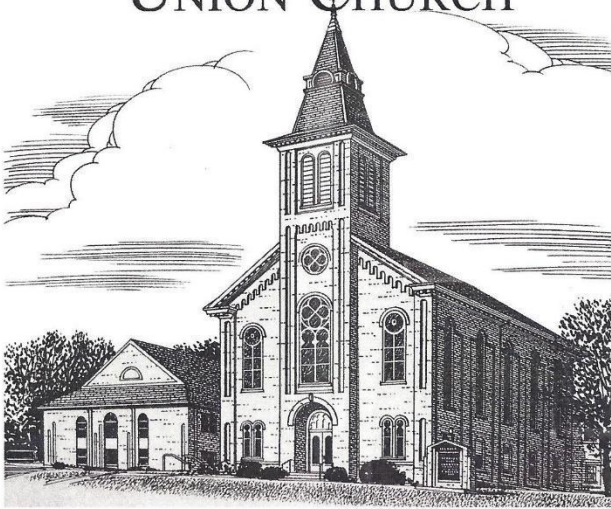


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

October 2025 NEWSLETTER

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October Newsletter Sponsor:

Dennis Loch

Please worship with us each Sunday!

8:30 a.m. - UCC worship

11:05 a.m. - Lutheran worship

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 the office at 610-285-6157 during business hours or email Laura (UCC) at ziegelsucc@gmail.com, Nicole (Lutheran) at lutheranziegels@gmail.com. It can also be read electronically by going to our website at www.ziegelschurch.org and clicking on the newsletter link.

REMINDER!



The deadline for submissions for the November 2025 newsletter is Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

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

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

Oct. 7 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
Oct. 13 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
Oct. 14 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
Oct. 21 Property Committee Meeting, 7:00p.m.
Communication Committee Meeting- first Tuesday, 6:00p.m.
Fellowship Committee Meeting, third Sunday, 10:00a.m.
Technology Committee Meeting, third Tuesday, 6:00p.m.
Sewing Mission, fourth Tuesday, 5:30p.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 6:00p.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.

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 now accepting 2026 Sponsors. Please contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at lutheranziegels@gmail.com if you are interested.

We are also in need of website sponsors for the rest of 2025. Please contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at lutheranziegels@gmail.com if you are interested.

UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

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.

Contact Jill Bruckart at 484-456-5701.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We invite youth to join us for Sunday School. Bring a friend anytime! Little ones from 2 years old to PreK will attend the Nursery class (Genesis Room, 1st floor). Kindergarten to 6th grade will meet in Hebrews room (upstairs). Confirmation classes meet in Romans and Galatians.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR HELP IN THE NURSERY CLASS, NO PREP REQUIRED!

Contact Laurie Rex or Kelly Lucarelli or email ziegelsce@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to help in a class as a teacher or helper.

10/5 PAJAMA SUNDAY & PAJAMA DONATIONS

Wear Your Pajamas to Sunday School on Sunday, October 5th, as we kick off our collection for local families in need for the entire month of October. We are asking for NEW pajamas in all sizes from baby to youth to young adult. There will be a pajama collection box outside of the Sunday School office. We will also be collecting donations at Trunk or Treat. Thank you for thinking of others!

10/25 TRUNK OR TREAT COMMUNITY EVENT

Help us make Trunk or Treat a great event! How can you help?

- Share this event with your friends and family
- Decorate your car (you could win a prize!) and hand out treats
- Help in refreshment stand, games or crafts
- Donate baked items, chips and other snacks to be served
- Donate canned food or pajamas for local families in need
- Bring your kids and their friends and have a great time!

The event is from 6:00 to 7:30p.m. If you are decorating your trunk, be there by 5:30p.m. to set up and decorate. See Laurie or Kelly if you'd like to help in some way.

11/15 ZIEGELS HANDMADE MARKET CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 15th, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. come out to Ziegels for an event you don't want to miss! The church will be filled with talented craftspeople offering a variety of items for purchase. A great way to get some Christmas shopping done and support our local vendors!

There will also be a bake sale, basket raffles and when you get hungry, you can stop at the Slide On By food truck where they will be selling their gourmet burgers and hot dogs and delicious lemonade pouches.

ZIEGELS T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The Sunday School is selling some “vintage” t-shirts for \$5 each from past VBS, Bear Creek and drama camps (a variety of children and adult sizes). **There are also some Large and XL 275th anniversary shirts left. If you’d like to purchase one of these, they are \$10.** Stop by the Sunday School office to see the shirts or contact Laurie Rex by sending an email to ziegelsce@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

There is a possibility of a new Bible study group forming and taking place on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:50a.m. **If this is something you would be interested in, we need to hear from YOU!** Please send us an email at ziegelsce@gmail.com so we can get a list of enough people that would commit and attend the study.

HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TELEVISION UPGRADE

The Sunday School would like to upgrade our classroom TVs before the new SS year begins. This year our new VBS style curriculum includes fun and educational videos that will be shown every Sunday. Our existing TVs are outdated as they were purchased in the early 2000’s.

If you would like to make a donation 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 if you need more information. The Sunday School children and teachers appreciate your continued support.

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. 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.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

We now have a new Communications Request Form to help streamline how we share information with our church family. This is the way to request announcements for newsletters, bulletins, Facebook, and our website. Forms are available in the church office and should be submitted to office secretaries to be processed.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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

HAND QUILTING

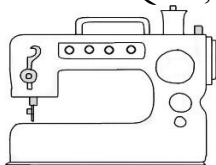
This group meets every Monday from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

BEGINNER MACHINE QUILTING CLASS

The Ziegels Quilting Mission is offering an 8-week class that will introduce you to quilting by machine. You will create a baby size quilt with the fabrics of your choice. You will learn how to select fabric, use a rotary cutter, make both nine patch and monkey wrench blocks, sew on borders, learn straight line machine quilting and apply binding. You must be comfortable with your sewing machine and have both a 1/4" foot and a walking foot to take the class. No machine is needed for the first class. The class fee is \$20. There will be sign-up sheets with a class supply list available in the fellowship hall. This class will be limited to 10 people. Class will meet in the fellowship hall from 6-8pm on the following Wednesday evenings:

Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17, Jan 7, and Jan 21.

If interested, please contact Michele Quier, 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.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday Fellowship Hour is held on Sundays at 10:00a.m. A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Room or contact Doreen Wynn at 610-481-0143 or lurvplumeria@yahoo.com.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Join us in the committee's mission to support our union church missions of worship, education, and service. We welcome all who are interested! Contact Michael Longenderfer through the church office or ziegelschurch@gmail.com.

WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE

The Working Group Committee is asking for a few minutes of your time to fill out a brief questionnaire. Your prompt and honest responses are appreciated!

1. Why do you come to Ziegels Church?
2. What would you like to see for Ziegels in the future?
3. What is your favorite event that has been held here and any new event that you would like to see?

You will find the questionnaire located on the church windowsills and/or in the bulletins. Please return to the office, place in the offering plate, or via email to lutheranziegels@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS COMMUNITY

SERVICE Join us on October 5, 2025, at 1:00p.m., in the picnic grove. The Feast of St. Francis is a celebration which commemorates the life of St. Francis and his devotion to animals. A freewill offering and donations for the Sanctuary at Haafsville will be collected to support the Sanctuary at Haafsville's mission of a no kill philosophy with fostering and adopting cats and dogs. See the sanctuary's wish list at URL for wish list donation items: <https://www.thesanctuarypa.org/donate/>. All pets must be caged or on a leash.

MOSAIC CLASS-All are welcome to join!!!

Join us on October 18th, from 10a.m.-1:00p.m.,

in the Fellowship Hall, to learn the history of

mosaics and create your very own mosaic. The

class will be hands-on and will include messy

material (please dress appropriately). The cost for each project is \$60,

and you have your choice to create a cross, turtle, mushroom, or a

garden stone. Please include your choice of shape, along with your

payment, and place it in the Fellowship mailbox. **All reservations**

must be made by October 12th to give KBDee Mosaics enough

time to prepare the materials needed. All are welcome!!!



SPRINGERLE COOKIES VISUAL PRESENTATION

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025, 6:30-8:30p.m., in the Fellowship Room, Ziegels Union Church. You will learn the history and art of the Springerle Cookie. Free admission and open to the public.

SPRINGERLE COOKIES HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 8th, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Room, Ziegels Union Church. This workshop will demonstrate how to make springerle dough. Participants will imprint and cut cookies to take home for air drying overnight before baking them. Various types of molds will be available to try.

Participants are asked to bring (please label your utensils):

- Apron, if you use one
- Cookie sheets (parchment paper provided)
- Rolling pin
- Pizza cutter
- Cookie spatula
- Kitchen towels (to cover your cookie sheets)
- Personal molds you want to use

There is no cost to attend this workshop, but preregistration is required, to ensure we have sufficient supplies and table space set up for our group. **Deadline for registration is November 2nd**. This workshop is underwritten by a UCC Neighbors in Need grant. Sign-up forms can be found on the windowsills. For more information, please contact Mary Redline (Mary.A.Redline@gmail.com). ***Come to one or come to both!***

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 12, 2025, 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.

Until Oct. 5, 2025, 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. Please check the expiration dates.

If you would like to help pack the boxes, please come to the Fellowship Room after the U.C.C. service (approx. 9:30a.m.) on **Oct. 12, 2025**.

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!!!

Just as we did last year, there is an **additional** opportunity for Ziegels Union to show our support for **local military families**. 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, again, asked the director of the Keystone Military Family Organization what we could do to help with this holiday project. **They asked if we could supplement the meal boxes with BAKING SUPPLIES, CONDIMENTS, COFFEE (bags or k-cups), and COFFEE FILTERS**, that would be very helpful in completing the holiday boxes for the veterans.

The holiday box wish-list includes flour, sugar, vanilla, baking soda, baking powder, morsels, peanut butter, brown sugar, 10x sugar, vegetable oil, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, coffee (bags/k-cups) 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 box. 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 **any** questions, please contact Bonnie Millward (610-533-8404).



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Sponsor a wreath for veterans in Ziegels Union Church Cemetery. The placing of the wreaths will

be Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 12 Noon at Ziegels Union Church cemetery. The cost is \$17.00 for a wreath. Please make checks payable to "Ziegels

Union Church." In the memo write "Wreaths Across America."

Please send your order to: Laura Loch 2587 New Smithville Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 or call 610-285-6212 or email lloch3@ptd.net.

Deadline to order is November 17, 2025. This is our way of honoring the veterans that served our country for the freedoms we have today. You can find order forms in this month's newsletter or on the church windowsills.



LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: AUGUST STATISTICS

- 77 family units were served (98 adults, 90 children, and 57 seniors) for a total of 245 individual clients.
- 86 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 171 lbs. of food this month, along with many needed items for the Blessings Shop.

Food/items suggested: canned yams; instant mashed potatoes; stuffing; cranberry sauce; canned green beans, canned corn, brownie mixes, gravy, cream of mushroom soup, boxed scalloped potatoes, french fried onions (2.8 oz); mac & cheese w/cheesy packet, canned pineapple, canned pasta (i.e. Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti O's), cereal of any kind, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce,

pasta (not spaghetti or elbows), Hamburger Helper, cake mixes, jelly, toilet paper, personal care items.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: Children sweatshirts, socks, towels (bath and hand towels)

October Servings: Saturday, October 4th; Wednesday, October 15th; Thursday, October 16th.

Volunteer opportunities: Dates and times are listed on our website at lowhillfoodpantry.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Form on our website and email it to Gale Breiningner at lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Monetary Donations: Our address for monetary donations is: Lowhill Food Pantry, 4695 Lowhill Church Rd, PO Box 115, New Tripoli, PA. 18066.

REQUEST: Please check expiration dates to ensure they have NOT expired. Thank You!

Thank you SO much for your continued support.

The number of clients we serve continues to increase each month.

We appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.

Lowhill Food Pantry October Sponsor: Carl & Katherine Hoch

October Head Ushers

**Lutheran – Lutheran Council
UCC – Rocky Redline**

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
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

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.

Church Office Hours:

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

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



**The office will be closed on Monday,
October 13th, 2025, in observance of
Columbus Day.**

Union Church email: ziegelschurch@gmail.com

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UCC Congregation email: ziegelsucc@gmail.com

Christian Education email: ziegelsce@gmail.com

Fellowship Committee email: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com

Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org



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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