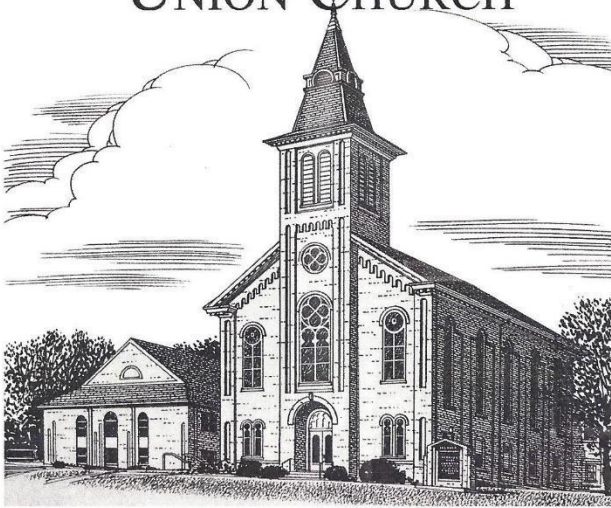


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

February 2025 NEWSLETTER



February Newsletter Sponsor:

**Dean, Dwayne, & Nancy Shellhamer & families, in
memory of David Shellhamer**

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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
March 2025 newsletter is
Saturday, February 15, 2025.

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

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

Feb	4	Union Committee Meeting 7:30p.m.
Feb	10	Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30p.m.
Feb	11	UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00p.m.
Feb	18	Property Committee Meeting 7:00p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday	AA, 7:30p.m.
Tuesday	Cub Scout Pack 61, 6:30p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6602, 6:00p.m. (not every Tuesday)
Wednesday	Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:00p.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

Girl Scout Troop #6602 contact Melissa Carmody at 610-567-8272 for details.

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

Cub Scout Troop #61 contact Jessica Dietrich at 484-632-2352 for details.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST meets every Friday at 7:00a.m. 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.

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

We are in need of sponsors for this year. You can sign up in the narthex or please contact the church office.

UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

Union News

January Union Church Committee Meeting highlights:

- The 2025 Union Officers election took place.
- Reviewed the Union Church's financial status.
- Received updates on Christian Education officers, technology needs, and their 2025 activity plan.
- Discussed furnace/heating issues and reviewed repair plans.
- Examined technology upgrade for the Fellowship Room.
- Pastor Larry presented the plan for New Member Orientation.
- Reviewed and approved facility use requests.

Submitted by Michael Longenderfer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Check out all the fun we have planned below!

HELPING HANDS YOUTH GROUP

March 30 at 12:15-2:00p.m.

For youth from 1st grade through high school, lunch is provided. Open to the community!

Use the QR code for info & to sign up by 3/25.



EASTER EGG DECORATING - April 12 at 9:00a.m.

Easter Egg decorating for kids' 5th grade and up. Breakfast is provided and friends are welcome!

EASTER EGG HUNT - April 13 at 1:00p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20 - No SS classes

SPRING TEA PARTY - May 4 at 2:00p.m.

(A Ziegels 275th Anniversary event). Tickets are available for \$30.00/adult and \$15/children ages 10 and under. Includes tea, refreshments, and entertainment.

YOUTH SUNDAY - May 11 at 11:05a.m. UCC Service

Youth Sunday Celebration and last day of Sunday School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 23 to 27

BEAR CREEK CAMP SUMMER REGISTRATIONS ARE

NOW OPEN! Scan the QR code for camp dates and other info. Forms can also be found on the bulletin board outside of the Sunday School office. Bear Creek camp is located in Wilkes Barre, PA, and offers camp programs for youth in grades 1st-12th. The programs are centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Ziegels offers funds to church members to help offset the cost of camp. Please contact Pastor Andy or Pastor Larry for information on funding. You may visit bearcreekcamp.org for more information.



NEW BOOK STUDY

Ziegels Sunday School is offering a new book study. Are you looking to read more books in 2025?

Realize your true identity in Christ? Or just connect with other Christian women? This book group is for you! The first book of 2025 is Dangerous Women, a book to help women “challenge others through their example of what righteousness looks like and their declaration of the God-given rights that every believer possesses” (book overview from Amazon).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Courtney Walter through email (courtwalter7314@gmail.com) or phone (718-386-0447). Please use the QR code to access the Google survey to figure out a time and day that works best for everyone.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN UPS!

Would you like to teach or assist with a Sunday school class? Once a month? Once a quarter? We'd love to have you. Check out our sign-up sheet with openings and curriculum topics.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us run the Sunday School program.

Please contact Laurie Rex (SS President) or Kelly Lucarelli (SS Vice President) at ziegelsce@gmail.com if you would be willing to teach or help in a SS class or help in some other way!



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 10a.m.

A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Room or contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or luvplumeria@yahoo.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.

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.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Ziegels Union Church uses Constant Contact dedicated emails to inform members about church events, weekly virtual services, and cancellation notifications. Please help us update the 2025 contact list. If you are not receiving the emails or wish to do so, please contact Winona Schappell at ziegelschurch@gmail.com and provide your current or preferred email address. If you have already given your email address but are not receiving the emails, please contact Winona Schappell to address the issue. Constant Contact secured our email address to ziegelsunion@ziegelschurch.ccsend.com this past year and your personal email account may be forcing this address into spam. The committee wants to ensure that all who wish to receive this information have the correct email addresses in our contact list. Thank you for your help!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Senior Choir meets Thursday evenings at 7:15p.m.

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

Children's Chime Choir meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00-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.

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 Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.

Pot Pie Dinner- March 8th

Ziegels Fellowship Committee will be hosting our annual Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, March 8th from 4:30-7p.m. It is an all you can eat including chicken pot pie, salad with bacon dressing, bread, applesauce and desserts. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under. Take-out quarts will be available for sale for \$10 each. Orders are due 3/2. All Proceeds will go towards the 275th anniversary activities. Volunteers are needed, anyone who would like to join us in the kitchen can come beginning at 9 am on 3/8. If you have any questions, please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com or reach out to Shana Hanna. A donation sign-up is provided by using the QR code:



Ziegels Community Yard Sale- May 24th

Mark your calendars for our annual yard sale that benefits Wreaths Across America. Donations for the “Church table” are greatly appreciated! Start collecting those items...one person’s junk is another’s treasure!!!

We will be having a bake sale at the yard sale, items can be placed in the church kitchen the day before or brought the morning of May 24th. If you have any questions or if you’d like to reserve a table, please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com or reach out to Shana Hanna. A donation sign-up is provided by using the QR code:



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are currently on hold until the spring (date TBD). You may continue to work independently from home. When meetings do resume, they will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship room to crochet prayer shawls and knit baby blankets. Stay tuned for more updates. Members are willing to teach if you want to learn a new skill! Contact Jennifer Hausman at 484-239-9680 or Karen Boyd at 610-682-2836 for information.

HAND QUILTING

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

SEWING MISSION

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

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.

ZIEGELS OUTREACH MISSION

Please consider helping the California residents who have lost their homes due to the wildfire by donating to the Lutheran or UCC disaster relief missions. Please visit the websites provided:

<https://give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/1> (Lutheran) or

<https://give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/> (UCC).

Join the Souper Bowl competition and help those with food insecurity. Participate in Ziegels Souper Bowl of Caring Day, February 9, 2025, by bringing in food packaged in the color of the football team you wish to win the Super Bowl game. Boxes will be set up on the front pews of the sanctuary on Sunday, February 9th. The outreach mission team challenges members to overfill the boxes with soups, cereals, canned pasta, boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce, or your favorite packaged food product. May the most caring team win! All food donations will be given to Lowhill Food Pantry.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: DECEMBER STATISTICS

February sponsor: Nancy Shellhamer & family

- 79 family units served (95 adults, 83 children and 66 seniors) for a total of 244 individual clients. There were no emergencies this month.
- 82 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels donated 127 lbs. of food this month, along with many items needed for the Blessings Room.

Current food/items needed: cereal, Hamburger Helper, soups, Pop Tarts, crackers, and cookies.

Current needs for the Blessings Room: kitchen towels, puzzles, crayons, and colored pencils.

February servings: Saturday February 1st, Wednesday February 19th, and Thursday February 20th.

Volunteer opportunities with dates and times are listed on our website at www.lowhillfoodpantry.com, with or 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.

Thank You for your continued support. Your support is so important to us as the number of clients we are serving is consistently increasing. We appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.



NEW TRIPOLI BANK COMMUNITY HUB

Visit the link below to find community activities around our area.

<https://www.newtripolibank.net/community/community-events>.

275th Anniversary, Ziegels Union Church, 1750-2025

There are several events scheduled for next year and some still in the planning stages. Updates to the 2025 celebration event calendar will be available at the windows entering the sanctuary, weekly bulletins, Facebook, or the church webpage. Please refer to the calendar that is inserted in this month's newsletter.

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

2025 Ziegels Church Leadership

2025 Lutheran Council

Keith Harwick, President
Ken Highley, Vice President
Bonnie Millward, Secretary
Kelly Lucarelli, Treasurer
Dave Grillo
Michael Longenderfer
Deanna Quay
Winona Schappell

2025 UCC Consistory

Kim Anderson, President
Rob Ziegler, Vice President
Casi Gross, Secretary
Rocky Redline, Asst. Treasurer
Joyce Weishaupt, Treasurer
Arlene Inman
Bob Lilley
Laurie Rex
Kaitlyn Sterner
Barbara Ziegler

2025 Union Committee Members

Michael Longenderfer, President; Robert Ziegler, 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
Laurie Rex, Sunday School President	610-349-9124
Michael Longenderfer, Union Church Pres.	610-216-0221
Keith Harwick, Lutheran Council Pres.	610-756-4308
Kim Anderson, UCC Consistory Pres.	484-951-2198
Nicole Wischner, Lutheran Secretary	610-285-6157
Laura Loch, UCC Secretary	610-285-6157

February Head Ushers

Lutheran Congregation- Michael Longenderfer
UCC Congregation- Kim Anderson

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 Monday, February 17th, in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th.



Worship and/or Sunday School Cancellation Notices

Winter has arrived, which always brings the possibility that on a given Sunday morning, we might need to cancel Sunday school and/or worship services. We want to remind you that in case of snowy or icy conditions, you should turn to our website, Facebook page, or WFMZ TV Channel 69 news.



Lost & Found: There are missing gloves and a single earring that have been found. Please contact the church office with a description to claim.

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Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org

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