

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.

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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WELCOME TO UMBENHAUER PARK

Bernville Turns
175!
Let's Celebrate Our Past. Build Our Future. Together!
Community Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026
— Umbenhauer Park —
Let's Celebrate Our Past. Build Our Future. Together!

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- FOOD TRUCKS & TREATS
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- LOCAL VENDORS & MORE!

WE NEED YOU!

- Entertainers & Musicians
- Volunteers for Fun Games & Kids Activities
- Food Trucks
- Community Organizations to Sell Food or Items
- Businesses & Individuals Want to Help?

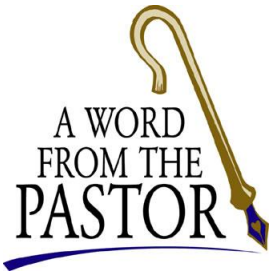
ST. THOMAS CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking for help staffing the kitchen area and donations of bake goods to sell.

Your support makes a big difference!

Join Us in Making This a Celebration to Remember!

TO OFFER HELP, VOLUNTEER, OR DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT:
Kelly Groff or Eleanor Stickler



Dear Family!

Thank you for your vote of trust in my ministry at St. Thomas. Since the last newsletter you voted unanimously to have me serve as your permanent pastor.

Thank you! Deanna and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and serve among you. You have made us feel like part of the family. We're excited to be part of St. Thomas!

One week after being elected to serve as your pastor, I challenged the congregation to pray for the Holy Spirit. Specifically, I asked you to set the alarm on your phones for a particular time each day. When your phones ring, I would like you to pray for the Holy Spirit to be unleashed in your lives as well as in the life of St. Thomas.

Why? Because that's what Jesus asked the disciples to do when he ascended into heaven. He told them to pray for the Holy Spirit to come. And they did. "They (120 of Jesus' followers) all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women and the brothers of Jesus." (Acts 1:4)

After praying for ten days, the Holy Spirit came. With fire and wind, those early Christians burst out into the streets of ancient Jerusalem telling anyone and everyone about Jesus. By the end of that day,

3,000 people trusted in the Lord. In one day. Who can do that? None of us, but the Holy Spirit can.

The offer of the Holy Spirit wasn't only for them. It's also for us. When Jesus was teaching his disciples the Lord's Prayer, he made an amazing statement. "You fathers-if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.**" (Luke 11:11-13)

What is that literally saying? If we ask the Lord for the Holy Spirit, he absolutely will fill us with his Holy Spirit. I challenge us to pray **every single day for the rest of the year** for God to fill us with his Holy Spirit and to fill our church with the Holy Spirit. According to Jesus, that's a prayer God is sure to answer.

Imagine! Just imagine what would happen to us, and what would happen to our church, if we were all filled with the Holy Spirit! Imagine!

I guess we're going to find out!

In Jesus' love,

Randy Bond

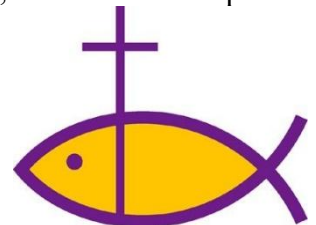
Confirmation Class

Are you a teen or do you have a teenager in your house who wants to join St. Thomas church? Randy has taught a stimulating and interesting confirmation class experience for years, and in September he's hoping to lead another class at St. Thomas.

If you are interested in participating or know someone interested in getting confirmed, speak to Randy or call the church office at 610-488-6702. Friends of our teens are also welcome to come.

The target age for this experience is eighth grade or older.

Randy is currently leaning towards having the class early on Thursday evenings, but that's still open to negotiation depending on the needs and preferences of people.



Sunday School

By Nancy Luckenbill

Realizing that I never posted pictures from our Sunday School Christmas Pageant, what better time to think cool with Christmas in July.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Youth Group

We have a youth group at St. Thomas!! Even better, we have some absolutely wonderful teenagers!

We've been meeting weekly since the first Wednesday in April. We've talked about the faith together, and we've had lots of fun! We've not emphasized growing the group, but already we've had 14 different teens participate! Wonderful!!

For fun, we've played floor hockey, volleyball and Nine Square. What's Nine Square? Ask any teen in our church and they'll be happy to tell you. We've had a terrific time playing together.

We've been using a teaching called Alpha which is a first exploration of the Christian faith. It's generated some excellent discussions. The current thought is that we will reach out to other teens in the community in the fall and invite them to participate and repeat the same series. You could help by praying that many teens would join us in the fall and that the Holy Spirit would already be preparing them to be receptive to the Lord working in their lives.

How will we get others to come? Right now, we're thinking about having a black light/nerf gun battle in Beatrice Hall, hopefully with about 100 refrigerator boxes for obstacles to make the experience more interesting. Our prayer is that

a bunch of teens will think that sounds like fun and want to join us. I'm also considering getting someone from outside the church to share a powerful testimony and then launch our fall season.

In the meantime, we've suspended our weekly gatherings at the end of May. Throughout the busy season of the summer, we'll get together for occasional events as we prepare for our outreach efforts in September.

Your prayers and encouragement are so helpful! Thank you for your support!



They Walked Everywhere



When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."

Kingdom Kids

Our church is wonderfully located just a quarter of a mile down the road from the elementary school. To reach children and their families in our community in preparation for the fall, we had two Thursday children's carnivals followed by our first Kingdom Kids experience.

We've had a total of 59 different children join us for those two carnivals, some coming both of the weeks. The vast majority of those kids are not actively coming to St. Thomas. While some of those children have likely been to our Bible School program in the past, there were also some new faces. Additionally, we had parents and older brothers and sisters hanging around too. Our church parking lot on those afternoons was a happening place! Everyone had a wonderful time!

After two weeks of carnivals, we had our first Kingdom Kids experience on Thursday, May 21. We had a story time, fun and games, a craft and ice cream.

We had 16 children come and several parents. It was wonderful! Everyone had a great time, and only three

of those 16 children regularly come to St. Thomas. We've realized that there may be a reluctance for parents to send their children into the building without fully understanding what the program entails and without really knowing us. We suspect that's why some of the parents remained for the program.

This spring experience with the carnival and one Kingdom Kids session was a practice for our fall launch. We wanted to get a sense of the potential interest of the children and their families and figure out how to be most effective in September.

Currently, we're giving thought to having one kickoff carnival in the fall, to get the attention of the children, then perhaps a family event where parents are encouraged to join us for the experience, followed by the weekly Kingdom Kids program.

Please pray that we touch the lives of children and their families and that together we come to follow Jesus.



More Carnival Fun



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF
2026



Mathias Harms

Mathias graduated from Tulpehocken High School on May 29, 2026, where he received the Presidential Scholarship to attend RACC. He is an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) program.

Mathias is the son of Daniel and Molly Harms. He has a brother, Isaac and a sister, Nora.

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

Casandra Englehart

Casandra graduated on May 8, 2026, from West Chester University with a degree in Elementary and Special Education. She has a position with West Chester Area School District as a first-grade teacher.

Casandra is the daughter of Craig and Danelle Englehart and the granddaughter of Ken and Donna Heffner. She has one brother, Nicholas.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” *Jeremiah 29:11, NIV*

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us
do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way -
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ
leads,
We find that freedom’s place
Is really in God’s Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

-Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

*Freedom fails when people
decide that it is their right to
take and not to give.*



St. Thomas Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
July 24 and August 28



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.

Helping Harvest

Thank you
Volunteers







BABY SHOWER

FOR MARY'S SHELTER

Sponsored by *Ministries of God's Servants*

During the *Month of July!*

Let's shower moms and babies with love by donating essential items they need.

Thank you for your kindness!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:	
	Diapers
	Wipes
	Twin Bedding
	Laundry Detergent
	Baby Shampoo
	Baby Clothing



DONATIONS:
Please place all items in the **LIBRARY**.



A detailed list of needed items is available on the table in the library.

GENTLY USED ITEMS ACCEPTED!
All gently used items must be clean, in good condition, and complete.

The journey begins here – walk with us on the road to success.

A young man walked into my office for our meeting and the first thing I noticed was his shoes. They were obviously too small, shoelaces removed, tongues flapped open and very precise cuts made to either side of the sneakers where the canvas connected to the soles. He noticed me looking and quickly started to explain. "I cannot afford new shoes, but I just keep changing these slightly and it's worked out so far." He was obviously embarrassed, but I responded, "that's actually very clever, can you tell me about other times you used that creativity?"

He smiled and relaxed a little as he began to share stories of how he found places to sleep at night that were dry and safe, or where he could get food that was cheap or free. The more he talked the more animated he became and I could see his innate potential. I asked him, "when you're living at Mary's Shelter and all those obstacles – lack of food, clothing and shelter - are gone, what do you see yourself doing next?" He just sat and stared at me. He had been homeless and just surviving for so long, that the idea of "what's next" never crossed his mind. We spent the next hour delving into his interests, talents, hopes, and dreams. He moved into our program that day and started his creative path to a better future.

We cannot say "we're walking a mile in their shoes" because we will never experience the hardships they have already faced at such a young age. We can walk beside them on a journey toward success. We open doors for opportunities to succeed. They are the ones who need to take the first steps – preferably in new shoes that fit.

As supporters of Mary's Shelter, you are taking that journey with us. Your donations provide the foundation, the basic needs, and family support these kids need to begin a new life. There are many opportunities for involvement – support an event, help with a collection (shoe drive), volunteer, donate new or gently used items,

run a baby bottle campaign, or become a monthly donor. Your contribution shows the kids our community cares.

Thank you,
Danielle Monahan MSW



Items most needed by Mary's Shelter

- Diapers and Wipes
- Baby lotions and Shampoo
- Twin Bedding-sheets, blankets
- Deodorant- men and women's
- Feminine Products
- Storage containers
- Bath towels and Washcloths
- Shampoo and conditioners
- Dish Detergents
- Laundry Detergents
- Garbage bags
- Small Appliances- toasters, coffee maker
- Mop and bucket
- Broom and dustpan
- Gift cards-Redner, Target, Wawa, etc.



Please note that Mary's Shelter is now supporting homeless youth in addition to mothers and babies.

www.marysshelter.org for more information



CLOTHING DRIVE

For Hope Rescue & Lighthouse

Sponsored by Ministries of God's Servants

During the Month of September

Help support individuals and families in need by donating clothing items of all kinds!

Your donation makes a difference!

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Clothing (all sizes)
- Coats & jackets
- Shoes

DONATIONS:

A collection bin will be located at the entrance to **BEATRICE HALL** on the 183 side of the building.

St. Thomas Church
536 N Main Street, Bernville
An Affiliate of the Evangelical Association

Thank you for helping us serve our community!

Picnic at Host Church

This year we are again invited to join Host Church for a picnic and worship on Sunday July 19. The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the picnic beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please join our friends at Host in worshipping Jesus.

Since we've observed over the years that some people aren't as attracted to an outdoor service, we've decided to add an additional choice for those in the congregation who otherwise wouldn't join us for that special experience.

On that same day, we will have our regularly scheduled worship experience as well, beginning at the typical time of 10:30 a.m. Deanna Bond will be the speaker, sharing a personal testimony.



In Every Season, Turn to God

- Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*
- Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*
- Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*
- Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*
- Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*
- Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*

Ministries of God's Servants – Ministry Updates

Bernville Community Day – August 1

St. Thomas will be supporting our community during Bernville Community Day by selling food and baked goods from the kitchen building at Umbenhauer Park.

We are seeking the support of our church family to help make this event a success. We need donations of **hamburger BBQ, pork BBQ, and baked goods**, as well as volunteers throughout the day. Help is needed to cook hamburgers and hot dogs, take and fill orders, and sell beverages and baked goods.

We would love to make Community Day in Bernville as special as it was in years past, when the entire community came together to enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two in the kitchen and then spending the rest of the day celebrating our 175th Anniversary with our neighbors and community.

If you are willing to donate food items or volunteer your time, please sign up on the sheets located in the library.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.

Fellowship Time Needs You!

One of the best parts of Sunday morning is the opportunity to gather with friends, welcome visitors, and enjoy conversation during Fellowship Time following Sunday school. This special time of connection happens because of volunteers who are willing to help with a few simple tasks.

Would you consider serving once in a while? Duties include brewing coffee, setting out donated treats and refreshments, and tidying up afterward. It's an easy way to support an important ministry of hospitality within our church family.

Please note that Fellowship Time may not be held on Sundays when no volunteers are scheduled.

A sign-up sheet is available on the kitchen counter. Whether you can help once or on a regular basis, your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping create a welcoming place for fellowship and friendship each Sunday!



Thank You for Supporting Our Annual Yard Sale!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual yard sale. Whether you donated delicious baked goods, provided hamburger BBQ, volunteered your time to sell food and miscellaneous items, or rented a space to sell your own treasures, your support made a tremendous difference.

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of so many people, we raised nearly \$700 to support our Operation Christmas Child project. These funds will help provide gifts and share God's love with children around the world through the shoebox ministry.

We are grateful to everyone who played a part in making this event such a success!



Carried and Called to Follow

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity’s most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God’s tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd’s role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.

There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow.



Do you like to play board games and card games? Come to game time for fun and fellowship! We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library on the first Thursday of every month, including summer! We all have a great time together! Then after game time, we go to lunch at Rosa's! Come on out! Upcoming days are July 2 and August 6.

Heather Edgar





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: Ruth Koenig Family, Clair & Karen Hess, Gary & Louise Rubright, Stefani Walter, Chaun Walter, Deb Rumbel, Gloria Gassert, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Shirley Saunders, Sandy Bond, Eleanor Stickler, Judy Guthier, Gio Colonna

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

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

Special Prayer Requests: Care Givers, 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

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

Now is the perfect time to start looking for school supplies on sale and to watch for clearance summer toys and clothing for your family shoebox donations.

For many children around the world, receiving pencils, notebooks, and other school supplies can make a tremendous difference. In some areas, children cannot attend school without these basic supplies, and many families cannot afford to purchase them. Your shoebox gift can have a lasting impact on a child's education and future.



We are planning our church-wide Shoebox Packing Party for the end of September. Our annual Shoebox Store will open later in October, offering items from our excess inventory at discounted prices since we are able to purchase many supplies in bulk. Family shoeboxes will be collected in mid-November.

We are always looking for volunteers to help make and assemble items for our shoeboxes. Opportunities include sewing, woodworking, crocheting, cutting materials, assembling kits, and other craft projects. We also accept donations of material, craft supplies, new or like-new stuffed animals, shoebox items, and monetary contributions.

A donation box is in the library. If you would like to get involved or have questions about the project, please contact Ruth Lafollette or Kelly Groff.

Thank you for helping us share God's love with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Support Operation Christmas Child While You Shop!

Did you know that your everyday grocery shopping can help support St. Thomas' Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry?

Redner's Markets

When you shop at Redner's, use your Redner's Rewards Card and 1% of your purchases will be returned to St. Thomas to support our Shoebox Project. Be sure to place your entire receipt in the collection box located in the library.

If you have not yet signed up for a Rewards Card, it's easy to do. Once enrolled, simply enter your phone number at checkout to receive your rewards and support our ministry.



Boyer's Markets

Boyer's has recently transitioned from key tags to the **My Boyer's App**. This program allows customers to earn rewards, access digital coupons, and designate a charity to receive 1% of eligible purchases. The key tags are no longer accepted. If you need assistance or don't use phone apps, please check in at the courtesy desk and they can assist you.



To participate:

- Download the **My Boyer's App**
- Create an account
- Select the **Caring & Sharing** tab
- Choose **St. Thomas United Church of Christ** as your designated charity

When shopping, simply enter your phone number on the keypad at checkout. You'll earn rewards while helping support Operation Christmas Child at St. Thomas.

Thank you for supporting our Shoebox Ministry and helping us share God's love with children around the world—one shoebox at a time!



Thank you to everyone who made VBS such a meaningful week! From volunteers and leaders

to families and prayer partners, your support helped create a joyful space for children to grow in faith and friendship. We are grateful for the seeds planted and the lives touched throughout the week.



VBS Fun







St. Thomas⁺ Church Vendor Fair

VENDORS NEEDED!

DECEMBER 5, 2026

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for a day of
shopping, community,
and *holiday cheer!*

WHAT YOU'LL FIND:



CRAFT & GIFT VENDORS
Unique treasures for everyone!



**CHRISTMAS COOKIES
& CANDY**
Homemade goodness!



FOOD FOR SALE
Delicious eats to enjoy!



A WELCOMING COMMUNITY
Come shop, connect, and make
memories together!



We are part of the
*Bernville
Shopping Tour!*

Support local. Spread joy.
Strengthen our community.



*All Are
Welcome!*

**More Than
a Market!**

At St. Thomas Church,
we believe in sharing
God's love in
practical ways.

*Thank you for
supporting local
and making a
difference!*

Reserve Your Space Today!



To sign up or for more information,
please contact:
stthomasguild@gmail.com

*Let's make this
holiday season
bright—together!*



♥ SHOP LOCAL | ❄️ SUPPORT COMMUNITY | ♥ SHARE THE JOY

Thank you for helping us make this event amazing!

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

July 5	Wenrich Family	Kathy Luckenbill
July 12	Thane LaFollette	Wayne & Susan Leshner
July 19	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen	Millie Lessig
July 26	Grace Reber	Beverly Hinnerstiz
Aug. 2	Trevor Brown	Jay Umbenhauer
Aug. 9	Thane LaFollette	Dan & Shirley Berger
Aug. 16	Bob & JoAnn Stockholm	Colonna Family
Aug. 23	Helen Renninger	Betsy Reifsnyder
Aug. 30	Carol Zellers	Fritz Wolf
Sept. 6	Cindy Albert & Tom Bair	Cornwell Family
Sept. 13	Thane LaFollette	Wenrich Family
Sept. 20	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders	Peg Henderson
Sept. 27	Kathy Luckenbill	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen

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.

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 Hinershitz
Brian Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel
JoAnn Stockholm

Ministries of God's Servants:

Bridget Brandt
Millie Bross
Brittany Cornwall
Kelly Groff, Treas./Sec.
Larry Groff
Donna Heffner
Beverly Hinershitz
Louise Kiehl
Millie Lessig
Kathy Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel, Vice President
Shirley Saunders
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 *
Brian Luckenbill
Jay Umbenhauer

Congregational Care:

Bill Brandt
Bridget Brandt
Lynette Davis
Millie Graeff
Judy Guthier *
Peg Henderson
Rowena Henderson
Beverly Hinershitz
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 June 19, 2026



- 3 – Janet Renninger
- 5 – Judith Guthier
- 8 – Donna Houck
- 9 – Shirley Adam
- 10 – James LaFollette
- 10 – Jonathan LaFollette

- 10 – JoAnn Stockholm
- 12 – Kylie Smith
- 13 – Glenn Rumbel
- 15 – Sheila Gilmer
- 16 – Daniel Berger
- 20 – Charles Seifrit

- 22 – Nancy Luckenbill
- 22 – Blanche Schlappich
- 25 – Karen Hess
- 30 – Rowena Henderson
- 30 – Linda Focht
- 30 – Lynette Davis



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!



August

BIRTHDAYS



- 3 – Nicole Adams
- 10 – Joseph Smith, Jr.
- 13 – Eric Troutman
- 13 – Glenn Adam

- 14 – Virginia Schmehl
- 15 – Dennis Degler, Jr.
- 15 – Ashley Staab
- 15 – Barbara Miller
- 19 – Susan Leshner

- 26 – R. Clair Hess
- 27 – Hunter Wenrich
- 27 – Joan Steffen
- 29 – Eleanor Stickler

Happy Anniversary



27 – R. Clair & Karen Hess
(58 years)



- 13 – Wayne & Susan Leshner
(43 years)
- 17 – Ernest, Jr. & Rose Ebling
(30 years)
- 17 – Cross & Cynthia Albert
(57 years)
- 22 – Christopher & Brittany Cornwell
(4 years)
- 25 – Robert & JoAnn Stockholm
(53 years)
- 27 – Brian & Nancy Luckenbill
(38 years)
- 28 – Frank & Erika Colonna
(16 years)

Bible Quiz

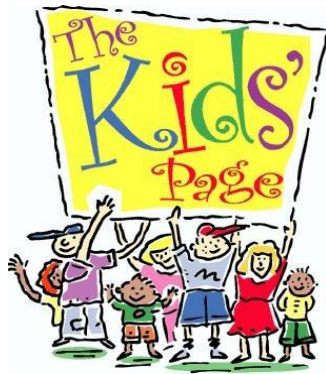
Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



- Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:
- A. their way and not stumble.
 - B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
 - C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
 - D. in their darkness.


America stands
on two great
pillars - faith
and morality.
Without these,
our foundation
crumbles.

George Washington



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


COOKIE SMILE POPS



Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.


What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 2) ilLy fo teh elaVly
_ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _ _ _ _
- 3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 12) ehSprhed (o) _ _ _ _ _
- 13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _
- 14) rncPie fo cePae _ _ _ _ _ (o) _ _

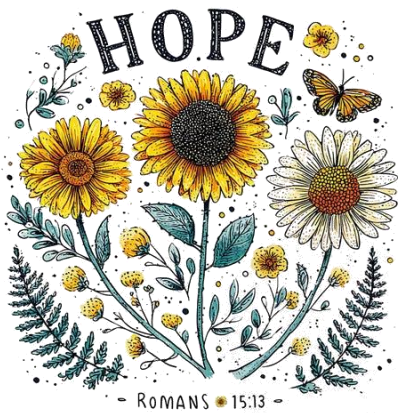


What do all these words have in common?

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Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son





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

Sunday School
learning to live the life



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.