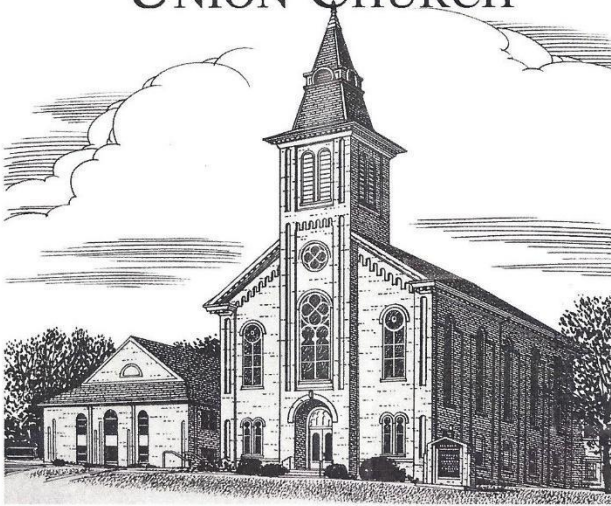


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

April 2025 NEWSLETTER

Volume 25, Issue 4

April Newsletter Sponsor:

**In memory of Charles & Eva Haaf and Frank & Anna Tercha,
by Kate Tercha**

Please worship with us each Sunday!

Lutheran worship: 8:30 a.m.

UCC worship: 11:05 a.m.

UPDATING NEWSLETTER MAILING PREFERENCES

Both congregations are asking members to notify the office if you would like to be taken off the newsletter mailing list. If you wish to receive the monthly newsletter electronically, please provide the office with your current email address. Contact Laura (UCC) at ziegelsucc@gmail.com, or Nicole (Lutheran) at lutheranziegels@gmail.com, or call the office at 610-285-6157 during business hours. It can also be read electronically by going to our website www.ziegelschurch.org and clicking on the newsletter link.



REMINDER!

The deadline for submissions for the
May 2025 newsletter is
Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

APRIL MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

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| Apr | 1 | Union Committee Meeting 7:30p.m. |
| Apr | 7 | Lutheran Council Meeting 7:30p.m. |
| Apr | 8 | UCC Consistory Meeting 7:00p.m. |
| Apr | 15 | Property Committee Meeting 7:00p.m. |

Weekly Events

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| 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 6:00p.m., Senior Choir 7:15p.m. |
| Friday | Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00a.m. at Cracker Barrel |

Girl Scout Troup #6602 contact Melissa Carmody at 610-567-8272.

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

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

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.

Union News

March Union Church Committee Meeting Highlights:

(Submitted by Michael Longenderfer, President)

- Reviewed the Union Church's financial status.
- Received updates on Christian Education upcoming events that are posted on the Christian Education board in the Sunday School wing.
- Reviewed updates from the Historical Committee, including financial grants usage, the 275th anniversary, upcoming events, and a request to improve the library display area.
- Discussed the repair of the kitchen fan.
- Plans for the Easter Worship Services were shared.
- Identified a need and discussed plans for Church closures on non-Worship days.
- Reviewed and approved facility use requests.

SPRING CLEANING!!! The Property Committee is seeking volunteers to clean up the property grounds on April 5th, from 9am-12pm, with a rain date of April 12th.



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

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: COUPONS
FOR HANGING BASKETS AND FLATS ONLY.**



\$22.00 per coupon for basket for pick up at Garden Center. \$18.00 per coupon for flats of flowers only (no vegetables or herbs). Coupon allows you to shop at your convenience and choose the flowers from a larger selection at Lehigh Valley Garden Center, Rts. 22 & 309, Allentown, PA.

Firm Deadline to order is April 6, 2025. Coupons can be picked up at church on Sunday, April 27, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. Go to www.lvhgc.com/fundraisers/spring-mother-s-day-sale to see pictures and learn more about the available flowers.

Please make checks payable to Ziegels Lutheran Congregation. Order forms may be included with offering in an envelope, brought to the church office, or given to any Social Services Committee member. *Thank you!*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
HELPING HANDS YOUTH GROUP



April 27 at 12:15-2:30p.m.

For youth from 1st grade through high school. Lunch will be provided. Open to the community!

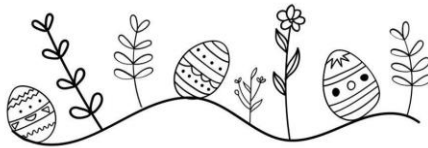
Use the QR code for info & to sign up by 4/20.



HHYG 4/27

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

Easter Egg decorating for kids' 5th grade and up. Breakfast provided & friends are welcome! Please email ziegelsce@gmail.com if you can attend.



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00p.m.

Join us outside for a “REAL EGG” egg hunt. Get your photos taken with the Easter bunny! Free refreshments, fellowship & fun!



SIGN UP FOR CHILD TO ATTEND

Sign up if your child is attending, if you'd like to volunteer to help in some way or if you would like to donate snacks or eggs.

EGG DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



SIGN UP TO DONATE SNACKS
OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP



**Red, White & Blue Tea Party –
A Ziegels 275th Anniversary event!
May 4 at 2:00p.m.**

Limited tickets available for \$30.00/adult and \$15/children aged 10 and under. Use the QR code provided to purchase tickets or email ziegelsce@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the Ziegels Sunday School program. Includes tea, refreshments and entertainment by Martha Washington. Games, prizes and ticket raffle. Email ziegelsce@gmail.com for more information.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23 to 27 from 6p.m. to 8:15p.m.**

Join us on our Alaskan adventure where we learn about Jesus - our true north!
Open to youth who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

New this year - An adult class led by Pastor Andy. Youth and volunteers can register using the QR code provided. Paper registration forms are available in the Sunday School and Church offices. Contact ziegelsce@gmail.com if you have any questions.



DANGEROUS WOMEN BOOK STUDY, UPDATE:

Ziegels Sunday School is offering a new book study, Dangerous Women, led by Courtney Walter. Beginning in June, this group will meet monthly. A specific date and time will be determined in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to join this group, please feel free to reach out to Courtney Walter through email (courtwalter7314@gmail.com) or phone (718-386-0447). There is a copy of the book outside of the Sunday School office for those who may want to check it out.

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!

Dangerous Women is 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).

HELP NEEDED! SUNDAY SCHOOL TELEVISION

UPGRADE. The Sunday School is upgrading our classroom TVs! Existing TVs were purchased in the early 2000's. If you are interested in donating towards this technology upgrade, please use one of the designated envelopes located on the altar outside of the Sunday School office or email ziegelsce@gmail.com for more information. The Sunday School children and teachers thank you for your support.

YOUTH SUNDAY - May 11

during Sunday School hour (10:15-10:45a.m.)

REMINDER : There will be no Sunday School Class on
Easter Sunday 4/20.

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.

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.

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.

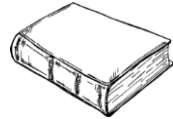
PRAYER MINISTRY

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.

PRE-ORDER YOUR COPY: "Treasures Rediscovered from the Safety Deposit Box" highlights items long forgotten in a safety deposit box and rediscovered 25 years ago, including a



1771 painted wooden box and documents pertaining to Ziegels Union Church from 1750-1925. Sales are by pre-order only. The first run of the publication is anticipated by April 2025; additional runs will be based on demand. Please make checks payable to Ziegels Union Church, note "History Committee" in memo line. Order forms can be found on the church windowsills or by contacting the church office. Please mail orders to Ziegels Union Church, submit them with weekly offerings, or hand them in to the office during business hours. For more information, contact Mary Redline at 610-395-8241.

SPECIAL 275th ANNIVERSARY LECTURE, May 10th, 1 p.m., in the Fellowship Room. Christopher Malone, Curator of Historic Trappe, will be presenting "The Muhlenberg Family and the Lutheran Church in Early Pennsylvania." The event is free and open to the public; please bring an item for the Lowhill Food Pantry. Light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by a UCC Neighbors in Need grant.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who have donated to this project! Mary and Winona had agreed to a revised quote for less technology equipment to ensure that we would have adequate matching funds to support the grants. **Since God is good and Ziegels' families have been generous,** we are using additional funds to address back order and availability problem issues that are occurring, as well as considering equipment that we took off the "wish list". Due to the back-order problems, we are now using \$500 of the additional donations to purchase available and upgraded audio components.

Both the UCC Neighbors in Need (NIN) Grant and the NEPA Synod Witness and Service grant require programming events that use the technology. Please consider participating in and bringing family and friends to the next two NIN grant presentations. The first will be March 29 at 1:00 pm and presenting "The Pennsylvania Dutch, Present, Past, and Future". Christopher Malone will present the second topic, "The Muhlenberg Family and the Lutheran Church in Early Pennsylvania." on May 10 at 1:00pm. A follow-up bus trip to Trappe, PA is being planned for June.

The Witness and Service grant, in conjunction with the NIN grant, reflects fellowship, social, and educational programming between the UCC and Lutheran congregations to meet the population age demographics of our church and community. Please see Winona if you haven't received a survey requesting feedback on items you wish to learn about or items you would like to learn how to do.

Programming for the summer and fall months will be based upon interests indicated in the surveys. These ideas will help to generate intergenerational activities, family activities, and senior activities.

We are still accepting memorials/donations to help expand the social and educational programming by installing two side mounted tv monitors in the Fellowship room (part of the original grant plan) and four Sunday School classrooms (expanded grant plan), particularly Acts which can enhance additional small group meetings to host webinars, Zoom meetings, and small group educational seminar programs, and allow families to display family photos during viewings. (Approximately \$1200 per monitor and bracket)
Please contact Winona or Mary if you have any questions.

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 on Sunday from 9:30-10:00a.m.

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.

ZIEGELS COMMUNITY YARD SALE- May 24th, 8am-1pm

Benefits Wreaths Across America. Tables are \$10 for non-members, and no charge to members (must supply your own table). Donations for the "Church table" are greatly appreciated! 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 and volunteer sign-up is provided by using the QR code:



HAND QUILTING

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings are currently on hold (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.

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.

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: FEBRUARY STATISTICS

April sponsor: Harry & Bonnie Millward

- 79 family units were served (103 adults, 96 children, and 59 seniors) for a total of 258 individual clients. There was an emergency this month.
- 93 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels donated 277 lbs. of food this month, along with many needed items for the Blessings Shop.

Current food/items needed: Cereal of any kind, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, canned carrots, canned beets, canned soup, macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper, pasta (any kind), spaghetti sauce, canned pasta (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli), canned fruit, brownie mixes, jelly, snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, cleaning supplies, personal care items.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: outdoor games, activity books, colored pencils, crayons, small appliances.

April Servings: Saturday, April 5th; Wednesday, April 16th; and Thursday, April 17th.

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.

Lowhill Township Historical Society 23rd Basket Social

4585 Werley's Corner Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066

Vince's Food Truck Fundraiser: Wed., 4/9 from Noon-6:00p.m.

Sun, 4/6: Noon-4:00p.m.

Wed, 4/9: 1:00-6:00p.m.

Fri, 4/11: 1:00-6:00p.m.

Sat, 4/12: 9:00a.m.-Noon

Please visit <https://weisenberglowhill.org/> for more information.

April 2025 Website Sponsor:
Rick Butz, in memory of his wife, Jennifer

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 Officers

Michael Longenderfer, President; Robert Ziegler, Vice President;
Kerry Merkel, Treasurer



April Head Ushers

Lutheran Congregation - Kelly Lucarelli

UCC Congregation – Arlene Inman



275th Anniversary, April/May 2025 Upcoming Events

- 4/3: “Slide on By” Food Truck and Bake Sale, 3-7p.m.
(benefits Sunday School education and technology upgrades)
- 4/13: Palm Sunday Worship Services, 8:30a.m., 11a.m.
- 4/13: Community Outdoor Egg Hunt, 1p.m.
- 4/16: Journey to the Cross, 6p.m.
- 4/17: Maundy Thursday/Agape Potluck Meal, 6p.m.
- 4/18: Good Friday Tenebrae, 7p.m.
- 4/20: Easter Worship, 6:00, 8:30, & 11a.m.

Gluten free communion options will be available during Lent.

- 4/26: Social Services Basket Social, doors open at 11a.m.
and the drawing begins at 1p.m.
- 5/4: 275th Anniversary Tea Party, 2p.m.
- 5/10: Special 275th Anniversary Lecture, 1p.m.
- 5/18: 275th Anniversary Union Worship Service, 9a.m.
- 5/24: Community Yard Sale (benefits Wreaths Across
America), 8a.m. to 1p.m.

The office will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025, in observance of Easter Monday.



Church Office Hours:

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

9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 Ph:610-285-6157

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

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

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.

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