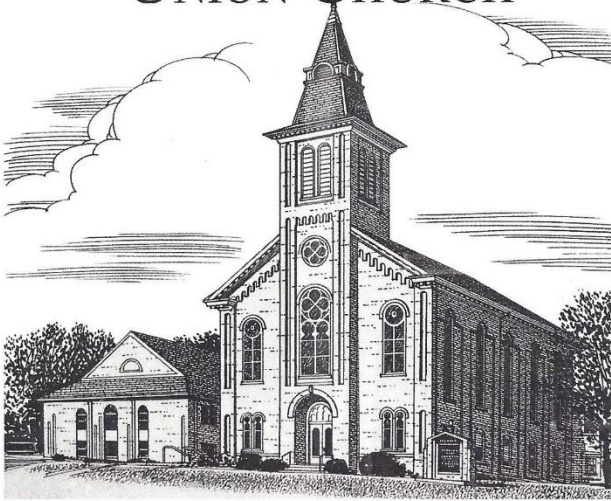


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



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Union Events and Activities

Tribute of Thanks to Lori Brawn for her services to the church will be held on November 20 from 10-11am.

Come share friendship and memories with Lori as we thank her for the services she gave to the church. Social services committee will be providing refreshments.

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 third 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 October 19th. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500.

Worship and Music

Senior Choir is practicing on Thursdays at 7:15 PM. If you would like to join the choir. Handbells practice at 6:00 PM on Thursdays. Contact Jill at jillbb22@gmail.com if you wish to join.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting every third Sunday during the Fellowship Hour beginning at 10 am. The Veterans Day luncheon is quickly approaching on November 13th. The fellowship committee is in need of donations to help with the meal. There is a link on Sign Up Genius for donations or see Carley or Shanna. In Addition, we will need helpers to help make the Potato filling on November 12th from 9 am to noon in the church kitchen. Any donation of time would be appreciated. We will need volunteers the day of event to help set up before the meal (10 am) and clean up after the meal (approximately 2 pm). Lastly, quarts of potato filling can be purchased in advance. Quarts will be selling for \$6 each and order forms will be available beginning Sunday, October 23rd or email your orders to ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com. Also, the Snowflake Festival will be December 3rd. Please join and help with the events.

Veterans Day “Thanks”- giving is coming up on November 13th at noon. Please be sure invite all our Veteran members as well as members who we haven't seen in a while. The meal will be turkey and potato filling provided by the church. Members are asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. The Fellowship Committee will need donations of turkeys, potatoes, onions, celery, and butter. We will be preparing the Potato filling/stuffing on Saturday November 12th at 9 am. Please contact Shana, Carley or email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com for more information.

Orders for potato filling will be taken until November 6.

One quart costs \$6. Pick up orders on November 13 from 8:00 AM-2PM. Place your order at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com with name, phone number, and number of containers. Submit payment to Carley or Shana before or at time of pick up.

Sunday Fellowship Hour – Needs Volunteers!

Fellowship Hour is offered every Sunday between worship services. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and for baking the treats. In order for Fellowship Hour to continue, volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and baking (or buying) 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.

Christian Education

Sunday School Classes and Confirmation classes are held each Sunday from September through May. Children are asked to gather first in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM and then be led to classrooms. Classes will end at 10:55 AM. Children in Pre-K through Grade 2 will meet downstairs in the Proverbs Room. Children in Grades 3 through 6 will meet upstairs in the Hebrews Room.

November 6 Pajama Sunday Wear your pajamas and bring a new pair for the Lowhill Food Pantry Blessings Room. A Jingle Offering will also be taken during the 8:30 and 11:05 service. Donation Buckets will be located in the windowsills and all proceeds will go toward the purchase of more pajamas!

Christmas Tea Party fundraiser to support Christian Education and Lowhill Food Pantry. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Tradition tea and goodies will be served. Entertainment, games, and raffles will be part of the fun. Contact Kristin Folck, Kelly Lucarelli, or Shana Hanna for tickets.

Upcoming Events

November 6
November 20

Little Ceasars Pizza Kit Fundraiser begins
No Sunday School

November 25	Christmas decorating and cookie exchange for shut ins.
November 26	Youth Group Campfire
December 3	Snowflake Fest
December 11	Christmas Tea Party 12-5 PM
December 18	Christmas program 10:00 AM

Mission Team

November 6 Pick up ordered crab cakes from 9:30-12:00

Technology Committee

Please continue to use the following email addresses when communicating with the church:

Union Church: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

UCC Congregation: ziegelsucc@gmail.com

Lutheran Congregation: lutheranziegels@gmail.com

Fellowship Committee: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Seeking a member or a member who has a friend or relative with web development skills. Both congregations approved an upgrade to the WordPress software because of recent security hack issues on the church webpage. EnterNet will be upgrading the WordPress software. Seeking someone with web development skills to volunteer and give time to "spruce" up our webpage.

Seeking a member with social media skills to keep the church Facebook page updated. This person would be responsible to keep the page content accurate and updated with current activities of the church by consulting with the church office staff and pastors.

Seeking a member with graphic media or PowerPoint skills to create virtual Sunday bulletins using Constant Contact and Canva software. Person would be responsible to add the virtual Sunday service YouTube link for distribution by Monday.

All of these volunteer activities can be done remotely. Please call Winona Schappell at 610-295-3223 or email at wnschappell@gmail.com if interested or know of someone who could help.

Prayer Chain Warriors

Prayer Chain Warriors pray for congregational and community members who request support through prayer.

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.

Social Services



**Time to Order your Poinsettia plants.
Orders for the Christmas Eve services
must be received by November 27.**

The Cost per 6" plant is \$7.25. (red, white or pink). Please contact Gloria Hausman (Lutheran) at 610-285-6741 or Laura Loch (UCC) at 610-285-6212, or pick up an order form on the windowsills outside the Sanctuary

Message from Lori

(Written in November 2016)

At times is it difficult to accept the path we are following. We are not always content with what our journey is offering to us. How can we to be thankful even if we are facing challenges we can't seem to overcome or problems that continue to overwhelm us? Thankfulness is a choice. Thankfulness is a decision that we alone can make. Others cannot make us grateful, they cannot change our circumstances. At times, even when our lives are moving in the direction we hope and pray for, we forget to be thankful.

Grateful and thankful hearts, and minds, can change our perception of all events and circumstances in our lives. If we focus and concentrate on our blessings, even the smallest, we can see and feel a shift in our thinking. In the morning, thank God for your blessings, no matter how tiny you believe they might be. Through the day be open to the way that God is leading you and give Him thanks; and to those around you who support you and hold you up, give them your gratefulness as well as a smile. In the evening, be thankful for your day and your experiences, even if they are trials. Through the trials and temptations we are able to grow in our faith and recognize how some of these

events help us to grow into a deeper relationship by trusting that God is present.

We know that the Apostle Paul risked his life to preach the Gospel, and established churches nearly everywhere he traveled. He healed people, cast out demons, and was arrested, and he was sometimes lonely. In a letter to the Church in Corinth he wrote, *"So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 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.*

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." (Romans 12:7-10, NLT)

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Paul also wrote to the Christians in Rome, *"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."* (Romans 5:1-5, NLT)

Ziegels Union Church and Community Organizations

Lowhill Food Pantry

The statistics for the month of September ... the Pantry served (81 adults, 83 children, 28 seniors) for a total of 192 individuals. 21 were served on Saturday, 9 on Wednesday, and 21 on Thursday, and one new family was added. 63 children were served during September for the Weekend Food Program for students/children. Our Church provided 513 pounds of food for the month, with 491 pounds of that coming from our Harvest Home program.

The current needs are pancake mix and syrup, cake mix or brownie mix, cereal, and ketchup. For our new members, two boxes to drop off your food items are located right inside the doors, near the office, and to our rear entrance/parking lot.

The Pantry is open for the month of November on Saturday November 5th, Wednesday November 16th, and Thursday November 17th.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wreaths Across America

Sponsor a wreath for veterans buried in Ziegels Union Church Cemetery. Wreaths cost \$15. **Deadline for orders is November 15.** Place order with Laura Loch either by email, lloch3@ptd.net or phone at 610-285-6212. Make checks out to Ziegels Union Church and in memo write "Wreaths Across America".

The placing of the wreaths will take place on Saturday, December 17 at 12 noon A ceremony will be held prior to the laying of the wreaths. This is our way of honoring the Veterans that served our country for the freedoms we have today.

Mission Collections for Homeless

Our church family is collecting items to be given to the unsheltered (homeless) communities in the Lehigh Valley through Valley Health Partners, and the Street Medicine program.

Items needed are: 2 person tents (dark colors), cold weather sleeping bags (dark colors), 8 x 10 green or brown waterproof tarps, hand and body warmers, large biodegradable wet wipes, batteries (any brand: AA, AAA, and D), \$5 WaWa gift cards (\$5 increments only), and new socks.

Please bring items to the church or my home no later than Tuesday, November 15.

If you wish to donate money towards any of these items, send it to: Sandy Rothermel, 2656 Terrwood Drive West, Macungie, PA 18062

Any questions call or email Sandy Rothermel.

sandyravon@aol.com or 610-966-0712

Lowhill Blessing Shop Christmas Stockings

Continuing in our tradition of providing assistance to the Lowhill Food Pantry Children, Lonnie Damiano will organize a Christmas Stocking Drive. If anyone is interested in filling a stocking or making a contribution to the program, please contact Lonnie @ 610-393-2106 or lsdamiano@yahoo.com. All donations and stockings need to be returned to Lonnie or the church office by Friday December 2, 2022

Contact Information

Church Office Hours: 9:00AM-12:00PM; 12:30-4:00PM

E-mail address: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

Phone: 610-285-6157

Website: www.ziegelschurch.org

Rev Andy Meckstroth, Lutheran Pastor	484-523-3039
Rev. Larry Pickens, Designated UCC Pastor	847-687-5897
Marlene Frantz, UCC Admin. Assistant	610-285-6631
Karly Rex, Sexton	484-513-0988
Jill Bruckart, Director of Music Ministries	484-456-6701
Kristin Folck, Christian Education Director	484-860-2549
Rob Ziegler, 2022 Union Church President	484-333-0601
Keith Harwick, 2022 Lutheran Council Pres.	610-756-4308
Kim Anderson, 2022 UCC Consistory Pres.	484-951-2198

November Sponsors:

Lowhill Food Pantry: Dave and Rita Grillo in Honor of their Anniversary

Website Sponsor: Mark and Nancy Clemens

The **deadline** for submissions

for the December 2022 newsletter is **November 18, 2022.**

Please send information by email to ziegelschurch@gmail.com
or drop off at the office

December Events Save the Dates

December 3 Snowflake Fest rsvp to Shana or Carley at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

December 11 Tea Party 12-5pm

December 17 Wreaths Across America 12 pm

December 23 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm (communion)

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm and 8:00pm
(communion both services)