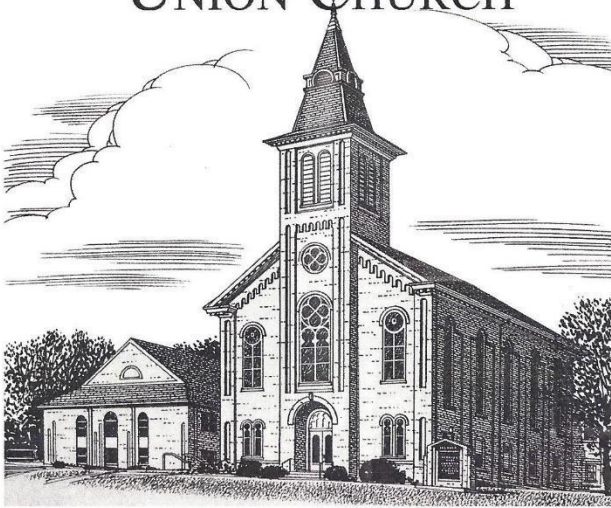


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

Summer edition
July/August 2024
NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by:

Sharon Meckes, in loving memory of her husband, Joseph

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Please worship with us each Sunday!

Summer Union Worship: 9:00am

2024 Summer Worship Schedule

Ziegels Summer Union Worship Services will be held through September 1st. All summer services will begin at 9:00am. The first and third Sunday service of each month will offer communion and be held indoors. The second and fourth Sunday services each month will be held outdoors, weather permitting.



July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25- outdoor service (weather permitting)

July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, September 1- indoor service with communion

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.

REMINDER!

The deadline for submissions for the September newsletter is

Thursday, September 15, 2024.

Please email the office with submissions at lutheranziegels@gmail.com or ziegelsucc@gmail.com.



JULY MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

July	8th	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30pm
July	10th	Office staff (via Zoom)
July	10th	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
July	16th	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.

SPONSORS NEEDED!

We are in need of sponsors for the church website for the remainder of the year and a sponsor for the November newsletter. We are also seeking sponsors for the Lowhill Food Pantry for the months of 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. Please inquire with the church office for availability.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex, or you can contact the individuals below:

Altar Flowers and Piano Vases-

- *Lutheran* - Contact Deanna Quay at 610-597-9137 or momchemist@hotmail.com.
- *UCC* - Contact Laura Loch at 610-285-6157

Bulletins - \$20 per week

- *Lutheran* - Contact Sandy Rothermel at 484-824-3237 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

Rally Day Breakfast

Start our Sunday School year off with a Rally Day Breakfast! On Sunday, September 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., bring your family for breakfast and fellowship!

First Day of Sunday School

Our first official day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, September 15th! Children 0-3 will meet in the Nursery. Children Pre-K – 2 will meet in the Proverbs Room. 1st Year Confirmation will meet in the Galatians Room. 2nd Year Confirmation will meet in the Romans Room.

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!



Ziegels Handmade Market

Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity at Ziegels Christian Education debut Handmade Market! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 16, 10am to 3pm, as we bring you a craft extravaganza featuring handmade treasures like needle crafts, unique sewn goodies, dazzling jewelry, and much more!

Plus, every vendor will toss a basket into our charity raffles. Feeling hungry? Don't worry, we've got Jenny Jump's Junction Food Truck and a bake sale to fuel you for all the shopping fun! Want to join the crafty party?

Get ready for a mini-crafting extravaganza where our young talents can showcase and sell their masterpieces! Contact the CE Team at ziegelsce@gmail.com

THANK YOU to all of our VBS volunteers and families for a great week! Also, thank you to our VBS Snack donators!

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you

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!

CE Upcoming Dates:

Rally Day – September 8, 10 am
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

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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.

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.

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 summer break and will resume August 5th.

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.

ZIEGELS ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW



The Ziegels Annual Tractor Show will be held on Saturday, July 13th, 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 lclloch@ptd.net.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

LVHN Grant Received

Ziegels Union Church is the recipient of a \$2000 LVHN grant which covered the cost of the newly purchased AED. Training is being offered to Ziegels Church congregational members and staff on Saturday, August 17th, from 9am-11am, at Ziegels Church. The cost is \$30 per person. Some financial assistance is available. Please contact Kim Anderson, UCC Consistory President or Keith Harwick, Lutheran Council President if you want to be trained and would like financial assistance. To register for training, please contact Winona Schappell at wnschappell@gmail.com. Registration and fees are due by Wednesday, July 31st. Please make checks payable to Ziegels Union Church.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday Fellowship Hour will resume on Sunday, September 15th. A signup sheet will be placed in the Fellowship Room in August or contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or 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.

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.

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: MAY STATISTICS

July/August Sponsor: Gloria Zimmerman

- 74 family units served (110 adults, 90 children, 40 adults) for a total of 240 individual clients.
- Breakdown of serving: 23 families on Saturday, 21 families on Wednesday, 27 families on Thursday, with no emergency needs this month.
- 83 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels Union Church donated 95 lbs. of food this month along with many needed items for the Blessings Room.

**Thank you for your continued support
and giving to this program.**

Current food needs: canned pasta, boxed dry pasta, jelly, ketchup, cereal, and cleaning supplies.

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

July 2024 servings: Saturday July 6th, Wednesday July 17th, Thursday July 18th.

August 2024 servings: Saturday, August 3rd, Wednesday August 21st, August 22nd.

Volunteer opportunities with dates and times are listed on our website at www.lowhillfoodpantry.com, with our volunteer email address being info@lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com, and for monetary donations, our 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 28th.

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
- Backpacks
- Color pencils (no more than 12)

HARVEST HOME 2024 (Bountiful Harvest)

will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 15th at both 8:30 and 11:05 services. We hope you can all help make this year's display spectacular as usual.

SO NOW- plant some extra seeds or plants in your garden, and then in Sept.- harvest the extras

that grew, stop at your favorite road side stand, orchard or grocery stores and donate produce to the Harvest Home display.

Please come and join your church family and neighbors at the Annual Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, Sept. 14th (4pm-7pm).

All produce will be donated to Lowhill Food Pantry.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE US TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED AND LOCAL MILITARY FAMILIES



Just as Ziegels Union has done in the past, we once again have the opportunity to honor our congregational members who are deployed and U.S. military personnel who serve around the world!

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, 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. 1st through Oct. 6th, 2024, 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 Lutheran service (approx. 9:30am) on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

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 (610-533-8404) by Sept. 29, 2024. (In 2023, with everyone’s generous donations, we were able to fill 25 large USPS Flat Rate boxes and cover their entire shipping costs. The shipping costs were \$571.00.)

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 (610-533-8404) so we can be sure they receive a “goodie” box from Ziegels Union Church!!!

Here is an additional and very worthy opportunity for Ziegels Union to show our support for local military families. Dave and Donna Purugganan recently asked the all-important question...” Is there something our church can do to help local veterans, too?” With asking that question and with the support of Thrivent Services, we discovered there is a service project Ziegels Union Church can do that will assist local veterans. Every week, all year round, the Keystone Military Families Organization in Shoemakersville operates a food bank for local veterans.

During the holiday season, the organization creates holiday food boxes for their veterans. We asked the director of the Keystone Military Family Organization what we could do to help with this holiday project. She excitedly said if we could supplement the meal boxes with BAKING SUPPLIES, CONDIMENT'S, COFFEE (bags or k-cups), and COFFEE FILTERS, that would be so very helpful in completing the holiday boxes for the veterans. The holiday box wish list includes flour, sugar, vanilla, baking soda, baking powder, boxed cake mixes, morsels, pre-packaged cookie mixes, brownie mixes, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, coffee and filters.

So...we will have two separate collection boxes outside the church office - (1) Collection for the Deployed and (2) Collection for the veterans' holiday boxes. When we deliver the USPS boxes to the Keystone Military Families for the deployed troops, we will also deliver the donated items for the veterans' holiday boxes.

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

YWCA PERFECT FIT DONATION DRIVE: June 9-August 1

Helping women entering the workforce.

Since 2000, Perfect Fit has served more than 12,000 women in the Lehigh Valley. The career seeking woman is offered professional clothing for job interviews. If the woman obtains a job after interviewing, Perfect Fit offers her one week's supply of professional clothing and accessories, so she doesn't have to use her first pay check for clothing and accessories. Perfect Fit seeks donations of business professional, business casual, and uniform clothing, as well as shoes, jewelry, handbags, accessories, and personal care items. Ziegels will be holding a donation drive this summer. Look through your closets for misses, women's, and junior size items. Items can be brought to the church and placed in marked bins by the church lobby area by August 1. For more information or if you are interested in helping deliver the items on August 2, contact Winona Schappell at wunschappell@gmail.com or 610-295-3223.



Save the Dates:
Summer & Fall Special Events

- **Ziegels Annual Tractor Show:** July 13th, 3pm-7pm
- **Military Collections** September 1st – October 13th
- **Rally Day:** September 8th
- **Harvest Moon Festival:** September 14th, 4pm-7pm
- **Harvest Home Sunday:** September 15th, 8:30am and 11:05am worship
- **First Day of Sunday School:** September 15th
- **Pajama Collection Month:** October
- **Packing of Military Boxes** – October 13th, 9:30am
- **Pajama Day:** October 13th
- **Trunk or Treat:** October 26th, 6pm-7:30pm
- **Confirmation dinner & rehearsal:** Saturday, November 2nd
- **Confirmation Service:** Sunday, November 3rd
- **Ziegels Handmade Market:** November 16th, 10am-3pm
- **Wreaths Across America:** December 14th, Noon to 2:00pm
- **Sunday School Christmas Program:** December 15th

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
Michael Longenderfer, Vice President
Kerry Merkel, Treasurer

OUR STAFF & LEADERS

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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

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

9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

Phone: 610-285-6157



The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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