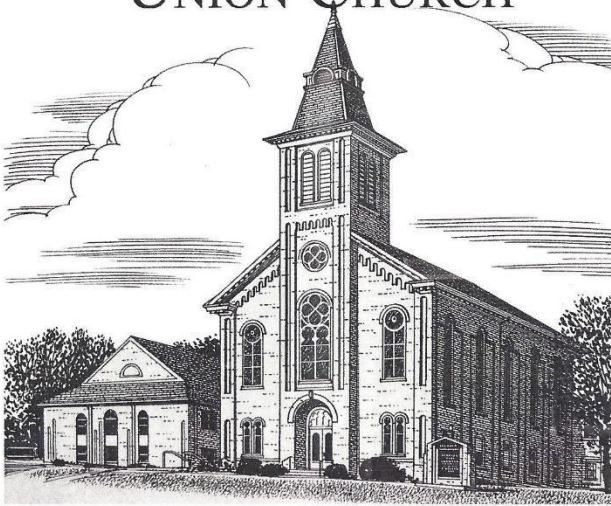


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

MARCH 2026 **NEWSLETTER**

Volume 26, Issue 3

March Newsletter Sponsor
Harry & Bonnie Millward

Come worship with us each Sunday!

8:30 a.m. - UCC worship

11:05 a.m. - Lutheran worship

MARCH MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

March 3 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
March 9 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
March 10 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
March 17 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.
Quilting Mission, Mondays, 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday Beginner AA, 5:30p.m., AA, 7:30p.m.
Wednesday Girl Scout Troop 6602, 6:00p.m. (every other Wed.)
Thursday Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:00p.m.(2nd & 4th Th.)
Bell Choir 6:00p.m., 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.
Cadette Girl Scout Troop #68 contact Beth Furman at 484-217-2197.

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

Worship and/or Sunday School Cancellation Notices



Weather cancellations will be posted on the church website, Facebook page, and WFMZ-TV Channel 69, WFMZ website or app.

UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

HELPING HANDS CLOTHING DRIVE

Helping Hands Youth Group is still collecting clothing and shoes for a community project. **Donations of new or gently used, clean clothing/shoes of all sizes are needed. Items can be dropped off in the designated spot in the church lobby during church office hours (9a.m. to 12p.m.) and Sundays. After hours drop-off can be arranged (contact Laurie Rex 610-349-9124).** After the collection, we will welcome community members on Saturday, **April 11, from 9a.m. to noon**, to take items -free of charge- that they need for themselves and their families. A bake sale fundraiser will also be held.

DONATIONS OF RUBBERMAID TYPE TOTES AND PACKING/MOVING BOXES ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR STORING THE CLOTHING!

Questions, contact Laurie at ziegelsce@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS YOUTH GROUP

Helping Hands Youth Group will meet on **March 15, 2026**, from 12:15p.m. to 2:30p.m. HHYG is always open to community youth and is for 1st grade through high school students.

Join us for lunch, games, devotions, crafts, and whatever mission project our helping hands can help with. This month we will be sorting clothing for our upcoming Clothing Giveaway on 4/11.

ZIEGELS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT - SUNDAY, MARCH 29 at 1:00p.m. we will have our outdoor Easter Egg Hunt and visit from the Easter bunny. Bring your friends and family for a fun afternoon!

BEAR CREEK CAMP registration is now open!

Bear Creek Camp's overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs. Visit this link to learn more:

<https://bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp/>.

Brochures can be found outside of Sunday School office. Ziegels campership funds are available! Please contact Laurie Rex or Kelly Lucarelli at ziegelsce@gmail.com for more information.

YOUTH SUNDAY - APRIL 26 - Save the Date!

April 26 will be all about Ziegels' youth! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10am for a special worship service done by our Sunday School children. Youth will also be participating in both worship services on that day, 8:30am UCC and 11am Lutheran. We hope you will join us and support these wonderful young people.

VBS RAINFOREST FALLS - JUNE 22-26

This year's Vacation Bible School will be a rainforest adventure where we will explore what it means to be rooted in God - our safe place in life's storms. VBS will be an evening program for youth who have finished Kindergarten up to 6th grade. We are looking for helpers ages 7th grade and up. Please see or contact Laurie Rex if you'd like to volunteer! Online registration for youth and volunteers will be open soon. Questions, email ziegelsce@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES

March 15 Helping Hands Youth Group 12:15-2:30p.m.

March 22 Tara's Treats pickup in Sunday School office 10a.m.

March 28 Egg Decorating (for ages 6th grade and up) 10a.m.

March 29 Egg Hunt, 1-3p.m.

April 5 EASTER- NO SS OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

April 11 Community Clothing Giveaway 9a.m.-12p.m.

April 26 Youth Sunday - Fellowship Room 10am

June 22 to 26 Vacation Bible School (evenings)

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS - Lilies, tulips and hyacinths are available for Easter. Cost is \$10 for single stem 6" pot Lilies: \$8 for hyacinths (pink, blue, white); and \$8 for tulips (red, purple, yellow, pink, white). Order forms are available at the church or contact Michele Quier (Lutheran) at 484-661-6049 or Laura Loch (UCC) at 610-285-6212. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 8th.** Please include payment with your order. Checks should be made payable to your own congregation.



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 Room. Contact Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com to become part of the committee or a resource helper at events.

POT PIE DINNER – March 14th

Ziegels Fellowship Committee will be hosting our annual Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, March 14th from 4:30-7pm. It

is an all you can eat including chicken pot pie, salad with bacon dressing, bread,

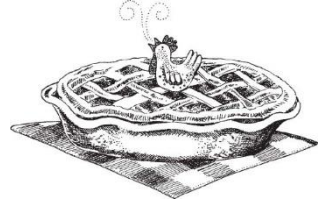
applesauce and desserts. Price at the door will be \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under. Tickets will be sold in advance at a discount of \$12 for Adults- starting Feb 8th. Take-out quarts will be available for

sale for \$10 each. **Orders are due 3/1.** Volunteers are needed, anyone who would like to join us in the kitchen

can come beginning at 9am on 3/14. If you have any questions, please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com or

reach out to Shana Hanna. Please use QR code provided or visit the link below to sign up:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-61588433-potpie#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4DAAAD2AA5F49-61588433-potpie#/)



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.

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 MINISTRY

Become a prayer warrior for Ziegels members and our community.

Contact the church office or Kelly at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or by phone, 484-375-8978.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This group is currently working 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.

SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30p.m. to sew pillowcases, dresses, 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)751-6123 or luvplumeria@yahoo.com.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Help the office be efficient and timely in 2026. Contact the office to:

- Provide your updated contact information: address, mobile phone number, email.
- Sign up for church emails via Constant Contact (or sign up directly on the website homepage: www.ziegelschurch@gmail.com)
- Sign up to receive the monthly newsletters via email
- Submit **April 2026 newsletter information by Sunday, March 15, 2026**. Communication forms are available in the church office or from the website <https://ziegelschurch.org/links-docs>. Use the form to help the office with accuracy and timeliness of newsletters and bulletins.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Become a resource person to help our mission activities by setting up the PC projection system in the Fellowship room, controlling the soundboard during worship services, setting up for summer services, assisting the office, and other technology related needs. Contact Michael Longenderfer through the church office or ziegelschurch@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ZIEGELS UNION PRESIDENT

GOOD NEWS IS HERE - As I look at the 1" of new fallen snow that covers the ground, it reminds me of how God's love for us covers us all. If the winter weather has you down, my friend had a picture of a robin just the other day. As the days get longer, and we have more daylight, let us remember God's light shines on us, our community and everyone always. God Bless, Rob



MUSIC & WORSHIP

THANK YOU FROM JILL

I want to thank all of you for your support, care, and fellowship over the last 9 1/2 years, as I served as your organist, choir director, musician. It was a joy to be part of your church family and share in making music. For me, making music in the church is about many things --fellowship, bringing a message, glorifying God and adding to our worship.

I also want to thank you for the goodbye party that wasn't! (ha-ha) Old Man Winter had the best of us for two weeks in a row (which meant I missed my first Sunday at the new church, too). Adult choir members and I were finally able to get together (after two postponements) at the end of January when I was surprised with a basket of cards and gifts --and a beautiful sheet cake, which we shared at our meal.

Thank you so much for the lovely cards, well-wishes and gifts. You will long be remembered, and I miss you all -- maybe the "rowdy crowd" of young chime ringers the most! Best wishes as you search for your next music leadership.

In closing, I will share with you what the Senior Choir members pray before each service:

"Bless, O Lord, us your servants who minister in your temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts; and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen"

Bless you all,
-----Jill Bruckart

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: JANUARY STATISTICS

- 75 family units were served (89 adults, 84 children, and 59 seniors) for a total of 232 individual clients.
- 79 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 127 lbs. of food in January along with items for the Blessings Shop.

The total for 2025 was 3,488 lbs.!!! AMAZING!!!

Food/items suggested: snacks (Pop Tarts, crackers, cookies, pretzels, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars), canned pasta (i.e. Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Beefaroni),

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: new socks, activity books, and towels.

March Servings: Saturday, March 7th; Wednesday, March 18th; Thursday, March 19th.

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

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

From Lowhill Food Pantry, thank you SO much for your continued support. We appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.

2026 SPONSORS NEEDED!

It's a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one and a means to financially support the missions of our congregations.

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

- Contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at lutheranziegels@gmail.com.

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

2026 Ziegels Church Leadership

2026 Lutheran Council

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

2026 UCC Consistory

Kim Anderson, President
Rob Ziegler, Vice President
Kaitlyn Sterner, Secretary
Rocky Redline, Asst. Treasurer
Arlene Inman
Shana Hanna
Laurie Rex
Barbara Ziegler
Joyce Weishaupt, Treasurer

2026 Union Committee Officers

Robert Ziegler, President
Michael Longenderfer, Vice President
Kevin Miller, 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
Laurie Rex, Sunday School President	610-349-9124
Robert Ziegler, Union Church Pres.	610-683-5667
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

Contact Us

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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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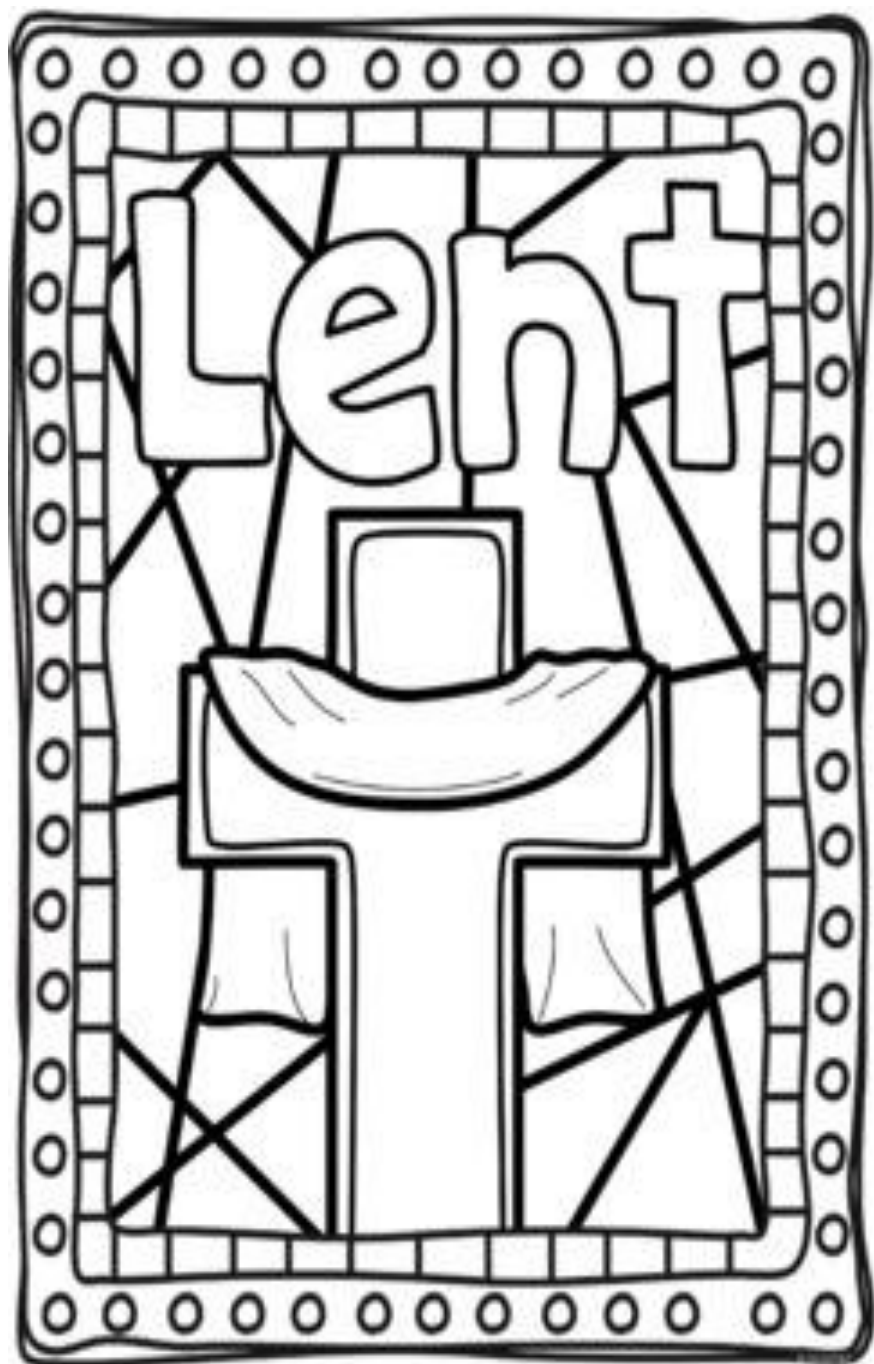
PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

**During this season of Lent, let me
remember all that you have done for me.**

**Help me to reflect upon the ultimate
sacrifice and pain that you went through
for us. As I make a few of my own
sacrifices, help me to stay strong and
committed to this Lenten journey and use
my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my
relationship with you. In moments where I
struggle, remind me of the incomparable
sacrifices and struggles that you endured.
Guide my heart and mind to stay focused
on your love and glory.**

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



UNION LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

*You are invited to join us for Holy Week services at our church.
Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through
song, prayer, and reflection.*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP & SERVICE

Join us Wednesday evenings

2/25: In our Wilderness (Social Services meal)

3/4: Nicodemus by Night (Christian Ed meal)

3/11: The Woman at the Well (Lutheran Council meal)

3/18: A Man Born Blind (UCC Council meal)

3/25: Mary by Lazarus' Tomb (Union Council meal)

Soup meal at 6:00pm, Service at 7:00pm

*(A very special thank you to Social Services, Christian Education,
Consistory, Lutheran Council, and
Music & Choir for hosting the meals).*

PALM SUNDAY 3/29

UCC worship at 8:30am

Lutheran worship at 11:05am



“JOURNEY TO THE CROSS”

Wednesday 4/1

Soup meal at 6:00pm

Self-guided walk-through stations from 5pm - 8:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Union Agape Meal 4/2 at 6:00pm

Agape meal (potluck style) and stripping of altar

*For our Maundy Thursday “Agape” Communion Service, we will have a
potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall.*

You are invited to bring a covered dish.



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP

4/3 at 7:00pm

Tenebrae Readings Service

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES, 4/5

6:00am Sunrise Worship (inside service)

8:30am UCC Worship with Communion

11:05am Lutheran Worship with Communion

Gluten-free communion options are available.