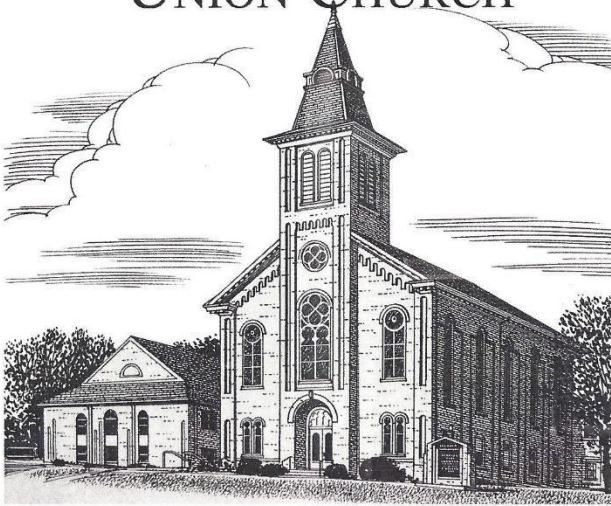


# ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



*9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031*

## **May 2026** **NEWSLETTER** *Volume 26, Issue 5*

***Come worship with us each Sunday!***

8:30 a.m. - UCC worship

11:05 a.m. - Lutheran worship

**\*Summer Worship schedule to be announced.\***

## MAY MEETINGS

### Committee Meetings

May 5 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.  
May 11 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.  
May 12 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.  
May 19 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.(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Th.)  
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](http://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, May 25,  
2026, in observance of Memorial Day.



### **A Message from the Ziegels Union President**

Yesterday gave a brief snow shower, so as I see the frost covering the grass and roof this morning, remember spring is on the way. All we need is faith. This is so true in our life...handling changes when they arise. Everyday things just do not seem nearly as concerning if we remember **God is with us always.** -Rob Ziegler

## **UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **CLOTHING GIVEAWAY UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, sorted the clothes, and helped in some way the day of our event. Our first Clothing giveaway was a great experience for all. Leftover clothing will be split up between Allentown Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Perfect Fit. We are done taking clothing donations for now but will be planning another one in the future.

#### **MAY 10 - LAST DAY OF YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.**

It's hard to believe our Sunday School season is over until September. Thank you to Chris and Wayne Bower, Carley and Andy Schopf, Dana Yerger, Michele Quier, Jackie Heffner, Deanna Quay, Kevin Miller, and all of our great students and families for continuing to keep our Sunday School program thriving. We look forward to September!

- Laurie Rex, SS President & Kelly Lucarelli, SS Vice President

#### **BOOK STUDY - UNCOMMON DECENCY**

Join Pastor Larry and the adult Sunday School class in the Mark room on Sundays, 10-11am. The class is reading Uncommon Decency by Richard Mouw and can be purchased on Amazon if you would like to be part of this study.

#### **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. Volunteers and parents of participants can easily register on our Ziegels Facebook registration page (preferred), but paper registrations for youth and volunteers can also be used and are available on the Sunday School table outside of the SS office or in the main church office.



#### **VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14 at 6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM**

Questions, email Laurie at [ziegelsce@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsce@gmail.com).

## **MAY 17 - HELPING HANDS YOUTH GROUP**

Youth from 1st grade and up are welcome to join us for HHYG Sunday, May 17 from 12:15 to 2:30pm. We will start with lunch then activities will follow!

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**May 10** Last day of Sunday School classes

**May 14 at 6pm** VBS Volunteer meeting

**May 17, 12:15-2:30pm** Helping Hands Youth Group

**June 22 to 26** Vacation Bible School (evenings)

**September 13** Rally Day Breakfast

**September 20** First day of Sunday School

## **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](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com) to become part of the committee or a resource helper at events.

**ZIEGELS YARD SALE – Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, from 8am-1pm.** There will be food available for purchase to help raise funds for Wreaths Across America. We will be selling baked goods, hot dogs, and drinks. Spaces are free to Ziegels members. \$10 per space for non-members. We are also taking donations of yard sale items. Please bring to the church lobby or contact Shana at [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com). Use the QR code provided to donate goods to sell or to help on the day.



**ZIEGELS TRACTOR & CAR SHOW – Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12-6pm – A COMMUNITY EVENT!**

Free Admission - Join us for food, games, raffles, bake sale, tractor pulls – Fun for all ages! Entertainment will be provided by The Hannah Violet Trip and The Majestics. Interested in showing your tractor or classic car? Email [ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com).

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to clean up the church property grounds to prepare for spring. Your time and generosity is so greatly appreciated!



## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST**

Meets every Friday at 7:00am 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.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Become a prayer warrior for Ziegels members and our community. Contact the church office or Kelly at [kellylucarelli@yahoo.com](mailto:kellylucarelli@yahoo.com) or by phone, 484-375-8978.

## **HAND QUILTING**

This group meets every Monday from 9:00am-12:00pm. 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 5:30pm to sew pillowcases, dresses, and chemo port cushions. For information, contact Shelley Daniels at 610-704-4500 or email [seashell246@gmail.com](mailto:seashell246@gmail.com).

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

This group is currently working independently from home on crocheting prayer shawls and knitting 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.

## **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Sunday Fellowship Hour is held on Sundays at 10:00am A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Room or contact Doreen Wynn at (610)751-6123 or [luvplumeria@yahoo.com](mailto:luvplumeria@yahoo.com).

## **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

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

- Sign up to receive the monthly newsletters via email.
- To submit information for the weekly Sunday bulletins, e-newsletter, or the monthly newsletter, download the Communications Request Form using the link provided on church website and submit it to the church office.
- **Submit June 2026 newsletter information by Friday, May 15, 2026.**

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

**May Website Sponsors:  
Mark & Nancy Clemens**

## **LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: MARCH STATISTICS**

- 2 family units were served (109 adults, 95 children, and 59 seniors) for a total of 263 individual clients.
- 91 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegels donated 37 lbs. of food in March along with items for the Blessings Shop. We accept donations on the first Tuesday of each month from 8:30-11am and the last Saturday of each month from 9-11am.

**Food/items suggested:** creamed corn, canned diced potatoes, evaporated milk, pinto beans, refried beans, diced tomatoes, alfredo sauce, chili seasoning packets. These items will be used for meal kits (i.e. taco soup, chicken alfredo, easy dump chili, cream corn chowder, chicken taco pasta, chili mac) that we are putting together for our clients. We could also use crackers, cookies, granola bars, chips, pretzels, popcorn; any snack item.

**Current needs for the Blessings Shop:** summer toys

**May Servings:** Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Volunteer opportunities:** If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the Volunteer Form on our website, [lowhillfoodpantry.com](http://lowhillfoodpantry.com) and email it to Gale Breiningner at [lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**Monetary Donations:** Send monetary donations to: 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.*

## May Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsors: Bob & Jane Mason

### **WEISENBERG LOWHILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - RED ROBIN FUNDRAISER**

On **Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 4-8pm**, please visit the Red Robin location, located at 4688 A Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104, to give back to Weisenberg Lowhill Township Historical Society. Please mention this fundraiser to your server to have 20% of food sales counted back to WLTHS. This is for dine-in and to-go food sales only.

### **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](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**

- Contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at [lutheranziegels@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranziegels@gmail.com).

### **2026 Ziegels Church Leadership**

#### **2026 Lutheran Council**

Keith Harwick, President  
Ken Highley, Vice President  
Bonnie Millward, Secretary  
Dave Grillo  
Michael Longenderfer  
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

## May Head Ushers

**Lutheran** – Bonnie Millward      **UCC** – Laurie Rex

## OUR STAFF & LEADERS

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Karly Rex, Sexton	484-561-8287
Laurie Rex, Sunday School President	610-349-9124
Robert Ziegler, Union Church Pres.	610-683-5667
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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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## 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

