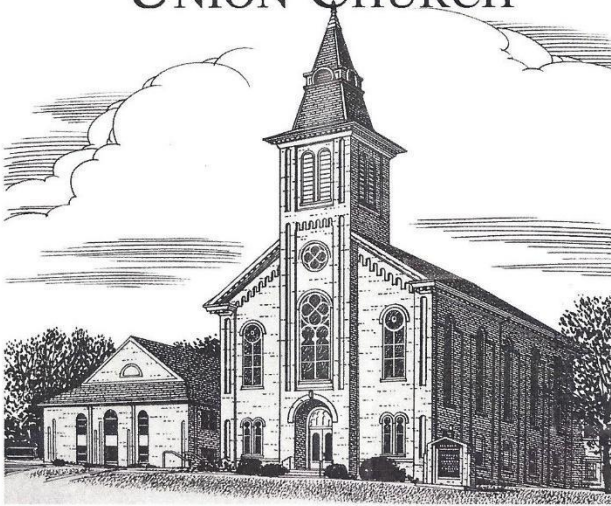


# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031*

## OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by:

Marlene Evangelista, in memory of loved ones

*Volume 24, Issue 9*

***Please worship with us each Sunday!***

Lutheran worship 8:30am

UCC worship: 11:05am

## 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 November newsletter is Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

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

## **OCTOBER MEETINGS**

### Committee Meetings

Oct	1	Union Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Oct	8	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
Oct	14	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30pm
Oct	15	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	Bell Choir 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 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 a sponsor(s) for the church website for the month of November.\*

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](mailto: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](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

### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

*WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?* Can you contribute to the member support component of our grant applications currently in progress? Winona Schappell and Mary Redline are coordinating several grant applications to refit the Fellowship Room with current audio and visual technology. The goal is to make it easier for everyone to hear and see informal worship services, speaker presentations, and funeral memorials.

How can you help? If you have a Thrivent account eligible for any mission grants to support this project, or if you have an interest in donating towards a specific piece of equipment, or if you have talents to share for the church's 275th anniversary (e.g., being a speaker), please contact Mary at [Mary.A.Redline@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.A.Redline@gmail.com) or Winona at [wnschappell@gmail.com](mailto:wnschappell@gmail.com) to discuss your ideas.

*"When we all help each other, everybody wins." Jim Stovall*

**The October website sponsor:**  
Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Koplin.



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School meets each week from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Children 0-3 will meet in the Nursery.

Children Pre-K – 2 will meet in the Proverbs Room.

3rd – 6th Grades will meet in the Hebrews Room.

1st Year Confirmation will meet in the Galatians Room.

2nd Year Confirmation will be held 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, or you can find the Signup Genius on our Facebook page.



### **Pajama Collection and Pajama Sunday**

Beginning on October 1, the Sunday School will collect pajamas for the Lowhill Pantry's Blessing Closet. Pajamas in all sizes can be dropped off outside of the Christian Education office. The last day to drop off pajamas will be October 31.

Get comfy with us on October 13 for Pajama Day!

EVERYONE is encouraged to come to worship and Sunday School in their pajamas!

### **Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the church parking lot. Invite your friends and family to join us for a fun night of trick or treating, games, and decorations. Donations of baked goods and drinks are greatly appreciated. Sign-up by following this link to our sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AAAAB22A0FF2-51484608-trunk>.

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy, please arrive by 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated vehicles!

New this year at Trunk or Treat will be a Book Treat table. Children and teens will be able to take a book of their choice as a gift!



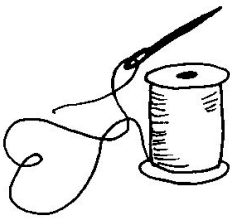
Christian Education will be accepting donations of children and teen books starting Sunday, September 21. Books can be left in the box outside of the CE office. Ideally, book subjects or themes could be Halloween, Thanksgiving, autumn, or Christmas.

### **Confirmation Weekend**

Our second-year Confirmands will affirm the promises made at their baptisms on Sunday, November 3, at a Union Worship Service at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, November 2, a dinner honoring the Class of 2024 will be held in our Fellowship Room. Prior to dinner the Confirmands and their parents will rehearse the worship service.

### **Ziegels Handmade Market**



Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity at Ziegels Christian Education's debut Handmade Market! Mark your calendars for November 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Pajama Day – October 13

Pajama Collection Month - October

Trunk or Treat – October 26, 6:00p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal– November 2, 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Union Worship Service- November 3, 9 a.m.

Handmade Market – November 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program– December 15, 10:10 a.m

Thank you to everyone who donated to and attended the Rally Day breakfast! We had an awesome morning of celebrating Sunday School and fellowship!

*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!*

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

**Senior Choir** will meet Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm.

**Adult Handbell Choir** will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

**Children's Chime Choir** will meet Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

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.

ADULTS and TEENS -are you interested in joining the Senior Choir or Handbell Choir? Please contact Jill at [jillbb22@gmail.com](mailto:jillbb22@gmail.com) or 484-456-6701.

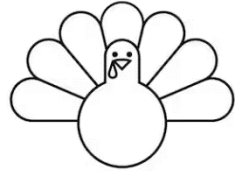
## **SUNDAY ADULT BOOK STUDY**

The adult book study group will meet on Sundays during Sunday school hour, 10:00-10:55am and will meet in the ACTS room. The selected book for this study is *Caste, The Origins of Our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

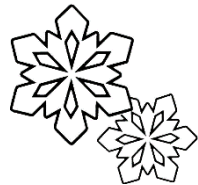
This committee plans special events for the church and meets the third Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the Fellowship hall. If you would like to help in any way, contact Carley or Shana at [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com).

**The Annual Thanks-Giving Meal** will be held on November 9 from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. Let's all join together in this meal to be thankful and give a special thanks to our Veterans. We will be making potato filling in the church kitchen on November 9th at 9 am. All are welcome to join us. Potato filling will be sold for \$6 a quart. Please email [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com) with any questions. There will be a sign-up genius coming soon if you are interested in donating ingredients.



**Love to decorate for Christmas?** Mark your calendars for November 29, at 10 a.m. and join the Fellowship Committee in decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Young and old are welcome to join us.

**The annual Snowflake Festival** is coming back this year on December 7, at 11 a.m. Like last year there will be crafts, a light lunch, music and desserts. All are welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend!



**The Cookie Exchange for Shut Ins** is once again coming back. We ask that members bring at least 3 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookie to the fellowship hall on December 15 at noon. All cookies will be packaged in boxes and distributed to shut in members. Closer to the date, we will provide a list of shut in members who would appreciate the cookies and enjoy your visit during the holiday season.



## **ZIEGELS OUTREACH MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Union Committee approved the Ziegels Outreach Mission Committee to oversee and monitor the various outreach missions conducted by the church and to research and offer other opportunities in which congregational members may wish to participate. There are currently many volunteer opportunities to show God's Love with helping hands at Ziegels Church: Ziegels Sewing Mission led by Shelley Daniels, Quilting Mission led by Michele Quier, Harvest Home produce and food drive led by Fellowship Committee and the Harvest Home Committee, Pajama drive led by Christian Education, Military Goodie Boxes and Baking Supply drive for military families led by Bonnie Millward, Wreaths Across America led by Laura Loch. Later in the year, there will be the Lowhill Food Pantry and Blessing Shop stocking stuffers and Christmas gift drive for local children. Please consider participating in these missions as able.

If you have an interest in helping a certain population, a passion for a just cause, or interest in a local agency mission, please contact one of the committee members: Kaitlyn Sterner, Courtney Walters, Dave Purugganan, KellyAnn Purugganan, Winona Schappell or email [ziegelschurch@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelschurch@gmail.com) and write in subject line Ziegels Outreach Mission Committee and share your ideas, skills, and talents. We are excited to explore new ideas and make your outreach mission ideas a reality.

## **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Sunday Fellowship Hour takes place on Sundays at 10 a.m.

A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Room 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.



## SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. 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 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. 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.

## ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH WORKING GROUP

On September 16, 2024, the Ziegels Union Church Working Group met and adopted the following mission statement:

The Ziegels Union Church Working Group is dedicated to evaluating the current organizational structure of our shared church community. Through inclusive dialog and thoughtful consideration of both our Lutheran and UCC congregations, we strive to ensure that our structure remains relevant and effective in fostering spiritual growth, unity and service within our congregations and the wider community.

*Thank you to all who attended and assisted with the Harvest Moon Festival and Harvest Home.*

Because of your generosity, 305 pounds of produce and grocery items from Harvest Home were donated to Lowhill Food Pantry.



## LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: AUGUST STATISTICS

### **October sponsor: Maynard Koplin**

- 75 family units served (98 adults served, 76 children, and 59 seniors) for a total of 233 individual clients. No emergencies served this month.
- 72 children served through the weekend children's program.
- Ziegels Union Church donated 214 lbs. of food this month along with many needed items for the Blessings Room.

**Current food needs:** Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, soups, cereal, and all types of cleaning supplies.

**Current needs for the Blessings Room:** socks for all ages and kitchen and bath towels.

**October servings:** Saturday, October 5, Wednesday, October 16, and Thursday, October 17.

Volunteer opportunities with dates and times are listed on our website at [www.lowhillfoodpantry.com](http://www.lowhillfoodpantry.com), with our volunteer email address being [info@lowhillfoodpantrygmail.com](mailto:info@lowhillfoodpantrygmail.com), and for monetary donations, our address is Lowhill Food Pantry, P.O. Box 115, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

*We continue to be grateful and thankful to this congregation for your support. Together we make a difference in the lives of these families.*

**WLTHS Halloween Spooktacular:** Sunday, October 27, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., at 4585 Werley's Corner Road, New Tripoli.



Fun for all ages! Scavenger hunts, barrel rides, spooky bar, pedal pulls, grab bags, costume parade, race cars on display, face & pumpkin painting, tractor decorating contest, food & treats, games with prizes, and all buildings open to tour.

Collecting for Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable goods and monetary donations are always appreciated.

## **2024 Ziegels Union Church List of Events**

- **Military Collections:** Now thru October 13
- **Pajama Collection Month:** October
- **Packing of Military Boxes:** October 13, 9:30 a.m.
- **Pajama Day:** October 13
- **Blessing of Animals:** October 13, 1:00 p.m. (in pavilion)
- **Trunk or Treat:** October 26, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation dinner & rehearsal:** Saturday, November 2, 5:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Union Service:** Sunday, November 3, 9:00 a.m.
- **Annual Thanksgiving Meal:** November 9, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **Ziegels Handmade Market:** November 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Church Christmas Decorating:** November 29, 10 a.m.
- **Snowflake Festival:** December 7, 11 a.m.
- **Wreaths Across America:** December 14, Noon to 2 p.m.
- **Sunday School Christmas Program:** December 15, 10:10 a.m.
- **Cookie Exchange for Shut ins:** December 15, Noon

## **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

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

### October Head Ushers

**Lutheran Congregation-** Michael Longenderfer  
**UCC Congregation-** Casi Gross

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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 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
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Phone: 610-285-6157



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