

# **Ziegels Union News**



**January - February 2012**

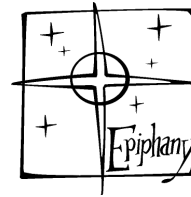
**Monthly Newsletter  
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## Pork and Sauerkraut Meal a Big Success

Our Fourth Annual Feed My Sheep Pork and Sauerkraut Meal was held at Ziegels on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2012 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Approximately 75 people were served. What a wonderful day - we had many members helping to serve and it was great to see so many people enjoying the meal.



## What is Epiphany?



Are you acquainted with the word "epiphany"? It is derived from the Greek word, *epiphaneia*, and means "an appearance." Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6<sup>th</sup>, the twelfth day after Christmas, and called that day Epiphany, intending for it to refer to the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Wise Men who were Gentiles. The very first followers of Christ were Jewish.

The story of the revelation of Christ to the Wise Men, who were non-Jewish, is a reminder that God meant for Christ to be the Savior of the whole world. As an old hymn puts it: "The light of the world is Jesus." A light to the whole world! Wishing you a Merry Epiphany Season! (The church season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday.)

## Join us at the Lord's Table

Receive our Lord's blessings on Sundays, January 1 and 15 and February 5 and 19, at our 8:30 and 11:05 AM worship services as we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



## Fun and Frolic at the Valentine Social

Ok, folks – it's that time again -- time to start thinking about what wonderful talents you all have. On Sunday, February 12, 2012, following the 11:05 AM worship service, we will have a Valentine luncheon in our *fellowship room followed by a Talent Show.*



So we need you to participate! Share your many versatile gifts -- singers, dancers, actors, jugglers, acrobats, baton twirlers, etc., etc. This is for adults and kids, singles and groups. Gather your friends and be creative. In order to plan the program, please let us know what talent you or your group will be sharing. Drop a note in the offering, or contact Kim McHenry at 610-428-2134.

## If we need to cancel worship



If we need to cancel worship because of weather conditions, you can call any staff member or council / consistory person as they all will be notified. The church website will also have a notice in the Facebook block on the lower right corner of the home page.

WFMZ-TV (channel 8, Service Electric) has the cancellations on their website ([www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com)) and sometimes on TV. On their website, click on "school closings," then on "church, worship and library closings."

## Attention Committee Chairs

It's time to submit your year-end report to be included in our 2011 annual report. Reports are due by January 22.

## Come for Breakfast

A Breakfast to benefit the Mission Response Team will be held on Sunday, February 5, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The breakfast, prepared by Frank Legath, will include creamed chip beef, toast, eggs and other breakfast items. A freewill offering will be taken for the Team to offset the costs of our Spring trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, March 25.)



## Lenten Season Begins



The Lenten Season will begin on February 22 with an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 PM. We hope you'll join us in worship as we begin this season of contemplation. Midweek services will also be held on February 29, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 also at 7:00 PM. Topic to be announced.

## Coordinators Still Needed

- We are still in need of an individual to coordinate our fellowship hour coffee set up and clean up. This person is responsible to find and notify the volunteers who do the actual set up or clean up of the coffee pots, generally for a one month period. (Additional volunteers to actually do the set up and clean up would also be appreciated.)
- We also still need an individual to call our members requesting goodies for Sunday morning fellowship time.



Anyone wishing to learn more about these positions is asked to contact Kim Lapp at 610-468-4049 ( klapp@immix.com) or call the church office.

## Thoughts from our Director of Learning Ministries

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays - a day of family, friends, and great food. And although I am thankful every day for what God has given us, Thanksgiving is a time of deep reflection for me.

Every year I promise myself I will adopt a slower pace and truly enjoy the season of Advent. I promise myself that I will prepare my heart and mind for Christ's Birth in deliberate and meaningful ways. Sadly, I am rarely successful at this yearly attempt to simplify, and to enjoy the mystery and anticipation of God's gift to us. I tend to rush through Advent concerning myself with to-do lists, wish lists, decorating, baking and buying gifts. And then, in the blink of an eye, Advent and Christmas have come and gone.

Another year is now upon us now, but in my mind I am lingering in the Holidays of 2011. Even the doorbell, announcing the arrival of family and friends, seems to ring differently during the Holidays. I love the togetherness we share as everyone is gathered in one place enjoying each other's company. I love the noise of the family gatherings; the laughter of the children, the ten different conversations being held at one time, and the comfort of being with people I love. My senses are filled with the sights, sounds and smells of the kitchen: the ladles and spoons clanging together, and the oven door opening and closing. As dinnertime nears, the smell of the turkey, the bread filling, and the other side dishes mingled together fill the entire house.

Over the years we have seen many changes around my family's Holiday table. My grandparents are gone now, and we have new babies in highchairs where my own boys once sat to eat dinner. Boyfriends and girlfriends come and go, and we are all a little older and, hopefully, a little wiser. At that moment when we join hands and pray our "family prayer," I am overwhelmed with gratitude for these people with whom I share my life, and I am very aware of the ways in which God has blessed me.

As a church family, we come together at the table, the Lord's Table, to share in God's never-ending goodness. We are a family that loves each other, cares for each other, and supports each other. We share our lives with each other: our hopes and dreams, and our disappointments, worries and fears. We have welcomed fellow travelers into our midst, sharing with them our stories and our faith. Together we have seen many changes in this past year; we have experienced days of joy as we rejoice in marriages and baptisms, and we have endured days of sorrow as we have grieved together over our losses, saying "goodbye for now" to those we dearly love and will deeply miss. We have overcome many challenges, and we face many more.

My prayer for 2012 is that together we continue in our amazing ministry which began so, so long ago in Jesus' Name. I pray that we hold each other close in our continued joys, and in our sufferings as well. We will face many challenges this year as a community of faith, both financial and otherwise. We will share our blessings and our joys, and we will, undoubtedly, grieve and suffer together. We are not unlike any other family in that respect; through prayer and trust in God we will follow the path He has set before us.

At this moment, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for you, the people with whom I share my life and my faith journey, and I pray God continues to bless us in this New Year.

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### **In the Mission Field**

Mike and Kay Dawkins (Anna and Gerald Breininger's daughter and her family) are missionaries in Indonesia and would appreciate your financial support as well as your prayers. Donations are accepted at any time throughout the year in support of the school where they teach or for the Dawkin's living expenses. Please see Lori Brawn with any questions or to offer support.

## **Congratulations!**

We would like to recognize the following students for their Faithful Attendance in Sunday School during the month of November:

Beginners – Hailey Green

PreK & Kdg. – Marlyse DeLillo, Makela Frantz,  
Samantha Hall, Jayden Hausman

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade– Kaleb Beers, Dartanyon DeLillo, Mia  
DeLillo, Jonah Leiby, William Randall, Aubrey Remaley

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Amanda Achenbach

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jason Frey, Aaron Green, Erin Randall,  
Karly Rex

Confirmation –Payton Breidinger, Danny Butz, Ryan  
Dengler, Isaac Fatzinger, Dakota Frantz, Maddie  
Frederick, Gavin George, Jared George, Kendall Graff,  
Julia Haas, Shelbie Kunkle, Bradley Rex

## **Sunday School News**

On Sunday, January 29, Pastor Bruce will teach "Baptism" in the Sanctuary and on February 19, Pr. Candi will teach "Seasons of the Church." Everyone is welcome to join the Confirmation Class for this lesson. We will meet at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Our Annual Sunday School Loose Change Offering will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continue through Easter. Please support our efforts to help others in need by saving your loose change!

Many of our young members are required to complete a Senior Project for school and Service Projects for the Scouting Program. We can offer help and guidance with these projects through the Learning Ministries Committee. Vacation Bible School, Mission trips, fundraisers and planning youth events are just some of the opportunities that exist. Please call Lori at 610-573-9764 if you would like more information or help with your Projects.

## What's Happening in Confirmation



Confirmation Classes will be held from 10:00 until 10:55 Am on January 8, 15 and 29 and February 5, 12, 19 and 26. The class meets in the Acts Room. On Sunday, January 29, Pastor Bruce will be teaching "Baptism" and on February 19, Pr. Candi will teach "Seasons of the Church." Both lessons will be in the Sanctuary. The youth are asked to meet in their classroom for attendance and offering at 10:00 A.M. Parents are welcome to attend this class as well. **Class will not be held Sunday, January 22 (last day of the Youth Quake in Harrisburg), but students are required to attend Worship services on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (if they are not attending Quake).**

The Confirmation Class will be selling Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookie Dough beginning on Sunday, March 4. You may place an order with any Confirmation student or order on the form on the table outside the Sunday School office (upstairs) or in the Fellowship Room. All orders must be in by Sunday, April 8 and pickup will be Saturday, April 21, at 10:00 AM at Ziegels. All proceeds benefit the Confirmation Program.

The Confirmation Class is reminded to sign in and complete Sermon Notes each week throughout the summer months. The sign in sheet and the Sermon Note sheets are located in the Upper Narthex. If you do not sign in, you may not receive credit for your attendance. Completed Sermon Notes may be placed in Lori's mailbox. Please also check in with the Council or Consistory if you are scheduled to serve as ushers or videotape the service.

Ziegels Secret Partner Program participants are reminded to keep their students in their thoughts and prayers and to remember them monthly with cards or letters. The program is designed to encourage and support our youth during their two years of Confirmation Instruction and the students look forward to hearing from their partners.

## Youth Group News and Upcoming Events

The Ziegels' Senior High Youth Group is sponsoring a Family Snow Tubing Event at Blue Mountain on Saturday, January 14. We will meet at Blue Mountain at 4:00 PM and the event will end at 10:00 PM. We must have 15 people to receive the group rate of \$20.00 per person, half of which will be paid by the Youth Group. Family tubes (6 people) or individual tubes will be available. Children must be at least 36" tall and all children 6th grade and under must be accompanied by a parent. Please RSVP to attend! Note: You do not have to have a youth in the Senior High Youth Group to participate !!

The Junior Youth Group (ages three through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will host "Dinner & a Movie Night" on Saturday, January 28 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. We will provide Hot Dogs for dinner and popcorn, snacks and drinks during the movie, "Rapunzel." Families are welcome to come out and enjoy an evening of fun! Donations of snacks and juices or water would be greatly appreciated.

On Friday, February 3, the Senior Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades) will host a sleepover. Youth are invited to gather at the Church at 7:00 PM. The doors will be locked at 10:00 PM. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM on Saturday and youth should be picked up at 9:00 AM. Bring quarters for the soda machine and snacks to share. Friends are welcome to attend. Please sign up on the sheet on the table outside the Sunday School Office.

Watch for more information on these Youth Group-Events planned for the children and youth. Chaperones are needed.

- Youth Group Dinner for Mom and Dad – Saturday, February 18 (all ages)
- Youth Group Dinner and a Movie Night – Saturday, March 24 (ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Youth Group Dinner and a Movie Night – Saturday, April 14 (ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Senior High Sleepover – Friday, May 4 (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **Learning Ministries**

Our next scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 16 at 6:00 PM. If you have an interest in the Christian Education of our members and would like to be a part of future events, please join us. A Sunday School teacher from each class is encouraged to attend. **We will not meet in February.**

## **Adult Learning Opportunities**

A men's breakfast is held each Friday at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville at 7:00 AM. Men of all ages are invited.

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study group meets every Thursday from 1:00 until 2:00 PM. We are beginning a new study in January. All are welcome!

## **Roof Slate Available**

Would you like to have a piece of history? We have some slate from the old roof available on a first come, first serve basis for our members. A donation of any amount would be appreciated.

## **Just a Reminder**

All teachers and other volunteers who work with our children and youth must have reviewed our Safe Sanctuary policy and have screening forms on file in the office. If you are in need of the guidelines and proper forms, please see Lori Brawn or call the church office.



## News from Mission Response

The Mission Response Team will hold our next meeting on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 PM. Discussion will be held on fundraising and the planning of a Spring Disaster Relief trip. Join us!

The Team is planning a Spring Mission Trip for the week of March 12 to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. We will be working with "givetuscaloosa.com" who will also arrange our housing for the week. Fifteen beds have been reserved, and 9 of those are taken as of today. If you are interested in traveling with the Team, please contact Lori Brawn at 610-573-9764 as soon as possible.

The Team will sponsor a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on June 2, 2012. The bus will leave the Ziegels parking lot at 8:00 AM and arrive at Longwood Gardens about 9:30 AM. We will leave there at 3:30 PM and stop for dinner on the way home. The cost will be \$42 for 16 year olds and older, \$40 for seniors, \$35 for students and children four and under are free if they sit on their parents lap on the bus and \$17 for their own seat. The price includes the guided tour. The -deadline to sign-up is Saturday, May 5. Please call Diane Hemerly (Lutheran) at 610- 767-5798 for more details and to reserve your seats.

We will return to Camden, New York the week of July 9, 2012. If you are interested in traveling with us, please let me know. Cluster #13 asks for a \$100.00 donation per volunteer which is paid by the Team. The Team also covers the cost of fuel, food and lodging. The trip will be open to all youth and the experience would be a great Senior Project.

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*Forgiveness is not an occasional act;  
it is a permanent attitude.*

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## **In Our Mailbag**

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for the phone chats, the flowers, meals and especially the visits to our home throughout 2011. We are blessed to have a wonderful Church family who continues to keep us in their thoughts and prayers.

With much love,  
Daryl and Paul Wolf

## **Support our Ministries**

- **Mission Cookbooks** are available in the main office or please see Lori. The cost per book is \$15.00. Cookbooks make great gifts – it is not too early to start your Christmas shopping!!
- **Redner's tapes** are collected by the UCC congregation. In order to use your tapes, you must have a customer card which must be scanned prior to ringing up your order. The entire tape is needed, not just the bottom portion. The tape *must have the words "Save-a-tape."* If you don't have a card, you can get one at Redner's Customer Service Desk. A container for the tapes is located in the fellowship room.
- **Weis Cards** are available from the UCC congregation. Orders in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 should be placed by the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month, with pick-up on the following Sunday. Order forms are located in the fellowship room and can be brought to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Ziegel UCC.
- **Fair Trade Coffee or Tea** can be purchased anytime during the year by stopping by the Sunday School office any Sunday morning or by the church office during the weekdays.

## Union Church Meeting Update

The Union Church Committee members were deeply saddened by the death of fellow Committee member and Union Treasurer, John Ginder. John faithfully served our union church family as treasurer for the past 20 years and also served on our Property Committee as a member and chair over these many years. He will be deeply missed.

The Union Church Committee met Tuesdays, November 8 and December 13.

- At the November meeting, a quote of \$10,656.36 to purchase a new mixer board (with digital sound processor) and move the system to the balcony was received. This purchase will help with some of the microphone issues we are currently experiencing. At the December meeting, a motion was made and carried to move forward with this purchase with monies to come from the estate of Pat Becker, memorial funds from May Hausman, and a private donation.
- Letters have been sent to the youth sharing information about the Youth Encounter in Virginia Beach and the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- An Audit Committee has been established.
- A Union Retreat for Union Church Committee members will be held on February 18 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Worship Schedule for 2012 was reviewed.
- Officers were elected for 2012: Bob Lilley, President and Terry Oplinger, Vice President; Diane F. Hemerly, Treasurer. A secretary will be selected next month.

The next meeting of the Union Church Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 10.

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*If we pray well, we live well. If we live well, we die well.  
If we die well, all is well.*

-Anonymous

## **Thank you . . .**

- everyone who donated clothes to the Fall Clothing Drive in the support of the Confirmation Class. We collected 2,327 pounds and received a check in the amount of \$304.63.
- Carl Hoch, Dottie and Pr. Bruce MacLaughlin for their participation in the Ziegels Zoomers Annual Fall Bike Ride.
- all who donated items for the Lutheran Social Services Bake Sale in support of the Lowhill Food Pantry -- \$390.01 was raised.
- the Veteran's Committee for organizing the special Veteran's Recognition Service and meal on November 13, and to all who attended, and brought food or helped with the luncheon.
- everyone who came out for the Mission Pancake Breakfast. The proceeds totaled \$552.00. A special thanks to everyone who helped, especially Frank Legath who donated the food items, time and talent in the kitchen to make the morning a success!
- everyone who supported the Premise Maid Sticky Bun sale. Proceeds were divided between the 2 congregations.
- Kim Lapp for organizing the Thanksgiving Take out meal and to all who helped or donated items.
- Gloria Zimmerman for the use of her sleigh and wagon, which added a special touch to our Christmas decorations in the lobby and fellowship room. Also to Terry Hausman and Charlie Shaw for helping to deliver them to Church.
- everyone who came out for the Advent Covered Dish and Church Decorating Night and those who donated poinsettias. Our Church looked just beautiful for Advent and Christmas!
- Barbara Moyer, Terri Lundberg, Brian Lilley, Val Missmer, and Pat Elliott and all our choirs for the wonderful Advent Night of Music program.
- to everyone who sponsored the Advent Night of Music program and to all who attended and gave gifts in support of The Caring Place. Approximately \$1300 was raised.

- everyone who brought refreshments for the Advent Night of Music program.
- our children and teachers in the Sunday School for their participation in the Sunday School Christmas Program. We are thankful we have so many dedicated teachers and so many young children to help us prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.
- everyone who participated in the Living Nativity on Sunday, December 11 and also to everyone who worked behind the scenes to organize and donate refreshments, record the music and Christmas story, and prepare the costumes. And thanks to those of you who came out to enjoy the evening.
- everyone who participated in the Gift Wrapping Day at the Allentown Rescue Mission and those who donated wrapping paper, toiletries and other items. Your help in bringing joy into the lives of their clients is greatly appreciated.
- everyone who purchased gifts for the children of The Caring Place and purchased gifts or filled stockings for the children of the Lowhill Food Pantry. We provided at total of 120 gifts and approximately 100 stockings for children in need.
- those who brought a Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey for the patrons of the Lowhill Food Pantry.
- everyone who purchased "Enjoy the City" coupon books to support the Confirmation Class.

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