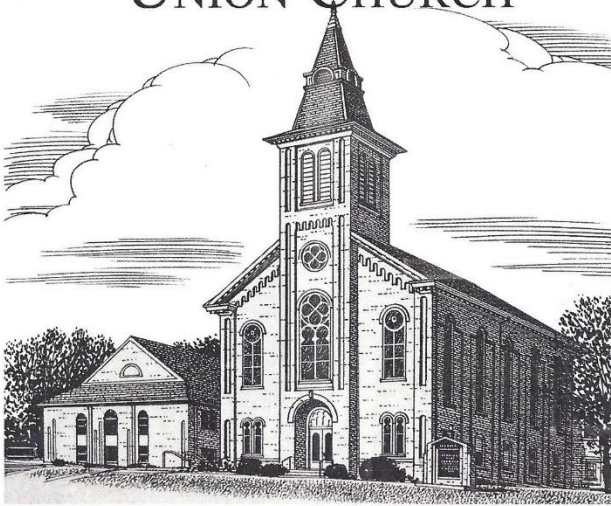


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031*

***November 2023
Newsletter***

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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.

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.

Ziegels Sewing Mission

The team is meeting on the 4th 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. For information, contact Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or email seashell246@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Committee

Contact Carley or Shana 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

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.

Hand Quilting

The group has selected our quilt design and fabrics. If anyone is interested in this group, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.



On Sunday, November 12th, the fellowship committee will be hosting a Thanks-giving meal after the 11:05 service. This meal will be to thank our Veterans as well as make sure the church family has a Thanksgiving meal.

The church will be providing the turkey, ham, and potato filling. We ask that members bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share. We are in need of donations of turkeys, potatoes, and more.

Come and help make the filling on 11/11 at 9 am in the church kitchen. There is a sign-up genius link if you'd like to help bring ingredients.

Potato filling will be for sale. One-quart containers are for sale for \$6 each. Orders are due by November 5th and orders can be picked up on November 12th. Please visit the sign up genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-44400865-thanksgiving#/> or email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.



November 14th, Vince's Cheesesteaks will be coming from 3 to 7 pm. In addition, there will be a baked good sale. All money earned will go towards the property committee. If you are interested in donating a baked good, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-45247364-bake#/> or email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.

Interested in helping decorate the church for Christmas? Join us 11/26 between services to put up and decorate the Christmas trees around the church. After the 11:05 service, join the fellowship committee to help decorate the sanctuary.

We will once again be hosting a cookie exchange for our shut-in members. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies to church on 12/3. They'll be boxed during Sunday School hour and available for delivery by 11am the same day. Look for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to help us deliver the cookies to our shut-in members.

December 9th will be the Snowflake Festival beginning at 11:30 am with a light lunch in the fellowship hall.

A concert will take place at 1 pm in the sanctuary (music by Dave Fry) and then join us back in the fellowship hall around 2 pm for a hot chocolate bar and cookies. There will be crafts for kids and adults throughout the entire event. This event is donations only and all donations will be going towards Valley Youth House.



Time to Order your Poinsettias

\$7.25 for 6" plant.

The deadline to order is Sunday, Nov 26.
The available colors are white, red, and pink.

Order forms are on the windowsills outside the sanctuary or please contact Michele Quier (Lutheran) at 484-661-6049 or Laura Loch (UCC) at 610-285-6212.

Christian Education **Upcoming EVENTS!**

Pajama / Movie Sunday

Get Comfy with us on November 19th following the 11:05 am service. We'll share a movie, lunch, snacks, and drinks. This event is open to ALL AGES! Wear your pajamas and bring a new pair for the Lowhill Food Pantry Blessings Room. MUST RSVP by Wednesday November 15, 2023. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Sunday school office or email us!

Winter Tea Party

A Gingerbread Tea Party will be held on Sunday December 3rd at 2pm. Reserve your tickets by November 26th. Proceeds to benefit Cay Galgon Life House and Ziegels Christian Education. Adult tickets are \$25.00; Tickets for children under 12 are \$15.00.

The Cay Galgon Life house prepares pregnant woman and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance.

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School will be presenting a Christmas program on December 17th during the Sunday School hour of 10-10:55 am. More details to follow!

Military Box Donations

A BIG thank you to our Ziegels Union Church members who so generously contributed to our Union Church's effort to support our U.S. deployed troops. Whether it was by donating "wish list" items, making monetary donations, or by using your "helping hands" to pack the boxes, your assistance was greatly appreciated!!! With your support and generosity, we were able to pack 25 USPS large flat rate mailing boxes and cover their entire shipping costs. The boxes were delivered to The Keystone Military Families organization in Shoemakersville, PA on Oct.18th. This hardworking and dedicated group will send them to deployed U.S. servicemen and servicewomen serving around the world. In addition to your magnificent, donated goodies, each box also contains a prayer and thank you note from our Ziegels Union Church congregation. Thank you, again, for demonstrating your support and Christian Love to our deployed military personnel. (Submitted by: Bonnie Millward)

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.

Please Notify our 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, call them using cell phone numbers located on 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.

Worship and Music

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 at jillbb22@gmail.com or 484-456-6701.

Christmas Card Shower for our military members and shut ins.

Below you will find names, military branch, and addresses for members of our military if you would like to send them a Christmas card.

Military Members

| NAME | MILITARY BRANCH | ADDRESS |
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| Garth Ritter | US Army | PSC 10 Box #327 APO AE 09142 |
| Jessica Albright Thomas | US Army | 2272 Kecks Road Fogelsville PA 18051 |
| Cadet Josh Wynn | US Air Force Academy | 8756 Grady Drive Breinigsville PA 18031 |
| Staff Sgt. Scott Esterly | | 10075 Seawolf Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80925 |
| Staff Sgt. Christopher Owens | | 623 Westphalia Dr. Glen Burnie, MD 21061 |

ShutIns

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|--------------------------|---|
| Gloria Herber | 152 Susquehanna Trail Allentown, PA 18104 |
| Clarabelle Dengler | Whitehall Manor 1134 6th Street Whitehall, PA 18052 |
| Mrs. Arlene George | 10115 Dietrich Road Breinigsville, Pa. 18031-1905 |
| Mrs A.J. Henry | 190 Snyder Drive Lehighton, Pa. 18235 |
| Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy | 83 Sieger Road Kutztown, Pa. 19530-8858 |
| Mrs. Nancy Kleinsmith | 2 Buehrle Center Room 2 Topton, Pa. 19562 |
| Mrs. Laila Loch | 2595 New Smithville Road Kutztown, Pa. 19530-8511 |
| Mr. Albert Savelli | 450 N Krocks Road, Apt. 338 Allentown, Pa. 18106 |
| Mrs. Arlene Snyder | 113 Buehrle Center Topton, Pa. 19562-1318 |
| Mrs. Grace Zimmerman | Lehigh Commons 1680 Spring Creek Road, Rm 214 Macungie, Pa. 18062 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Lotier | 2559 North George Street York, Pa. 17406 |
| Mr. Eldred Snyder | 5 Country Lane Fleetwood, Pa. 19522-9430 |



Lowhill Food Pantry
November Food Pantry Sponsors:
Dave & Rita Grillo, in honor of their anniversary

September statistics:

-64 families were served (102 adults, 64 children, 39 seniors) for a total of 205 individuals.

-Breakdown of servings: 24 families on Saturday 18 families on Wednesday, 20 families on Thursday.

-56 children served through the Weekend Children's Program.

-Ziegels donated 555 lbs. of food this month ... through their regular giving (44 lbs.) and thru Harvest Home items (511lbs.)

Current Food needs: Cereal, ketchup, Boxed Potatoes (instant masked, au gratin, scalloped), dry pasta, pancake mix & syrup, Peanut butter, Hamburger helper, and Shampoos.

Current Blessing Room needs: socks for all ages.

November servings: Saturday November 4th, Wednesday November 15th, and Thursday November 16th

If you wish to volunteer at the Food Pantry to help 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.

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 8, 2023.

We will also be supporting the **Lowhill Food Pantry Children** with gifts this year! Tags for the gifts can be found in the Fellowship room. Please sign your name in the sign-up book by the tag you have chosen. Kelly Lucarelli can be contacted for more information at 484-375-8978 or kellylucarelli@yahoo.com. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the Church Library by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

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
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.

November Calendar of Activities

Weekly Events

Mondays AA 7:30 PM
Tuesdays Cub Scout Pack 61 6:30 PM
Wednesdays (1st & 3rd) 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

Nov 6 Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Nov 13 Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Nov 15 Prayer Shawl 9:00 AM
Nov 20 Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Nov 27 Quilting Mission 9:00 AM
Nov 28 Sewing Mission 5:30 PM

Committee Meetings

Nov 7 Union Council 7:30 PM
Nov 8 UCC Consistory 7:00 PM
Nov 8 CE Focus Group 9:30 AM
Nov 13 Lutheran Council 7:30 PM
Nov 15 Office staff (via Zoom) 1:00 PM
Nov 21 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

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| 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 |

Reminder: The deadline for submissions for the December newsletter is Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Please contact the office with submissions.

Contact Information

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