

# VOICE

of ST. THOMAS



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## Sunday Service Schedule

**Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.**

**Fellowship-Beatrice Hall - 10:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.**

### **Interim Pastor**

Rev. Schaun C. Myers

### **Director of Music Ministries**

Brian P. Luckenbill

### **Facilities Attendant**

Shirley J. Shupe

### **Office Administrator**

Kathy A. Oberly

## WE ARE WITNESSES

Encounters with the Savior... A Musical for Easter

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**

Celebrate Easter Sunday hearing the testimonies of those who encountered Jesus firsthand, and those He left amazed and in awe. Through these encounters, people could not help but bear witness to His miracles and to the love and mercy shown to those He met along the way. He has called us all to be witnesses as believers.

Join us this Resurrection Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, for the Worship Choir's presentation of this beautiful musical that motivates our hearts to testify of our own life-changing, personal encounters with our Savior.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Register your child/youth now to spend a week at summer camp and watch their Christian character grow. Christian camps make Biblical values the foundation of their programming. They focus on the spiritual aspect of a child's life. Attending a Christian camp encourages spiritual growth, a dynamic many families believe is missing in the lives of today's generation of youth.

Our Sunday school board recognizes the importance of a Christian summer camp program as a supplement to Sunday school. Therefore, children who attend our Sunday school will have **half** of their camp fee paid by the Sunday school for up to one week at an approved Christ-centered Christian Camp. See Brian Luckenbill if you are interested in receiving this offer **PRIOR** to registering. **PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP!**



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Greetings!

My word for the year 2024 is transition. This year will hold some significant transitions in my life, as well as my family's. Darlene and I turn 60 this year (although she really is only 29), my daughter Brittany and I both will be leaving military service. My chaplain assistant Phil, who we also consider our son, also is retiring from the military. A lot is on the horizon as we chase after the great adventure!

In some ways I feel like I'm graduating high school again and need to figure out what to do with my life. I had options back then: I could go to college (did that), get a job at McDonald's (did that), get married (done that for the past 36 years and counting), join the military (check that box). Back then I wasn't thinking about being a pastor. At 18 I'd seen the challenges my dad faced serving in ministry and

didn't want to go through all of that. But God knew better than I did what He had in store for me. Looking back over the past 41 years, I'm amazed at where God has led me and the unimagined things I've experienced because I stayed open to His will for me.

So I'm excited to see what happens next, especially as we start working together as the body of Christ at St. Thomas. Proverbs 3:5-6 is one of my favorite verses and so applicable to us all as we look to the future: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." As we yield our will and our desires to Him, and trust Him with our future, He will lead us straight to what's next. That makes for a great story, as we find ourselves in amazing new places serving in challenging new ways. I'm looking forward to getting to know you in the months ahead and seeing how God can use us together to serve His kingdom!

*Pastor Shaun*

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## Consistory



The Consistory has been diligently working to amend the 2024 budget. This year's budget has been a huge challenge, as we have very little room to cut expenses, and projected income falls short of expenses. Last year (2023) we saw some offering/giving earmarked for benevolence. Benevolence funding cannot be used for general operating expenses. As we budget based on last year's figures, we will probably not be able to present a balanced budget. Consistory hopes to finalize the proposed budget on Monday, February 12. Once a recommendation has been

made, copies will be made available and a date set for a congregational meeting.

Consistory is also reviewing changes to the Endowment Fund By-Laws, as recommended by the Endowment Committee. If approved by the Consistory, those changes will also come before the congregation at the next congregational meeting.

Please remember the Consistory meetings are open meetings and we welcome your comments and attendance.

## Meet the New Kid on the Block --- Pastor Schaun Myers

Greetings, and meet our new interim, Pastor Schaun. We asked him if we could introduce him to our church family via an article in The Voice. Without hesitation he said, "Sure, sounds like fun." This may have been his first mistake. Seriously, we hear that he plays well with others, likes to have fun, is a team player, and in his own words, "has a squirrel mentality and is easily distracted." A perfect fit for St. Thomas!

Actually, he is quite accomplished and has dedicated his life to Christ and going about the Father's work in various mission fields; whether that be the PA National Guard, teaching a Sunday school class, delivering a Bible-based sermon, or going about daily life. His heart is for The Lord. A perfect fit for St. Thomas!

Born in Ohio into a pastor's family, Pastor Schaun grew up mostly in Cincinnati, which is still his favorite town. He attended a small Christian college in Tennessee where he met his wife, Darlene. She was born in Brooklyn. Funny how God brought a NYC native and a farm boy from Ohio to Tennessee to meet and fall in love.

They married in 1987 and moved to Chicago to further their education. Pastor earned an MDIV and a masters in Church History, while Darlene studied for her masters in Christian Ed. Their first daughter, Jess, was born at the end of their time in Chicago in 1992.

The first church that they served, beginning in July 1992, was in Rows Run, PA, an old coal patch town. They remained in Fayette County for five and a half years. Their second daughter, Britt, was born in 1994.

The family moved to Reading in 1997 to pastor St. James Church in West Reading. Their third daughter, Brooke, was born at the Reading Hospital the following year. Pastor and Darlene still live in Kenhorst. In 2003, after 9/11, Pastor Schaun joined the PA National Guard as a chaplain (Bruce Farrell recruited him). He served a cavalry squadron for 12 years, went to New Orleans with the unit after Katrina, then to Iraq in 2009. He pastored St. James until 2008 when he began serving full-time in the Guard.

After Iraq Pastor Schaun came home and served as the interim pastor at St. James while they searched for a pastor, and since then he has completed many military duties. He spent a year in Jordan in 2018, managing the religious support for all US forces stationed there,

and was blessed to baptize over 100 soldiers (and three Russian women) in the Jordan River. He truly considers the PA National Guard as his mission field. Darlene homeschooled the girls until they reached high school, and then she began working in Governor Mifflin School District, specifically with special needs students. Pastor Schaun says, "She is outstanding at what she does, and can reach the most troubled kids."

He has been a woodworker/contractor for most of his years in ministry. He enjoys repairing/refinishing antiques and loves building models of tanks. Pastor Schaun has won some awards and has been published in modeler's magazines. He loves classic rock, Andy Griffith and cartoons.

Darlene is a talented artist and loves creating things. She also is the adventurer in the family in that she loves hiking, camping, and travelling. She collects books and animals and has had many odd pets (including a skunk and a pig). Hmm. We'll have to ask her about that sometime.

Their daughters are all grown:

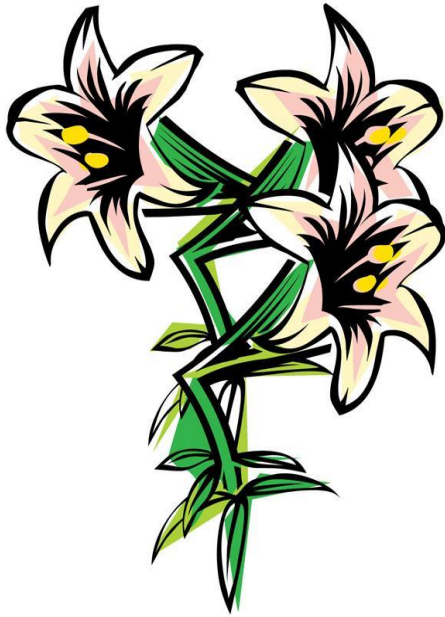
Jess is married to Ryan and they are coder/programmer/web content creators. She has a degree in fashion design from the Fashion Institute of Technology NYC. and they live in Chester Springs.

Britt is most like her father. She works for Johnson & Johnson as a technician on some of their heart mapping technology. Pastor says he is not sure what that means, but she is in operating rooms for cardiac surgeries, monitoring patients' hearts during the procedures. We don't know what that means either, but it sure sounds pretty impressive to us. Britt lives in Nashville and received her undergrad degree at Palm Beach Atlantic and a masters from Liberty. She is also a Captain in the Army Reserves.

The youngest, Brooke, also has a degree in fashion design from FIT. She lives in Hollywood CA and is a full-time fashion designer for Rails, a clothing line. Her designs are being produced and sold. Check them out.

Pastor Schaun also happened to mention that they do not yet have any grandchildren. But that may be a story for another day.

*Judy Guthier*



# 2024

*Lilies - \$7.75*

*Tulips - \$5.50*

Orders due  
March 17

## Easter Flowers



Easter Flower Order Form

Order #1: Tulip Lily (circle one)  
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Order #2: Tulip Lily (circle one)  
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Order #3: Tulip Lily (circle one)  
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Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Flowers Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Make sure to write the sponsorship information on the lines provided.**



The Search Committee continues to receive resumes and conduct virtual interviews with potential candidates. We are also following up on other word-of-mouth leads we have received. God's timing is often very different from our timing.

Please uphold the committee in prayer as we continue to discern His will for St. Thomas.



Everyone is invited to join the Sunday school kids, teachers, and helpers for breakfast in Beatrice Hall during the Sunday school hour on March 3.

Please sign up in the library so we can plan for enough food. Donation basket is at the door to help defray expenses.

### All-You-Can-Eat SPAGHETTI and MEATBALL DINNER

(baked goods available)

Sunday, May 5, 2024

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cost: Adult-\$10.00

Children 5-10-\$5.00

Sponsored by St. Thomas Music Ministries





If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, you will find bright orange “Prayer & Praise Request” cards throughout the church. A Prayer Box is located in the library to drop off the cards after filling in your request. You can also place them in the offering plate.

## Prayer Requests

**Current:** Heather Edgar, Bill Stickler, Scarlett Seifrit, Ruth Anne Christman, Gary Zellers, Stefani Walter, Corrinne Wagner, Pastor James Snyder, Donna Houck, Beth Stoltzfus, Byron Bixler, David Bossard, Myrle Schlappich, Daniel Wolf, Jr., Rose Ebling, Karen Hess, Mary Eaken, Rowena Henderson, Roy Hetrick, Alicia Rodriguez, Charles Seifrit, Shawn Stauffer, Troy Corson, Tom Bair

**Nursing Home / Homebound:** Pat Miller, Betty Henne, Kim Kissling, Anna Mae Smith, Sandra Fox, Phyllis Krause, Donald Triviets, Dot Meredith

**Other:** Care Givers, Pastoral Search Committee, Missionaries, Persecuted Christians, United States (especially elected persons in authority)

**Military:** Brandon Adams, Nicholas Englehart, Cassandra Englehart, All Veterans

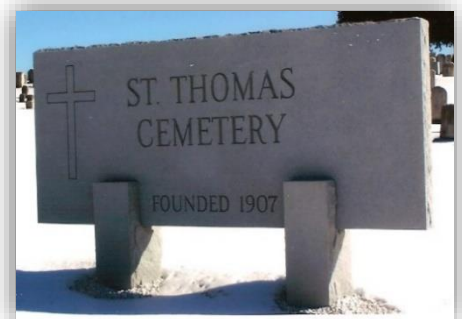
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*Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.*

-John Wooden

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The Cemetery Board met on December 12 for their quarterly meeting. We are in the process of discussing many issues. We will be voting on our new bylaws in March and discussing new cemetery lot prices. We will be checking with present lot owners in Sections 2 and 3 to update information on those lots. Letters will be sent out starting the end of January. We are asking for everyone's (lot owners) cooperation in this process. Also, we are planning on a work Saturday in April in order to do some spring cleaning such as repairing tombstones, servicing equipment, leveling graves, grass planting, etc. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the board members and we will let you know the date. If you know anyone who is interested in purchasing a lot, please contact anyone listed below.



Thane LaFollette, President  
Eleanor Stickler, Secretary  
Dennis Degler, Sr., Trustee

Jeff Hirneisen, Vice-President  
Shirley Saunders, Treasurer

## Ark Builders Sunday School Class

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever." Psalm 89:1

This has been our Bible verse for the past four weeks. This verse has been a very popular verse with the children, because we are able to put a lot of motions to this verse. Their favorite part was showing their arm strength for the word "great."

Our lessons have been extremely active. For "Jesus Stops the Storm" the children got to row the boat in a strong storm. Sometimes I make the children work like when they had to build their boat first before the storm.

For "Jesus Helps a Blind Man" the children needed to walk on a marked path three times.

The first time with their eyes open, the second time wearing sunglasses covered with black felt and the third time with their eyes closed.

For "Jesus Feeds 5,000" the children made baskets and had to find five loaves and two fish for their lunch. After the meal was over, the children collected all the leftovers. They collected twelve baskets full.

Jesus loves the little children and we love the opportunity to teach them about Him.

*Miss Nancy & Miss Ginny*



**HIS Kids**



**KFC**



**Kids Choir**

## St. Thomas Church Operation Shoebox



We are collecting Redner's Receipts to raise money to purchase items for the shoeboxes. You need to use the Redner's Reward Card when you make your purchase. Place the entire receipt (up to three years old) in the box in the library. Receipts will be totaled and turned in to Redner's and we will receive 1% back to use for shoebox purchases. Thank you for your help filling shoeboxes!

## Shoebox Project

We are thrilled to share with you the incredible news that our efforts for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child in 2023 were nothing short of amazing! Thanks to your generous contributions and support, we collected 156 boxes. These boxes are now on their way to bring joy and hope to children in the Dominican Republic, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mauritius, and Seychelles. Moreover, we are excited to announce that the overall count of shoeboxes collected nationwide reached an impressive 11,330,126! It's a testament to the power of collective giving and compassion.



As we embark on our journey for the 2024 Shoebox Project, we are reaching out to you once again for your support. We are in need of various craft supplies such as fabric, yarn, beads, and more. Your donations can help us create beautiful items that will surely bring smiles to children's faces. If you're interested in lending a helping hand, there are numerous ways to get involved. From sewing simple dresses for dolls to crafting blankets, washcloths, or making small wooden cars and games, every contribution matters. Please reach out to Ruth Lafollette for more information on how you can assist or donate supplies.

Additionally, we are seeking donations of various items throughout the year to fill our shoeboxes. If you come across seasonal items on clearance while shopping, please consider picking them up to support this cause. Here is a list of items needed for donations:

Gloves  
Hats  
Socks  
Clothing  
Underwear  
School supplies

Toys  
Games  
Cars  
Barbie Dolls  
Combs  
Toothbrushes

Washcloths  
Sewing supplies  
Soccer balls  
Jump ropes  
Coloring books  
Tools

For those who prefer to contribute financially, cash donations are always welcome. You can give directly to Kelly Groff or leave your donation with the church office labeled for the Shoebox Project.

Your continued generosity and support are invaluable to us as we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of children around the world. Let us keep these children in our thoughts and prayers as we work together to spread love and kindness through Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful initiative!







Breakfast and Bible Study  
First Saturday of each month.  
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Upcoming:**  
**March 2 & April 6**



Adult & Teen Challenge is still looking for calendars as well as cards for holidays throughout the year and non-holiday cards as well. Drop off in the box on the office door on Sunday or, the office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon to drop them off. Please be sure to call in advance to make arrangements before stopping by.



**Upcoming Monthly  
Information Meetings:**  
March 3 & April 7  
following the service.



*St. Thomas parking lot  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
March 22 & April 26*

### Sound and Video Desk Update

We would like to thank all of the members who have donated funds to help to upgrade our technology for our Sound and Video Desk. We have purchased the items needed to digitally record our services so it will be easier to post on the website. We have a new camera, monitor, computer, and switcher (controls what is seen on what screen). We are NOT recording the children's message. There was also a donation for new hearing devices, so if you had one prior, please return it to the desk and pick up a new one. The Technology Team now asks for your patience as we learn how to use the new equipment. We could still use some new people to help out at the desk each week.



Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us \_\_\_\_ one another, for \_\_\_\_ comes from God. Everyone who \_\_\_\_ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not \_\_\_\_ does not know God, because God is \_\_\_\_."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV)







# HERSHEYPARK

**All Tickets (ages 3+)**  
**\$36.95**  
 (Valid only until June 30)

**\$43.95**  
 (Valid through 1/1/25)  
 (regular price \$87.80)

Discount tickets available through  
**St. Thomas Church**  
 until March 24<sup>th</sup>

Contact Brian or Nancy Luckenbill or  
 call the church office  
 (610-488-6702) to order tickets.




St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them,

“Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three persons--the Holy Trinity.



Let us not forget  
 who created  
 the bunny.




**Bernville  
 Community  
 Egg Hunt**

Donations of individually wrapped candy  
 needed by March 24, 2024

Volunteers needed to help to fill the eggs after  
 worship on March 24 in Beatrice Hall

# Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by:  
**St. Thomas Church**  
 (Affiliate of the Evangelical Association)

All Families Welcome  
 Newborn to 6th Grade

**March 30, 2024 at 1pm**

Umbenhauer Park  
 Bernville, PA

Prizes awarded




# HYMN SING

**St. Thomas Church**

**April 14, 2024 @ 2 PM**

**Enjoy Desserts after Hymn Sing  
in Beatrice Hall**



**Dessert Donations appreciated**







**LONGWOOD  
GARDENS**

**BUS TRIP**

**Saturday April 27, 2024**  
Leaving St. Thomas promptly @ 9am

**Cost per Ticket:**  
**Adults \$50 Youth \$40** (Ages 5-18)  
(Make checks payable to St. Thomas Church)

**Reserve Tickets by March 31**  
Limited seats on bus available

Call, Text or Email Daniel Wenrich  
717.327.7549 or dan.wenrich12@gmail.com  
to order tickets or for more information



No outdoor food accepted  
Food vendors on site

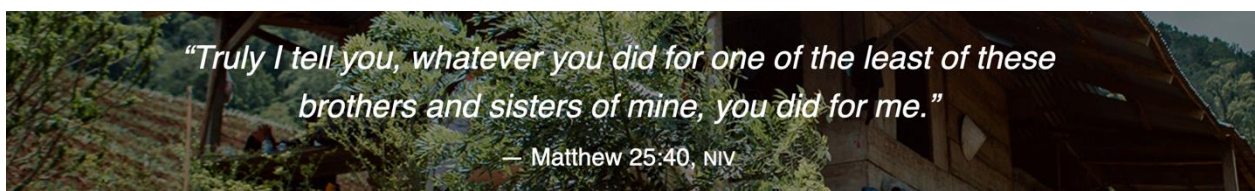
## COMPASSION *sunday*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

There are millions of children living in poverty. Every single one of them deserves a brighter future. And you can be the one to give it to them. Children around the world dream of a future where they can thrive. This Compassion Sunday, because of you, children can see their dreams come true through sponsorship.

\$43 a month gives a child medical attention, food, and an education. It also provides a chance for a child to hear and respond to the gospel message of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. Please consider sponsoring a child. See Brian or Nancy Luckenbill for more information.

(In order to update our Compassion board, if you have a new or updated photo of your sponsored child, please submit it by April 14.)





# GREETER SCHEDULE

Time: 10:10 till the start of the service.

Where: Main Street entrance or the lobby of Beatrice Hall (portico entrance) to welcome members and visitors entering from either the rear entrance (along Rte. 183) or the portico entrance.

How: Provide a warm smile and a hello to those entering, as well as directions for visitors. Bulletins will usually be on the table next to the Main Street entrance or on the table in the Beatrice Hall lobby. Please feel free to hand them out as you extend a greeting.

Thank you to Rowena Henderson who is the greeter in the sanctuary at the library entrance.

*Thank you!*

	Main Street Entrance	Portico Entrance
Mar. 3	Helen Renninger	Trevor Brown
Mar. 10	Daniel & Shirley Berger	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders
Mar. 17	Don & Robin Kissling	Bob & Jo Ann Stockholm
Mar. 24	Fritz Wolf	Daniel & Rebecca Wenrich
Mar. 31	Millie Lessig	Tom Bair & Cindy Albert
April 7	Tamara & Dirk DeVries	Betsy Reifsnyder
April 14	Jay Umbenhauer	Grace Reber
April 21	Thane LaFollette	Shelly Hirneisen
April 28	Kathy Luckenbill	Ken Heffner
May 5	Carol Zellers	Peg Henderson
May 12	Beverly Hinnershitz	Helen Renninger
May 19	Trevor Brown	Daniel & Shirley Berger
May 26	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders	Don & Robin Kissling

If you are not already a greeter, please consider joining this important ministry. Contact Peg Henderson at 610-693-8039, email at [juncofan@yahoo.com](mailto:juncofan@yahoo.com).



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild holds their meetings on the last Tuesday of each month in the Chapel. The meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. from September through March and at 7:00 p.m. from April through August. Everyone is welcome to join us.

St. Thomas Guild vision statement: *Serving God, our Church and Community*



## St. Thomas Church 2024 Committee Listing

**Elders:**

Shirley Adam  
Walter Focht  
Rowena Henderson  
Eric Troutman

**Deacons:**

Thomas Bair  
Shirley Berger  
Jonathan DeVries  
Nicole Henne-Brown \*  
Shelly Hirneisen  
Pattie Kerschner  
Jo Ann Stockholm  
Dan Wenrich

**Trustees:**

Larry Groff \*  
Don Kissling  
Gary Rubright  
Glenn Rumbel

**Historical:**

Millie Bross  
Evelyn Fox  
Earl Graeff  
Kelly Groff  
Pattie Kerschner  
Brian Luckenbill  
Betsy Reifsnyder  
Eric Troutman \*  
Stephanie Troutman

**Endowment:**

Thane LaFollette  
Ted Sweeney (Advisor)  
Eleanor Stickler  
Bob Stockholm  
Jay Umbenhauer \*  
Daniel Wolf

**Audit:**

Millie Bross  
Donna Heffner  
Grace Reber  
Betsy Reifsnyder

**Missions / Outreach:**

Kelly Groff  
Russ Hinnershitz  
Brian Luckenbill  
Grace Reber  
Deb Rumbel  
Jo Ann Stockholm \*

**Social Committee:**

Shirley Adam  
Kelly Groff \*  
Deb Rumbel  
Jo Ann Stockholm  
Becca Wenrich  
Daniel Wenrich  
Louise Wolf

**Christian Ed:**

Shirley Adam  
Bridget Brandt \*  
Nicole Henne-Brown  
Gale Hoey  
Pattie Kerschner  
Brian Luckenbill  
Nancy Luckenbill  
Louise Wolf

**Personnel Committee:**

Dawn Bond  
Millie Bross  
Donna Heffner  
Shelly Hirneisen \*  
Grace Reber

**Congregational Care:**

Irene Blatt  
Doris Evans  
Millie Graeff  
Judy Guthier \*  
Peg Henderson  
Rowena Henderson  
Beverly Hinnershitz  
Gale Hoey  
Jo Ann Stockholm  
Eric Troutman  
Stephanie Troutman

**Finance:**

Russ Hinnershitz  
Grace Reber  
Shirley Saunders

**Worship Ministries:**

Rosann Becker  
John Demko  
Judy Guthier \*  
Peg Henderson  
Rowena Henderson  
Robin Kissling  
Brian Luckenbill  
Bob Stockholm  
Eric Troutman  
Louise Wolf

**Nominating:**

Daniel Berger  
Peg Henderson  
Ruth LaFollette

**Tech Team:**

Dennis Degler  
John Demko  
Kelly Groff  
Larry Groff \*  
Ruth LaFollette  
Brian Luckenbill  
Jo Ann Stockholm

**Pastor Search:**

Shirley Adam  
Doris Evans\*  
Nicole Henne-Brown\*  
Brian Luckenbill  
Dan Wenrich

**By-Laws:**

Dennis Degler  
Jonathan DeVries \*  
Bob Stockholm  
Dan Wolf

## What's New in the



There are two new titles by Wanda Brunstetter:

*The Hope Jar*

*Letters of Comfort*

New DVDs:

Sight and Sound's production of *I Heard the Bells; the Inspiring True Story behind the Beloved Christmas Carol*

*The Sound of Freedom*. This is based on a compelling true story about human trafficking.



Save the dates!  
St. Thomas Community VBS  
June 2 through June 7  
6:15-8:45 p.m.  
4 yrs. Old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
STAFF SIGN-UP TODAY  
We Need You!

Contact Brian or Nancy Luckenbill today  
to join our adventure.  
610-780-6528  
teachtigger@hotmail.com



1 - Richard Messner  
Eric Bross  
Gary Brower  
3 - Peg Henderson  
Daniel Harms  
6 - Mildred Bross  
Robert Hirneisen  
Declan Hibshman  
7 - Shannon Rollins  
Tamara DeVries

8 - Debra Weidman  
Kari Wolfe  
10 - Donald Triviets  
12 - Larry Rentschler  
15 - Myrle Schlappich  
17 - Elizabeth Ebling  
19 - Jessica Pinamonti  
Chad Henderson  
Renee Krause

20 - Karl Koenig  
Marcy Hibshman  
21 - Linda Degler  
Jane Hardick  
22 - Kimberly Smith  
26 - Emily Rioux  
29 - Issac Harms  
30 - Ian Rollins



*If you know of a name that has been omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office so that we can update our records. Thanks!*



1 - Shirley Berger  
3 - Mildred Graeff  
5 - Alyssa Messner  
Thomas Paulson  
6 - Laney Staab  
Logan Staab  
7 - David Bond

8 - Jeffrey Luckenbill  
Shirley Saunders  
9 - David Darlington  
10 - Matthew Henderson  
16 - Dennis Degler, Sr.  
17 - Marlene Good

19 - William Stickler  
Kennadie Bond  
Mason Lukoss  
21 - Ken Heffner  
Louise Wolf  
22 - Thane LaFollette  
27 - Bonnie Rentschler  
30 - Scott Kerschner





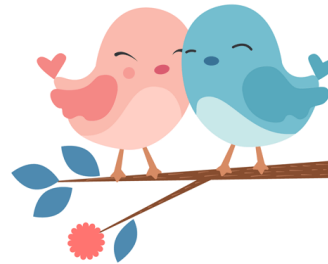
# Happy Anniversary!



- 2 - Charles & Scarlett Seifrit  
(61 years)
- 4 - Russell & Beverly Hinnershitz  
(46 years)
- 12 - Larry & Bonnie Rentschler  
(58 years)
- 12 - Gene & Arlene Klinger  
(58 years)
- 16 - Craig & Beverly Stoudt  
(50 years)
- 25 - Eric & Stephanie Troutman  
(52 years)



- 1 - L. Kevin & Carol Zellers  
(52 years)
- 17 - Larry & Kelly Groff  
(31 years)
- 22 - Adam & Kirstin Rabenold  
(7 years)



## EASTER WORD SEARCH



e	h	o	l	i	d	a	y	f	q
a	e	g	g	t	t	t	p	a	x
s	u	n	d	a	y	k	r	m	c
t	r	e	a	t	s	r	e	i	h
e	d	t	l	n	a	i	s	l	u
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b	u	n	n	y	s	e	n	z	c
c	r	o	s	s	l	n	t	e	h
l	g	y	v	l	h	l	e	n	t
z	d	l	r	b	a	s	k	e	t

easter   bunny   risen   lent  
 sunday   holiday   basket   present  
 cross   family   church   treats





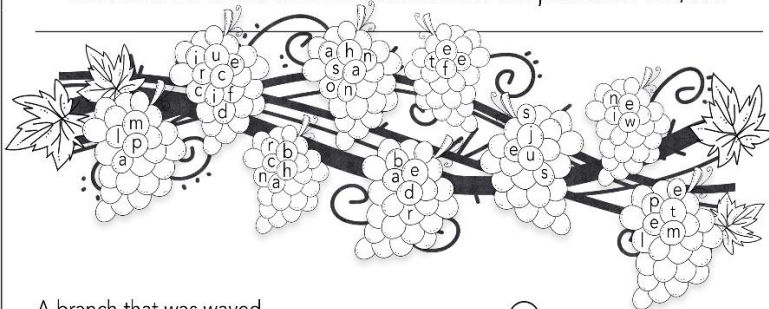
# Kids' Page



## A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

*Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.*



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| A branch that was waved                  | ___○___ |
| How Jesus was put to death               | ___○___ |
| A stick attached to the vine             | ___○___ |
| People shouted this to Jesus             | ___○___ |
| Jesus washed these                       | ___○___ |
| This was broken and eaten                | ___○___ |
| The Messiah                              | ___○___ |
| A drink from grapes                      | ___○___ |
| Jesus drove the money changers from here | ___○___ |

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: palm; crucified; branch; hosanna; feet; bread; Jesus; wine; temple; much fruit



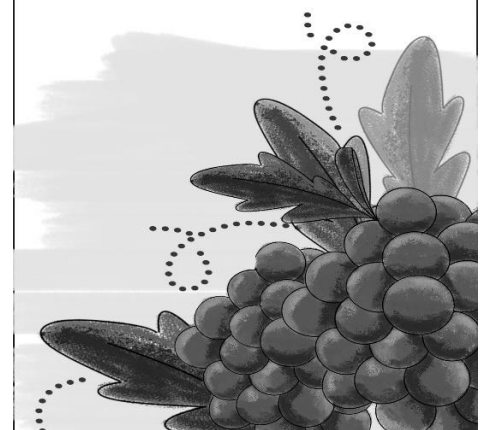
Try this chilly new  
take on a healthy snack.

### What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

### What you do:

1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!







# COME Worship WITH US



Sunday School-9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship-10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

## Sunday School

With outstretched arms and loving hearts, we welcome you and invite you to join us for Sunday School. We have classes for the youngest children up to the oldest adults. Please join us in our journey of faith and see where God leads us!

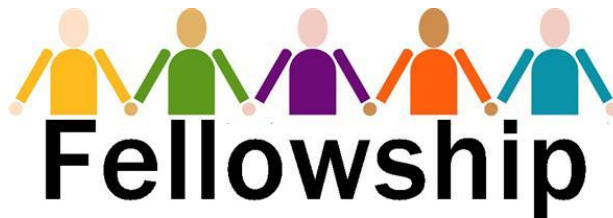


Ark Builders-Up to Preschool

HIS Kids-Kindergarten to Second Grade

KFC (Kids for Christ)-Third Grade to Youth

Chapel Class-Adults



**Breakfast & Bible Study**-Held the first Saturday monthly. Men and women meet for great food and a time of Bible study and sharing.

**Women's Guild**-Monthly meetings and various projects such as making candy, and the Christmas Bazaar offer times for fun and friendship.

**Service Opportunities**-Service to our church and community is a meaningful and satisfying way to show God's love and get to know other members of your church family. No matter what your talents or interests are, there is a place for you. Consider serving with the Care Team, Children's and Youth Ministries, Meals Ministry, Music Ministry, Helping Harvest Food Bank, Greeter Ministry, Missions/Outreach Committee, Social Committee and various other committees and teams.

**Outreach Opportunities**-These include Light in the Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Promise of Berks, Bernville Community Day, GriefShare, Angel Tree Project, and others.