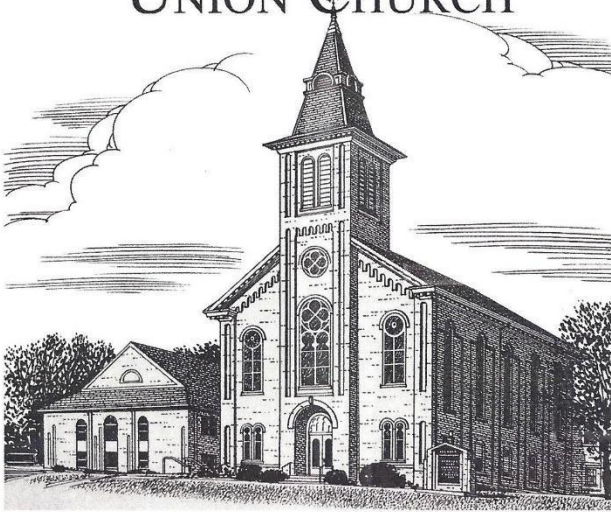


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

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November Newsletter Sponsor:

Men's Bible Study

Come worship with us each Sunday!

8:30am – Lutheran service

11:05am – UCC service

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

November Committee Meetings

November 3 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
November 9 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
November 10 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
November 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, **third** 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.
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

Where has the summer gone?! As fall arrives, the leaves change, and the church becomes more active; Sunday School started, church times have changed, and we are looking ahead to Thanksgiving and our blessed Christmas season. Various committees continue to meet for the work of the church. The working group also continues the planning for the future of Ziegels. As always let your church leaders know of your thoughts for the good of our church.

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."
-Charles Spurgeon

-Submitted by Rob Ziegler, Union President



UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11/14 - HANDMADE MARKET CRAFT SHOW

Join us for our 3rd Annual Handmade Market on **Saturday, November 14th from 10am to 3pm**. There will be an assortment of vendors, a bake sale by Girl Scout Troop 68, raffle items donated by vendors, and the Slide on By food truck with their yummy sliders and hot dogs. Vendor spaces are full, but you can be put on the waiting list in case a vendor space would open. Email Laurie Rex at ziegelsce@gmail.com for more info.

NEW PAJAMA COLLECTION

From **November 1st to December 6th** the Sunday School will be collecting pajamas for the children of the Lowhill Food Pantry. New pajamas from baby size to teen sizes are needed. Please leave your items in the box outside of the Sunday School office. The Sunday School thanks you for your generosity!

ADULT BOOK STUDY

Pastor Larry is conducting a book study that started in September. The book is called The Vanishing Church by Ryan P. Burge (can be purchased on Amazon). You can find the group upstairs in the Mark room Sunday mornings at 10am.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1, at 9am - Confirmation Union Service

November 1 to December 6 - Pajama collection

November 14, 10am-3pm - Handmade Market Craft Show

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 attended our Trunk or Treat event!

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

Union Confirmation Celebration Service

Please join us on **Sunday, November 1st, at 9:00am**, for a special **Union Worship Service** celebrating this year's confirmation students. Come together as a church family to celebrate these young people and this important milestone in their faith journey. **Don't forget-Daylight Savings Time ends that morning!** Remember to **turn your clocks back one hour** before going to bed Saturday night. We look forward to sharing this special day together!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Join us for Fellowship Hour! 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.

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 10:00am in the Fellowship Room. Contact Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com to become part of the committee or a resource helper at events.

ANNUAL POTATO FILLING SALE

We will be making potato filling in the church kitchen on **Friday, November 20th** with pickup on **Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30-11am**. All are welcome to join us to make the Potato filling on **Friday, starting at 10am**. Potato Filling will be sold for \$6 a quart. Order forms can be found on the church windowsills outside of the sanctuary or by calling the church office. Please email ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com with any questions. Watch Constant Contact, bulletins, and Facebook for ingredients sign-up.

LOVE TO DECORATE FOR CHIRSTMAS?

Mark your calendars for **November 27th, at 10am** and join the Fellowship Committee in decorating the sanctuary and setting up trees around the church. Young and old are welcome to join us.



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 13th by 11am**. All cookies will be packaged in boxes 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. If you have other family or friends that would enjoy getting these cookies, please share that information with Shana at ziegelsfellowship@gmail.com or Diane Hemerly at 610-662-8071.

QUILTING MISSION

The Quilting Mission group meets **Monday mornings from 9am-12pm**. No experience necessary. We have something for everyone. We hand quilt a quilt to be raffled off each November, assemble tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief, make items for Ziegels Handmade Market and other charity donations as they arise.

The Quilting Mission is in need of donations to be used in making items for LWR. We are in need of monetary donations that would be used to purchase rolls of batting and other materials. The most economical rolls of batting currently cost \$269 for a 120" x 30-yard bolt and will help us assemble 24 quilts. We are also looking for only queen and/or king size cotton/flannel flat bed sheets that are clean and not showing any wear. We are also accepting cotton or flannel material (no fleece). Donations of crochet thread and embroidery floss of any color are needed. For information, please contact Michele Quier at [484-661-6049](tel: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.

Raffle tickets for a chance to win our 2026 Queen size "trip around the world" quilt are now available. See any quilt mission member to purchase (Sharon Meckes, Kay Ritter, Jen Hausman, Diane Hemerly, Deanna Quay, Pat Elliot, Winona Shappel, Shelley Daniels, Janet Grim and Michele Quier).

UNION SOCIAL SERVICES

We meet the **3rd Monday, every other month, at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is Nov.16th. We will be discussing the Christmas flowers, Easter flowers and the basket social for spring of 2027. We will be hosting some Wed. night game nights this fall and other fundraisers. Watch the calendar! Anyone is welcome to join this committee. Contact Michele Quier [484-661-6049](tel:484-661-6049).

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 8th.

The available colors are white, red, pink and marble. Order forms are in the windows outside the sanctuary, inserted into this months newsletter, or please contact Michele Quier (Lutheran) at 484-661-6049 or Laura Loch (UCC) at 610-285-6212.



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.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you."

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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.

CHILDREN'S CHIME CHOIR - Youth Chime Choir is open to school age children. The choir meets on Sundays from 9:30am (right after first service) to 10:00am. If you have any questions, please contact Winona Schappell at wnschappell@gmail.com or 610-295-3223.

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.

November Website Sponsor:
Dennis Loch

**Family and Friends CPR/AED/
Basic Rescue Skills**



Ziegels Church is offering the LVHN Family and Friends CPR/AED/Basic rescue skills training on January 16, 2027 from 9-11am. This is a non-certifying course for parents, families, and community members. This event is open to the

community. Registration and the accompanying \$10 registration fee must be submitted to the attention of Winona Schappell via the church office by **December 1, 2026**. Checks should be made out to Ziegels Union Church, memo line Family and Friends CPR/AED. Late registration will be accepted if additional instructors are available. Ziegels congregational members can request financial assistance by contacting the church office.

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 December 2026 newsletter information by Sunday, November 15, 2026.**

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: SEPT. STATISTICS

- 67 family units were served (90 adults, 76 children, and 49 seniors) for a total of 215 individual clients.
- 74 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 345 lbs. 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, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Hamburger Helper, scalloped potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, brownie mix, and shampoo. **Current needs for the Blessings Shop:** socks, towels (any size), and blankets.

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

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.

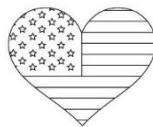
REQUEST: Please check expiration dates to ensure they have NOT expired. Thank You!

*Thank you SO much for your ongoing support.
We truly appreciate your partnership with us in this community project.*

November Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsor: Dennis Loch

COLLECTION OF MILITARY BOXES –

A ***BIG*** 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 boxes were delivered to The Keystone Military Families organization in Shoemakersville, PA on Oct. 13th. 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 (292 lbs.) 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 of this project. Again, ***THANK YOU***, Ziegels Union Church members for demonstrating your support and Christian Love to our 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 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 lcloch3@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.





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 @ [610-393-2106](tel:610-393-2106) or lsdamiano@yahoo.com.

All donations and stockings need to be returned to Lonnie or the church office by **Sunday, December 6, 2026**.

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](tel:484-375-8978) or kellylucarelli@yahoo.com. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church Library by Sunday, **December 6, 2026**.

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 **Sunday, November 15, 2026**. If you have any questions, please call or text Kelly Lucarelli [484-375-8978](tel:484-375-8978).

LOOKING AHEAD - 2027 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

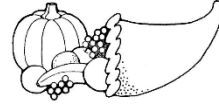
- Contact the church office at 610-285-6157 or by email at lutheranziegels@gmail.com.

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
Thursday, November 26th, 2026,
in observance of Thanksgiving.**



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

November Head Ushers

Lutheran – Lutheran Council

UCC – Barb Ziegler

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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Ziegels Union Church Website: www.ziegelschurch.org



Find us on Facebook:

@Ziegels Union Church @Ziegels Christian Education

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

2026-2027 ZIEGELS SAVE THE DATES

November 1st - Confirmation Union Service, 9am

November 7th – Chunky Blanket Workshop, 9am to Noon
(CLASS SOLD OUT)

November 14th - Ziegels Handmade Market, 10am-3pm

November 20th – Annual making of Potato Filling, 10am

November 22nd – Annual Potato Filling Sale, 9:30-11am

November 27th- Christmas decorating of the church, 10am-12pm

December 13th - SS Christmas Program, 10am (12/20 snow date)

December 19th – Wreaths Across America, 10:30am-2pm

December 24th – Christmas Eve Union Worship Service, 4 and 7pm

January 16, 2027– CPR/AED/Basic rescue skills training, 9-11am