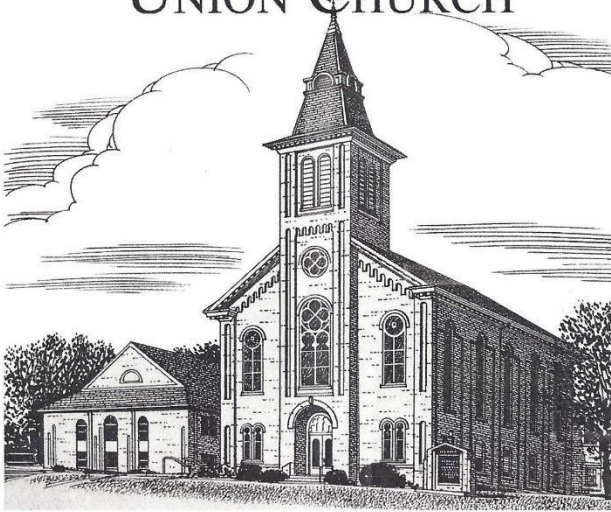


ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH



9990 Ziegels Church Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

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Come worship with us each Sunday!

8:30am – Lutheran service

11:05am – UCC service

OCTOBER MEETINGS

October Committee Meetings

October 6 Union Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.
October 12 Lutheran Council Meeting, 7:30p.m.
October 13 UCC Consistory Meeting, 7:00p.m.
October 20 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

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

So do your best to make someone feel great today!

-Submitted by Rob Ziegler, Union President



UNION COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & MISSIONS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Helping Hands Youth Group meetings began 9/27. **Please note that our October 18th meeting has been cancelled, and the next meeting is TBD.**

ADULT BOOK STUDY

Pastor Larry is conducting a new 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 starting 9/20 in the Mark room Sunday mornings at 10am.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on 10/31 from 6-7:30pm (5:15pm 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 on the weekly Constant Contact 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!

HANDMADE MARKET CRAFT SHOW 11/14

Make sure to plan to shop at our 3rd Annual Handmade Market on Saturday **11/14 from 10am to 3pm**. There will be an assortment of vendors, bake sale by Girl Scout Troop 68, raffle items and Slide on By food truck with their yummy sliders and hot dogs. There are only a limited number of vendor spaces left so if you would like a spot, please email Laurie at ziegelsce@gmail.com for availability.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR

NURSERY & K to 6th grade. Sunday School students can help pack military boxes in Fellowship Room, but must be accompanied by a parent or other adult (no teachers will be supervising).

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

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

November 1, at 9am - Confirmation Union Service

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
OCTOBER 11, NOVEMBER 29,
DECEMBER 27, and JANUARY 3.**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Rally Day Breakfast!
We hope you enjoyed the French toast bar and other goodies!

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

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.

Thank you Ziegels members and the community for your generous donations at the Harvest Home event. Ziegels was able to collect 315lbs. of goods for Lowhill Food Pantry!

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).

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.

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:

- 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 November 2026 newsletter information by Thursday, October 15, 2026.**

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY: AUGUST STATISTICS

- 73 family units were served (105 adults, 82 children, and 48 seniors) for a total of 235 individual clients.
- 74 children served through the Weekend Children's program.
- Ziegel's donated 123 lbs. along with many 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: Hamburger Helper, scalloped potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, brownie mix, and shampoo.

Current needs for the Blessings Shop: towels - any size

October Servings: Saturday, October 3rd; Wednesday, October 14th; Thursday, October 15th.

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.*

**October Lowhill Food Pantry Sponsors:
Sandra Grim, in memory of Lamont**



**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.

Until 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.

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 Smithville 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.



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, October 12th, 2026,
in observance of Columbus Day.
God Bless America!**

October Head Ushers

Lutheran – Ken Highley

UCC – Rocky Redline

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

Contact Us

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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

2026 ZIEGELS SAVE THE DATES

October 11th - Packing of the Military Boxes, 10am,
in Fellowship Room

October 13th – Beginner Machine Quilting Class, 5:30pm

October 17th – Chunky Blanket Workshop, 9am to Noon
(CLASS SOLD OUT)

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

October 31st- Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30pm

November 1st- Confirmation Union Service, 9am

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

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

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

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

