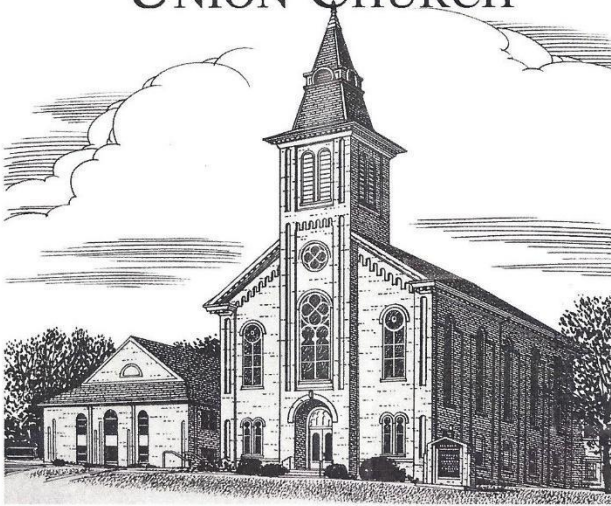


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

November 2024 NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by:

Dennis Loch, in memory of his parents

Volume 24, Issue 10

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 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 December newsletter is Friday, November 15, 2024.

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

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

Nov	5	Union Committee Meeting 7:30p.m.
Nov	11	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30p.m.
Nov	12	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00p.m.
Nov	19	Property Committee Meeting 7:00p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday	AA, 7:30p.m.
Tuesday	Cub Scout Pack 61 6:30p.m.
Wednesday	Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:30p.m.(2nd & 4th Wed)
Thursday	Bell Choir 6:00pm, Senior Choir 7:15p.m.
Friday	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00a.m. 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!

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

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Updating the Fellowship Room

Winona Schappell and Mary Redline have several grant applications to refit the Fellowship Room with updated video and audio technology. The goal is to make it easier for everyone to hear and see informal worship services, speaker presentations, and funeral memorials, and provide streaming capabilities. A few of the grants must demonstrate congregational support. Three UCC grants have been submitted and one NEPA Synod grant will be submitted within the next two weeks.

How can you help? Even if all four grants are approved, there are still areas of the plan that need financial support. If you have a Thrivent account eligible for any mission grants to support this project, 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 or Winona at wanschappell@gmail.com to discuss your ideas.

Get Ready for the Holiday Season

Pellman Bake Good Fundraiser- Supporting the technology upgrade in the Fellowship Room. All Pellman cakes and pies will come frozen. Choose from the following:

Plain Cheesecake (60 oz.) \$25

Carrot Cake \$20

Triple Chocolate Cake \$20

German Chocolate Cake \$18

Peanut Butter Pie \$18

Pecan Pie \$18

Chocolate Mousse Pie \$12

Coconut Cake \$18

Orders will be taken beginning October 20 and ending November 10. Money is due at the time of order. Checks shall be made out to Ziegels Union Church. Order forms can be found outside the sanctuary on the windowsills. Turn orders into Mary Redline or Winona Schappell. The order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, November 23 from 8:00 a.m. to noon or Sunday, November 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30a.m.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ZIEGELS HANDMADE MARKET

NOVEMBER 16, 10a.m.-3p.m.



Visit our Handmade Market where we will have over 25 talented craftspeople selling a variety of items from quilting to woodworking, jewelry, floral decor, needle crafts, candles and more! A perfect time to shop for those holiday gifts!

Also, there will be raffle drawings (items from our crafters), a Bake Sale with homemade goodies, and Delicious Dogs & More food truck parked outside in our front parking lot.

To sign up to make bake goods visit:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AAAAB22A0FF2-52303795-bake#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AAAAB22A0FF2-52303795-bake#/)

QUESTIONS? Email Laurie Rex at ziegelsce@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: We are NOT accepting anymore crafters due to all spaces being full.

Sunday School election of Officers (President, VP, Recording Secretary, Treasurer) will take place Sunday, 12/8 after Lutheran service. Nominations are due by 11/24 and can be placed in Laurie Rex's mailbox or emailed to ziegelsce@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 15, 10:10a.m. in Sanctuary

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STORY TIME &
FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES**

Sunday, December 22, 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Room

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON DECEMBER 29.**

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Senior Choir will meet Thursday evenings at 7:15p.m.

Adult Handbell Choir will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00p.m.

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 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 or 484-456-6701.

SUNDAY ADULT BOOK STUDY

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

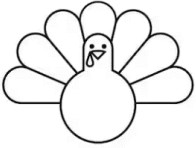
SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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



The annual “Thanks”giving meal will be held on November 9th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Let’s all join 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 a.m. All are welcome to join us. Potato filling will

be sold for \$6 a quart. Order forms can be found on the church windowsills outside of the sanctuary. Please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com with any questions.

You may use the QR code provided or visit:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-52109519-thanksgiving#/> to sign up to provide 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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

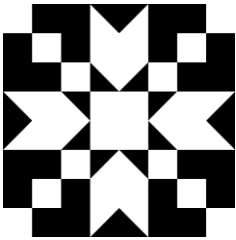
Are you interested in being a prayer warrior for Ziegels members and our community? Please reach out to the church office or contact Kelly at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or 484-375-8978.

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.

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.



Quilting Group Finishes First Project: Log Cabin Full Size Quilt: Raffle tickets, \$2 a ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets, available from Michele Quier or any of the quilt group members: Diane Hemerly, Pat Elliott, Gloria Hausman, Jennifer Hausman, Sharon Meckes, Winona Schappell. Tickets can be purchased at the Handmade

Market on Nov. 16th until the end of the craft market event.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are on 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

The Ziegels Union Church Working Group continues to meet and 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.

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

November sponsor: Dave & Rita Grillo

- 71 family units served (90 adults, 83 children, and 56 Seniors) for a total of 229 individual clients. No emergencies this month.
- 80 children served through the weekend children's program.
- Ziegels Union Church donated 411 lbs., of which was 305 lbs. was Harvest Home food, this month along with many items for the Blessings Room.

Current Food needs: tuna, cereal, ketchup, Jello and pudding, canned fruit, snacks (cookies, pretzels, crackers), vegetables, canned potatoes.

Current needs for the Blessings Room: bath and kitchen towels

November servings: Saturday November 2nd, Wednesday November 20th, and Thursday November 21st.

Volunteer opportunities with dates and times are listed on our website at 222.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.

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



Christmas Stocking Drive- 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 contributing to the program, please contact Lonnie at 610-393-2106

or lsdamiano@yahoo.com. All donations and stockings need to be returned to Lonnie or the church office by Wednesday, December 4, 2024. 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 Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Time to Order your Poinsettia's

\$10.00 for 6 1/2" pot, 1 plant per pot

\$15.00 for 7 1/2" pot, 2 plants per pot



The deadline to order is Sunday, November 17th. The available colors are white, red, pink and marble.

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.



Christmas Sharing is a program that creates a “store” in which the residents are treated to a holiday shopping experience. They shop for a gift for themselves, which is delivered by Santa and Mrs. Claus on Christmas morning. There is no cost to the resident. Most of the residents would not receive a gift and experience the joy of the

holiday season without this tradition. Thank you for your support! If you have questions, please call or text Kelly Lucarelli at 484-375-8978.

Please consider purchasing a gift for the residents of The Lutheran Home at Topton. Gifts must be returned, NEW and unwrapped, to the Ziegels Church Library by Sunday, November 17th.

Items for Men: flannel shirts (medium to 2XL), white under shirts (medium to 2XL), sweatshirts (medium to 2XL), sweatpants (medium to 2XL), pajamas (small to XL), hats, and watches.

Items for Women: pajama sets (small to 3XL), slippers with soles and backs, sweaters (small to 3XL), blouses (small to 3XL), pull on jeans (small to 3XL), sweatpants (small to 3XL), purses, dress scarves, and jewelry.

General gifts for anyone: blankets, wallets, stuffed animals, non-breakable home décor.



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 and our local military families. 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 shipping costs were \$575.00). The boxes were delivered to The Keystone Military Families organization in Shoemakersville, PA on Oct. 16th .

This hardworking and dedicated group will send them to deployed U.S. military personnel. Each box also contains a prayer and thank you note from our Ziegels Union Church congregation. In addition to the 25 USPS mailing boxes, we delivered a HUGE collection of baking supplies that will be shared with local military families in the upcoming holiday season.

A special thank you is also being extended to Thrivent for their financial support of this project. Again, THANK YOU, Ziegels Union Church members for demonstrating your support and Christian Love to our deployed military personnel and local military families. (Harry & Bonnie Millward and Dave & Donna Purugganan)

Hurricane Helene ravaged Florida and other

southeastern states. If you wish to donate to disaster relief efforts, both the ELCA Disaster Relief and UCC Global H.O.P.E. are collecting. Donations can be given online as well. Please visit the following links to help as you can:

- <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>
- <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>

2024 Ziegels Union Church List of Events

- **Confirmation dinner & rehearsal:** Saturday, November 2, 5:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Union Service:** Sunday, November 3, 9:00 a.m.
- **Annual “Thanks”giving Meal:** November 9, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **Vince’s Food Truck:** November 12, 3-7 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

Online Giving and Offerings

God’s work happens every day. Both Congregations are using online options to give offerings. Please use the QR codes below to give to the missions of each congregation.



Lutheran Code



UCC Code

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
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

November Head Ushers

Lutheran Congregation- Ken Highley

UCC Congregation- Arlene Inman

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 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

Phone: 610-285-6157

**The office will be closed on Thursday,
November 28th, in honor of
Thanksgiving Day.**



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