We've all become busy with other interests and affairs. Times have changed and I guess we have to adjust. I know, it's not easy for guys like me who have been around this area for some time.

So these are some new things that are being planned. I hope the community can once again support the church as it has in the past. The Fellowship Committee is putting together some new events to try and encourage people to get together and help support the church in new ways. Some of which are:

A Living Legends Tractor Show, July 9 from 3 to 7 PM.  
September 10 from 3 to 7 PM, brings a Harvest Moon Festival.  
A Veterans Day/"Thanks" giving Meal on November 13.  
Christmas Decorating/Cookie Exchange on November 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Snowflake Fest/Candy Cane Hunt TBD.

Hope to see you at one of these events.

**2022, July/August Newsletter**  
**Pastor Larry's Article**

**Where is the Love?**

Singers Roberta Flack, and the late Donny Hathaway once recorded a song titled, "Where is the Love?" In a broken and violent world, we too may be searching for a love that makes us secure and strong, while we ask the question, "where is the love?"

Recently I saw an Off-Broadway production titled "Southern Breeze." The story depicts a dialogue between a slave, a sharecropper, a seventies member of the Black Panther Party, a gay HIV/AIDS activist and a contemporary Black man living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The production suggests that they are all together in heaven. The story speaks to having faith as we encounter the holes of our lives. In this case it speaks to the holes created by racism. What these men learned was that through their dialogue there was hope, meaning, and a new life narrative.

All of us have holes which define our existence but also serve as inflection points around which we must decide to move and live. Each one of us can name our holes but it is God's love that brings meaning to those holes, the weaknesses of our lives.

The birth of Jesus brings grounding as we face the holes of our lives. What is your hole-your health, your loneliness, your brokenness, your inability to make sense of it all? Our holes represent the trauma and disappointments in life;

meaning is grounded in the hopeful love of a beneficent God, who emerges through the life of Jesus. Jesus' life is a song of hope affirming that God's love allows us to thrive despite our holes and shortcomings.

God has an eraser. Jesus does not come to judge but to set us free, to help us see our holes, as places where God's love and grace can shine through. Our aim therefore is not ridding ourselves of the holes of our lives but finding the place where God's touch, God's grace and love become evident in our lives because of our holes.

Langston Hughes writes this in his poem, "A Dream Deferred:"

*What happens to a dream deferred?  
Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?  
Or fester like a sore-  
And then run?  
Does it stink like rotten meat?  
Or crust and sugar over-  
Like a syrupy sweet?  
Maybe it just sags  
Like a heavy load  
Or does it explode?*

This poem inspired Lorraine Hansberry, to become the first Black woman to create a play that premiered on Broadway, "A Raisin in the Sun." A story about a Black family moving into a white community, encountering racism, and finding self-assurance even in their rejection.

We often do not know what to do with our deferred dreams.  
God's love is a road map  
for how we move forward even in our pain and  
disappointment.

Live with hearts of gratitude and be grateful for the ways in  
which God has blessed you. How we look at things makes a  
difference. Living in pessimism only creates a pessimistic  
outlook. But living in gratitude and joy sets us up for  
ultimate victory in our lives.

In the disasters of your life, God is shining a light. Our call is  
not to live with fear and trembling but with a tippy toe faith  
that looks over the horizon and sees promise rather than peril.  
God's asylum is for the troubled and the oppressed. Jesus is  
here for the underdog, the lost, the forlorn, the broken; he is  
like a ray of sunlight that pierces a dark cloud to bring the  
dawning of a hopeful new day.

The promise for you and me is that God is also knitting within  
us the hope of the world  
that is to come, even with our holes, and in our humanity.  
Now we have found the love! The love of Christ sets us free.

Rejoice!  
Amen.

Pastor Larry Pickens

**Join us for a special concert celebrating  
the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
St. John's UCC, Laurys Station**

**Enjoy the music performance by  
Dolcetto – the Glenn Hofmann Trio  
Glenn Hofmann, Debra Hofmann, & Jeffrey  
Halbert**

**SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022  
St. John's UCC, 1415 Rising Sun Road, Laurys  
Station, PA  
Concert starts at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30  
PM**

**Tickets: \$10 for adult \$5 Children 6-12  
Contact the church office at 610-262-8961.**

**Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship  
Hall after the concert.**

**The trio performs Jazz, Pop, blues, Swing and  
even a little Dixieland with a fresh, fun, and  
entertaining groove. In addition to the multi-  
faceted ear- appeal with saxophones, keyboard,  
trumpet, clarinet, flute, harmonica, and various  
percussion techniques, the blend of Glenn and  
Deb's voices along with Jeff's harmonica, is sure  
to please your musical palate.**

## Three Interesting Facts about American Independence Day

1. Every Fourth of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped – although not actually rung – thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen American colonies.
2. Three presidents died on July Fourth – Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe.
3. The first Independence Day was celebrated by around 2.5 million people compared to more than 316 million people today.

## Riddle-Dee-Dee

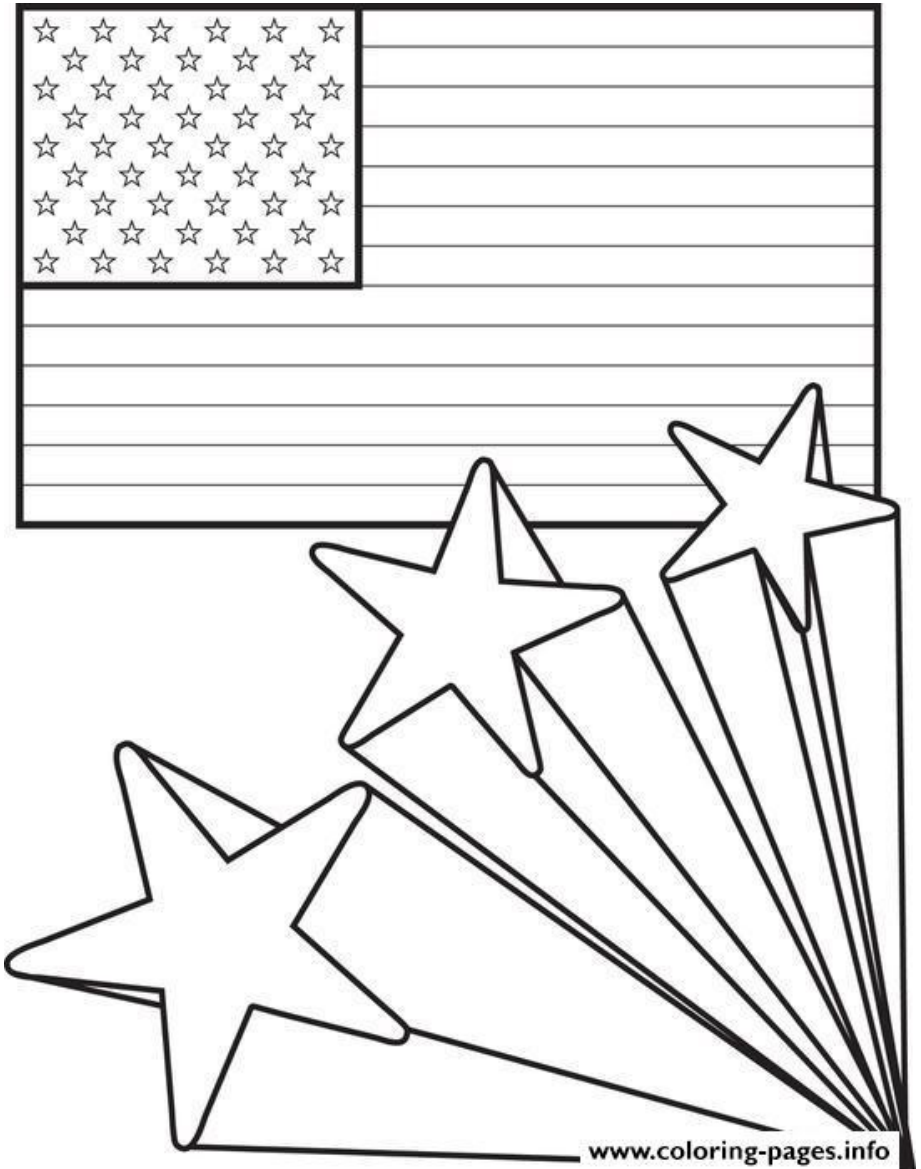
How do you say good-bye to a friend?  
Take three letters away and that is the **end**.

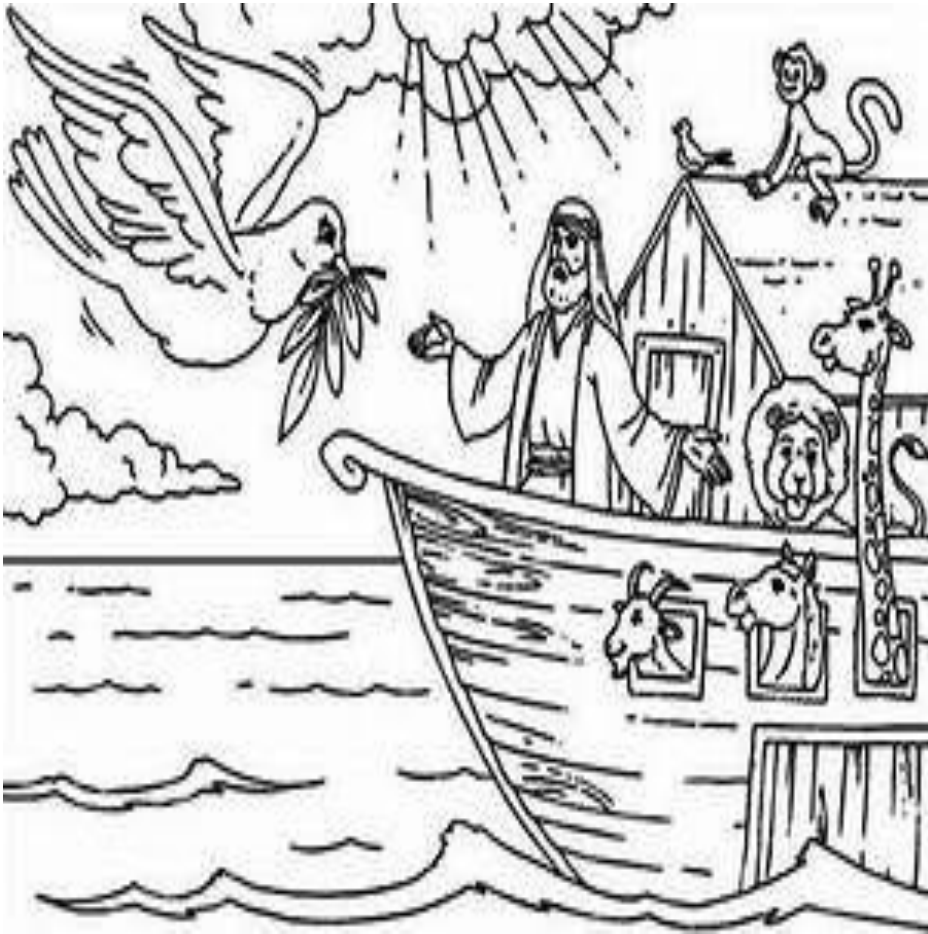
How did the ocean say good-bye?  
It waved.

Can you name the capital of every state in the union in less than fifteen seconds?  
Yes. Washington, D.C.

Runs all day, but never runs away.  
Clock

Very nice, very neat.  
Has teeth, but cannot eat.  
Comb





“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new  
every morning; great is his faithfulness.”

-Lamentations 3:22-23

## Noah's Challenge

Name a pair of animals Noah may have  
welcomed on his ark?

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Some people argue that there's no way Noah's Ark could have held two of every kind of animal, but the numbers suggest otherwise. According to ark measurements, the big boat had about as much space as 250 railroad stock cars, which some folks have calculated can hold between 20,000 and 40,000 animals roughly the size of sheep.

