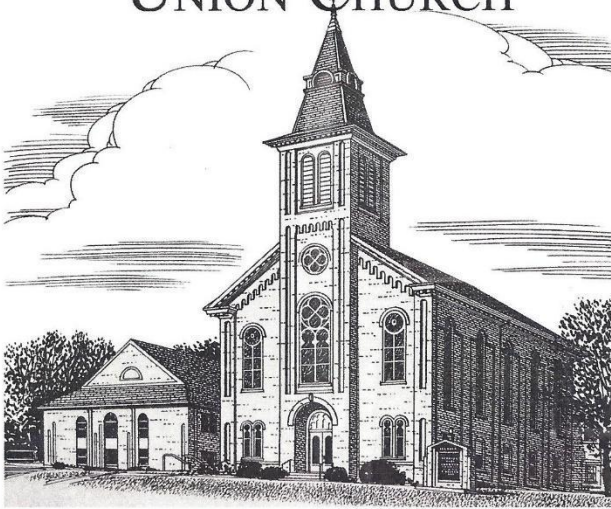


# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031*

## **November 2025 NEWSLETTER**

*Volume 25, Issue 10*

**November Newsletter Sponsor:**

**Beth Kramer & Family**

***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](mailto:ziegelsucc@gmail.com), Nicole (Lutheran) at [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com). It can also be read electronically by going to our website at [www.ziegelschurch.org](http://www.ziegelschurch.org) and clicking on the newsletter link.

### **REMINDER!**



The deadline for submissions for the December 2025 newsletter is Saturday, November 15, 2025.

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

## **NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

### **Committee Meetings**

Nov. 4 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.  
Nov. 10 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.  
Nov. 11 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.  
Nov. 18 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.  
Wednesday Girl Scout Troop 6602, 6:00p.m. (every other Wed.)  
Thursday Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:00p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Th.)  
Girl Scout/Brownies Troop 64562, 6:30p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Th.)  
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.

**Girl Scout Troop #64562** contact Lynne Walters at 610-393-2696 and Kacie Walters at 610-393-4117.

**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.

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### **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](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

**We are now accepting 2026 Sponsors. Please contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com) if you are interested.**

**We are also in need of website sponsor(s) for December 2025. Please contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com) if you are interested.**

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### **October Union Church Committee Meeting Highlights**

The Union Church Committee met in October to review current ministries and plan for the months ahead. Key updates include:

- Reviewed the church's financial status and presented the proposed **2026 Union Church budget**.
- Approved the **Treasurer position job description** and authorized the start of a candidate search.

- Received updates on upcoming **Trunk or Treat** and **Community Family Movie Night** events.
- Discussed plans for the **Thanksgiving Service**, including the possibility of a shared worship with neighboring congregations.
- Heard an update from Pastor Larry on the **Ecumenical Community Garden** initiative.
- Reviewed and approved several **facility use requests**.

*Submitted by Michael Longenderfer*

**JOB OPENING** - The Union Church is seeking a reliable and detail-oriented **Treasurer** to oversee the church's financial operations in a part-time capacity. This role includes managing income and expenses, payroll, and budgeting, while ensuring compliance with financial regulations and alignment with church policies. The Treasurer will work closely with church leadership to provide transparent financial reporting and support the church's mission of faithful stewardship. Please email [ziegelschurch@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelschurch@gmail.com) to request a full job description or learn more about the Union Church Treasurer position.

## 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.

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA at MT. ZION LUTHERAN**

**CHURCH** On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00p.m., the adult choir of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church plans to perform a Christmas Cantata entitled 'A Weary World Rejoices,' *A Chamber Cantata for Christmas* by Joseph M. Martin.

During the season of love and fellowship, we wish to extend the invitation to you and your music members. We plan to highlight vocalists and instrumentalists. Essentially, the more people who participate, the better the program will become.

Please contact [bridgebysue@gmail.com](mailto:bridgebysue@gmail.com) or 610-972-5327 for more information and further details. Sincerely, Sue Wessner (Music Director).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **11/15 ZIEGELS HANDMADE MARKET CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 by Girl Scout Troop 68, 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.

### **11/15 "SLIDE ON BY" FOOD TRUCK**

**Slide On By** will be in the Ziegels Church parking lot during the same time as the Handmade Market event, 10a.m. to 3p.m. Have lunch or get an early dinner! The proceeds will benefit the Ziegels Sunday School program.

### **12/21 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Join us at 10:00a.m. in the Sanctuary for our annual Sunday School Christmas program.

## **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 28**

### **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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com) so we can get a list of enough people that would commit and attend the study.

### **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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com) for more information or if you would like to help in a class as a teacher or helper.

## **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](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com).

## **VINCE'S FOOD TRUCK AND BAKE SALE** will take place on



**Tuesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**, from 3p.m.-7p.m. Proceeds from this event will go towards Wreathes Across America. Please email [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com) with any questions. Use the QR code provided or visit:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-58858467-bake#//](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-58858467-bake#/) to sign up to donate baked goods or volunteer.

**POTATO FILLING SALE** will be available for pick-up **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be making potato filling in the church kitchen on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1p.m.-4p.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](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com) with any questions. You may use the QR code provided or visit:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-58858976-potato#//](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-58858976-potato#/) to sign up to provide ingredients.

## **LOVE TO DECORATE FOR CHIRSTMAS?**

Mark your calendars for **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **10 a.m.** and join the Fellowship Committee in decorating the sanctuary and setting up trees around the church. Young and old are welcome to join us.



**CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Join us on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, as Helping Hands, Fellowship committee, and the NEPA Synod grant are hosting a Christmas matinee for families (any shape and size; children must be accompanied by an adult). Pizza will be served at 12:30p.m., followed by decorating of trees at 1:00p.m., and the movie “The Boy Called Christmas” will be shown at 1:30p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors!!!

**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 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 10a.m. All cookies will be packaged in boxes during the fellowship hour 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.

**The annual Snowflake Festival** will be postponed until January 2026!



## SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE



### **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

**Deadline to order is Sunday, November 9th.**

The available colors are white, red, pink and marble.

Order forms are in the windows outside the sanctuary or please contact Michele Quier (Lutheran) at 484-661-6049 or Laura Loch (UCC) at 610-285-6212.

## 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 [luvplumeria@yahoo.com](mailto:luvplumeria@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ziegelschurch@gmail.com).

As part of the grant projects and commemoration of Ziegels Union Church's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary, two videos were produced. You can click the links provided below or view the videos from the church website, [ziegelschurch.org](http://ziegelschurch.org).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2TVkL\\_QPKo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2TVkL_QPKo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fvf8-Bq4UzE>

## SPRINGERLE COOKIES HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

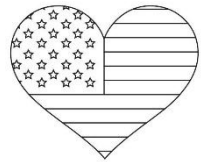
## Participants are asked to bring (please label your utensils):

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This workshop is underwritten by a UCC Neighbors in Need grant. Sign-up forms can be found on the windowsills. Contact Mary Redline ([Mary.A.Redline@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.A.Redline@gmail.com)).

## COLLECTION OF MILITARY BOXES –

A **HUGE** 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 sincerely 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 \$750.00). The boxes were delivered to The Keystone Military Families organization in Shoemakersville, PA on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 **very large** 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 on this project. Again, **THANK YOU**, Ziegels Union Church members for demonstrating your support and Christian Love to your deployed military personnel and local military families.

*(Harry & Bonnie Millward and Dave & Donna Purugganan)*



## 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 Smithsville Road, Kutztown, PA 19530. Call 610-285-6212 or email [lloch3@ptd.net](mailto: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

**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 making a contribution to the program, please contact Lonnie at 610-393-2106 or [lsdamiano@yahoo.com](mailto:lsdamiano@yahoo.com). All donations and stockings need to be returned to Lonnie or the church office by **Friday, December 5, 2025**.

In addition, we will be supporting the Lowhill Food Pantry Children with gifts this year! Tags for the gifts can be found in the Fellowship room starting in November. 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](mailto:kellylucarelli@yahoo.com). All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church Library by **Friday, December 5, 2025**.

And, we will be collecting new, unwrapped gifts for the Lutheran Home at Topton residents for their "Christmas Sharing" store. Information sheets can be found in the Fellowship room. Gifts can be dropped in the Library no later than **November 23, 2025**. Contact Kelly Lucarelli at 484-375-8987.

## LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

- 74 family units were served (82 adults, 72 children, and 65 seniors) for a total of 219 individual clients
- 69 children served through the Weekend Children's program
- 1 Emergency family served

- Ziegels donated 574 lbs. (including Harvest Home) of food this month...AMAZING...along with many needed items for the Blessings Shop.

**Food/items suggested:** personal care items, cleaning supplies, dish detergent, mac & cheese, jelly, baked beans, cereal, canned fruit, ramen  
**Current needs for the Blessings Shop:** towels (bath, hand, and t-towels), blankets, socks

**November Servings:** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>; Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Dates and times are listed on our website at [lowhillfoodpantry.com](http://lowhillfoodpantry.com). If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Form on our website and email it to Gale Breininger at [lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto: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 SO much for your continued support. We appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.*

## **Lowhill Food Pantry November Sponsors ~ Dave & Rita Grillo**

### **November Head Ushers**

**Lutheran – Dave Grillo**

**UCC – Arlene Inman**

### **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 |

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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.

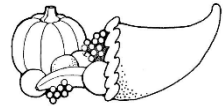
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### Church Office Hours:

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

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

**The office will be closed on Thursday,  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
in observance of Thanksgiving.**



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Christian Education email: [ziegelsce@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com)

Fellowship Committee email: [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com)

Ziegels Union Church Website: [www.ziegelschurch.org](http://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