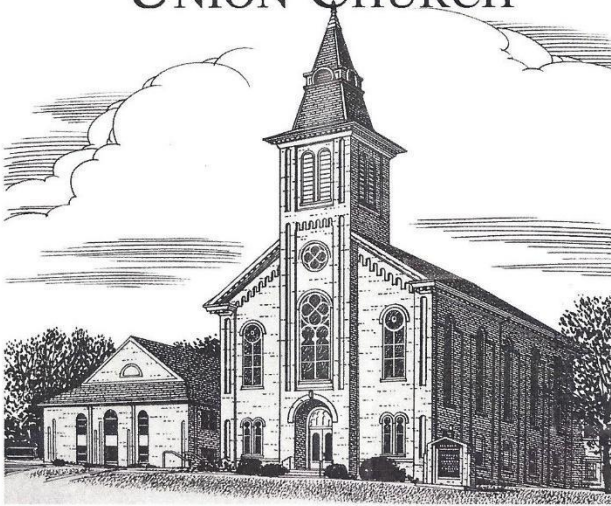


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

April 2024 **NEWSLETTER**

Volume 24, Issue 4

Please worship with us each Sunday!

UCC Worship: 8:30am Lutheran Worship: 11:05am

Sunday School: 10:00am

NEWSLETTER MAILING

To save postage costs, both congregations are asking members to notify the office if you would like to be taken off the newsletter mailing list. If you prefer not to receive a printed newsletter, it can be read electronically by going to our website www.ziegelschurch.org and clicking on the newsletter link. You can also provide an email address if you prefer electronic communications. Call Laura (UCC) or Nicole (Lutheran) at 610-285-6157 to be taken off the printed newsletter mailing list.



REMINDER!

The deadline for submissions for the May 2024 newsletter is Monday, April 15th, 2024. Please contact the office with submissions.

Announcement: On Sunday, May 5th – the UCC worship will be held in the Fellowship Room beginning at 8:30 am. This will be an abbreviated service (we will not have communion) to allow conversation and dialogue about the future of Ziegel's UCC. Please plan to join us - we need you, and we need your voice. A continental breakfast will be available. Some additional information regarding Consistory's work over the past few months with a pastoral coach will be shared prior to May 5th. Please contact the office at 610-285-6157 if you have any questions.

APRIL MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

Apr	2nd	Union Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Apr	8th	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30pm
Apr	16th	Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm
Apr	17th	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
Apr	23rd	Office staff (via Zoom) 1:10pm

Weekly Events

Monday	AA 7:30pm
Tuesday	Cub Scout Pack 61 6:30pm
Wednesday	Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68 6:30pm (2nd & 4th Wed)
Thursday	Handbells 6:00pm & Senior Choir 7:15pm
Friday	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00am at Cracker Barrel

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST meets every Friday at 7:00am at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville. All are welcome to enjoy breakfast and study the weekly scriptures. Please contact church office for the Men's Bible Study leader's contact information.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop #68 contact Beth Furman at 484-217-2197 for details.

Cub Scout Troop #61 contact Rick Sherer at 484-357-5430 for details.

SPONSORS NEEDED!

Please consider signing up to financially contribute in some small way. It's a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one and a means to financially support the missions of our congregations. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex, or you can contact individuals below:

Altar Flowers and Piano Vases-

- *Lutheran* - Contact Gloria Hausman at 610-285-6741
- *UCC* - Contact Laura Loch at 610-285-6157

Bulletins - \$20 per week

- *Lutheran* - Contact Sandy Rothermel at 610-966-0712 or Sandyravon@aol.com
- *UCC* - Contact Laura Loch at 610-285-6157

Monthly Newsletter - \$40 per month; contact church office

Website - \$30 per month; contact church office

Food Pantry Sponsor - \$70 per month or \$35 for ½ month

UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Youth Sunday:** April 21st
- **Vacation Bible School:** June 17th-21st
- **Confirmation:** November 3rd

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be held during the 11:05 am service, on April 21st. The service will be led by our confirmands and Sunday School students.

Early Communion Classes



The Sunday School will be offering Early Communion classes for students on May 5th and 12th. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour and will be led by Pastor Andy and Pastor Larry in the Hebrews Room. Students who complete the classes will receive their

First Communion on Sunday, May 19th. Please contact the Sunday School office for more information at ziegelsce@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School 2024 – "Start the Party"



It's Time to Celebrate...

So, paint some signs, decorate the walls, hang the lights, turn up the music, invite some friends, and throw open the doors. We don't think it's just ok to have fun; we think it should be a priority. Why? Because people who follow Jesus have a lot to celebrate. Jesus gives us some pretty good reasons to party. Friendship, belonging, forgiveness, abundant life, and purpose. That's why we believe the Gospel of Jesus is the good news. Since there seems to be a lot of bad news going around today, we have an incredible opportunity to remind this generation why Jesus is good news. We can create an environment where faith can be exciting, adventurous, fun, interesting, challenging, and engaging.

So...let's Start the Party.

VBS 2024 will be held the week of June 17th-21st from 9 am to 12 pm. Kids aged 3 (by June 1st) through 6th Grade are invited to our party! Adult and teen helpers are always welcome! Registration forms are available outside of the Sunday School Office or in the church office. Contact Kristin Folck at ziegelsce@gmail.com for more information.

Ziegels Handmade Market

Ziegels Christian Education is excited to announce our very first Handmade Market. Interested in showcasing your items?

On November 16th, from 10 am to 3 pm, our craft market will showcase vendors selling handmade needle crafts, sewn creations, jewelry & more! Each vendor will be donating a basket to our charity raffles. There will be food available and a bake sale, too! A special young crafter area will be available for our young people to showcase and sell their crafts! Contact the CE Team at ziegelsce@gmail.com.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Tara's Treats fundraiser! We raised \$260 for future events!

Contact our Director of CE, Kristin Folck or our SS Officers (Laurie Rex or Kelly Lucarelli) if you need more info at ziegelsce@gmail.com. You can also find us in the CE office on Sunday mornings!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

***Senior Choir** will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm.

***Handbell Choir** will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm.

***Youth Chimes** will be meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-10:00am.

Parents, do you have children interested in singing or playing chimes? 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 if you wish to join any of the choirs or would like more information.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee plans special events for the church and meets the third Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the Fellowship hall.

If you would like to help in any way, contact Carley or Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.



Annual Yard Sale: On May 25th, from 8 am to 1 pm, will be the annual yard sale. All money raised will support Wreaths Across America. If you would like to reserve a spot, please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com. If you are a member, spots are free. Non-members' cost is

\$10. If you are not interested in selling your items, but you have items that you'd like to donate to the church table, please place them in the church history room, clearly labeled "Yard Sale". We will be having the concession stand open during the yard sale. If you'd like to donate anything, please use the QR code which will direct you to the sign-up genius link. Thank you in advance!



Join us for brunch!!! On June 30th, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a potluck brunch in the grove following the outdoor union service at 9 am. We ask you to bring your favorite breakfast brunch item to share with the

congregation. After brunch, we will play bingo and yard games. Please consider donating small bingo prizes, and we encourage you to be creative. Some fun ideas could be plants, vegetables, small gift cards, baked goods, etc.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments after the 8:30am worship service every Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up, and supply refreshments to continue this mission in 2024. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship room or contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or luvplumeria@yahoo.com.

HAND QUILTING

This group meets every Monday from 9:00am-12:00pm. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

ZIEGELS SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. They 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00am in the Fellowship room where they crochet prayer shawls and knit baby blankets. Members are willing to teach if you want to learn a new skill! Contact Gloria Hausman at 610-285-6741 for information.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

If you are interested in our church history and would like to learn more or volunteer to help with this committee, please contact Mary Redline by phone at 610-395-8241 or discerepa@aol.com.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Are you interested in being a prayer warrior for Ziegels members and our community? Please reach out to the church office or contact Kelly at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or 484-375-8978.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

If you have any questions, please talk to Michael Longenderfer at mlong75@ptd.net or Winona Schappell at wnschappell@gmail.com.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Spring has sprung!



The property committee is looking for volunteers to help with spring cleanup outside of the church on Saturday, April 20th, starting at 9am. Please contact Scott Daniels at 215-536-1566 with any questions or interest.

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: FEBRUARY STATISTICS

April Sponsor:

Eleanor Reynard, in memory of Charles

- 68 family units served (101 adults, 79 children, 47 seniors) for a total of 227 individual clients served.
- Breakdown of serving: 27 families on Saturday, 12 families on Wednesday, 25 families on Thursday with no emergencies needed this month.
- 74 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels Union Church donated 88 pounds of food this month, along with many needed items for the Blessings Room. We thank you for all your support and giving to this program.

CURRENT FOOD NEEDS: dry pasta (i.e. macaroni, ziti, penne, bow ties) spaghetti sauce, jelly, cereal, Jello, and puddings.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR BLESSINGS ROOM:

Socks for all ages.

April 2024 servings:

Saturday, April 6th, Wednesday, April 17th, and Thursday, April 18th.

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. Our mailing address is: Lowhill Food Pantry, P.O. Box 115, New Tripoli, PA 18066.



What's Happening Around Our Community

Help support your local Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Dept! Offering 7 kinds of hoagies to choose

from: Italian w/hot peppers and onions, Italian with no onions, Italian with no peppers, Italian with no peppers or onions, ham & American cheese, turkey, roast beef, and tuna salad. Cost is \$7.00. Call Emma at 484-357-8827 to order. Pay at pick up on the 1st Thursday of each month from 2:30pm-6:00pm.

Weisenberg/Lowhill Township Historical Society 22nd Basket Social

Sunday, April 14th: 12pm-4pm

Wednesday, April 17th: 1pm-6pm

Friday, April 19th: 1pm-6pm

Saturday, April 20th: 9am-12pm

Ticket prices: \$7.00 for a sheet of 26 tickets. Additional sheets of tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets for "special baskets" are sold separately.

The Good Egg food truck will be on site on Sunday, April 14th from 12pm-4pm. **Wood Fired Pizza & More food truck** will be on site Friday, April 19th, from 12pm-6pm.

For questions or more information, please contact Debbi at 610-662-8646; Gloria at 610-216-1927; Nancy at 484-767-2307; Helen at 610-730-2312. As always, thank you for your support!

The Old Time Plow Boys Club Inc.

35th Annual Show

April 27th & 28th

August 10th & 11th

9am to 5pm

4585 Werleys Corner Road

New Tripoli, PA 18066

Come join us for many kids' activities, tractor games, food & drinks, equipment demonstrations, pedal tractor pulls, & more.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Registration is open for Bear Creek Camp's overnight program which is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs. Bear Creek Camp is located in Wilkes-Barre, PA. You can register at BearCreekCamp.org. Please see the website for session dates.

Mark Your Calendars!

Blessing of the Bikes: May 4th, 8am

Community Yard Sale: May 25th, 8am-1pm

Spring Brunch Picnic: June 30th

(Union worship at 9am, Brunch begins at 10am)

Ziegels Annual Tractor Show: July 13th, 3pm-7pm

Harvest Moon Festival: September 14th, 4pm -7pm

Ziegels Handmade Market: November 16th, 10am-3pm

2024 Ziegels Church Leadership

2024 Lutheran Council

Keith Harwick, President

Ken Highley, Vice President

Bonnie Millward, Secretary

Kelly Lucarelli, Treasurer

Dave Grillo

Michael Longenderfer

Deanna Quay

Winona Schappell

2024 UCC Consistory

Kim Anderson, President

Rob Ziegler, Vice President

Rocky Redline, Secretary

Joyce Weishaupt, Treasurer

Casi Gross, Asst. Treasurer

Barbara Ziegler

Laurie Rex

Bob Lilley

Arelene Inman

2024 Union Committee Members

Robert Ziegler, President

Micheal Longenderfer, Vice President

Kerry Merkel, Treasurer

OUR STAFF & LEADERS

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
Rob Ziegler, 2024 Union Church Pres.	484-333-0601
Keith Harwick, 2024 Lutheran Council Pres.	610-756-4308
Kim Anderson, 2024 UCC Consistory Pres.	484-951-2198
Nicole Wischner, Lutheran Secretary	610-285-6157
Laura Loch, UCC Secretary	610-285-6157

PASTORAL REQUESTS & EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATIONS

If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care or have been hospitalized, you can contact the Pastors directly or use the Pastoral Care form found on our website www.ziegelschurch.org and click on the Pastoral Care link/doc at the top of the website page.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00am - 12:00pm

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UCC Congregation email: ziegelsucc@gmail.com

Christian Education email: ziegelsce@gmail.com

Fellowship Committee email: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org



Find us on Facebook:

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@Ziegels Christian Education

April 2024 Prayer List

(as of April 3, 2024)

Please remember the following persons in your prayers.

A card or note of cheer would be greatly appreciated.

Member and Friends

George Windish	Lori Brawn
Loretta Marsteller	Sherri Lauer
JR Marsteller	Marlene Evangelista
Megan Koch	Molly Hanna
Phil Cardinale	Steve Colsten
Barry Brobst	Tim Kleinsmith
Connie Davis	Tommy Inman, Jr.
Maynard Koplin	Keith Quier
Laurie Grammes	Linda Folck
James Fritch	Rosie Zekany
Judy Whiteside	Baby Lucy
Steve Haas	Brian Wynn
David Krause	The family of Earl Schrammel
	The family of Angela Fenstermaker

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

Nursing home, Assisted living, & Home bound

Gloria Herber	Al Savelli
Robert Henninger	Arlene George
Laila Loch	Clarabelle Dengler
Grace Zimmerman	Nancy Kleinsmith
Betty Lotier	Eldred Snyder
AJ Henry	Ann Raubenhold
Mae Fitzgerald	

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.

Word Search Puzzle (Mark 16:5-7)

from Pinawa.Church/puzzles (use for free distribution only)

Words are in a straight line in all directions

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Word List

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WHO SEE SAW NOT MAN HIS HIM HAS FOR BUT
AND DO

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:5-7)