

THE 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. Randy A. Bond

Director of Music Ministries

Brian P. Luckenbill

Facilities Attendant

Shirley J. Shupe

Office Administrator

Kathy A. Oberly

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Adventure with us this Summer
2026 Community VBS
June 7-12
6:15-8:45
Ages 4-Grade 6

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 or scan the code



Dear friends!

Happy Springtime!

It's been a great year so far. Deanna and I both love being with you at St. Thomas. I've met many of the people who routinely come to church and look forward to meeting still more new friends!

I did a little research, comparing the attendance of the final quarter of last year with the first quarter of this year. From what I could discover, we had an average Sunday attendance of 90 from October through December but had an average attendance of 122.8 through the end of March representing a 37% increase.

Well done, family! You're reaching out and extending a warm welcome, and like flowers coming to life in the spring, our church is beginning to see some new life. What a delight! Praise God for his faithfulness, and I compliment you for being a loving church to all who come!

You also did an excellent job inviting people to our Friendship Day on Palm Sunday. None of us knew for sure how many would come, but to our delight we had an attendance of 189. Some told me that was the highest attendance we've had in a while. Thank you for being responsive to that idea and inviting people to join us for worship that day.

I have a couple of things in the works that might be of interest. There have been several of us meeting regularly with some of the youth of our church, having a conversation about basic faith questions. Our plan is to repeat this teaching in the fall when we make a strong effort to invite as many teenage friends to join us in the exploration of our lives in Christ. To

entice the teenagers to come, we will have some really fun events that hopefully all teenagers in the community will want to experience.

At the same time, I'm working with a small group of adults planning an after-school ministry for elementary age children. In my childhood, I came to St. Thomas for my Good News Club experience. What we hope to do is have some after-school Bible story time, combined with some crafts and fun in Beatrice Hall. We hope this fully begins in the fall too.

To lay the foundation for that after-school ministry, we hope to have some carnival activities and other fun in the front area of the church on the first three Thursday afternoons in May. We will have a dunking booth, a pie-throwing experience, spin art and other similar activities to capture the attention of the children as they go home from elementary school. As we make those connections, we will let the children and their families know about Vacation Bible School and about the weekly after-school program on Thursday afternoons beginning in September.

While I think these are good ideas, with much potential, we would love for you to be in prayer for our church as we attempt to reach our community for Jesus Christ. If you feel the Holy Spirit tugging at your heart to volunteer, please let me know of your interest. I trust the Lord to provide both the children and the volunteers as we seek to follow His will for our church.

In Jesus' love,

Randy Bond

Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School

By Nancy Luckenbill

The Ark Builders welcomed two new precious little boys. Welcome Aaron and Croyson! We now have seven boys in our class. The class celebrated Emmett's second birthday.



Mark 10:14-16 (NIV): "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always - and above all - the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.

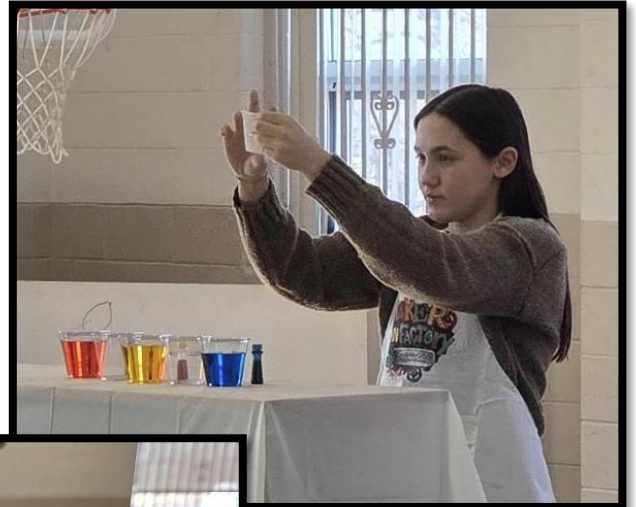
To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.



The Sunday School Breakfast held on March 1st was very well attended by 64 people. Everyone had a good time of fun and fellowship.

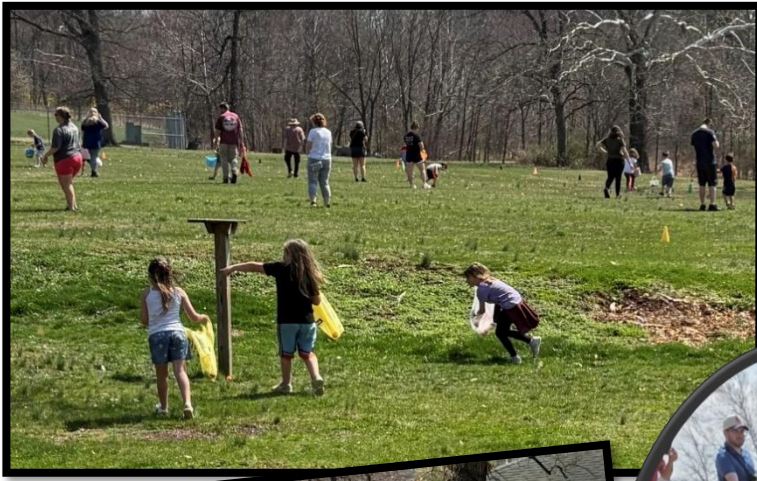




Kids' Choir



Community Easter Egg Hunt



Youth Retreat

by Bridget Brandt

On Friday and Saturday, March 14 and March 15, the youth enjoyed a retreat at Pastor Randy and Deanna's house.

Friday night we started off with pizza, watched and discussed the first session of *Not a Fan*, and played ping wars in the basement.

Saturday morning, we arrived bright and early to donuts, bagels, fruit and more (Deanna took great care of us and made sure we were not hungry!). Throughout the day we watched additional sessions of *Not a Fan* followed by discussions, played games, and went on a field trip into Hamburg where we got to see the Journey Cafe and a house with a lot of unique outdoor art. We ended the evening with s'mores and brownies by the fire.

Thank you very much to Pastor Randy and Deanna for hosting all of us for this wonderful retreat!







Roller Skating

By Bridget Brandt

On Sunday, April 12, a group of youth, kids, and adults headed to Fantasy Skating Center for a fun afternoon of roller skating. While there were a few wipe-outs (more painful for the adults), I don't believe any bones were broken! Quite a few of us "old people" had not been on skates in YEARS! We all had a great time! Be sure to check out Heather's snazzy pink skates! Thanks to Larry Groff for organizing this event!









What's New in the



Fiction Titles:

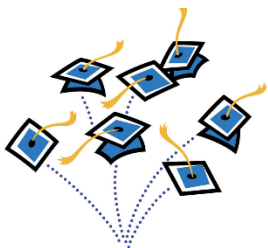
Unforgiven by Shelley Shepard Gray

Unshaken by Shelley Shepard Gray

Midnight on the Scottish Shore by Sarah Sundin

Nonfiction Title:

Heaven: A Comprehensive Guide to Everything the Bible Says About Our Eternal Home (Clear Answers to 44 Real Questions About the Afterlife, Angels, Resurrection, and the Kingdom of God) by Randy Alcorn.



Calling
all
Graduates

Do you know a member of our church who will be graduating from high school or college?

If so, please send the following information to the church office by May 24 so that we can recognize them on Graduate Sunday. (date TBD)

Name, graduated from/degree, future plans, parents, siblings, favorite Bible verse.

Operation Christmas Child: Sharing God's Love One Shoebox at a Time

Each year, through Samaritan's Purse and their Operation Christmas Child ministry, simple shoebox gifts become powerful tools for sharing the love of Jesus Christ with children around the world.

For many children, this is the **first gift they have ever received**-a tangible reminder that they are loved and not forgotten.

But it is more than just a gift. Each shoebox is an opportunity to introduce a child to **God's love**. Along with the box, children are invited to participate in a discipleship program called *The Greatest Journey*, where they learn about Jesus and grow in their faith. Many then share that message with their families, multiplying the impact far beyond one child.

Our Mission at St. Thomas

At St. Thomas Church, this ministry has become a meaningful part of who we are.

- Our Mission Team sponsors the shipping of 100 shoeboxes each year
- We fundraise to purchase items for 100 boxes
- We create handcrafted items from donated yarn, fabric, and craft supplies
- Families are encouraged to pack their own shoeboxes

Every item, whether purchased or handmade, is a small act of love that becomes part of a much bigger story God is writing around the world.

Packing Party in September

In **September**, our children's Sunday school classes will begin packing our church's 100 shoeboxes using items crafted and collected throughout the year. Everyone is invited to join the fun after worship as we come together to **finish packing the boxes**. It's a wonderful time of fellowship, service, and shared purpose for all ages!

Shoebox Store & Collection Details

To help make packing a shoebox easy and affordable:

- Our Shoebox Store opens in October, offering extra items at prices cheaper than the dollar store
- This is a great opportunity to shop for your own shoebox items or donate towards the ministry
- Shoeboxes are collected in November

How You Can Help

- Pack a shoebox as a family
- Donate items or supplies
- Create handcrafted items
- Support fundraising efforts
- Pray for the children receiving these gifts

Want to Learn More?

For more information or to get involved, please contact **Ruth Lafollette or Kelly Groff**. Through Operation Christmas Child, we are not just giving gifts, we are sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with children and families around the world.

One box. One child. One opportunity to change a life and reach many more.

Ministries of God's Servants – Ministry Updates

The Ministries of God's Servants would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with and supported our recent Easter Candy fundraiser!

Because of your generosity and hard work, we made an incredible 120 pounds of candy. The profits from this effort will go toward supporting projects within our church and throughout the community.



Join Us!

We welcome anyone interested in fellowship and service to join us at our upcoming planning meetings in the Craft room:

- **April 25 at 10:00 AM**
- **May 30 at 10:00 AM**

Whether you've been involved before or are just looking for a way to connect and serve, we would love to have you join us!

Looking Ahead

We are already preparing for several exciting events and outreach opportunities:

- **Bernville Shopping Tour & Annual Vendor Christmas Bazaar-December 5**
If you are interested in helping with planning or would like to participate as a business or craft vendor, please see **Eleanor Stickler or Kelly Groff**.
- **Community Day-August 1**
- We will be running the kitchen stand and will need plenty of helping hands! Volunteers are needed to:
 - Staff the stand
 - Prepare food items such as baked goods, barbecue, and other favorites
 Your support helps make this event a success for the entire community. Please consider getting involved!
- **Hope Rescue Mission Clothing Drive-September**
Start setting aside gently used clothing items now as we prepare to support this important community outreach.
- **Mary's Shelter Baby Shower Collection-July**
We will be collecting items to support mothers and babies in need. More details on needed items will be shared soon.

Save the Date

We are also planning a group outing to see the Reading Fightin Phils on a special **Faith Night**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, invite friends, and take in a baseball game together. More details coming soon--stay tuned!

Through all these activities, we continue our mission of serving God by serving others, both within our church and in the wider community. Thank you for being part of this ministry!

Bernville's 175th Anniversary & America's 250th

2026 is shaping up to be a truly special year for our community! As Bernville celebrates its **175th anniversary**, our nation will also mark the **250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence**.

This once-in-a-generation milestone is an opportunity for all of us to come together, celebrate our shared history, and create lasting memories.

The Bernville Area Historical and Cultural Society has already been hard at work planning for this exciting year. You may have noticed the anniversary banner currently displayed at the Post Office. It will be showcased at additional locations throughout the borough in the coming months. Even more activities and events are in the works!

We Need Your Help!

Planning is already underway for some of the year's biggest events, including:

- **Memorial Day Parade**
- **Community Day (August 1)**

These events can only happen with strong community support. This celebration is not just for borough residents. It's for everyone who loves and supports Bernville.

Event coordination will be led by Jamie Schur, but it will take many helping hands to make these events a success. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your involvement matters.

👉 To volunteer, you can contact Jamie directly at jamie@bernvilleborough.org

Support the Celebration

Residents, local businesses, and civic organizations are invited to help offset anniversary costs, including banners and other event expenses.

Donations can be made payable to:

Bernville Borough
PO Box 40
Bernville, PA 19506

Please include a note referencing: "2026 Anniversary." The Borough greatly appreciates your support in making this milestone year memorable!

Anniversary Shirts for Sale

Celebrate in style and support the festivities!

- \$20-Sizes S, M, L, XL
- \$22-XXL

Proceeds help fund anniversary activities sponsored by the Historical & Cultural Society.
Cash or check only (no credit cards).



As we celebrate both our local heritage and our nation's founding, let's come together as a community to make 2026 a year to remember!

Trustees Update

The Trustees would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped with the recent interior church cleaning. With your help, we were able to clean all the lights throughout the church and take care of some of the higher, hard-to-reach areas. Your efforts made a big difference!

A special thank you to Kevin and Carol for preparing the exterior areas prior to Easter. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us as we prepare the church grounds for Memorial Day. We will be trimming and sprucing up the exterior on **Friday, May 16 at 8:00 a.m.** (rain date: May 23). Any amount of help is welcome!

We also encourage anyone interested to consider “adopting” a small area around the church to help maintain throughout the summer by keeping weeds under control. Weeds can be thrown along the 183 bank toward the alley or placed in the exterior trash cans. This would greatly assist the Trustees, as maintaining the grounds is a big task alongside their many other responsibilities.

Thank you for helping keep our church property looking its best. We appreciate your continued support!

Fellowship Time-We Need Your Help!

Our weekly Fellowship Time is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share conversation, and enjoy time together before worship. But we need your help to keep it going!

Right now, we have the same three dedicated individuals who have been faithfully serving for several years. While we are incredibly grateful for their commitment, they would truly appreciate a break and some extra hands.

Helping is simple! It involves:

- Making a pot of coffee
- Setting out snacks, drinks, and paper supplies
- Cleaning up afterward

That’s it! An easy way to serve and support our church community.

Would you consider signing up to help, even just occasionally? Many hands make light work, and your willingness to step in would mean so much.

Thank you for helping us continue this special time of fellowship!



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

Bernville Community Yard Sale-Help and Donations Needed!

As we prepare for the upcoming Bernville Community Yard Sale, we are looking for donations and volunteers to help make the day a success!

We are gladly accepting baked goods of any kind, including individually packaged cookies, cupcakes, brownies, small cakes, loaves of bread, and more. These items will be sold at our bake sale table, with all profits supporting the purchase of items for our Shoebox Project.

We are also in need of volunteers to help serve at the food and bake sale table during the event. Even a small amount of your time would be greatly appreciated!

In addition, we will have a yard sale table and are accepting donations of gently used items. Any unsold items will be donated to Jubilee following the sale.

- Yard sale donations can be given to Kelly Groff
- Baked goods can be dropped off in the church kitchen on Friday or early Saturday morning

Yard Sale Details: June 6 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will also have **vendor spaces available for \$10** for anyone outside of Bernville Borough who would like the opportunity to sell their items.

Thank you for your support in helping make this event a success!

Community Egg Hunt – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated candy and monetary contributions for our Community Egg Hunt. Your generosity helped make this event a wonderful success!

We were blessed with great weather, maybe even a little too warm for chocolate! Because of that, the eggs were hidden at the last minute to keep everything from melting.

We also extend our appreciation to those who took the time to fill the eggs, as well as those who came out to hide them and spend time interacting with members of our community.

Your willingness to serve and connect with others is truly a blessing. Thank you for making this event so special!



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

-Robert Louis Stevenson



How to Watch the St. Thomas Bernville Livestream on YouTube

A simple guide for anyone who isn't comfortable with technology

■ If You're Using a Computer

1. Turn on your computer.
2. Open the internet (Google, Chrome, Edge, or Safari).
3. At the top, click in the long white box and type: **youtube.com**
4. When YouTube opens, look for the search box at the top.
5. Type: **St Thomas Bernville**
6. Press **Enter** on your keyboard.
7. Click the video that says **LIVE** or shows today's service.

■ If You're Using a Phone or Tablet

1. Tap the **YouTube app** (white triangle on a red square).
2. Tap the **magnifying glass** at the top.
3. Type: **St Thomas Bernville**
4. Tap the video that says **LIVE**.

■ If You're Using a Smart TV

1. Turn on your TV.
2. Open the **YouTube app** (usually on the home screen).
3. Use the remote to go to the **Search** area.
4. Type: **St Thomas Bernville**
5. Choose the video marked **LIVE**.

★ Helpful Tips

- If the service hasn't started yet, the video may not appear until a few minutes before.
- If you **subscribe** to the channel, YouTube can notify you when the livestream begins.
- If the sound is too quiet, use the **volume buttons** on your device or remote.



All are invited to join us on Thursday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. for a morning of games and fellowship.

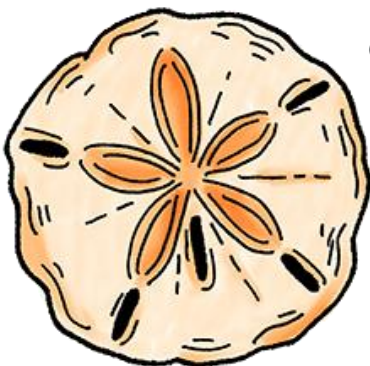
Make sure to bring along your favorite games!

For those who are interested, we will head to Rosa's for lunch following games.



*St. Thomas parking lot
10 a.m. to 12 noon
May 22 & June 26*

Adult & Teen Challenge is still looking for calendars, 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 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to drop them off. Please be sure to call in advance to make arrangements before stopping by.



Christian Symbol

SAND DOLLAR - These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.



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: This list includes current requests for our church family and for our friends with existing needs.

Praying for our church family: Clair & Karen Hess, Gary & Louise Rubright, Stefani Walter, Chaun Walter, Deb Rumbel, Gloria Gassert, Tom Bair, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Ruth Koenig, Shirley Saunders, Sandy Bond, Eleanor Stickler, Judy Guthier, Marko Carrera-Torres

Lifting our friends in prayer: Haden Long, Rachel Croyle, Denise Troutman, Lori Ferretti, Jean Martini, Bill Bender, Carol Kantner, Samuel Anzel, Sharon Gehris

Nursing Home / Homebound: Sandra Fox, Kim Kissling, Anna Mae Smith, Phyllis Krause, Donald Triviets, Scarlett & Charles Seifrit, Myrle Schlappich

Special Prayer Requests: Care Givers, Pastoral Search Committee, Missionaries, Persecuted Christians, United States (especially elected persons in authority), Community Requests

Military: Brandon Adams, Nicholas Englehart, Cassandra Englehart, Zachary Rollins, Moises Rivera, All Veterans



Commencing a Lifetime of Learning

What would you tell a young man or woman about to graduate? One of the most common messages commencement speakers share is that graduates are indeed commencing. They are only just beginning to learn.

While they may rightly feel proud of finishing school, a few months in the working world often reveal how much they still do not know.

Christians who love God with their minds understand that truth frees us from ignorance and superstition. They also know that the joy of learning brings deep satisfaction and, in time, wisdom. That wisdom helps us evaluate what we have learned and use it well, so that knowledge becomes a tool for growth and faithful living.

Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.



MAY 10

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 hand them out as you extend a greeting.

Thank you to all greeters, including Rowena Henderson and the youth who greet weekly in the sanctuary at the library entrance.

Main Street Entrance

Portico Entrance

May 3	Beverly Hinnershitz
May 10	Thane LaFollette
May 17	Burner Family
May 24	Jay Umbenhauer
May 31	Dan & Shirley Berger

Grace Reber
Wenrich Family
Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen
Peg Henderson
Trevor Brown

June 7	Betsy Reifsnyder
June 14	Fritz Wolf
June 21	Thane LaFollette
June 28	Cornwell Family

Cindy Albert & Tom Bair
Bob & Jo Ann Stockholm
Helen Renninger
Carol Zellers

July 5	Wenrich Family
July 12	Thane LaFollette
July 19	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen
July 26	Grace Reber

Kathy Luckenbill
Wayne & Susan Leshner
Millie Lessig
Beverly Hinnershitz

If you are not already a greeter, please consider joining this important ministry. Contact Peg Henderson at (484) 331-4488, email at juncofan@yahoo.com.

Painting Party!

May 17th • 12PM
Reservations needed by May 3rd

St Thomas Church
536 North Main Street
Bernville, PA 19506

Lunch Included!
Open to everyone, invite friends!

\$15

RSVP by signing up in library

Bernville Community
YARD SALE!

June 6 • 8AM - 2 PM

Vendor Sites Available for \$10
at St. Thomas Church!

YARD SALE

FOOD & BAKED GOODS FOR SALE!

Don't Miss the Fun!

**BERNVILLE COMMUNITY
YARD SALE**

JUNE 6 • 8AM - 2PM

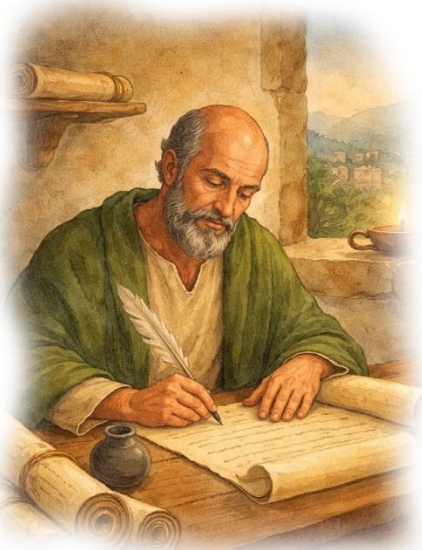
**Seeking
BAKED GOODS
Donation and Help!**

We are in need of baked good donations
and volunteers to help on the day of
Bernville Community Yard Sale!

Sign up in the Library

Proceeds support the **Operation Christmas Child** project

?? Bible Quiz ??



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

St. Thomas Church 2026 Committee Listing

Elders:

Shirley Adam
Bill Brandt
Rowena Henderson
Nancy Luckenbill

Deacons:

Cynthia Albert
Thomas Bair
Shirley Berger
Frank Colonna
Christopher Cornwell
Pattie Kerschner
JoAnn Stockholm
Dan Wenrich

Trustees:

Rosann Becker
Larry Groff
Glenn Rumbel
Kevin Zellers

Endowment:

Thomas Bair
Donna Heffner
Thane LaFollette
Ted Sweeney (Advisor)
Eleanor Stickler
Daniel Wolf

Finance:

Kelly Groff
Thane LaFollette
Shirley Saunders
Eleanor Stickler

Audit:

Millie Bross
Donna Heffner
Grace Reber
Betsy Reifsnyder

Nominating:

Cindy Albert
Tom Bair
Peg Henderson
Ruth LaFollette

Missions / Outreach:

Kelly Groff
Russ Hinnershitz
Brian Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel
JoAnn Stockholm *

Ministries of God's Servants:

Bridget Brandt
Millie Bross
Brittany Cornwall
Kelly Groff, Secretary
Larry Groff
Donna Heffner
Beverly Hinnershitz
Louise Kiehl
Millie Lessig
Kathy Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel, Vice President
Shirley Saunders, Treasurer
Vaughn Saunders
Eleanor Stickler, President
JoAnn Stockholm
Becca Wenrich
Daniel Wenrich
Louise Wolf

Christian Ed:

Bill Brandt
Bridget Brandt *
Erika Colonna
Chris Cornwell
Rowena Henderson
Nicole Henne-Brown
Gale Hoey
Pattie Kerschner
Brian Luckenbill
Nancy Luckenbill
Ginny Schmehl
Louise Wolf

Tech Team:

Frank Colonna
Gio Colonna
Kelly Groff
Larry Groff *
Ruth LaFollette
Brian Luckenbill
Jay Umbenhauer

Congregational Care:

Bill Brandt
Bridget Brandt
Millie Graeff
Judy Guthier *
Peg Henderson
Rowena Henderson
Beverly Hinnershitz
Gale Hoey
Millie Lessig
Brian Luckenbill
Nancy Luckenbill
Grace Reber
JoAnn Stockholm
Louise Wolf

Worship Ministries:

Rosann Becker
Judy Guthier *
Peg Henderson
Rowena Henderson
Brian Luckenbill
Deb Rumbel
Bob Stockholm
Louise Wolf

Pastor Search:

Shirley Adam
Nicole Henne-Brown
Brian Luckenbill
Jay Umbenhauer*
Dan Wenrich

*Denotes Chairman (if applicable)

Updated January 8, 2026



- 1 – Ernest Ebling, Jr.
- 2 – River Adams
- 4 – Jeff Hirneisen
- 13 – Shelly Hirneisen

- 17 – Mary Groff
- 18 – Makayla Rioux
- 20 – Rose Ebling
- 20 – Jim Fox
- 21 – Anna Mae Smith

- 23 – Croyson Brown
- 24 – Madison Henderson
- 26 – Janice DeLong
- 30 – Spencer Watts



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!



- 3 – Nathan Adams
- 3 – John Demko
- 4 – Brian Luckenbill
- 5 – Donald Wetzal
- 7 – Louise Rubright

- 10 – Heather Edgar
- 10 – Mathias Harms
- 17 – Kim Kissling
- 24 – Scarlett Seifrit
- 25 – Karielis Hernandez-Torres

- 27 – Molly Harms
- 29 – Brandon Adams
- 30 – Mark Kiehl
- 30 – Mary Bond



Happy Anniversary

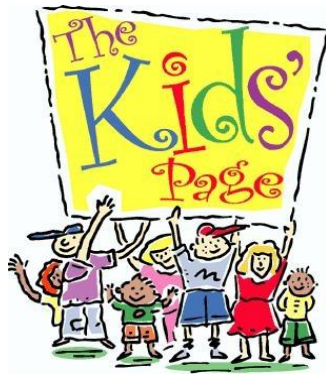



- 1 – Jim & Kim Stricker
(33 years)
- 2 – Mark & Louise Kiehl
(23 years)
- 3 – Trevor & Nicole Brown
(18 years)
- 7 – Edwin & Cheryl Bogart
(15 years)
- 8 – Ken & Donna Heffner
(33 years)
- 9 – Eric & Mildred Bross
(39 years)
- 11 – Roger & Joan Steffen
(25 years)
- 28 – David & Dawn Bond
(43 years)



- 4 – Thane & Ruth LaFollette
(38 years)
- 6 – Bill & Bridget Brandt
(17 years)
- 10 – Ken & Shannon Rollins
(26 years)
- 12 – Scott & Alyssa Bond
(16 years)
- 15 – Christopher & Ashley Staab
(13 years)
- 15 – Dennis, Sr. & Linda Degler
(35 years)
- 17 – Karl & Ruth Koenig
(26 years)
- 19 – Glenn & Shirley Adam
(27 years)
- 21 – Daniel & Louise Wolf
(51 years)





All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
and great shall be the peace of your children.
Isaiah 54:13

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | ___ C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D ____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | __ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) | G _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) | H _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | I _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | J _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | _____ K ____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | __ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | M _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ N ____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | O _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T ____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | ___ U ____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | ___ V ____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | _____ Y |
| James (Matthew 4:21) | Z _____ |

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Ziporah, Sarah, Rachel, Rachael, Zebedee, Zebedee, Mary, Zebedee



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

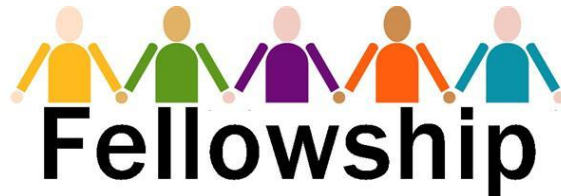
HIS Kids-Kindergarten to Second Grade

KFC (Kids for Christ)-Third to Sixth Grade

Bible Livin' Teens-Seventh to Twelfth Grade

Chapel Class-Adults

Mezzanine 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. Currently on hold and to be continued.

Ministries of God's Servants-Monthly meetings and various projects and social events, as well as the Christmas Vendor Bazaar offer times for fun and friendship (formerly the Women's Guild and Social Committee).

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, 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.