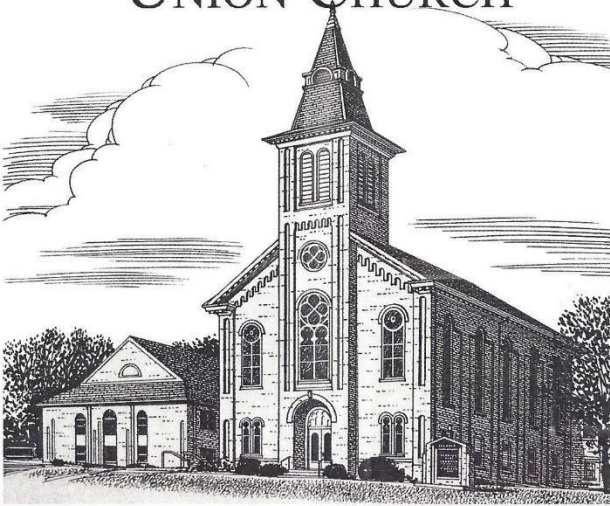


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

July / August 2026 **Summer Edition Newsletter** *Volume 26, Issue 7*

July / August Newsletter Sponsor:
Glenn & Barbara Reitz,
In memory of Glenn's parents,
Howard & Pearl Reitz

Come worship with us each Sunday!
Summer Union Worship, 9:00am

SUMMER MEETINGS

July Committee Meetings

July 7	Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
July 13	Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
July 14	UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
July 21	Property Committee Meeting, 7:00p.m

August Committee Meetings

August 4	Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
August 10	Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
August 11	UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
August 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, third Tuesday, 5:30p.m.
	Quilting Mission, Thursdays, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday	Beginner AA, 5:30p.m., AA, 7:30p.m.
Thursday	Cadette Girl Scout Troop 68, 6:00p.m.(2 nd & 4 th Th.)
Friday	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00a.m. at Cracker Barrel
	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.

A Message from the Ziegels Union President

As you travel and vacation this summer, take some time and visit a church wherever you may be.

Take in the sites; be patriotic and visit some of the many 250th year celebrations of our country that are taking place everywhere!

Enjoy your summer and may Gods love and peace watch over your family wherever you are.

-Rob Ziegler



UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MEETING FOR NEW CONFIRMANDS & PARENTS -

On **Sunday, 8/2 at 10am** (after Union worship service), there will be a meeting for anyone starting 7th grade and their parents who are interested in the Ziegels Confirmation program. Confirmation classes will start **Sunday, 9/20 from 10-10:50am**. If you'd like to attend the informational meeting, contact Kelly or Laurie at ziegelsce@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20 -

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on September 20th, from 10 to 10:50am. Beginners Class is for 2 year olds to PreK age and meets in the Genesis room. The Elementary Class is for Kindergarten to 6th grade which meets in Hebrews. First year Confirmation class will meet in Galatians and second year Confirmands will meet in Romans.

HELP NEEDED!

Ziegels Sunday School would love to have more volunteers from our congregations to be part of our Sunday School program. Connections between our youth and other church members help to make our students feel like they have a role in the life of Ziegels church. If you feel called to help and be part of this important Ziegels ministry, please email ziegelsce@gmail.com or talk to Laurie Rex or Kelly Lucarelli, if you'd like to hear more about helping.

ADULT BOOK STUDY -

Pastor Larry will be conducting a new book study starting in September. The book is called The Vanishing Church by Ryan P. Burge. You can find the group upstairs in the Mark room Sunday mornings at 10am.

CE SAVE THE DATES

August 2 at 10am Confirmation new student & parent meeting

September 13 Rally Day Breakfast

September 20 First day of Sunday School

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.

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.



ZIEGELS TRACTOR & CAR SHOW –

Saturday, July 11th, 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 Trio and The Majestics.

Interested in showing your tractor or classic car? Email

ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com. Please use the QR code

provided for all communications for the Tractor/Car

Show.



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.

SEWING MISSION

The team meets on the **3rd 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.

HAND QUILTING

Quilting Mission will now meet on **Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm**, from July 2nd through August 27th. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

BEGINNER MACHINE QUILTING CLASS – 8 sessions:
July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, August 4th, August 18th,
September 15th, September 29th, and October 13th,
5:30-7:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This class will
teach you how to make a quilt and machine quilting it
from start to finish. You must be comfortable with
your sewing machine. A list of supplies needed will be
sent before the class starts. You will be making a baby or lap quilt.
Cost is \$20 due at the first class. Limited spaces available! Contact
Michele to sign up: 484-661-6049.



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 on hold for the summer. It will resume on Sunday, September 20th, 2026. It 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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

NOW HIRING – Ziegels Church is seeking a church musician to provide music during the year for two Sunday worship services by playing the organ and directing adult and youth vocal choirs, and adult and youth handbell and chime choirs. Weekly hours will vary seasonally based upon the Christian calendar of celebrations and summer worship schedule. Contact the church office at ziegelschurch@gmail.com for more employment details.

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 at ziegelschurch@gmail.com.

Got Tech Skills? We Could Use Your Help!

The Technology Committee is looking for a UCC representative to join our team. You don't need to be an IT professional - just someone who is comfortable with technology, enjoys solving the occasional tech puzzle, and is willing to help keep our shared church systems running smoothly.

The committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., but much of the work is handled through email, text, and the occasional hands-on troubleshooting session when needed. The time commitment is generally light, but the support provided makes a big difference.

This is a great opportunity to share your gifts and support the ministry of the church in a practical way. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or ziegelsucc@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Help the office be efficient and timely. 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.
- 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 September 2026 newsletter information by Saturday, August 15, 2026.**



“FRAMED AGAIN” – Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at 6:30pm, at the Weisenberg Township Building. Join us for an engaging session with local artists, Gene Allen (acrylic landscapes) and Jeanne Stock (pastels). We hope to see you there!

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: MAY STATISTICS

- 77 family units were served (96 adults, 78 children, and 60 seniors) for a total of 234 individual clients.
- 75 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 207 lbs. of food in May 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 suggestion: Cereal, canned peas, jelly, hamburger helper, scalloped potatoes, and snack items.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: Socks

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

August Servings: Saturday, August 1st; Wednesday, August 19th; Thursday, August, 20th.

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 Marcy Schermerhorn, Volunteer Coordinator, at lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Monetary Donations: Our address for monetary donations is: Christ's Church at 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 ongoing support.

We truly appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.

July/August Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsors:

Dave & Rita Grillo



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED! We distribute school supplies to



the school age children. The schools provide the list of supplies. We are in need of the items listed below. They need to be organized and distributed in early August. If we could receive any donations of school supplies by

Tuesday, July 7th, we'd greatly appreciate it. Thank you in advance for your support of this project!

- Pencil Boxes (in most need)
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers (no eraser caps)
- Dry Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Duo-Tang Folders
- Highlighters
- Black felt pens ("flairs", not Sharpie permanent ink)
- Composition notebooks (100 sheet)
- Single Subject Notebooks



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 11, 2026, 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.

From Sept. 6, 2026 to Oct. 4, 2026, 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, 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 at 10:00am on Oct. 11, 2026. If you would like to make a monetary donation for us to either purchase items on the “goodie” wish list or to help cover shipping costs, please see or contact Bonnie (610-533-8404) by Sept. 27, 2026. In 2025, with everyone’s generous donations, we were able to fill 25 large USPS Flat Rate boxes and cover their entire shipping costs. The shipping costs were \$750.00. After the boxes are packed, they will be taken to Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville, PA. This organization will send them to the deployed military personnel.

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. She said 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, filters, and boxed cake/brownie mixes.

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).

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.

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 Friday, July 3rd,
and Monday, September 7th, 2026,
in observance of Independence Day and
Labor Day. God Bless America!**

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

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

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Fellowship Committee email: ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com
Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org



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July Head Ushers

Lutheran – Ken Highley UCC – Barb Ziegler/Arlene Inman

August Head Ushers

Lutheran- TBD UCC – Rocky Redline

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



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The first and third Sundays of each month, at 9:00a.m., will be communion Sundays with Union services held inside. The final summer worship service will be held on **Sunday, August 30, 2026.**

Outdoor Service (weather permitting):

July 12th, July 26th, August 9th, August 23rd, and August 30th

Indoor service with communion:

July 5th, July 19th, August 2nd, and August 16th

Sunday, September 9 – Return to regular congregation worship schedule. **8:30am – Lutheran service, 11:05am – UCC service**

ZIEGELS SAVE THE DATES

July 7th thru October 13th - Beginner Machine Quilting Class,

Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

July 11th- Tractor & Car Show, Noon to 6pm

August 2nd – New Confirmands and parent meeting, 10am

September 12th – Harvest Fest, 3-7pm

September 13th – Rally Day Breakfast

September 20th – First day of Sunday School

September 30th- Slate Painting Class, 6-8pm

(stay tuned for more details)

October 17th – Chunky Blanket Workshop, 9am to Noon

(stay tuned for more details)

March 20, 2027 – National Quilting Day (assembling charity mission quilts), all day event.