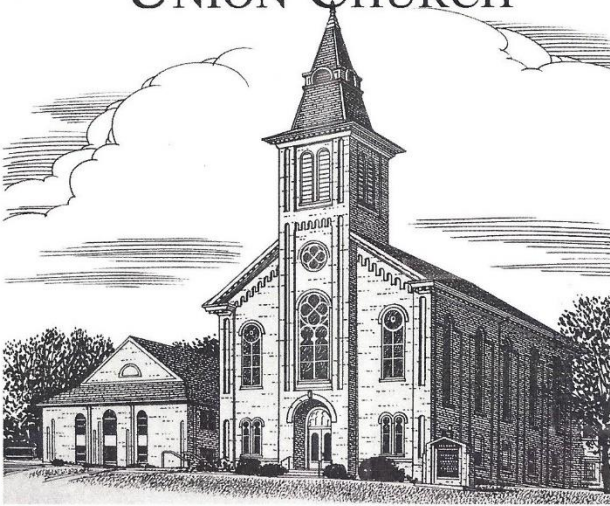


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031*

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Newsletter***

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Sponsored by: Jeff and Deanna Quay

(In honor of Deana's birthday)

Union Events and Activities

The Men's Bible Study Breakfast Group meets every Friday at 7:00AM at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast and study the weekly scriptures.

Seeking First Responders

Pastor Larry and Pastor Andy are searching for First Responders that are members, to come forward to be honored on the September 8th, 2023.

Wreaths Across America presentation for our church will be on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Room of the church. Please contact Laura Loch at 610-914-9811 or the church office if you wish to sponsor a wreath for our Veterans buried in our cemetery. They cost per wreath is \$15.00. You may specify a person you wish to honor. There will be forms to fill out for sponsor information on the windowsills at the church or in the church office.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee has modified their schedule for the summer. In-person meetings will resume Sunday, September 17th. Contact Carly or Shanna if interested in helping to plan or to become a resource person to help with special events. For more information contact them at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.

Sunday Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour will restart Sunday, September 10th. There is a signup sheet available in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to continue this mission in 2023. Please contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or luvplumeria@yahoo.com to volunteer or for more information.

The Harvest Moon Festival will be coming up on Saturday, September 16th from 4 to 7 pm. There will be live music, yard games, raffles, crafts, and more. Food will be provided by Cub Scout Pack 61. We will be having a cake walk, so donations of cakes or other baked goods would be appreciated. In addition, we could always use extra baskets, gift cards, or other items for the basket raffle.

Please speak to the fellowship committee or email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com with any questions.

Want to help fill the food bank with potatoes?

Come on out and help pick potatoes on September 10th from 1 to 5 pm at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 265 Maiden Creek Rd in Fleetwood. All ages are welcome. This is part of the iHartHarvest project. More can be read about the organization at ihartharvest.org/home. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours. Please contact ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.

Hand Quilting

The group has selected our quilt design and fabrics. We hope to load the finished quilt top onto the frame in July to start hand quilting! If anyone is interested in this group, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

Christian Education

Celebrate the start of Sunday School with a Breakfast Sandwich Party! Meet us at 10 a.m. at the Fellowship Room for breakfast sandwiches and French toast sticks. A sign up for item donations for the breakfast will be available on the Christian Education Facebook page!

Sunday School starts September 10 at Rally Day Breakfast.

Families are invited to attend breakfast, meet teachers, and create cards for Shut-Ins.

On Sunday, September 17, we will have our first lesson. Children in ages 0-3 are asked to meet in the Nursery downstairs, Pre-K through 2nd will meet downstairs in the Proverbs Room, and 3rd through 6th grade will meet upstairs in the Hebrews Room.

Have you ever thought about teaching Sunday School? Do you have a desire to just help 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 outside of the CE office and a calendar will be available for signing up.

Background checks are required to teach and are run by Kristin in the CE Office, or if you have a background check from volunteering with children elsewhere, a copy will need to be kept on file. Contact any member of the CE Team with questions!

An Adult Sunday School Class will begin on September 17. This class will be led by Pastor Larry and held in the Acts Room. More details will be announced shortly! You will be reviewing and having discussions about the book, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by James McBride. To RSVP, please email ziegelsce@gmail.com or call the church office by Wednesday, September 5, 2023. The books are available to purchase on Amazon or eBay. Any questions or concerns please contact ziegelsce@gmail.com.

Confirmation

Confirmation begins on September 10. Students are asked to meet in the Romans Room. Students will be trained for acolyte and crucifer duties and then will join the Rally Day breakfast.

The CE Team is currently looking for adults who would be willing to mentor our confirmation students in group and one on one settings. Please contact Kristin if you are interested. A brief description of requirements: Meet with the students to discuss the different topics they are studying. Spend time participating in events together. Be an adult that they can look to in our congregations.

The Confirmation class will hold its first retreat on Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ziegels. The topic is Creation.

Trunk or Treat

On Saturday, October 28, 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 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Please contact Kristin Folck if you have any further questions or if you would like to help with this event.

Pajama/Movie Sunday

Get comfy with us on November 19! 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. The buckets will be located on the windowsills!

Keep it comfy with a Movie after the 11:05 service! Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided. This is an ALL-AGES event! Contact Kristin Folck to sign-up!

Winter Tea Party

A Gingerbread Tea Party will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 2 p.m. Reserve your tickets by November 26. Contact Kristin Folck or Kelly Lucarelli to purchase tickets. Proceeds to benefit Ziegels Christian Education, tickets are Adults \$25 Children under 12, \$15. Please make checks payable to Ziegels Union Sunday School

Missions

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are invited to attend. Members are willing to teach if you want to learn a new skill! Contact Gloria Hausman at 610-285-6741 or Karin Lilley at 610-285-2083 for more information.

Ziegels Sewing Mission team is back into action. Note the change in day and time. In 2023, the team is meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM. We sew pillowcases for local children's hospitals, dresses for "Dress A Girl Around the World, and chemo port cushions. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or email at seashell246@gmail.com.

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. Please 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 need 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: awm010559@gmail.com.

Pastor Larry: 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.

Monthly 2023 Prayer Lists can be found on the windowsills. Help to keep this list current by reviewing it and updating the office staff, Pastors, and/or Kelly Lucarelli, with their status and progress. Names will be removed after appearing for 4 weeks or more unless otherwise advised. To add someone to our list of concerns, contact Kelly Lucarelli at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or phone/text cell number at 484-375-8978, or call the office.

Technology Committee

Please continue to use the following email addresses when contacting the Lutheran Congregation, the UCC congregation, Christian Education, or the Union Church Committee

- Lutheran Congregation: lutheranziegels@gmail.com
- UCC Congregation: ziegelsucc@gmail.com
- Christian Education: ziegelsce@gmail.com
- Fellowship Committee: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com
- Union Church Committee: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

Michael Longenderfer and Bob Lilley will co-chair the committee.

Check out the updated **Ziegels Church webpage**, www.ziegelschurch.org. Thanks to Gloria Shankweiler, whose gift helped to update the website.

Historical Committee

The Union Committee approved the renewal of the Historical Committee to sort, assess, organize, and store artifacts that were found during recent office reorganization. Mary Redline is leading the group.

Meeting times will be set by mutually agreeable times of those who are volunteering. If you have a passion for history, desire to volunteer, or have questions, please contact Mary Redline by phone at 610-395-8241 (home and leave message) or email Mary at discerepa@aol.com.

Worship and Music

Choir will resume Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:15pm.

Handbell Choir will resume Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00pm.

If you would like to join either choir, contact Jill at jillbb22@gmail.com or 484-456-6701 if you wish to join. Parents, do you have children interested in singing or playing chimes in 2023? We would love to see an active youth choir! Come out for fun, fellowship, and learning new musical skills. Contact Jill if you are interested: jillbb22@gmail.com.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE US TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED

Would you like to honor our congregational members who are deployed and U.S. military personnel who serve around the world? **On Sunday, October 15, 2023, Ziegels Union Church will celebrate National Day of the Deployed by packing military “goodie” boxes for the US Servicemen and Servicewoman who serve outside of our country.** If you are interested in assisting with this worthy activity, there are several ways you may help.

From Sept. 3, 2023, to Oct. 8, 2023, a collection box will be outside the church office for “goodie” donations that you would like to donate so we can fill our boxes. The “goodie” donation wish list includes snack bars, cheese crackers, candy (no chocolate), plastic jars of peanut butter, instant mac and cheese, individual snack bags, licorice, nuts, trail mix, Ramen noodles, flavoring packets for water, beef jerky, toothbrushes and paste, lip balm, lotions, word puzzles, stationery, playing cards, “cardboard” air fresheners, envelopes, etc.

If you would like to help pack the boxes, please come to the Fellowship room after the U.C.C. service (approx. 9:30am) on **Oct. 15, 2023**.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for us to either purchase items on the “goodie” wish list or to help cover shipping costs, please see, or contact **Bonnie Millward (610-533-8404)** by **Oct. 1, 2023**.

After the boxes are packed, they will be taken to Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville, PA. This organization will send them to the deployed military personnel. **If you have a family member who is currently serving outside the U.S., please contact Bonnie Millward, so we can be sure they receive a “goodie” box from Ziegels Union Church!!!**

Thank you, in advance, for your support!!! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Millward (610-533-8404).

Maintaining God’s House: **One Project at a Time**

Looking for members and friends with talents, skills, interest, and time to volunteer for work on church maintenance projects. Gather some friends and members to form a mini-in-house mission team to complete one of nine projects around the church property.

The Property Committee will supply the needed materials. Contact Scott Daniels, Property Chair, at danielsscott@icloud.com for more information or if you would like to volunteer for one of projects.

There is a sign-up sheet available in the church office as well.

The maintenance projects are listed below:

- Replace bearings and belt on ventilation fan in bell tower
- Prep and paint other side of steel entrance doors
- Prep and paint white wood entrance doors
- Prep and paint steel railings at entrance doors

- Prep and paint refreshment stand counters and closures
 - Prep and paint inside kitchen cabinets
 - Clean grease trap in kitchen
 - Raise time capsule and reseal
 - Church bell repair and maintenance
 - Replace plexiglass for sign at upper parking lot entrance
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Ziegels Union Church and Community Organizations

Submitted by: Winona Schappell, Union Committee President

August Union Committee Meeting

Summary of Union Missions (worship, education, service)

Worship

- Pastor Larry and Pastor Andy will organize a union worship service on October 8 to honor first responders.
- Beginning September 10, UCC Services held at 8:30 AM and Lutheran services at 11:05 PM
- Harvest Home Service September 17. Donations of fresh produce will be displayed and then dropped off at Lowhill food pantry at 2:30PM in preparation for Wednesday and Thursday distributions.

Education

- Christian Education holding a Rally Day on September 10 between services. A “Ziegels Fair” will be held in the Fellowship room with displays of union mission committee activities and congregation activities. Seeking members to share time and talents with union and congregation missions.

Service

Mission

- Mission team bank account moved to the union account.
- Approved a purchase of an AED to replace the 2002 model that is dysfunctional with a Zoll AED plus. This model was recommended by the Weisenberg Fire Company and Weisenberg/Cetronia ambulance corp. Received a contract invoice with the lowest bid received from One Beat. Bid was only effective until August 16.

- The committee approved funding from the mission account while searching for grant funding or potential church member(s) sponsorship since it was not a budgeted item for 2023.
- Congregational member suggested helping local Berks County residents with recent flooding. New online registration system required for volunteers. Committee approved registration with PA Ready to receive notification of local emergencies and registration with Crisis Cleanup, an organization that connects local groups with individuals in need during disaster relief and recovery. Seeking leadership for church members wishing to participate in relief and recovery projects.

Fellowship

- Noted a successfully attended Local Legend Tractor and Car Show and appreciation to the committee leadership.
- Harvest Moon Festival September 16.
- Thank you to the Fellowship committee leadership, helpers, and attendees.

Community Use of Facilities

- Approved use of parking lot by Girl Scout Troop on September 26 for their mum fundraiser
- Approved use of parking lot by Air Products Retirement Group for day and multi day bus trips. Organization will submit church facility use request form and insurance required documents before using the parking lot facilities.

Infrastructure to support Union missions

- 2024 Budget Committee congregation selected members: Rob Ziegler and Bob Lilly (UCC); Dave Grillo and Kelly Lucarelli (Lutheran)
- Recognized the UCC budget letter sent to Lutheran Council and to UCC Members. The Union Committee is supportive of both congregations' needs and will consider this information during the development of the 2024 budget.

- Development of the 2024 budget will focus on the infrastructure (building, grounds, technology, employed staff, and union mission committees' needs for 2024 projected events) needed to support the union missions of worship, education, and service.
- 2024 budget will be presented by the Budget Committee to the Union Committee on Sept. 5; Notification of the union committee approved budget will be sent to UCC and Lutheran members in October. A final congregation vote will occur in November at TBA congregational meetings.
- Next meeting scheduled September 5 at 7:30. Members and visitors are invited.

Respectfully submitted,
Winona Schappell, Union Committee President

Lowhill Food Pantry

September Food Pantry Sponsors: Men's Bible Study

JUNE STATISTICS

- 62 Family units served (104 adults, 64 children, 32 seniors) for a total of 200 individuals.
- Breakdowns of servings: 29 families on Saturday, 14 families on Wednesday, 17 families on Thursday.
- 1 family received emergency service.
- 2 New Family units were registered.
- 62 children served through the Weekend Children's Program.
- Ziegels donated 200 lbs. of food this month.

JULY STATISTICS

- 60 Family units served (98 adults, 68 children, 37 seniors) for a total of 201 individuals.
- Breakdowns of servings: 22 families on Saturday, 16 families on Wednesday, 21 families on Thursday.
- 5 New Family units were registered.
- 58 children served through the Weekend Children's Program.
- Ziegels donated 203 lbs. of food this month.

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS: cereal, ketchup, mac and cheese, and dry pastas.

BLESSINGS ROOM NEEDS: socks for all ages

SEPTEMBER SERVINGS: Saturday September 2nd, Wednesday September 20th, Thursday September 21st.

Lowhill Food Pantry Open House

Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry would like to thank the community for their generous support of their mission. The public is invited to view the facility on Sunday, September 17th, 2023, from 11:30am-2pm. The address is 4695 Lowhill Church Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

If you wish to volunteer at the Food Pantry to help to serve or stock, contact Marci at lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com. Dates and times of volunteer opportunities are available on the Lowhill Food Pantry website calendar: www.lowhillfoodpantry.com.

2023 Ziegels Church Leadership

2023 Lutheran Council

Keith Harwick, President
Ken Highley, VP
Bonnie Millward, Secretary
Kelly Lucarelli, Treasurer
Shelly Daniels
Dave Grillo
Michael Longenderfer
Deanna Quay
Winona Schappell

2023 UCC Consistory

Kim Anderson, President
Bryan Wynn, VP
Michelle Cardinale, Secretary
Joyce Weishaupt, Treasurer
Myrena Frantz
Arlene Inman
Rocky Redline
Laurie Rex
Roger Snyder
Barbara Ziegler
Rob Ziegler

2023 Union Committee

Winona Schappell, President
Laurie Rex, Vice President
Kim Anderson, Secretary
Kerry Merkel, Treasurer

Support the church leadership by sharing ideas, helping with events and missions, leading missions, and worshipping with your faith community.

September Calendar of Activities

Weekly Events

Mondays	AA 7:30 PM
Tuesdays	Cub Scout Pack 61 6:30 PM
Wednesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68 6:30 PM
Thursdays	Senior Choir 7:15 PM
Fridays	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 AM at Cracker Barrel

Missions

Sept 4	Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Sept 11	Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Sept 18	Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Sept 20	Prayer Shawl 9:00 AM
Sept 25	Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Sept 26	Sewing Mission 5:30 PM

Committee Meetings

Sept 5	Union Council 7:30 PM
Sept 11	Lutheran Council 7:30 PM
Sept 12	UCC Consistory 7:00 PM
Sept 13	CE Focus Group 9:30 AM/Office staff 1:00 PM
Sept 19	Property Committee 7:00 PM

Scouting Programs

Cadet Girl Scout Troop #68 plans to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. Please contact Beth Furman at 484-217-2197 for more details.

Cub Scout Troop #61 plans to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Rick Sherer for more information at 484-357-5430.

Contact Information

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

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
Karly Rex, Sexton	484-513-0988
Jill Bruckart, Director of Music Ministries	484-456-6701
Kristin Folck, Christian Education Director	484-860-2549
Winona Schappell, 2023 Union Church President	610-295-3223
Keith Harwick, 2023 Lutheran Council Pres.	610-756-4308
Kim Anderson, 2023 UCC Consistory Pres.	484-951-2198
Nicole Wischner, Lutheran Secretary	610-285-6157
Laura Loch, UCC Secretary	610-285-2887

As of Sept 10th, two worship services will resume:

UCC worship service will be at 8:30am & Lutheran worship service will be at 11:05am.

Reminder: The deadline for submissions for the October newsletter is Friday, September 15, 2023. Please contact the office with submissions.

Labor Day Office Hours: The office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in honor of Labor Day. It will resume normal business on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

August 2023 Prayer List

*Please remember the following persons in your prayers.
A card or note of cheer would be greatly appreciated.*

Lutheran Members

Scott Esterly	Ryleigh Gibson	George Windish
Vita Haines	Lori Brawn	Robert Henninger
Gloria Herber	Kayla Marsteller	Dennis Rothermel
Sherri Lauer	Annabelle Koplín	Clarabelle Dengler
Marlene Evangelista	Charlie Hurry	Sandy Speer

UCC Members

Molly Hanna	Arlene George	Barry Brobst
Barry Breininger	Tim Kleinsmith	

Members and Friends in the Military

U.S. Army: Garth Ritter, Jessica Albright Thomas, Scott Esterly, Chris Owens, and Connor Smith

U.S. Air Force Academy: Josh Wynn U.S. Navy: Ben Beitler

Air Force Reserves: Dale Host...and all those serving.

Nursing home, Assisted living, & Shut-ins

Arlene Snyder	Al Savelli	Laila Loch
Grace Zimmerman	AJ Henry	Rose Bear
Nancy Kleinsmith	Betty Lotier	Kathleen Kennedy
Forrest Merkel	Eldred Snyder	

Help to keep this list current by reviewing it and updating the office staff, Pastors, and/or Kelly Lucarelli, with their status and progress.

We will remove names appearing for 4 weeks or more unless otherwise advised.