

ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH

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September Sponsors:

Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor: In Loving Memory of Robin Windish
by Marlene and Chris Evangelista.

Website Sponsor: Keith and Michele Quier in honor of Michele's
birthday.

The deadline for submissions
for the October 2022 newsletter is September 19, 2022.

Please send information by email to

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Newsletter**

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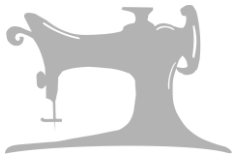
Beginning on Sunday, September 8, we will return to two Sunday services with the Lutheran worship at 8:30 a.m. and the United Church of Christ service at 11:05 a.m. Holy Communion is held the first and third Sunday of each month, September 4 and 18.

Union Events and Activities

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!



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are invited to attend.



Our Ziegels Sewing Mission is open to all those who are interested in helping and meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Room. We make pillowcases for local children's hospitals, dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World," and chemo port cushions. The next meeting is on September 21st. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500.

On Sunday, September 11 we will celebrate the Synod's "God's Work, Our Hands." Volunteers will be packing military boxes for those who serve outside of the country. Donations are needed by Sept. 4: Snack bars, cheese crackers, candy (no chocolate), gum, nuts, trail mix, Ramen noodles, flavoring packets for water, beef jerky, instant Mac and Cheese, peanut butter, toothbrushes and paste, lip balm, lotions, word puzzle books, stationary and envelopes, etc.

Harvest Moon Festival will be held on Saturday September 10 from 4-8 PM. Featuring Music by Codi and Stan from 5-7PM The event will include food, games, raffles, crafts, a cake walk and is supporting Lowhill Food Pantry. If you bring a donation of fresh produce or canned goods to the event, you will receive a free raffle ticket for the basket raffle. The more donations, the more tickets you will receive. All donations of produce and canned goods go to the Lowhill Food Pantry.

Here are some ways to help:

- Donations of baked goods are garden items (watermelon, vegetable basket, etc.) for the Cake Walk

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-harvest>

- Donations of gift cards and/or baskets for the basket raffle <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-harvest1>
- Donations of cut succulents and moss. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-harvest2>

If you have any questions, please contact Shana Hanna or Carley Schopf or email us at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Harvest Home will be held at both worship services on Sunday, September 11. This year's theme is Plentiful



Harvest. Donations of vegetables and fruits are needed to make the worship service display beautiful. Please remember that your contributions can come from the garden, a farmer's market, or grocery store. So, even if you don't have a garden, you can still help by purchasing a few items at a local roadside stand or the supermarket. Please bring all produce to the church foyer prior to 12:30 p.m. or when you come to the Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, September 10th. Help for setting up the display would be appreciated. Contact Diane Hemerly at 610-285-6297 or Pat Elliot at 610-395-8034.

A Mission Team Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, September 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eat in or Take Out. 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. Payment can be made before or at pickup. Please e-mail Lori at loribrawn1962@verizon.net or drop off orders at the church by September 11 to place your reservation. **You must preorder!** All proceeds will be used for work in disaster relief recovery.

Worship and Music: Calling all Singers for Fellowship and Music Making

Senior Choir will be meeting on September 15 and September 22 at 7:15 PM for a restart "debut" in worship on October 2, World Wide Communion. Please respond to Jill by August 21

jillbb22@gmail.com

Fellowship – Save the date

- A Veteran's Day "Thanks" giving meal on November 13th.
- Christmas Decorating/Cookie Exchange on November 25th
- Snowflake Fest/Candy Cane Hunt TBD

Sunday Fellowship Hour – Needs Volunteers!

Fellowship Hour starts up again on Sunday, September 8th. Volunteers 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.

Technology Committee

Officially starting September 1, the church office will be using the following email accounts for church and congregation business. Please make a note of these changes when communicating with the church office via email.

Union Church: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

UCC Congregation: ziegelsucc@gmail.com

Lutheran Congregation: lutheranziegels@gmail.com

Union Church committees have also started to use a church email account rather than personal emails. When contacting a committee, please use the following email accounts:

Fellowship Committee: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Christian Education

Sunday School

The new Sunday School year will begin on September 11! Classes are held each Sunday from September through May

Sunday School will begin each week with a large group opening! Children are asked to meet in the Sanctuary from 10 to 10:15 and will be dismissed to their classes from there! We will start with a group opening, some songs, and our video introducing the week's lesson! Classroom sessions will end at 10:55 am.

Children in Pre-K through Grade 2 will meet downstairs in the Kings Room. Children in Grades 3 through 6 will meet upstairs in the Galatians Room.

The Installation of Sunday School Officers, Teachers, and Helpers will be held at both services on September 25. All officers, teachers, and helpers are asked to attend one of the Worship services. Please support these volunteers as they commit to teaching and guiding our youth through this Sunday School Year.

Christian Education Officer Elections

Elections for Sunday School Officers will be held after the 8:30 a.m. worship service on September 18. Nominations for officers should be placed in Kristin Folck's mailbox and are due by September 11. Nominated parties will be notified, given their nominated job description, and asked to attend the meeting, should they accept the nomination.

Teachers and Helpers Wanted!

Have you ever thought about teaching Sunday School? Have a desire to just help out when needed? Can't commit to every Sunday but still have an interest in teaching? Then we want you! A full schedule for the Sunday School year will be posted on our Facebook Page with a link to sign-up to teach. Background checks are required to teach and are submitted to the PA State by the Christian Education Office. Contact Kristin for further information

Confirmation Class Happenings

Our Confirmation Class will begin again on Sunday, September 11. The 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 September 11, 18, and 25.

Trunk or Treat

On Saturday, October 2, we will hold our annual Trunk or Treat. All youth are invited to participate. Come dressed in your Halloween costume! Invite your friends and bring your family for a fun night of trick or treating throughout the parking lot of Ziegels Church. Activities still in planning stages, watch for updates! Please contact Kristin Folck if you have any further questions or if you would like to help with this event.

Prayer Chain Warriors

Prayer Chain Warriors pray for congregational and community members who request support through prayer. The prayer chain works in three different ways:

- By Phone: The first prayer warrior will get a phone call with a need, and then call the next prayer warrior, and so on down the phone chain line.
- By email: An email with the prayer request will be sent to each prayer warrior.
- By text: A text with the prayer request will be sent to each prayer warrior.

To become a prayer chain warrior, reach out to Kelly Lucarelli via email at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or phone/text cell number at 484-375-8978. Provide name and preference of prayer chain communication: phone, email, or text.

To Notify Pastors of emergency hospitalizations or pastoral care requests. If you or family members are in need of pastoral care or have been hospitalized, contact the Pastors directly. A Pastoral Care Form has been created to contact the Pastors directly. Go to the link/doc page of the Ziegels Church website, www.ziegelschurch.org. To maintain confidentiality and privacy between you and the pastors, you can also leave a voice message on their voice mailboxes at 610-285-6157, call them using cell phone numbers located on the back of the newsletter, or email them directly, Pastor Andy at awm010559@gmail.com or Pastor Larry at exdirector@pachurches.org

To request to be on the prayer list, please email Kelly Lucarelli via email at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or phone/text cell number at 484-375-8978.

Message from Lori:

I trust you all enjoyed your summer and that you were able to enjoy at least a few days away with your family and friends. Summer is the perfect time to take a break from the craziness in our lives ...and also to enjoy God's amazing creation.

September is almost here, once again, and I can't be the only one who thinks the winters seem so long and the summers fly by so quickly! And the signs of change are all around us. The hummingbirds seem to be feeding more often in preparation for their long journey south, and the tiny bunnies hopping around a few weeks ago are now much larger. We've all noticed the sun is setting much earlier these days, and the morning air is chillier than it had been.

God loves us so much; He has given us this wonderful world to love in. He cares for us, provides for us, and leads us. God reveals Himself to us every day, even when we are not looking, even when we are looking and are still blind in Him. The mystery is what God does for us, how He does it for us and why He continues to do it.

"Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete. But then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely, Three things last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these in love." (1 Corinthians, NLT)

Let God help you find your peace and comfort by beginning, or continuing, to be a part of our wonderful ministries.

Blessings and Peace,
Lori

Community Organizations

Lowhill Food Pantry

The statistics for the month of June ... the Pantry served (91 adults, 58 children, and 16 seniors) for a total of 165 individuals. 20 were served on Saturday, 13 on Wednesday, and 13 on Thursday, and with serving 1 family who had an emergency. 55 children were served during June for the Weekend Food Program for students/children. Our Church members provided 221 pound this month.

The statistics for the month of July ... the Pantry served (90 adults, 65 children, and 28 seniors) for a total of 183 individuals. 21 were served on Saturday, 10 on Wednesday, and 19 on Thursday. 55 children were severed during July for the Weekend Food Program for students/children. Our Church members provided 263 pounds this month, along with a host of school supplies which is always welcomed by our students and their parents.

The current needs are pancake syrup, chicken noodle soup, cereal, jello and pudding. The Blessings Room continues to have a need for socks and kitchen items (spatula's, t-towels, dish cloths, and long handle spoons).

Dates the Pantry is open for the month of September are Saturday September 3rd, Wednesday September 14th, and Thursday September 15th.

Thank you for all your support for this program which is much needed for the residents of our community.

Boy Scout Cub Pack 61 begins den meetings on September 6 at 6:30 PM Contact Rick Sherer at 484-357-5340 for more information



Welcome to our new Sextons, Karley Rex and Jacob Murray!!!

Ziegels Church has been Karly's home church since she was baptized in 2002 and confirmed in 2018. She and her family have participated in church functions throughout her life. Karly loves coming to Ziegels Church and it was a second home to her. Now it is a second home for Karly and her boyfriend Jacob.

Along with being the Sexton at Ziegels Church, Karly is a licensed cosmetologist and works at a salon in Allentown. In her free time, Karly enjoys creating jewelry and many other crafts.

Jacob is an operating engineer for Local 542 and he does concrete work on the side. In Jacob's free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and going to the gym. Jacob helps out with the Sexton responsibilities, assisting with mostly the outdoors duties.

Together Karly and Jacob have two cats, Willow and Marlow. They enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

Karly and Jacob are very thankful and happy to have this opportunity to take care of the church.