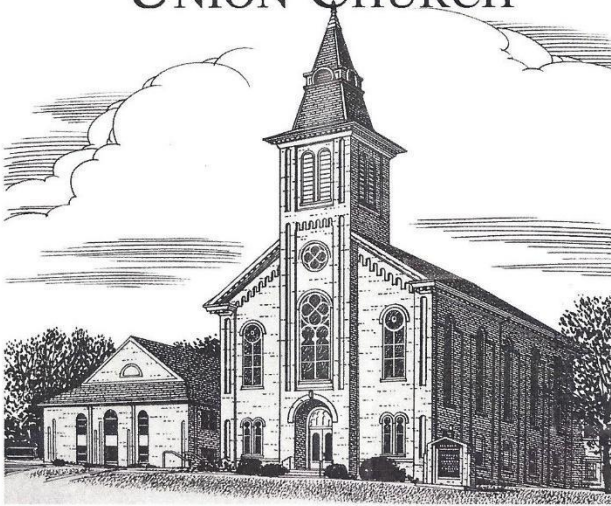


# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031*

## June 2024 NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by:

**Josh and Kristin Folck (in honor of Zion's birthday)**

*Volume 24, Issue 6*

***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](http://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.

### **REMINDER!**



The deadline for submissions for the Summer 2024-July/August newsletter is Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Please email the office with submissions at [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com) or [ziegelsucc@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsucc@gmail.com).

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Collectively the church is working toward Sunday, June 30, 2024 (weather permitting), as the first outdoor service of the summer. Please refer to the upcoming bulletins and church service announcements for further updates on the schedule.



### **JUNE MEETINGS**

#### **Committee Meetings**

June	4th	Union Committee Meeting 7:30pm
June	5th	Office staff (via Zoom)
June	10th	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30pm
June	12th	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
June	18th	Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm

#### **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 & Choir (Summer Break)
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 the 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.

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### **SPONSORS NEEDED!**

\*\*\*We are in need of sponsors for the remainder of the year for the church website and newsletter. We are also seeking sponsors for the Lowhill Food Pantry for the months of July/August, September, October, and December.\*\*\*

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 the 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 484-824-3237 or [Sandyravon@aol.com](mailto: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**

##### **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.*

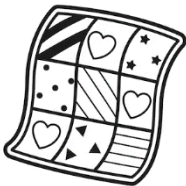
VBS 2024 will be held the week of June 17th-21st from 9am to 12pm. Kids aged 3 (by June 1st ) through 6th Grade are invited to our party! Adult and teen helpers are always welcome!

Registration forms are available outside of the Sunday School Office or in the church office. Contact Kristin Folck at [ziegelsce@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com) for more information.

### **VBS Snack Donations**

During our week of fun, we provide delicious snacks for our partygoers. The following items are needed and can be placed in the kitchen marked VBS by June 16th. Thank you!

3 family sized boxes of Nilla wafers	2 family size boxes of Goldfish	2 large boxes of animal crackers
2 lbs. grapes	4 lbs. strawberries	3 bags of oranges
3 bags of pretzel sticks	2 bags of cheese balls	2-48 count boxes of fruit snacks



### **Ziegels Handmade Market**

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

On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com).

*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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com). You can also find us in the CE office on Sunday mornings!*

## **Confirmation Parent Meeting**

An informational meeting for incoming Confirmation students will be held on June 16th at 10am in the Romans room. If you are interested in enrolling your child in confirmation or know someone entering the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested, please contact the CE Team at [ziegelsce@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School Teachers Wanted!**

The CE Team is looking for adults and older youth interested in teaching Sunday School for the 2024-2025 Sunday school year. A sign-up sheet will be located outside of the Christian Education office with available dates. You may sign up weekly or monthly!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Rally Day – September 8

First Day of Sunday School – September 15

Pajama Day – October 13

Pajama Collection Month - October

Trunk or Treat – October 26, 6 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal – Saturday, November 2

Confirmation Service - Sunday, November 3

Handmade Market – November 16, 10 am to 3 pm

Sunday School Christmas Program – December 15



**We would like to honor the following who received  
First Communion on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the  
11:00am worship service.**

Dana Yerger- Parents, Curt & Jacqueline Yerger

Henry Schopf- Parents, Andrew & Carley Schopf

Keira and Garrett Heffner- Parents, Eric & Jacqueline Heffner

Graham Fatzinger-Parents, Teague & Amy Fatzinger

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

\***Senior Choir** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm.

\***Handbell Choir** meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm.

\***Youth Chimes** meets 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](mailto:jillbb22@gmail.com) or 484-456-6701 if you wish to join any of the choirs or would like more information.

### SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm to 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](mailto:seashell246@gmail.com).

### HAND QUILTING

This group meets every Monday from 9:00am-12:00pm. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049. Hand Quilting will be on a summer break starting June 17<sup>th</sup> and will resume August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am in the Fellowship room to 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.

### 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](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com).

**JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!!!** On Sunday, 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.

## **ZIEGELS ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW**



The Ziegels Annual Tractor Show will be held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Ziegels Union Church, from 3pm-7pm. Come out to see awesome tractors, play yard games, hear live music, and eat great food to support Cub Scout Pack #61. Live music will be provided by J-Tyme, which is a family bluegrass band. There will even be a raffle basket drawing!

## **ZIEGELS UNION STICKY BUN SALE**

The delivery date is on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Annual Tractor Show, from 3pm-7pm, at the church pavilion. Orders must be placed by July 5, 2024, with payment. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Loch at 610-914-9811 or email [lcloch@ptd.net](mailto:lcloch@ptd.net).

## **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Sunday Fellowship hour is on pause through Labor Day weekend (September 1st). Sunday Fellowship Hour will resume on Sunday, September 8th. A signup sheet will be placed in the Fellowship Room in August or contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or [luvplumeria@yahoo.com](mailto:luvplumeria@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:kellylucarelli@yahoo.com) or 484-375-8978.

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Ziegels UCC and Lutheran congregations are using many different modes of communication (phone, bulletins, newsletters, letters, Constant Contact email, Facebook, and website) to reach members and the community about the congregations' missions. The Technology committee's goal is to maintain accuracy across all these modalities and establish the communication roles and responsibilities of our congregation members and staff. Please help us reach this goal by following these directions:

Submitters: (Pastors, Committee Chairs, congregational members, community members):

- Submit the information to the church office in writing electronically via email (preferably) or drop off a written copy at the office. Use one of these emails to submit information electronically: [ziegelschurch@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelschurch@gmail.com), [ziegelsucc@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsucc@gmail.com), [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com). The content of what is submitted will not be changed and will appear exactly as submitted across communication modes.
- Tell the office staff as to which communication mode you want the information to be distributed and provide timeframe: bulletins, newsletters, Constant Contact email, Facebook, website.
- Follow deadlines for submission: The fifteenth of each month is the deadline for the mailed newsletter and Wednesday of each week for bulletins. Any late submissions will be added to the following week's bulletin or monthly newsletter if time appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration as Ziegels Union Church tries to maintain accurate and timely information to members and the community. We are all part of God's Communication Team!

Thank you,

Technology Committee

Any questions, please talk to Michael Longenderfer

at [m-long75@ptd.net](mailto:m-long75@ptd.net) or [Winona Schappellatwnschappell@gmail.com](mailto:Winona.Schappellatwnschappell@gmail.com).

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee would like to give a BIG - THANK YOU - to all the great volunteers who helped with weeding and mulching our church grounds on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Also - a BIG - THANK YOU to our Cub Scouts for raking/clearing all the leaves and sticks around the church grove.





## LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: APRIL STATISTICS

### **June Sponsors: Dave & Rita Grillo**

- 71 family units served (109 adults, 79 children, 39 seniors) for a total of 227 individual clients served.
- Breakdown of serving: 20 families on Saturday, 18 families on Wednesday, 30 families on Thursday with no emergency needs this month.
- 72 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels Union Church donated 136 pounds of food this month, along with many needed items for the Blessings Room.

**Current Food Needs:** cereal, jelly, canned fruit, and spaghetti sauce.

**Current needs for the Blessings Room:** socks for all ages & children's outdoor summer toys.

**June 2024 servings:** Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

We **Thank You** for all your support and giving to this program. If you wish to volunteer at the Food Pantry to help serve or stock, contact Marci at [Lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:Lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com). Dates and times of volunteer opportunities are available on the Lowhill Food Pantry website calendar: [www.lowhillfoodpantry.com](http://www.lowhillfoodpantry.com). Our mailing address is: Lowhill Food Pantry, P.O. Box 115, New Tripoli, PA 18066.



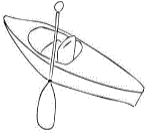
**School Supplies Needed!** Every year Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry distributes school supplies to their school age children. Because items need to be organized and distributed in early August, we will need the items by July 28<sup>th</sup>.

You may drop items off in the Lowhill Food Pantry bins in the church lobby. Thank you for your support!

### **The items below are needed:**

- Number 2 pencils
- Scissors (round tip)
- Single subject notebooks
- 5-tab dividers
- Duo-Tang folders
- Composition notebooks (100 sheet)
- Black felt tip pens ("Flairs", not Sharpie permanent ink)
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- One inch 3 ring binders
- Notebook paper
- Backpacks
- Eraser caps
- Pencil boxes

## **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 1st-12th. 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 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Please see the website for session dates and to register at [\*\*BearCreekCamp.org\*\*](http://BearCreekCamp.org).

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk for Hunger:** June 22<sup>nd</sup>,

(Conrad Weiser High School, Robesonia, PA) 9am-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

**Ziegels Union Church 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Fall 2025-  
stay tuned for more information to come.

## **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  
Arlene 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	484-561-8287
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

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## 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](http://www.ziegelschurch.org) and click on the Pastoral Care link/doc at the top of the website page.

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

9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

Phone: 610-285-6157



**The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Independence Day.**

Union Church email: [ziegelschurch@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelschurch@gmail.com)

Lutheran Congregation email: [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com)

UCC Congregation email: [ziegelsucc@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsucc@gmail.com)

Christian Education email: [ziegelsce@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com)

Fellowship Committee email: [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com)

Ziegels Union Church Website: [www.ziegelschurch.org](http://www.ziegelschurch.org)



**Find us on Facebook:**

@Ziegels Union Church

@Ziegels Christian Education

# June 2024 Prayer List

(as of May 24, 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	Sherrri Lauer
JR Marsteller	Marlene Evangelista
Megan Koch	Molly Hanna
Phil Cardinale	Steve Colsten
Barry Brobst	Tim Kleinsmith
Connie Davis	Tommy Inman, Jr.
Maynard Koplín	Keith Quier
Laurie Grammes	Linda Folck
James Fritch	Rosie Zekany
Judy Whiteside	Baby Lucy
Steve Haas	David Krause
Brian Wynn	The family of Grace Zimmerman
Mitch Masters	The family of Darlene Merkel
	The family of James Payne

## 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
Nancy Kleinsmith	Mae Fitzgerald
Betty Lotier	Eldred Snyder
AJ Henry	Ann Raubenhold

*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.*