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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
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Brian P. Luckenbill
Facilities Attendant
Shirley J. Shupe
Office Administrator
Kathy A. Oberly

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Friends in Jesus!

Recently I was with the teenagers discussing three Scriptures…

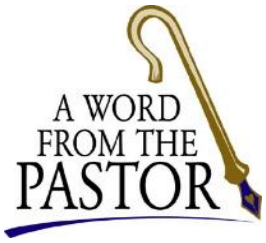
- the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, who after encountering Jesus decided to repay people he had wronged and give half his wealth to the poor
- the story of the woman caught in adultery who Jesus told that he didn't condemn her, but she should go and no longer sin
- the story of the paralyzed man who was let down through the roof in front of Jesus and healed.

What was the common feature to each of the stories? Each of those people had their lives forever changed because of their encounter with Jesus.

Imagine what it would be like if everyone, literally everyone, had an encounter with Jesus like those three people did. What would be the impact on their lives and the quality of life on this planet?

This summer I took my oldest grandson on a trip to Alaska. We spent two weeks together. How long do you think Jonathan will remember that experience? Forever, right? And if people literally encountered Jesus, they would be forever, eternally changed.

I'm planning to have another Friendship Day on Sunday, November 29. We'll make some more postcards for you to use to invite friends to come to church. But this whole season is an opportune time to invite people to come to church or a church activity. People are more likely to attend church around these holidays and for special events. Between now and the end of the year, I hope every one of us invites multiples of people to come to church or some gathering of the church.



Why? The reason to invite others is we want people to have an encounter with Jesus. Since Jesus isn't physically here, we have to pray that maybe a person will have an encounter with Jesus during a worship service or maybe they'll have an encounter with Jesus through you sharing a story of your encounter with the Lord.

We've got to invite. We've got to pray. We've got to do whatever we can do to bring people near Jesus so that they might encounter him.

So, when we have that Friendship Sunday on November 29, why don't you take a friend out to breakfast, and then come to church? Or invite them to your home for lunch after the service? Or something? Just invite and then invite again. We've got to do our part to create an environment where people will have an encounter with Jesus.

Why should we? Because Jesus' last words in the gospel of Matthew were these: "Go and make disciples of all the nations…" Matthew 28:19

In the love of Jesus,

Randy Bond

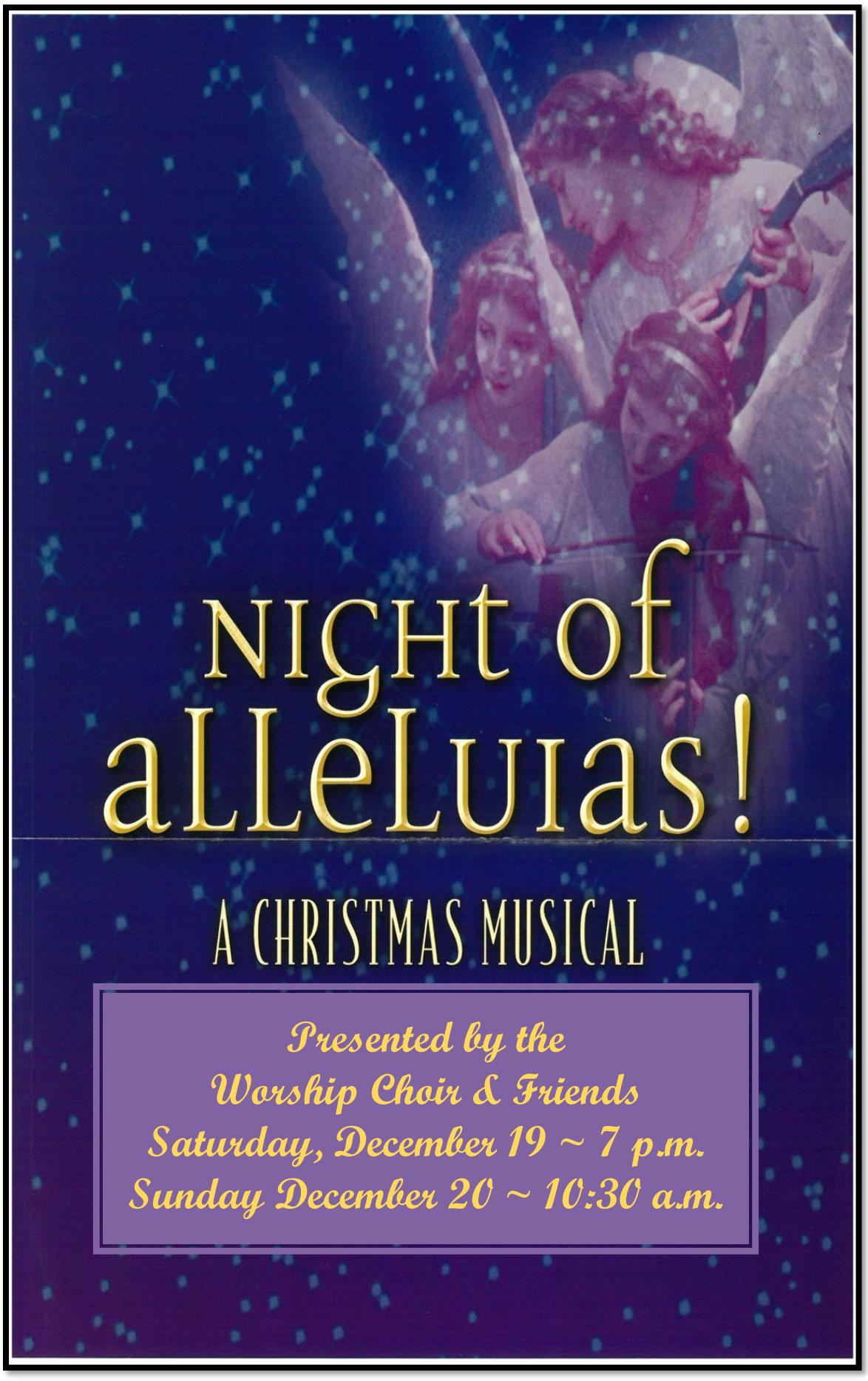
Angel Tree Project



Would you like to take part in making Christmas a lot brighter for a child or youth in the Tulpehocken Area School District? Look for our miniature Angel Tree, set up in the library on the round table by November 8. Each of the tags on it includes a wish list from a local child. If you feel led to participate, take a tag, decide on several or all of the items listed on the tag, and bring your wrapped or unwrapped gifts to the church **no later than Sunday, November 29**. **You must be certain to return the tag with the gifts**. Place them in the designated area in the library. You may want to consider sharing a tag with someone else within the church family.

Any questions, see Peg Henderson or email her at juncofan@yahoo.com. We hope you will be able to share the love of Jesus through your support of this program. Thank you for shining His light in our community.

Proverbs 19:17-- Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.


NIGHT of
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A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
Presented by the
Worship Choir & Friends
Saturday, December 19 ~ 7 p.m.
Sunday December 20 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

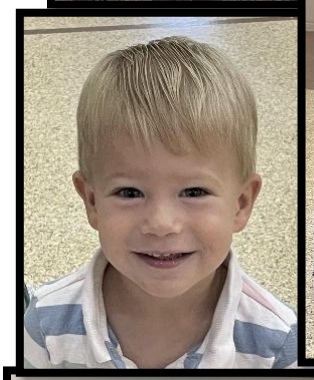
By Nancy Luckenbill

At the end of August, the Sunday School classes had a "Game Day" and Promotion Sunday.

Game fun for everyone! Look at all the happy faces. There is also plenty of serious concentration.
















Promotion

From Ark Builders to HIS Kids: Owen Rabenold and Baylee Ringler

From HIS Kids to Kids for Christ: Coralee Brown and Tucker Ringler

From Kids for Christ to Bible Living Teens: Luis Hernandez






OCC Shoeboxes

September 27th was Shoebox Packing Day in Sunday School. Even our youngest helped pack boxes.









Shoeboxes cont'd.



The youth assembled kits that will be used in the shoeboxes - school supplies, hygiene items, and assorted craft items. They also assembled the box tower in the library.









Honoring Faithful Service



Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.

As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we pause to thank God for every blessing.
Let us worship with grateful hearts and remember His goodness in every season.

Kingdom Kids

We're off and running! Having fun and sharing the love of Jesus with kids in our community.

Each Thursday, you'll see a nice group of elementary age children coming into St. Thomas. We start with fun and games in the parking lot, then crafts downstairs in the old basement, story time and snacks.

We're making connections with both children and their families. Each week we have about 10-12 kids, and probably 20 different children who have participated.

Thanks for your support, encouragement, and prayers!



















Teens at St. Thomas

We've been busy! Thanks to everyone for all your help!

Together we painted 66 California King-sized sheets with reflective paint that shines vibrantly under the black lights positioned around Beatrice Hall. We probably had 30 to 40 different people helping make all those exciting creations!

After all the work, we had a practice laser tag event on Wednesday September 23. Eleven teens and adults participated, and we had a total blast. It was amazing and totally fun.

The following week we started our weekly youth gatherings. We've been studying the scriptures and talking about reaching out to our friends and extending the invitation to follow Jesus. That's the underlying reason we created the laser tag experience-to give us a platform to invite teens into our church, establish relationships, and hopefully eventually see them become Christ followers too! It's been an exciting season!









Confirmation Class Begins

We have four teens who meet on Thursday nights with Randy to learn about the faith and grow in Jesus. We have had lots of discussions so far, and we've started memorizing the books of the Bible.

We also have had people from the church come and share their faith experience with us, lasting anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes. If you would consider possibly sharing your faith with the teens, please speak to Randy. The stories that you share will have great impact on the teens.



Below are items that are new to the library. Most have been donated by generous members of the church family; several have been purchased with funds donated to the library.

DVDs:
The Christmas Ring
The Holy Land; Connecting the Land with its Stories
I Can Only Imagine 2; The Next Chapter of Faith, Family, and Finding God in the Fire

Nonfiction Books:
Between Life and Death; A Gospel-Centered Guide to End-of-Life Medical Care by Kathryn Butler
Glimmers of Grace: Sparkling Reminders to Encourage You (Women of Faith Series)
Heaven; Joyful Comfort and Awesome Peace by Bill and Gloria Gaither
Kidnapped in Haiti: The Amazing Story of Seventeen Missionaries by Katrina Hoover Lee

Fiction Books:
Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsbury
Fields of Grace by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Don't Let It Get Under Your Skin

Holidays are meant to bring joy, yet they can easily become stressful. A careless comment, an unmet expectation or a simple misunderstanding may lead to hurt feelings and family tension. Before long, a small disagreement can grow into an argument that overshadows the celebration.

In moments like these, remember the wise teacher who chose to let slights and insults pass. He explained, "I have only one skin, and it covers me very well. I don't let anyone else get under it."

This holiday season, choose patience, extend grace and protect the peace around your table.



Ministries of God's Servants

MINISTRIES OF GOD'S SERVANTS

Hope Rescue & Lighthouse Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to Hope Rescue and Lighthouse. We had a huge collection of clothing, shoes, coats, and new toiletries. They were very appreciative of the donations and the generosity of our church family!

Light in the Night – October 31

Saturday, October 31 • 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Consider coming out to **Light in the Night** and spending some time visiting with our neighbors and their children as they stop by to play games and grab a bite to eat or something to drink.



This is a wonderful opportunity not only to provide a fun and welcoming evening, but also to get to know people in our community and let them know about the many activities at St. Thomas.

We can always use a few more volunteers! You don't have to spend the whole evening. Come for a while, help with the games or food, and take some time to visit with the families who attend.

As you visit, invite families to join us for some of our other church activities, including Kingdom Kids, Youth Group, Sunday School, and other church events.

Sometimes a simple conversation and a warm welcome are the first steps in helping someone feel connected to our church family.

Come out, have some fun, and help us share God's love with our neighbors!

Thank Offering – November 22



The **Ministries of God's Servants** will be taking a collection at the doors after worship on **Sunday, November 22**. This year's Thank Offering will be donated to local food pantries.

Checks may be made payable to **St. Thomas Guild**.

Thank you for helping us share God's blessings with those in need in our community.

Annual Vendor Bazaar – December 5

Our Annual Vendor Bazaar will be held **Saturday, December 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m**. There are many parts of this project, and we would welcome volunteers to help make the day a success!

Candy Making – November 19–21



No experience is necessary! Come for an hour, come for a day, or join us all three days. We will teach you what to do, and we will have lots of fun and fellowship while we work. Sign up in the library or just show up. **Lunch will be provided.**

Cookies & Baked Goods

We need cookie bakers and donations of all types of cookies and baked goods. Cookies are sold by the pound at the Bazaar.

Please bring your donations to **Beatrice Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 4**.
Please clearly label:

- The type of cookie or baked good
- Whether it contains nuts

Sign up in the library or see **Beverly Hinnershitz**.



Soups & Barbecue

We are also looking for people to make soups and barbecue to sell for lunch at the Bazaar. To donate, please see **Vickie Lynn or Beverly Hinnershitz**.

Help Setting Up – Sunday, November 29

We need help after worship moving tables from the basement to Beatrice Hall and setting up for the Bazaar. Many hands make light work!

Help During the Bazaar

We need volunteers to help throughout the day, including:

- Working in the kitchen serving breakfast and lunch
- Helping at the cookie and candy tables
- Helping at the Shoebox table

Please see **Beverly Hinnershitz** if you can help.



Clean-Up – 2:00 p.m.

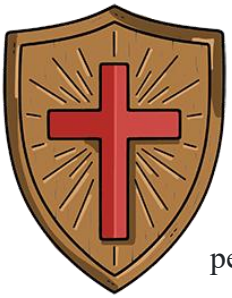
At 2:00 p.m., we will need help tearing down, cleaning up, and moving the tables back to the basement. After many have worked throughout the week preparing for the Bazaar, we would especially appreciate some **fresh energy and extra hands** for clean-up!

Come Shop & Eat!

Come out for a day of shopping, fellowship, breakfast, and lunch. We will be serving **egg sandwiches, a variety of soups, and sandwiches**.

We hope to see you there!

Faithful Witnesses



Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.

The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.

Annual BAZAAR

Saturday, December 5
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We Need Your Help!

There are many parts to this project and we would love to have you volunteer. Your time and talents make a big difference!

Candy Makers
November 19–21

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

No experience necessary!
Come for an hour or a day.
We will train you!
Lunch provided.



Sign up in the library or just show up!

Cookie Bakers

We need your homemade cookies and baked goods!

Please drop off your donations in Beatrice Hall **by December 4 at 9:00 AM**

So they can be weighed and packed.

Please clearly label the type of cookie or baked good and if it contains nuts.



Soups & Barbeque Donations

We are also looking for donations of homemade soups and beef, pork or turkey barbeque to sell for lunch at the Bazaar.



To donate, please see Vickie Lynn or Beverly Hinnershitz.

Help in the Kitchen During the Bazaar

We need volunteers to work in the kitchen, serving breakfast and lunch on December 5. If you can help, please see Beverly Hinnershitz.



Many Hands Make Light Work!



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 November 5 and December 3.

PENNSYLVANIA ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE

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 thorough 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: Gary Rubright Family, Clair & Karen Hess, Stefani Walter, Chaun Walter, Deb Rumbel, Gloria Gassert, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Shirley Saunders, Sandy Bond, Eleanor Stickler, Judy Guthier, Dave Degler, Carol Degler

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

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, Zachary Rollins, Moises Rivera, Harrison Reber, Benjamin Reber, All Veterans

Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

(1) TGLBEHHEME ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(2) NEAGLO ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(3) NRMEDAG ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(4) ODEKSNY ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(5) AMGYR ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(6) OHESJIP ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(7) EFJSUS ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(8) ITEENMSW ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(9) SPHHDSREEO ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(10) EMCFAL ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(11) TLSRA ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(12) CSSNUEO ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(13) HEVSPE ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

(14) ENIN ___ ___ ___ ___



1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ ' ___ 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 8 ___

9 ___ 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ 13 ___ 14 ___

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E); God's gift of love

Two World War II Items Added to Heritage Hallway

In advance of Veterans Day 2026, two World War II items have been added to Heritage Hallway.



1. The large wooden "Roll of Honor" lists some of the St. Thomas members who served in World War II.



Thank you to Brian Luckenbill who remembered the prior storage location of the "Roll of Honor" and to Shirley Shupe who moved the heavy wooden piece to Heritage Hallway and cleaned and polished the wood for display.

2. The white photograph album contains pictures of Bernville-area men and women who served in the military in WWII and the 1950s.

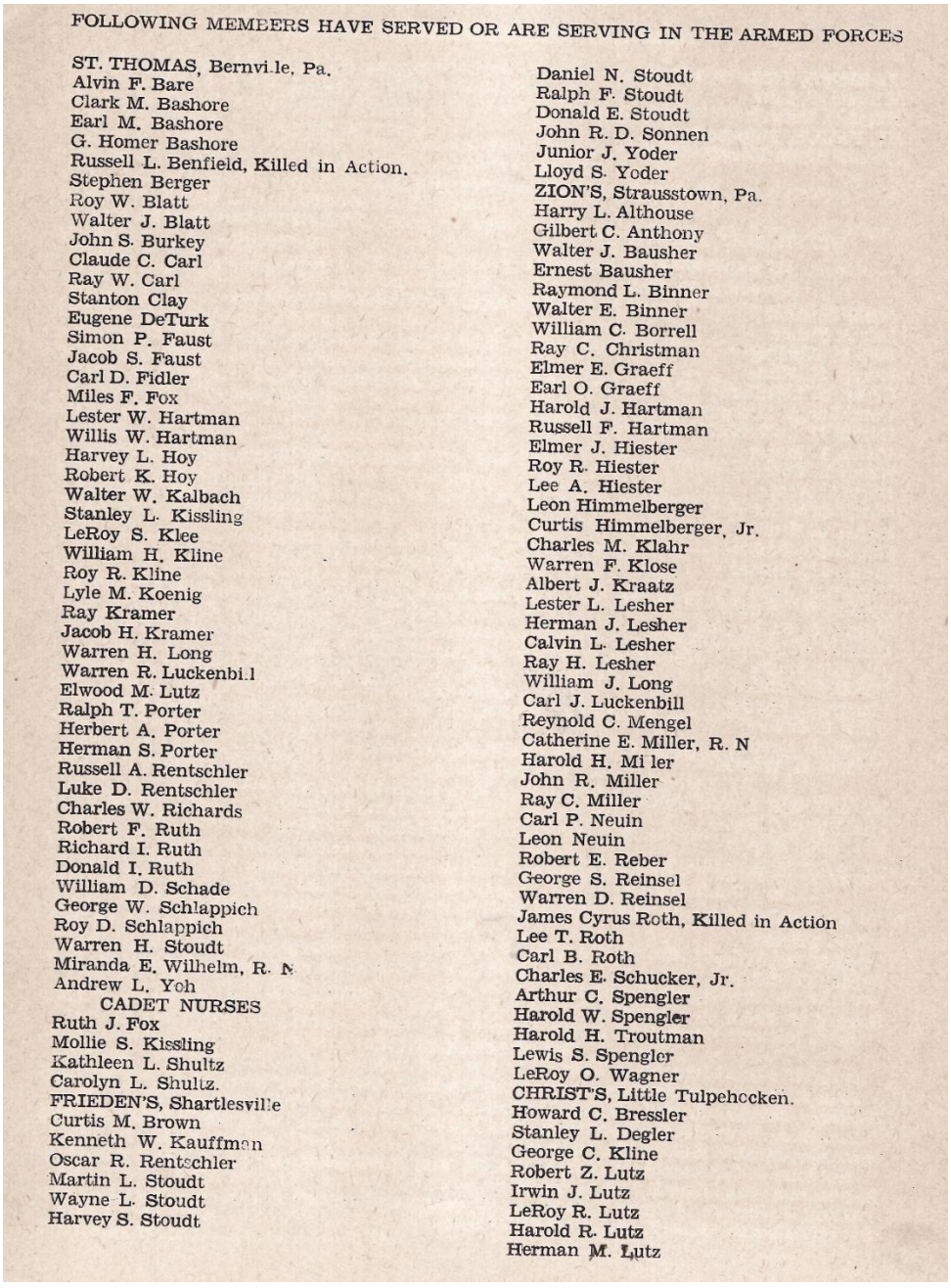
The album was compiled by Rev. Frank W. Ruth and donated to St. Thomas Church by Anna (Ruth) Bubbenmoyer several years ago. Rev. Ruth collected pictures of both St. Thomas members and others.

For example, the album contains a picture of Carl W. Anspach, who was born in Bernville on December 13, 1914 and killed in Sicily on August 7, 1943. He is buried in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial, Nettuno, Citta Metropolitana di Roma Capitale, Lazio, Italy and there is also a tombstone at Host Church Cemetery with his parents. His picture in the album has a star to indicate his death in service.

The American Legion building in Bernville, near Umbenhauer Park (now an industrial building), was named in memory of Carl Anspach.



The January 1946 *Herald of the Bernville Evangelical and Reformed Charge* lists members of St. Thomas Reformed Church, Frieden's Reformed Church (Shartlesville), Zion's Reformed Church (Strausstown), Christ Little Tulpehocken Reformed Church, and St. Paul's Reformed Church (Tulpehocken, now New Schaefferstown) that "have served or are serving in the Armed Forces." The list is reproduced below.



FOLLOWING MEMEERS HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

ST. THOMAS, Bernville, Pa.
Alvin F. Bare
Clark M. Bashore
Earl M. Bashore
G. Homer Bashore
Russell L. Benfield, Killed in Action.
Stephen Berger
Roy W. Blatt
Walter J. Blatt
John S. Burkey
Claude C. Carl
Ray W. Carl
Stanton Clay
Eugene DeTurk
Simon P. Faust
Jacob S. Faust
Carl D. Fidler
Miles F. Fox
Lester W. Hartman
Willis W. Hartman
Harvey L. Hoy
Robert K. Hoy
Walter W. Kalbach
Stanley L. Kissling
LeRoy S. Klee
William H. Kline
Roy R. Kline
Lyle M. Koenig
Ray Kramer
Jacob H. Kramer
Warren H. Long
Warren R. Luckenbill
Elwood M. Lutz
Ralph T. Porter
Herbert A. Porter
Herman S. Porter
Russell A. Rentschler
Luke D. Rentschler
Charles W. Richards
Robert F. Ruth
Richard I. Ruth
Donald I. Ruth
William D. Schade
George W. Schlappich
Roy D. Schlappich
Warren H. Stoudt
Miranda E. Wilhelm, R. N
Andrew L. Yoh

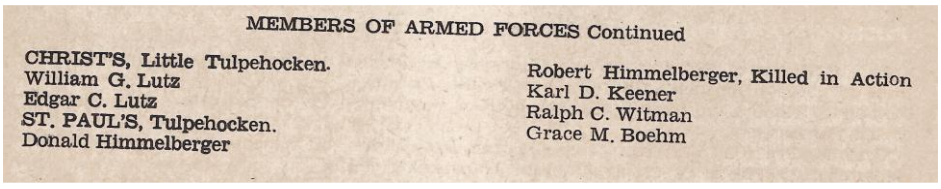
CADET NURSES

Ruth J. Fox
Mollie S. Kissling
Kathleen L. Shultz
Carolyn L. Shultz.

FRIEDEN'S, Shartlesville
Curtis M. Brown
Kenneth W. Kauffman
Oscar R. Rentschler
Martin L. Stoudt
Wayne L. Stoudt
Harvey S. Stoudt
Daniel N. Stoudt
Ralph F. Stoudt
Donald E. Stoudt
John R. D. Sonnen
Junior J. Yoder
Lloyd S. Yoder

ZION'S, Strausstown, Pa.
Harry L. Althouse
Gilbert C. Anthony
Walter J. Bausher
Ernest Bausher
Raymond L. Binner
Walter E. Binner
William C. Borrell
Ray C. Christman
Elmer E. Graeff
Earl O. Graeff
Harold J. Hartman
Russell F. Hartman
Elmer J. Hiester
Roy R. Hiester
Lee A. Hiester
Leon Himmelberger
Curtis Himmelberger, Jr.
Charles M. Klahr
Warren F. Klose
Albert J. Kraatz
Lester L. Lesher
Herman J. Lesher
Calvin L. Lesher
Ray H. Lesher
William J. Long
Carl J. Luckenbill
Reynold C. Mengel
Catherine E. Miller, R. N
Harold H. Miller
John R. Miller
Ray C. Miller
Carl P. Neuin
Leon Neuin
Robert E. Reber
George S. Reinsel
Warren D. Reinsel
James Cyrus Roth, Killed in Action
Lee T. Roth
Carl B. Roth
Charles E. Schucker, Jr.
Arthur C. Spengler
Harold W. Spengler
Harold H. Troutman
Lewis S. Spengler
LeRoy O. Wagner

CHRIST'S, Little Tulpehocken.
Howard C. Bressler
Stanley L. Degler
George C. Kline
Robert Z. Lutz
Irwin J. Lutz
LeRoy R. Lutz
Harold R. Lutz
Herman M. Lutz



MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES Continued

CHRIST'S, Little Tulpehocken.
William G. Lutz
Edgar C. Lutz

ST. PAUL'S, Tulpehocken.
Donald Himmelberger
Robert Himmelberger, Killed in Action
Karl D. Keener
Ralph C. Witman
Grace M. Boehm

Several men are listed as Killed in Action.

The January 1944 and January 1945 *Herald*s provided the following additional information:

--Stanton Clay, Simon P. Faust, Earl O. Graeff, and Ray Kramer were Wounded in Action.

--Eugene DeTurk was a Prisoner of War in China.

--William H. Kline was a Prisoner of War in Germany.

--Daniel N. Stoudt was a Prisoner of War on Bataan, then in Japan.

The U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps was established by Congress in 1943. Because so many Registered Nurses (R.N.) were joining the military to serve overseas, civilian hospitals at home were facing a critical nursing shorting. The government funded the training, tuition, and room and board for young women who signed up. The cadets pledged to serve in an essential military or civilian nursing role for the duration of the war. More than 124,000 women graduated from the program between 1943 and 1948.

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
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
Dec. 6	Wenrich Family	Beverly Hinnershitz
Dec. 13	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen	Kathy Luckenbill
Dec. 20	Thane LaFollette	Wayne & Susan Lesher
Dec. 27	Grace Reber	Trevor Brown
Jan. 3	Bob & Jo Ann Stockholm	Beverly Hinnershitz
Jan. 10	Thane LaFollette	Dan & Shirley Berger
Jan. 17	Helen Renninger	Carol Zellers
Jan. 24	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders	Betsy Reifsnyder
Jan. 31	Jen Williamson	Colonna Family

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

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Bill Brandt
Rowena Henderson
Nancy Luckenbill

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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:
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Tom Bair
Peg Henderson
Ruth LaFollette

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Russ Hinnershitz
Brian Luckenbill
Grace Reber
Deb Rumbel
JoAnn Stockholm

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Kathy Luckenbill
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Bridget Brandt *
Erika Colonna
Chris Cornwell
Rowena Henderson
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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
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Nancy Luckenbill
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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)

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November BIRTHDAYS

5 – Edwin Bogert III
6 – Scott Bond
7 – Jennifer Williamson
8 – Katelynn Ebling
8 – Veronica Bair
9 – Aubrey Burner
11 – Daniel Wolf, Sr.
15 – Courtney Burner
18 – Kim Stricker
20 – Myriah Troutman
22 – Jamie Tomko
24 – Dawn Weidman
24 – Owen Rabenold
25 – Joe Hirneisen
26 – Christopher Cornwell
29 – Larry Groff
30 – Jeffrey Becker



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!





December BIRTHDAYS

1 – Morgan Becker
2 – Justin Stricker
5 – Shelby Kramer
5 – Serafina Colonna
6 – Emmett Walter
6 – Jett Walter
7 – Vickie Lynn
8 – Avalynn Brown
16 – Evelyn Fox
18 – Tyler Stricker
18 – Walter Focht, Jr.
25 – Bill Brandt
27 – Courtney Anzel
28 – Cynthia Albert
30 – Grace Reber
31 – Owen Staab

Happy Anniversary

November ANNIVERSARIES

3 – Douglas & Courtney Burner
(14 years)
4 – Glenn & Deborah Rumbel
(31 years)
16 – Richard & Grace Reber
(63 years)
22 – Dennis & Janel Renninger
(*57 years)*

December ANNIVERSARIES

8 – Gary & Mary Brower
(25 years)



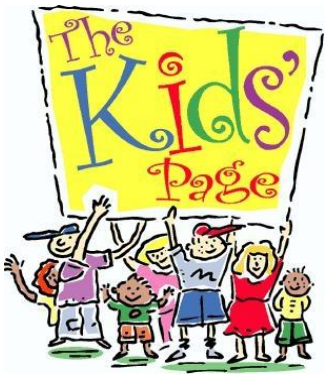
Bible Quiz



The New Testament describes Jesus Christ as **"Lord of lords and King of kings."** In which book of the Bible is this title found?

A. Revelation
B. Acts
C. Colossians
D. Matthew

Answer: A. Revelation (See Revelation 17:14)



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

Bread Painting



When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional



What you do:

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:
Ask an adult for help when using a toaster or toaster oven.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV



Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ____ Father
10 + 9 = ____ heavenly
10 + 5 = ____ blessed
2 - 1 = ____ Praise
7 + 7 = ____ has
11 + 11 = ____ every
12 + 12 = ____ blessing
10 + 10 = ____ realms
13 + 13 = ____ Christ
8 + 8 = ____ us
8 + 9 = ____ in
5 + 5 = ____ Lord
10 + 11 = ____ with

10 + 15 = ____ in
6 - 3 = ____ to
12 - 6 = ____ and
6 + 6 = ____ Christ
18 - 9 = ____ our
22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
1 + 1 = ____ be
7 + 6 = ____ who
2 + 2 = ____ the
10 - 5 = ____ God
4 + 4 = ____ of
9 + 9 = ____ the
10 + 13 = ____ spiritual

"_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
1 2 3 4 5 6

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____,
7 8 9 10 11 12

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13 14 15 16 17 18

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19 20 21 22

_____ _____ _____ _____."
23 24 25 26

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Nativity Word Scramble

STBALE _____

HEEPS _____

NLGEA _____

TSAR _____

GAMREN _____

JHPOES _____

OENYDK _____

EUSSJ _____

SKNGI _____

YMAR _____

Word Search

H	R	L	Y	V	E	L	A	B
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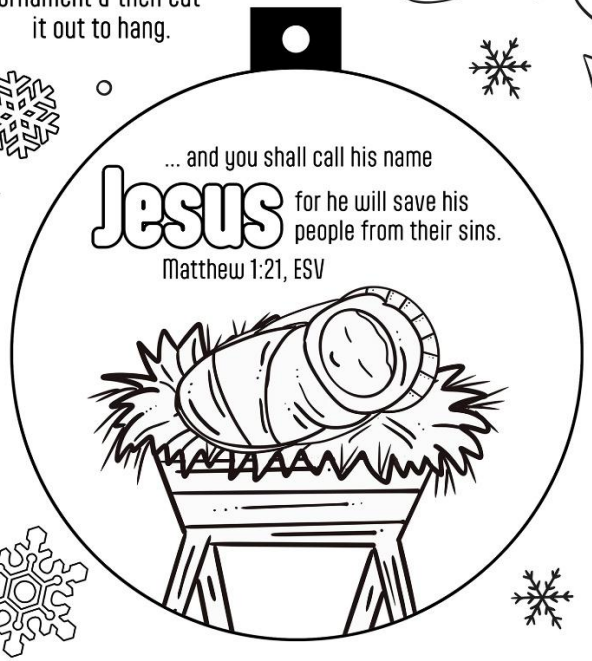
JOY, LOVE, GIFT, HOLY, BLESS, STAR



Help Mary & Joseph find the way to Bethlehem.

Bethlehem

Color the Christmas ornament & then cut it out to hang.



Merry Christmas

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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.