

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

CLOTHING DRIVE

♥ DRIVE ♥

For Hope Rescue & Lighthouse

Sponsored by Ministries of God's Servants

During the
Month of September

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

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

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

DONATIONS:

Please bring all items to
BEATRICE HALL

THANK YOU!

Your Donation Makes a Difference!

Thank you for helping us serve our community! ♥

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LIGHT in the NIGHT

OCTOBER 31, 2026

6 PM - 8 PM

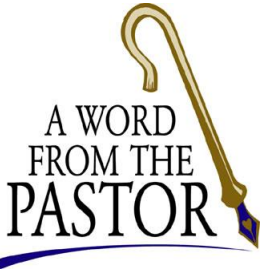
Everyone is welcome!

GAMES • FOOD • CANDY • FUN

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 FOOD
 CANDY
 FUN

ST. THOMAS CHURCH • 536 N MAIN ST, BERNVILLE, PA 19506

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Dear friends in Jesus,

This month we will officially begin Kingdom Kids, an afterschool ministry for elementary children happening every Thursday afternoon.

We're going to start with another one-day carnival on Thursday, September 10 and then begin our regular gathering the following week.

Sometime a little later this month, along with our regular Wednesday night youth group gatherings, we're going to have a kickoff event featuring Laser Tag and Capture the Flag. To prepare for that experience, we will have decorated 66 California King-Sized Sheets with paint that reflects vibrantly under black lights. It's going to be incredible fun!

The most important question that should be asked about anything we do is why. Why would we want to do Kingdom Kids? Why are we having a laser tag event? The answer: we want to build the church. Wrong! That would be wonderful, but it's not the primary reason. The biggest goal we have is this: We want to bring children and teenagers into a living, growing, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Of course, we want to grow the church, but that's not the most important desire. We want people to know and grow in Jesus.

So why these crazy ideas? Years ago, I encountered a Scripture that I absolutely love. Paul said this. "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." 1 Corinthians 9:22

What does that mean? Paul's essentially saying, "I'll do anything and everything to draw people into a relationship with Jesus." Exactly! That's my heart exactly.

If going in a dunk tank is going to prompt elementary age children to start coming to a space where they will learn about Jesus, then get me that dunk tank. I'm all in. If playing laser tag and painting a bunch of sheets will get teenagers to wander into our church building and possibly have a life changing encounter with Jesus, then let's get those laser tag systems.

That's my heart, and I hope it's yours, because I believe that's how we're all supposed to live. We're supposed to do whatever it takes to draw people of all ages near Jesus.

So, as we enter this fall season where we'll begin to do more things to touch people for Christ, **please pray**. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work because I guarantee you there's going to be a bunch of kids who will just come for the laser tag and they won't be very interested at all in all the 'religious' stuff. But, if the Holy Spirit starts moving among us, watch out! We're going to see lives change to the glory of God.

I ... can't ... wait!!

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 first class is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Sunday School

By Nancy Luckenbill

ARK BUILDERS

The Sunday School would like to welcome the Ringler Family to St. Thomas. There is mom, Connie, Tucker, Baylee, and Sadie. Welcome!



We celebrated Sadie's 3rd birthday during our 4th of July celebrations. We also celebrated Nash's 4th birthday this summer.



Miss Ginny taught a lesson about Dorcas and made aprons for all the children. Check out our boys showing off their aprons.

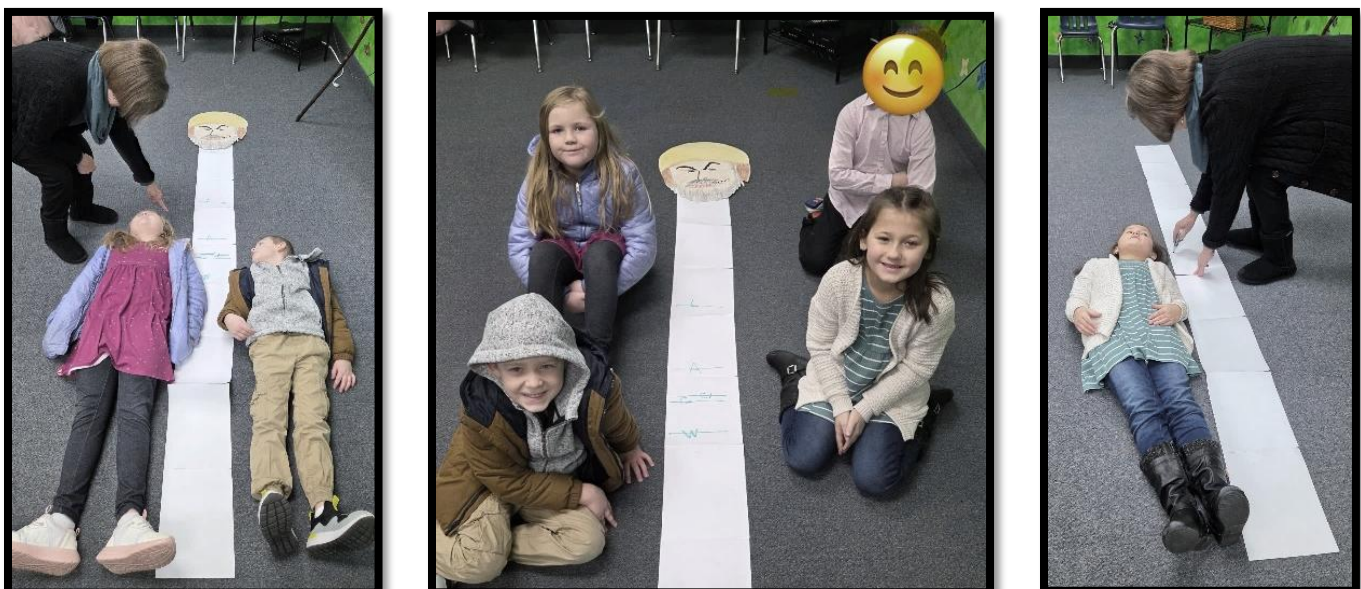
During Covid, many activities went by the wayside. One of those activities was allowing the children to collect the offering with one of our Sunday School's original offering boxes. The children are getting comfortable with sharing by placing their money in the offering box.



HIS Kids learned what it might be like to be blind or have other handicaps as we learned how Jesus gave sight to a man who was born blind.



Seeing how we measure up to Goliath before David defeats him!



Trying out a slingshot just like David...throwing "paper" stones.



Building a temple!



The Sunday School classes combined for the Sundays of Bible School and the Fourth of July. There was a Bible Drill, a craft, word searches, coloring, singing, video, and toys for the littles. The classes do enjoy getting together and the older youth enjoy playing with our younger ones.



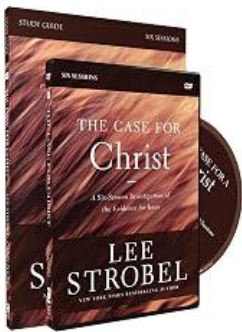


More
Combined
Sunday School



Adult Sunday School Classes

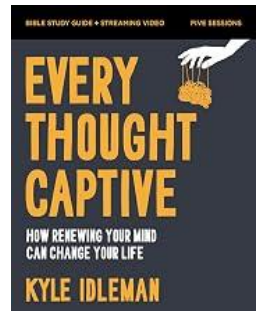
Join Us, Won't You?



We offer two engaging adult Sunday school classes. Bill Brandt leads the class that meets on the mezzanine level (above Beatrice Hall kitchen). Currently his class is using a video/discussion format based on *Every Thought Captive* by Kyle Idleman. The chapel class, led by Pastor Randy, is studying *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel, also within a video/discussion format.

Every Thought Captive will help you in your personal faith walk as you learn how to renew your mind and set your thoughts on Christ. *The Case for Christ* will help you to defend the faith as you go about your weekday life in a secular world.

The classes are sure to enrich and strengthen your faith as they provide an opportunity for uplifting interaction and spiritual growth among fellow believers.



Youth Group

The youth, along with some adults, participated in three fun summer events.

On Wednesday, June 17, we played chip and putt golf at Springside Par 3 Golf Course in Reinholds.

Sunday, July 12, we kayaked on the Schuylkill River. It was a beautiful sunny day to float down the river.

Ricketts Glen State Park was our destination on Saturday, August 8. We ate a packed lunch before we started the hike, then hiked approximately five miles and stopped at Wendy's on the way home for supper. Ricketts Glen is known for its many scenic waterfalls, including the 94' Ganoga Falls. A good bit of the hike was up and down stone steps (some very steep). I believe we all had a very good night's sleep on Saturday night!

Thanks to Pastor Randy for coming up with the idea for these events, thanks to the youth and adults who participated, and thank you to the congregation for your prayers and support of our wonderful youth!

We are looking forward to our Wednesday night youth group resuming on September 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Kayaking Fun



Ricketts Glen





Kingdom Kids

We have some wonderful kids in our church and community. Some come regularly to Sunday School, others come to Bible School, and others came to our carnival in the Spring. We have made another effort during the summer to continue those relationships that we've started with some of the children beyond the church by having Kingdom Kids Fun Days in July and August.

We had around 12 to 20 different children come to the two events. We played kickball, four square, a church-wide scavenger hunt, board games, water games, and a variety of other things. We also had a story time with a focus on Jesus and some snacks.

Everyone had a great time, and we're hoping they continue to stay connected to St. Thomas in the future with the goal of drawing everyone to Jesus!





Our music ministries
INVITE YOU
to come join us ♡

THURSDAY EVENINGS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 3RD

Do you have
MUSICAL TALENT
God would like you to share?

Do you enjoy singing? ♡

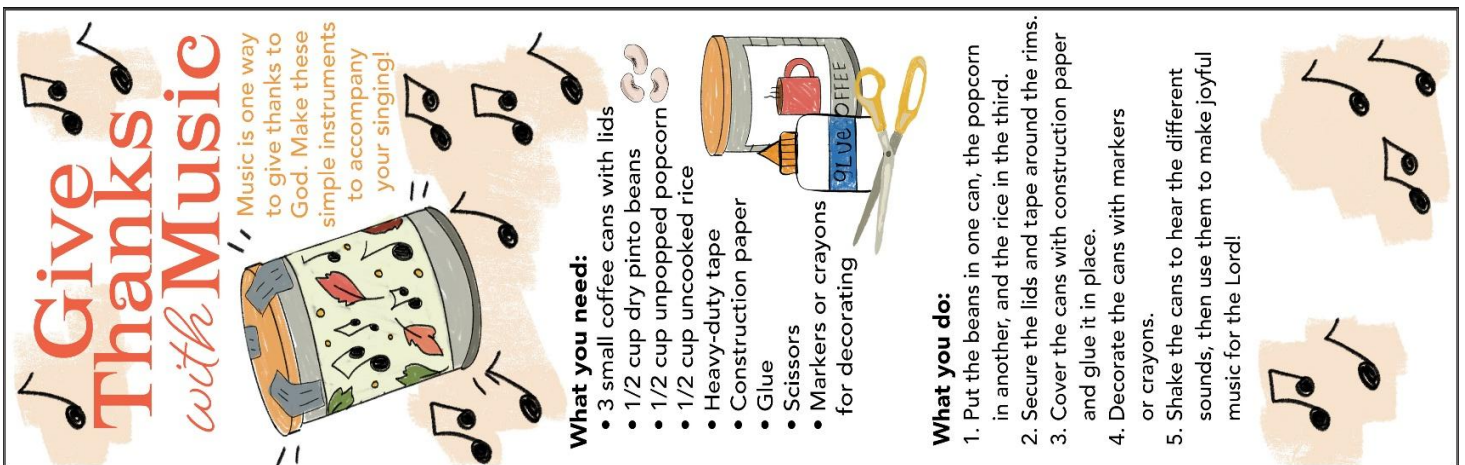
come be a part of our
WORSHIP CHOIR
meets at
7:00 p.m.

Join us for some
GOOD FELLOWSHIP!

Tubilation ♪
HANDBELL RINGERS
practice at
6:00 p.m.

Making music
to serve our Lord ♪

Contact Brian Luckenbill,
Director of Music Ministry,
for more detail!



Give Thanks with Music

Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating

What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!

Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for His glory.

Helping Harvest



If it weren't for these reliable people (helpers), Helping Harvest wouldn't exist! They come every month to help sort the extra supplies I order and pack the supplies into plastic bags and then distribute the bags we get from Helping Harvest to our clients. I appreciate each and every one of these wonderful helpers. Thank you ALL!!!

Donna Heffner

Statistics for Helping Harvest Distributions January through July 2026

MONTH	CHILDREN	ADULTS	ELDERLY	TOTAL SERVED	NO. OF FAMILIES
January	73	97	66	236	79
February	122	143	73	338	105
March	87	134	78	299	101
April	115	130	80	325	100
May	100	105	66	271	84
June	93	111	72	276	89
July	81	108	73	262	84
TOTALS	671	828	508	2,007	645



St. Thomas Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
September 25 & October 23



Covered Dish

LUNCH

after worship

OCTOBER 4

— IN BEATRICE HALL —

Bring a covered dish to share
as we celebrate
the beginning of fall!

*Sign up
in the
Library!*

Drinks will be provided.



LIGHT

in the

NIGHT

OCTOBER 31, 2026

6 PM – 8 PM

*Everyone
is welcome!*

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CANDY DONATIONS

Please donate individually wrapped candy to help make this night special!
Place candy in the bin in the library.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Donations are greatly appreciated to help us purchase food for the night.
Please give monetary donations to Kelly Groff.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need helping hands to make this a safe and fun event for our community!

- Greet our community
- Cook food
- Distribute food
- Help with games

*Your donations and your time make a difference!
Let's shine the light and share the love!*

Sign up in the library today!

Ministries of God's Servants – Ministry Updates

Community Day 2026

Thank You for Helping Make Community Day a Success!

The Ministries of God's Servants would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make Bernville's Annual Community Day Celebration such a wonderful event!



Whether you donated delicious baked goods or barbecue, helped set up or clean up the kitchen at Umbenhauer Park, took orders, grilled, served food, or helped in any other way, **we truly appreciate you!**

It takes many helping hands to make an event like this possible, and we are so thankful for everyone who gave their time, talents, and donations. It was a joy to serve our community and celebrate alongside our neighbors while enjoying the music, fellowship, and spectacular fireworks.

Thank you for helping St. Thomas be a part of this special community celebration!

Hope Rescue Clothing Drive

Clean Out Your Closets & Help Someone in Need!

It's time to clean out those closets and what better way to do it than by helping someone in need?

During the month of **September**, St. Thomas will be collecting donations for **Hope Rescue**. They welcome many types of gently used clothing and accessories, including:

- Clothing for all ages
- Shoes
- Belts
- Purses
- Coats
- And other useful clothing items

Hope Rescue is also in need of **toiletry items**, such as razors, shampoo, toothbrushes, and other personal-care supplies.

Where to Donate:

Clothing and other items may be dropped off in **Beatrice Hall throughout September**. A **yellow collection cart will be placed outside the 183 side of Beatrice Hall**, making it convenient to drop off donations during the week.

We will also have a **collection bin in the church library** for toiletry donations.

Please consider sharing this collection with your **family, friends, and neighbors**. A simple donation from your closet or bathroom cabinet can make a meaningful difference to someone in need.

Thank you for helping us share God's love by meeting practical needs in our community!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

It's Shoebox Packing Time!

It's that time of year again! We are beginning to prepare our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to send around the world. Each box is much more than a gift. It is an opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child and their family.

This year, we will once again work with our Youth to prepare school and hygiene packs and fold shoeboxes in early September.



Shoebox Packing Day – September 27

During Sunday School on September 27, our children will begin packing shoeboxes. After the worship service, we will continue packing until we have completed the 100 boxes that our Missions Team is sponsoring and covering the shipping costs for.

Shoebox Store – October 18 & November 1

We have many extra items purchased in bulk at great prices, along with lots of wonderful, handcrafted items, that will be available for you to purchase for your family's shoeboxes.

If you would like to fill an entire shoebox but don't want to go shopping, we can help! For \$35, you can fill a box and cover the shipping cost. Just stop by Classroom B1 after worship on October 18 or November 1.

Some of the items available include:

Dice games • Stuffed animals • Coloring books & pages • Dolls & doll clothes • Cars • Card games • Frisbees • Balls • Washcloths • Backpacks • Yo-yos • Craft kits • Beads & jewelry • LEGO® items • Friendship bracelets • Barbies • Fishing kits • Flashlights • Toothbrushes • School supplies • Stickers • Watercolors • Checkers • Tic-Tac-Toe • Clothes • Shirts • Socks and SO much more!

What Should You Put in Your Shoebox?

When packing your box, remember to include a WOW item. Something that will immediately delight the child when they open their box!

Other ideas include:

- School supplies
- Dolls or cars
- Stuffed animals
- Fun toys and games
- Clothing and accessories
- Personal-care items

Please remember: DO NOT include food, toothpaste, glass, candy, or soap.

You are also encouraged to write a short note to the child receiving your box. Let them know that you are praying for them. If you include your email address, you may even receive a message back from the child!

Most Important, PRAY!

While the toys, games, school supplies, and other gifts are exciting, the most important thing we can do is **pray**.

Please pray for every shoebox we pack and for the children who will receive them. Pray that each child and their family will hear the **Good News of Jesus Christ**, experience His love, and accept Jesus as their Savior.

Every box is an opportunity to share Jesus!

All shoeboxes should be returned to St. Thomas Church by November 15.

Thank you for helping us pack these special gifts and, most importantly, for helping us share the Gospel with children around the world!

Any questions, see Kelly Groff or Ruth Lafollette.

Bazaar Shoebox Table

Help Us Raise Money for the 2027 Shoebox Project!

This year at our Annual Vendor Bazaar on December 5, we will have a special Shoebox Table featuring crafts and Christmas items for sale. The money raised will help us purchase supplies and cover expenses for the 2027 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project.

Do you have a talent for making handmade crafts? Or perhaps you have nice Christmas decorations, gift items, or other things you no longer need that could find a new home?

We would love to have your donations!

Items can be placed in the Shoebox Tote in the church library or given directly to Kelly Groff.

Every donation helps us continue sharing the Good News of Jesus with children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you for helping us get a head start on our 2027 Shoebox Project!



OPERATION Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse

You're Invited!
EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join us as we pack shoeboxes and shop with purpose!

PACKING PARTY
SUNDAY SEPT 27
Work together. Have fun. Share God's love!

SHOEBOX STORE
Shop with a PURPOSE!
SUNDAY OCT 18 & SUNDAY NOV 1
Find great quality items to fill your shoeboxes at our Shoebox Store!

- ✓ Toys
- ✓ School Supplies
- ✓ Hygiene Items
- ✓ Accessories and more!

TOGETHER, we can change lives

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS AMAZING MISSION!

Your time, your gifts, and your prayers make a lasting impact!



St. Thomas⁺ Church
Vendor Fair

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT COMMUNITY • SHARE THE JOY

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.

Reserve Your Space Today!

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

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

We are part of the
Bernville Shopping Tour!

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!*

SHOP LOCAL | * SUPPORT COMMUNITY | ♥ SHARE THE JOY | Affiliate of the Evangelical Association

Annual Vendor Bazaar – December 5

Plans Are Underway!

Plans are already underway for our Annual Vendor Bazaar on December 5, and we are excited to make this year's event bigger and better!

We are looking for vendors to join us in Beatrice Hall and are also working with local businesses to make the day part of the Bernville Christmas Shopping Tour.

We are creating a special booklet highlighting the wonderful small businesses in our Bernville community so visitors can discover new places to shop and support our local businesses. We are encouraging businesses to offer something special that day. A sale, special promotion, or perhaps even a visit from Santa, an elf, or maybe even the Grinch!

If you are a Bernville business owner or know a business that would like to participate, please see Kelly Groff or Eleanor Stickler for more information.

We Need Your Help!

It takes many helping hands to make the Bazaar a success! We will need volunteers throughout the day to help with setup, serving, sales, cleanup, and all the other little jobs that make the day run smoothly.

We are also looking for bakers to help supply our popular Cookie Table. Our shoppers look forward to all those delicious homemade treats!

And if we can get enough volunteers, we may even make Christmas candy again this year!

Consider volunteering for one of these projects. Not only are you helping St. Thomas and our community, but it is always more fun when we work together! These events are a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another, share some laughs, and enjoy fellowship while accomplishing something special.

Come be part of the fun. We'd love to have you join us!

Ten Reasons to Buy Reusable Bags at St. Thomas

Did you know you can buy reusable heavy-duty bags at St. Thomas? Here are ten reasons to do so:

1. The bags are very sturdy.
2. The bags can stand up on their own – thanks to the cardboard pieces at the bottom.
3. They are useful for shopping.
4. They are also great for carrying books from the St. Thomas Library, the Bernville Library, etc.
5. The bags can be washed inside. Just remove the cardboard piece at the bottom and replace it after washing.
6. The bags are made from items that would otherwise go into a landfill, like bird food and chicken feed bags.
7. Using the bags means you won't need store plastic bags, which can litter our landscape.
8. The bags are pretty.
9. The bags are crafted exclusively for St. Thomas by our own Ruth LaFollette.
10. The \$10 per bag that you pay is used for Operation Christmas Child shoebox expense.



To purchase bags, see either Kelly Groff or Ruth LaFollette. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!



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 September 3 and October 1.



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.



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, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Shirley Saunders, Sandy Bond, Eleanor Stickler, Judy Guthier

Lifting our friends in prayer: Haden Long, Rachel Croyle, Lori Ferretti, Jean Martini, Bill Bender, Carol Kantner, Samuel Anzel, Sharon Gehris, Carolee Stouffer, Reid Schrack, David Emerick

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

HARVEST HOME

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Help make this a nice collection of canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to Helping Harvest.

Please place items in the bin located in the library from now until October 18.

Thank Offering



A Thank Offering will be taken November 22 following the service at the doors. The money collected will be donated to the Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank, Hope Rescue Mission, and Salvation Army.

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
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
Oct. 4	Wayne & Susan Leshner	Grace Reber
Oct. 11	Beverly Hinnershitz	Jay Umbenhauer
Oct. 18	Trevor Brown	Millie Lessig
Oct. 25	Thane LaFollette	Bob & Jo Ann Stockholm
Nov. 1	Dan & Shirley Berger	Helen Renninger
Nov. 8	Colonna Family	Carol Zellers
Nov. 15	Betsy Reifsnyder	Jen Williamson
Nov. 22	Fritz Wolf	Cindy Albert & Tom Bair
Nov. 29	Thane LaFollette	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders

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 Hinnershitz
Brian Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel
JoAnn Stockholm

Ministries of God's Servants:

Bridget Brandt
Millie Bross
Brittany Cornwell
Kelly Groff, Treas./Sec.
Larry Groff
Donna Heffner
Beverly Hinnershitz
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
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

*Denotes Chairman (if applicable)

Updated August 21, 2026



September

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Coralee Brown
 3 – Pattie Kerschner
 6 – William Straw
 6 – Deborah Rumbel
 6 – Louise Kiehl
 7 – Andrew Adams
 7 – Cheryl Bogert



10 – Dennis Schlappich
 12 – Rebecca Wenrich
 12 – Erika Colonna
 13 – Patricia Brimmer
 17 – Millie Lessig
 17 – Alyssa Bond
 18 – Nancy Lynn

18 – Daniel Wenrich
 18 – Adam Rabenold
 19 – Anna Reinhart
 21 – Aiden Smith
 21 – Jeremy Fox
 26 – Carla Kessler
 30 – Douglas Burner



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!



October

BIRTHDAYS



2 – Leshane Troutman
 3 – Jim Stricker
 4 – Corey Gassert
 5 – Nicole Henne-Brown
 6 – Pauline Paulson
 8 – Kathy Luckenbill
 8 – Brittany Cornwell

10 – Kaitlyn Kramer
 11 – Carol Zellers
 13 – Roger Steffen
 13 – Giovanni Colonna
 14 – Kirstin Rabenold
 16 – Phyllis Krause
 17 – Doris Evans
 18 – Zachary Rollins

21 – Russell Hinnershitz
 24 – L. Kevin Zellers
 25 – Nora Harms
 26 – Violet Hartman
 28 – Randy Weidman
 28 – Bridget Brandt
 31 – Vaughn Saunders

Happy Anniversary



- 5 – Zachary & Kaytlin Kramer
(11 years)
- 10 – Scott & Pattie Kerschner
(49 years)
- 12 – Walter & Linda Focht
(62 years)
- 19 – Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen
(45 years)
- 24 – Bruce & Marlene Good
(66 years)
- 25 – Randy & Debra Weidman
(44 years)
- 26 – Dan & Heather Edgar
(11 years)



- 1 – Vaughn & Shirley Saunders
(43 years)
- 13 – Daniel & Shirley Berger
(47 years)
- 16 – Daniel & Barbara Miller
(16 years)
- 20 – Daniel & Molly Harms
(19 years)
- 21 – Ronald & Jamie Tomko
(3 years)
- 29 – Daniel & Rebecca Wenrich
(10 years)

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Bible Quiz

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Psalm 103 (ESV) begins:

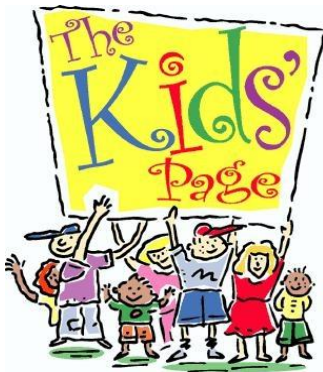
“Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his _____.”

What should we “not forget”?

A. goodness
C. gifts

B. kindness
D. benefits

Answer: D. benefits (Psalm 103:2)



All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
and great shall be the peace of your children.

Isaiah 54:13



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

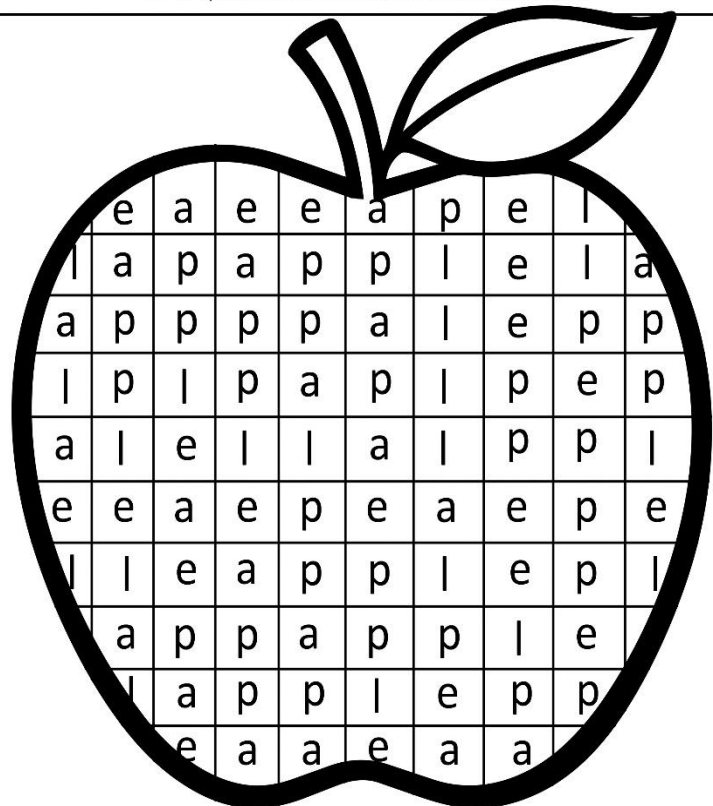
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!





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



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.