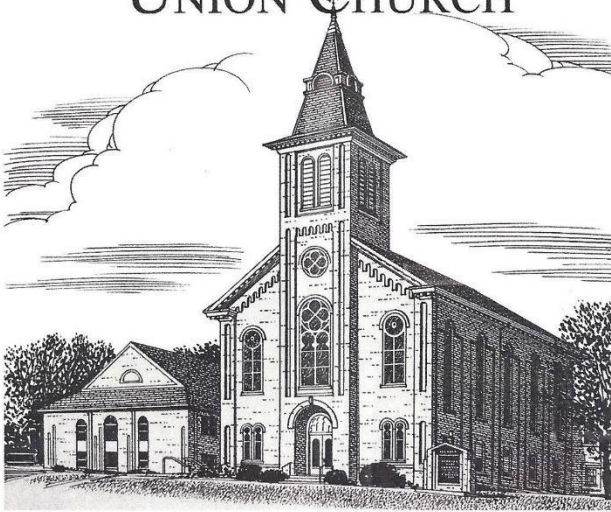


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

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**September Newsletter Sponsor:
Sandra Grim, in memory of Lamont**

Come worship with us each Sunday!

**Starting in September,
we are back to 2 separate Sunday church services:
Sun., Sept 6th – Return to regular congregation worship schedule
8:30am – Lutheran service, 11:05am – UCC service**

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

September Committee Meetings

September 1 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
September 8 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
September 14 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
September 15 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. (2nd & 4th 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

UNION MINUTE:

THE GREATEST INHERITANCE YOU CAN PASS ON TO
YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN IS MORE THAN
THE MONEY OR MATERIAL POSSESSIONS YOU GET.
IT IS A LEGACY OF BOTH CHARACTER AND FAITH.

-Billy Graham

-Submitted by Rob Ziegler, Union President

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

All are welcome to join us on **September 19th**, in the
Fellowship Hall, from 9am-Noon.



UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20!

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on September 20th from 10-10:50am. 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.

HELPING HANDS YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to get the group back together this fall for more fun, food and fellowship! 1st graders on up to high schoolers can join us at 12:15pm where we start our time off with lunch then move on to games, devotions, crafts, and a "helping hands" project. Spread the word and bring friends! So far meetings are scheduled for September 27th and October 18th from 12:15-2:30pm.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

It's time to start thinking about your trunk or treat themes! **Join us on 10/31 from 6-7:30** (5:15 if decorating trunk) and decorate your vehicle or dress up and trick or treat through the parking lot....OR DO BOTH! Baked goods and volunteers for the refreshment stand are needed, too! Look for sign-ups in October.

CHILDREN/BABY BOOK COLLECTION

This year for Trunk or Treat we would like to hand out children's books as a "treat" at the Ziegels SS table. If you would like to donate any new or gently used children's books, please place them in the box outside of the Sunday School office. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13 9:30-10:45am SS Rally Day Breakfast

September 20 10-10:50am First day of Sunday School

Sept. 27 & Oct. 18 12:15-2:30pm Helping Hands Youth Group

October 31 Confirmation Rehearsal (11:30am) and Confirmation Luncheon (12:15)

October 31 from 6:00-7:30pm Trunk or Treat

November 1 at 9am Confirmation Union Service

November 14 10am-3pm Handmade Market

December 13 at 10am SS Christmas Program (12/20 snow date)

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON
NOVEMBER 29, DECEMBER 27 and JANUARY 3.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our VBS collection of toiletry items for the Lehigh Conference of Churches of Allentown. 165 items including deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps and more were delivered to their facility!

Please email Laurie Rex or Kelly Lucarelli at ziegelsce@gmail.com for any questions or concerns relating to Ziegels Sunday School or Christian Education.



On behalf of Ziegels Church, we want to wish all students, teachers, parents, and school staff a happy & safe school year!

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 lurvplumeria@yahoo.com.

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 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.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL- Please join us on **Saturday, September 12th from 4-7 p.m.** for our

annual Harvest Home Festival, in the grove. There will be food, live music by Honky Tonk Deluxe, raffles, craft projects, yard games, cake walk and lots of fun and fellowship. We are also collecting fresh produce and canned food products for Lowhill Food Pantry. If you bring a donation for the Pantry you will receive free tickets for our raffle. We also need cakes for the cake walk.



HARVEST HOME DISPLAY- Sunday, September 13th. The display will be at the 8:30 & 11:05a.m. services. We are collecting fresh produce and canned food products for Lowhill Food Pantry to help our neighbors. If you didn't have a garden this year or a groundhog ate everything you planted - visit a local roadside stand, farmer's market or the grocery store. Let's make our display bigger and better than last years. Food can be dropped off at church, Saturday morning or bring it along to the festival and get a free raffle ticket for the raffle. Any questions email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com.



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 resume to meeting on Mondays from 9am-12pm. For information, please contact Michele Quier at 484-661-6049.

Quilting Mission has 3 extra sets of quilt stands and boards in case anyone would like them. Free to a good home or any donation received will go to the quilt mission. Contact Michele Quier at michm7270@gmail.com or 484-661-6049 if interested.

SLATE PAINTING CLASS – September 30th, 6-8pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$25. Paint either “JOY” stencil or your own creative masterpiece that you can hang. All supplies and instructions will be provided. For more information and to register for this class, contact Diane Hemerly at 610-662-8071. You can find an example of what you will be making on the glass display case as you enter the Fellowship Hall.



BEGINNER MACHINE QUILTING CLASS – 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.



CHUNKY BLANKET WORKSHOP – CLASS SOLD OUT.

Stay tuned for another date. October 17th, 9am-12pm, in the Fellowship Room. Spend a Saturday morning learning how to finger knit a super warm and cozy blanket. You purchase the color yarn, and we provide the instructions. Contact Michele Quier for more information and to register for this class at michm7270@gmail.com or 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.

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.

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 October 2026 newsletter information by Tuesday, September 15, 2026.**

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: JUNE - JULY STATISTICS

- **June:** 79 family units were served (109 adults, 88 children, and 61 seniors) for a total of 258 individual clients.
- **July:** 78 family units were served (104 adults, 82 children, and 56 seniors) for a total of 242 individual clients.
- **June:** 83 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- **July:** 74 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 255 lbs. in June; and 176 lbs. in July along with many items for the Blessings Shop.
We accept donations on the first Tuesday of each month from 8:30-11 AM and the last Saturday of each month from 9-11 AM.

Food/items suggestion: cereal, canned peas, canned corn, hearty soups, juice, and toilet paper.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: socks (new)

September Servings: Saturday, September 5th; Wednesday, September 16th; Thursday, September 17th.

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.

September Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsors:

Mark & Nancy Clemens

September Head Ushers

Lutheran – Keith Harwick

UCC – Shana Hanna



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).

“WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA” Sponsor a wreath for veterans in Ziegels Union Church Cemetery. The placing of the wreaths will be Saturday, December 19, 2026, 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 or call 610-285-6212 or email lloch3@ptd.net. **Deadline to order is November 15, 2026.** 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.



WLTHS PRESENTS – “Demonstration on How to Clean Tombstones” September 15th, 6:30pm at Ziegels Union Church, 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breiningsville, PA 18031.

The demonstration will be held in the cemetery located behind Ziegels Church. The presenter will be Brenda Mankos, WLTHS member. Brenda will demonstrate cleaning techniques on several monuments. All are welcome!

Weisenberg/Lowhill Historic Society presents Farmer's Market and Artisan Fair, September 19th, 9:00am-1:00pm. Located at 4585 Werley's Corner Road New Tripoli, PA 18066. Join in on the yard sale and bake sale. *We are seeking bakers!* All interested vendors should contact Nancy at 484-767-2307.

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
Monday, September 7th, 2026,
in observance of 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

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Robert Ziegler, President
Michael Longenderfer, Vice President
Kevin Miller, Treasurer

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Laurie Rex, Sunday School President	610-349-9124
Robert Ziegler, Union Church Pres.	610-683-5667
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Nicole Wischner, Lutheran Secretary	610-285-6157
Laura Loch, UCC Secretary	610-285-6157

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

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