

# THE VOICE

of **ST. THOMAS**



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### Sunday Service Schedule

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

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

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

#### **Interim Pastor**

Rev. Randy A. Bond

#### **Director of Music Ministries**

Brian P. Luckenbill

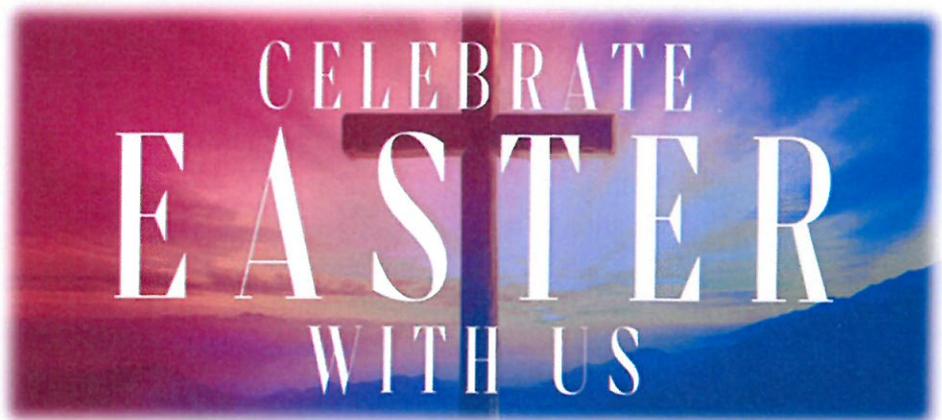
#### **Facilities Attendant**

Shirley J. Shupe

#### **Office Administrator**

Kathy A. Oberly

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 5, 2026**

**8:30 – 9:15 a.m.**

**EASTER FELLOWSHIP**

**Continental Breakfast in Beatrice Hall**

**9:30 a.m.**

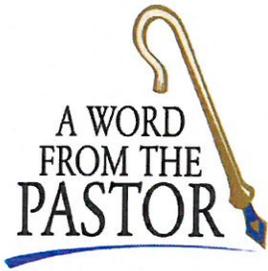
**EASTER WORSHIP**

**Special Music**

**Children's Message**

**Communion**

**Easter Message**



Dear friends!

Do you have some? Friends? Because to be a full participant on Palm Sunday, you're going to need at least one friend. Why? Because we're going to have a Friendship Sunday on that day! It's "Bring a Friend" day.

Why should we? Do you remember how Nathanael came to be one of Jesus' disciples? The story begins with Jesus' encounter with Philip. **"The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' ... Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'" John 1:43, 45 NIV**

What happened? Philip started following Jesus, and the first thing he did was to think of his friend-Nathanael. Philip came to know Jesus, and he wanted Nathanael to know Jesus too.

That's how it's supposed to work. Friends telling friends. Friends...inviting...friends. Creating a Friendship Sunday gives you an excuse to invite someone to church. Coming to church on Palm Sunday may not result in them following Jesus immediately, but who knows...it could be the beginning of a journey towards Christ.

Or maybe the person you should invite to church is someone who used to be a regular attender of our church. They already know Jesus, but there could be some brokenness in relationships, maybe even with

some of us. Maybe inviting your friend would be the first step to some healing and reconciliation.

Or maybe someone surprising comes to your mind. You keep on thinking about your favorite cashier at a local store or a teacher at school. For some reason, the Lord's putting that person on your mind. You keep on thinking about them. If that's the case, follow the prompting of God. You don't have any idea what's going on in that person's life. Maybe for some unknown reason, God wants them to come to church that day to bless them or encourage them.

It's not in my place to tell you who to invite, but I do think all of us should follow the example of Philip. And what did Philip do? He invited a friend to come and meet Jesus.

I encourage you to pray as to who you should invite. When God reveals a person to you, do it! Invite them. And pray for our worship experience on Palm Sunday, that God would be at work in our church, in your life, and in the life of your friend.

Maybe before church you want to take them out to breakfast or after church invite them to your home for lunch. Just a thought.

Whatever you do that day, follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. You never know what God is planning and how He intends to use you. Obey Him.

In Jesus' love,

*Randy Bond*

### **I Believe...**

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger;

for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

-John Killinger



**COMMUNITY**  
*Lenten Services*

*Stories From Jesus' Last Week*

Soup – 6:00 p.m., Service – 7:00 p.m.

**February 25**

Christ Little Tulpehocken      Pastor Randy Bond

**March 4**

St. Thomas Church      Pastor Phil Thomas

**March 11**

Host Church      Pastor Fred Diehl

**March 18**

Christ Little Tulpehocken      Pastor Drew Thomas

**March 25**

North Heidelberg Church      Pastor James Snyder

***Offering Designation: Keystone Family Alliance***

PLEASE NOTE: all donations given by check must be made out to  
*Keystone Family Alliance.*



Friday, April 3  
7:00 p.m.



**SPAGHETTI and  
MEATBALL  
DINNER**

**All-You-Can-Eat  
(Baked Goods Available)**

**Sunday, April 19  
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Cost: Adult - \$10.00  
Children 5-10 - \$5.00**

**Sponsored by  
St. Thomas Music  
Ministries**



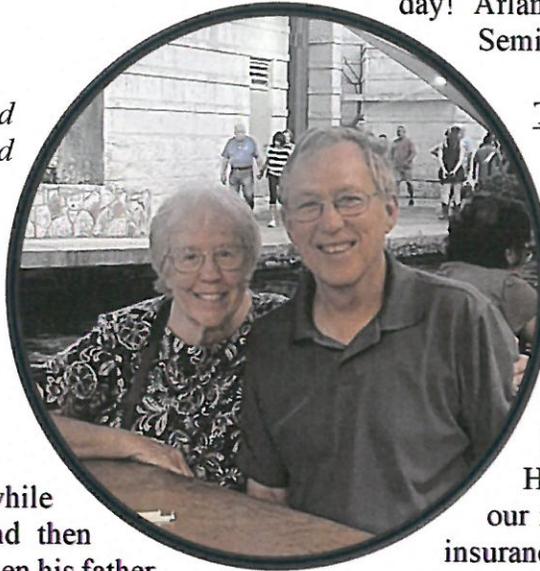
Do you have extra or unused stickers or seals that came in the mail?  
The Ark Builders Sunday School Class would love to have them!  
Our children enjoy using stickers for crafts and activities,  
and your donations help bring big smiles.  
Please give any stickers to Nancy Luckenbill or Ginny Schmehl.  
The children thank you! 😊

## Let's Get to Know One Another

*Deanna and  
Randy Bond*

Hello St. Thomas Family!

Pastor Randy and I [Deanna] are so happy to be a part of your church family. Judy said you would like to know a little more about us, so here goes!



day! Arlan had graduated from Myerstown Seminary but had not gone to college.

I grew up on Long Island, N.Y., while Randy grew up in Bernville and then moved to Lansdale in 9<sup>th</sup> grade when his father, Arlan, began to pastor his first church.

Randy asked Jesus into his heart at five years old when Jeanie Lutz gave a talk to the younger kids at Homecoming Day at Christ Little Tulpehocken Church. A few years later he wanted to be sure he did it right and asked Him again at Good News Club! I always went to church but didn't know anything about having a real and personal love relationship with Jesus until my new best friend, Vanessa, invited me to go with her to Pioneer Girls when we were in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It was there that a leader led me to Christ and I have loved Him ever since!

**Randy and I met each other** on our very first day at Eastern College [now called Eastern University] at a Freshman Picnic by Walton's Pond. Earlier that spring, when my father drove me around to four of the Christian colleges, where I had been accepted, to help me make a choice, I began to pray, "Lord, make one of these colleges really stand out to me so I know where you want me to go. I want to follow your lead." And the students of Eastern College stood out as extremely friendly, so that's how I came to choose Eastern. There is more to how we met because in the first week Randy thought, "This girl is not for me." However, the Lord had a plan all along that was realized when I asked him to lead me to the right college. But that extremely interesting story is for another time!

**Interesting fun fact:** Randy's father, Arlan, Randy and I all graduated from Eastern College on the same

**The summer we were married we lived with Randy's parents** as we waited to move to the Seminary in the fall. We had been praying and asking the Lord to help us grow in Him and learn to trust Him. God takes delight in answering those prayers and so began some interesting challenges that really helped us learn to totally rely on Him! I got pregnant six weeks into our marriage. Not part of our plan. The insurance company refused to cover my pregnancy. Randy missed the last two weeks of his lucrative summer job. He began to throw up for several days. Finally, the doctor realized it was his appendix which was about to burst. So, we lost that pay! I was to be the bread winner while Randy went to seminary. I had a teaching job that the Christian principal wanted me to take, but when I told her that I had just learned I was pregnant and due in late April, the school board decided not to hire me. They would only have to hire someone else to finish the year. So.... we began Seminary with Randy having a \$15/week job in a pastor intern position and me with nothing! The Adventure was just beginning! So many miracles on how He met our many needs!

**We have three children and seven grandchildren.** **Meredith is our oldest** and is married to Pedro Soto who is Puerto Rican. Meredith is a beloved elementary Art Teacher and an amazing Potter! Pete was a Marine and after his service he became a Philadelphia Fire Fighter. They have two very tall boys [6'5"], Jonathan – a senior, and Jacob a sophomore. Meredith and Pete met through church. Their family lives in Oreland, PA.

**Our daughter, Erin,** went to our Alma Mater where she met her future husband, Elijah Jung. Elijah was born in Wyoming while his father was taking doctoral courses in Chemical Engineering. When he was five, Elijah's parents returned to South Korea. Elijah has dual citizenship. He decided to attend Eastern University and then went to Temple School of Dentistry. Erin graduated with a Youth Ministry degree but stepped down from her work as a Youth

Pastor when Elijah finally became a dentist in Louisburg [he now has a practice in Bloomsburg]. They were married in South Korea [Arlan, Mary, Randy and I traveled with them for the wedding]. Two weeks later they had a wedding ceremony and reception at Zions. They have three children: Heidi [a freshman], Zoey [6<sup>th</sup> grade] and Ethan [4<sup>th</sup> grade]. Finally, **our youngest, Benjamin**, is married to Lizzy who is half Filipino! We're delighted to have such a wonderful mixture of nationalities in our family! Benjamin and Lizzy met when each of their churches got together to plan a ham dinner distribution for Easter to those in need in Philadelphia where they both lived. They live about eight blocks away from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia with their two children: Everett [2<sup>nd</sup> grade] and Rebel [1<sup>st</sup> grade]. **A funny story is how Randy and I finally found out why they named their daughter, Rebel!**

I watched one-year-old Everett while Lizzy and Benjamin were in the hospital laboring for their baby to be born. They had decided not to find out the sex of either of their children ahead of time. They wanted to be surprised. By the time Benjamin called from the hospital to tell me about the new baby there was a storm warning for BIG snow and I had spontaneously developed a horrendous cold with tons of sneezing and a constant runny nose. **He told me the baby's name was Rebel. I asked him to spell that because I couldn't imagine I heard him right.** After I hung up, I thought, "maybe the pronunciation is Ray-belle..." Well, I never got to ask them about it

because as soon as they got home with little Rebel, I took some pictures and then I had to leave because it was already snowing and I had nearly a two-hour drive home! And I didn't even get to hold her because of my cold!

Fast forward two years and somehow, something came up in family conversation and Lizzy asked, "Ben! Did you ever tell your parents the meaning of Rebel's name?" Well, he thought he had, but he hadn't. You know how men can get in trouble with their wives!! Haha! **Here is what they thoughtfully put together for their daughter's name. Rebel Grace Bond. We Rebel against God in sin, but by His Grace, he forgives us and we are BONDED with Him! Isn't that fantastic?! And here I was "worried" that her name was going to become a self-fulfilling prophecy about her future personality!** And Everett's middle name is Simeon after Simeon who blessed Jesus as a baby in the Temple after waiting on the promise of God that he would one day see the promised Messiah!

Well, I apologize for being so long winded. I like telling stories - just ask Randy - it's hard for me to be brief! **PS** - I'm sure some of the unfinished stories will come out in sermons!

*Thanks for your very interesting comments. We surely feel that we got to know you and Randy in a delightfully personal way.*

*-Judy Guthier*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*By Nancy Luckenbill*

### Ark Builders

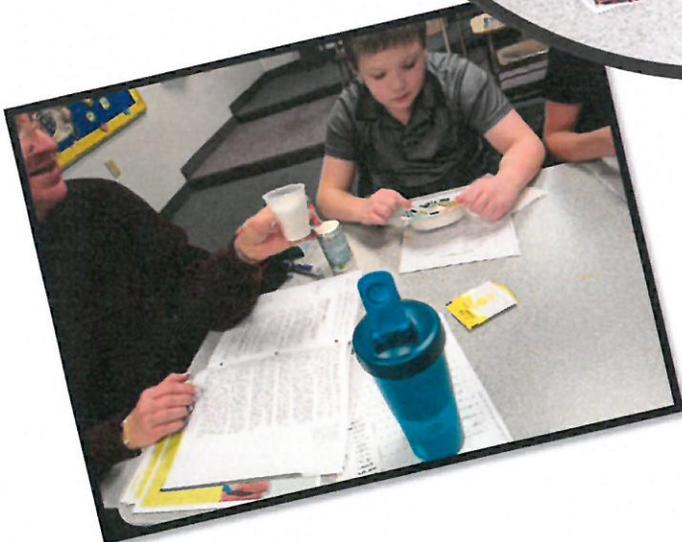
The shepherds  
going to see  
baby Jesus.



The  
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follow the  
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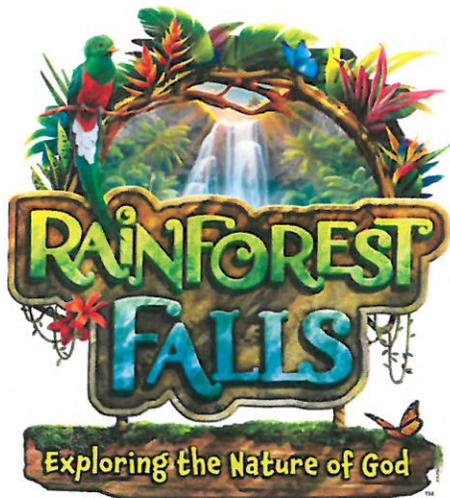
The **Kids for Christ** class has been studying that the Bible never changes. They did an experiment to help illustrate that we cannot add anything to the Bible to make it say what we want it to say. They also celebrated Super Bowl Sunday with a quiz bowl, food, and other fun!



## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

On the last Sunday of December, all the Sunday School classes celebrated New Year's Eve in Beatrice Hall. There were games for everyone to play. There were noise makers and hats to celebrate at "midnight." Everyone had a great time.





## STAFF SIGN-UP TODAY We Need You!

Contact Brian or Nancy Luckenbill today to join our adventure.  
610-780-6528 [teachtigger@hotmail.com](mailto:teachtigger@hotmail.com)

**COMPASSION** *sunday*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026**

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

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

(In order to update our Compassion board, if you have a new or updated photo of your sponsored child, please submit it by April 5<sup>th</sup>.)

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

— Matthew 25:40, NIV

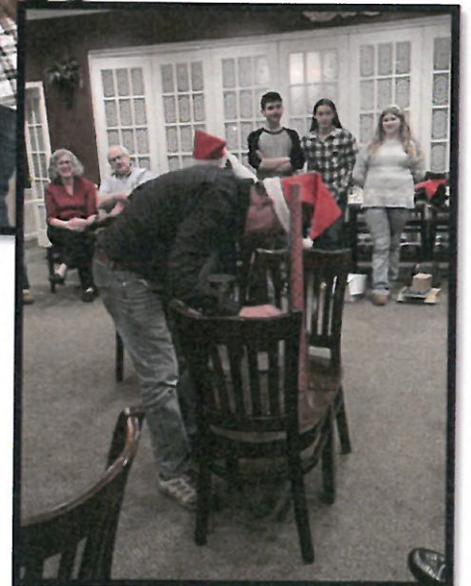
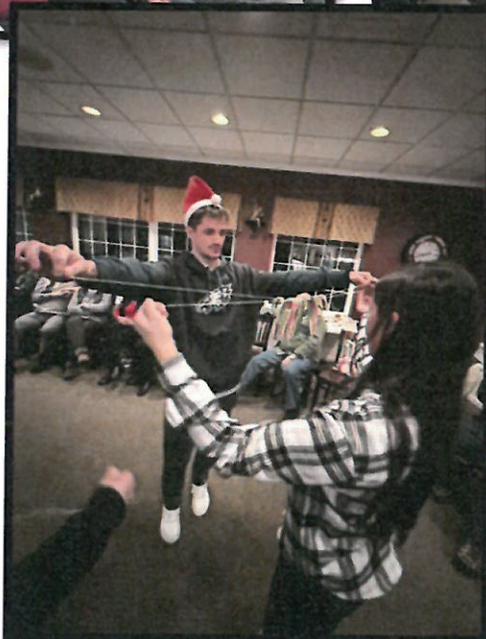
## Worship Choir

We are now well into the second half of our choir season, and it has truly been a blessing. It has been a joy to welcome several younger faces into our group, and we are so grateful for the energy and spirit they bring to our ministry.

In January, the choir gathered for our annual Christmas Party at Country Fare Restaurant. As always, it was a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and fun. Pattie once again treated us to a variety of games, and this year was especially entertaining for our more seasoned members, who enjoyed sitting back and watching the younger ones jump right in.

Currently, the choir is preparing special musical selections for Easter Sunday. While we will not be presenting a full Easter musical this year, we are still excited to share meaningful music as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We warmly invite anyone who would like to sing with us on Easter to join in. If you are interested, please let me know and I will share rehearsal details with you.

Also, keep an eye out for our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. More details are coming soon!



**Fellowship Time | Sundays, 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Fellowship Time is a special chance to connect and catch up after Sunday School. We need a few helping hands to keep it going! Volunteers are needed to help with simple setup and cleanup. It's easy: brew a pot of coffee, set out donated items, then tidy up and wash a few dishes afterward.

Please note on Sundays when no one is signed up, Fellowship Time may not be held. If you're willing to help, a sign-up list is on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you for helping make this time of fellowship possible!

**Ministries of God's Servants**

The Ministries of God's Servants committee was formed from the former Guild and Social Committee to find meaningful ways to serve our Lord by caring for our church family and reaching out to our community. We invite all members to join us and use your God-given gifts to serve others.

Our meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of the month, unless a holiday requires us to meet on a different Saturday.



- **Next Meeting:** March 28 at 10:00 a.m. in Beatrice Hall (we will take a break from candy making)
- **April Meeting:** April 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Craft Room (B9)

We extend our sincere thanks to Daniel and Rebecca Wenrich for organizing the Annual Sweetheart, Friends, and Family Banquet. Thank you as well to Bridget Brandt and her daughters for using their gifts to prepare the meal, and special thanks to our wonderful youth who served the dinner.

**Easter Candy Making** will take place on **March 27 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to help. Bring a friend or neighbor! You may come anytime you are available, whether for the whole day or just an hour. Last year was a wonderful time of fellowship as we worked and got to know one another better. Candy order forms will be included in the bulletins and may be returned to any committee member or the church office. The cost is \$12.00 per pound, and orders may be picked up beginning Sunday, March 29.

Looking for something to do during these cold winter days? We will be holding another clothing drive later this summer or fall, so consider cleaning out a closet or drawer now and setting items aside for donation.

Planning has already begun for our Annual Bazaar and Bernville Christmas Shopping Tour. A community planning meeting will be held in April or May. Please let us know if you would like to be involved or if you know of a local business or group that may want to participate so we can invite them.

**Shoebox Project Updates**

The final count is in from Samaritan's Purse. **12,205,900 shoeboxes** were packed in 2025 for children around the world! St. Thomas contributed **152 shoeboxes**, which were sent to **Jamaica and Ukraine**. Thank you to everyone who helped pack boxes at church or packed a shoebox or two with your family. Your generosity truly makes a difference. It's important to remember that this project is about more than filling a shoebox with toys. Each shoebox is an opportunity to share the love of God with a child. Through Samaritan's Purse, many children also receive the Gospel and share what they learn with their families and neighbors. In this way, every shoebox reaches far beyond one child, touching many lives with hope, faith, and love.



We are already busy preparing items for the 2026 shoeboxes, and we are looking for people who would like to get involved. There is something for everyone!

We need:

- Helpers to cut fleece for stuffed animals
- Sewers, from straight-line sewing to more detailed projects
- Donations of material, yarn, craft supplies for craft kits (pipe cleaners, pom-poms, beads, craft lace, etc.)
- Crocheters or knitters for a variety of handmade items
- Helpers to assemble hygiene kits and school kits

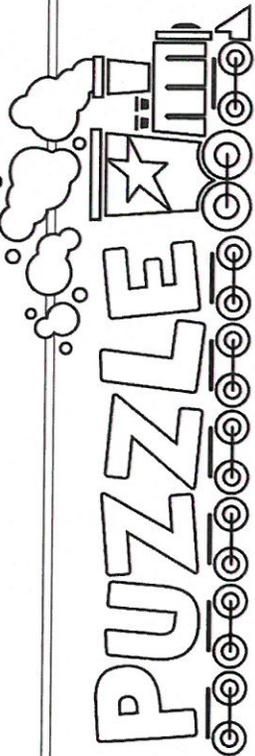
If you're interested in helping, let us know. We will gladly find a task that fits your skills and availability.

### Ways to Support the Shoebox Project

- Shop at **Redner's** and turn in your full receipt
- Shop at **Boyer's** and scan your card
- Monetary donations are always welcome
- **Yard Sale - June 6:** Volunteers are needed to help serve hot dogs, drinks, and baked goods, and we welcome baked goods or items to sell such as books, plants, and more
- **December Bazaar:** Gently used Christmas items or craft items to sell

This is also a great time of year to shop for discounted and end-of-season items to include in your own shoeboxes, such as hats and gloves, clearance toys.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Ruth Lafollette or Kelly Groff.



# PUZZLE

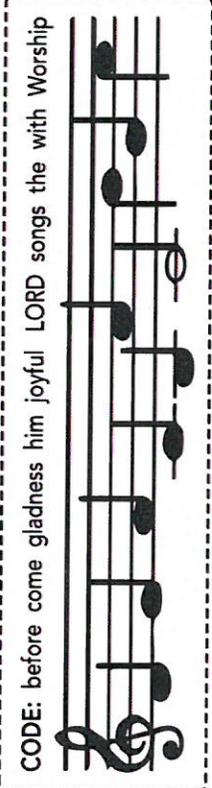
## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!

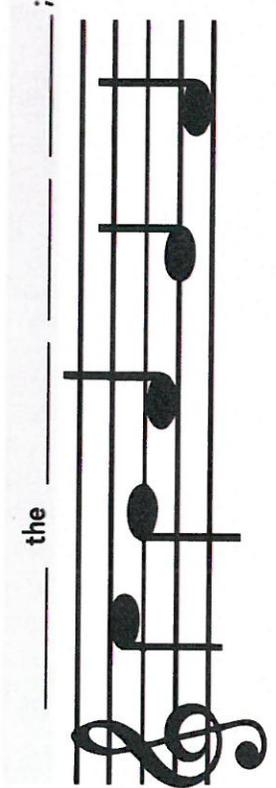
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

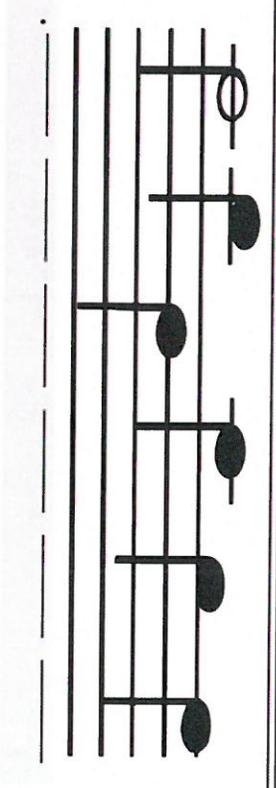
CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



the \_\_\_\_\_



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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

*What's New in the*



### DVDs

*Brave the Dark; Based on a True Story*

*The Senior; True Story, Ultimate Comeback*

Thanks to generous donors, the following titles are now included in our collection and can be found on the New Items Shelf on the windowsill:

### Fiction

*Blended Quilt* by Wanda and Jean Brunstetter

*Daughters of Lancaster County; Trilogy* by Wanda Brunstetter

### Nonfiction

*Finding Joy; 366 Devotions* by Suria Scholtz

*The Four Emotions of Christmas* by Bob Lepine

*Imagine Heaven; Near Death Experiences, God's Promises, and the Exhilarating Future that Awaits You* by John Burke

*Streams in the Desert; Morning and Evening* by L. B. Cowman

*St. Thomas Worship Ministries Guide.* This guide, in a white three-ring binder, is on the Worship Shelf, and was compiled by a committee of St. Thomas members. Its purpose is to provide information on various aspects of the worship life of our church to any new or current pastor, or any interested member of the church family.



## Ministries of God's Servants

Taking orders for Easter Candy, See bulletin insert for Order form

**1 lb boxes are \$12.00**

**Butter Cream**

**Chocolate covered Pretzels**

**Coconut Cream**

**Peanut Butter**

**Chocolate covered Peanuts**

**PICKUP: Sunday, March 29 and Saturday April 4**

Profits support St. Thomas Church Ministries of God's Servants (Guild)



Ministries of God's Servants  
 Need volunteers to help make Candy  
 March 27 and 28 @ 9 am  
 Volunteer all day or just an hour  
 come join the fun!  
 Sign up sheet in the library



Spring forward in faith!  
 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and  
 join us on time for worship.  
 Daylight savings time begins March 8.

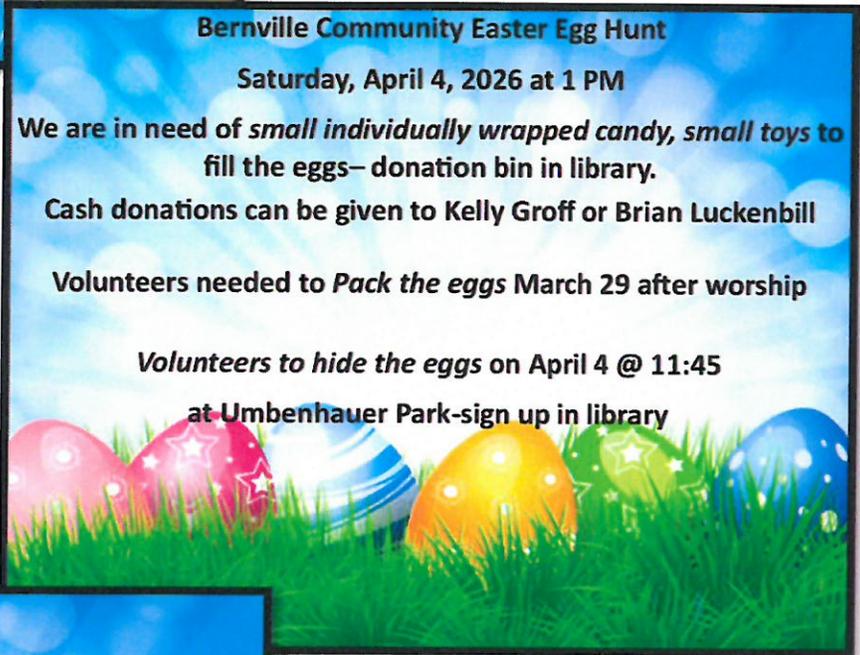
**Bernville Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
 Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 1 PM

We are in need of *small individually wrapped candy, small toys* to fill the eggs— donation bin in library.

Cash donations can be given to Kelly Groff or Brian Luckenbill

Volunteers needed to *Pack the eggs* March 29 after worship

Volunteers to *hide the eggs* on April 4 @ 11:45  
 at Umbenhauer Park-sign up in library




Easter Blessings

**Bernville Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
 All Families Welcome— Newborn to 6th Grade  
 Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 1 PM  
 Umbenhauer Park, Bernville  
 Bring a basket and dress for the weather!

Sponsored by St Thomas Church, Bernville  
Affiliate of the Evangelical Association






*St. Thomas parking lot  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
March 27 & April 24*

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: Earl Graeff Family, Clair & Karen Hess, Chaun Walter, Gary & Louise Rubright, Stefani Walter, Deb Rumbel, Gloria Gassert, Tom Bair, Spencer Watts, Dan Wenrich, Ruth Koenig, Eric Troutman, Shirley Saunders

Lifting our friends in prayer: Haden Long, Rachel Croyle, Denise Troutman, Barbara Kuhns, Brenda McCauley, Lori Ferretti, Jean Martini

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

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

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



**ROOSTER** - The rooster reminds us of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus' words about being alert for his return: "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn" (Mark 13:35, NIV).

# 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 the youth who greet in the sanctuary at the library entrance as well as in the portico area.

	<b>Main Street Entrance</b>	<b>Portico Entrance</b>
Mar. 1	Cindy Albert & Tom Bair	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders
Mar. 8	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen	Peg Henderson
Mar. 15	Trevor Brown	YOUTH
Mar. 22	Thane LaFollette	Betsy Reifsnnyder
Mar. 29	Bob & JoAnn Stockholm	Fritz Wolf
Apr. 5	Carol Zellers	Cornwell Family
Apr. 12	Kathy Luckenbill	Helen Renninger
Apr. 19	Thane LaFollette	YOUTH
Apr. 26	Wayne & Susan Leshner	Millie Lessig
May 3	Beverly Hinnershitz	Grace Reber
May 10	Thane LaFollette	Jay Umbenhauer
May 17	Burner Family	Jeff & Shelly Hirneisen
May 24	Vaughn & Shirley Saunders	YOUTH
May 31	Dan & Shirley Berger	Trevor Brown

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

## St. Thomas Church 2026 Committee Listing

**Elders:**

Shirley Adam  
Bill Brandt  
Rowena Henderson  
Nancy Luckenbill

**Deacons:**

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

**Trustees:**

Rosann Becker  
Larry Groff  
Glenn Rumbel  
Kevin Zellers

**Endowment:**

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

**Finance:**

Kelly Groff  
Thane LaFollette  
Shirley Saunders  
Eleanor Stickler

**Audit:**

Millie Bross  
Donna Heffner  
Grace Reber  
Betsy Reifsnyder

**Nominating:**

Cindy Albert  
Tom Bair  
Peg Henderson  
Ruth LaFollette

**Missions / Outreach:**

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

**Ministries of God's Servants:**

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

**Christian Ed:**

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

**Tech Team:**

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

**Congregational Care:**

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

**Worship Ministries:**

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

**Pastor Search:**

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

\*Denotes Chairman (if applicable)

Updated January 8, 2026



# March

## BIRTHDAYS

1 – Eric Bross  
 1 – Gary Brower  
 3 – Margaret Henderson  
 3 – Daniel Harms  
 6 – Mildred Bross  
 6 – Robert Hirneisen  
 8 – Declan Hibshman  
 7 – Shannon Rollins

7 – Tamara DeVries  
 8 – Debra Weidman  
 10 – Donald Triviets  
 12 – Larry Rentschler  
 15 – Myrle Schlappich  
 17 – Elizabeth Ebling  
 19 – Chad Henderson  
 19 – Renee Krause

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



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



# April

## BIRTHDAYS



1 – Shirley Berger  
 3 – Mildred Graeff  
 5 – Alyssa Messner  
 5 – Thomas Paulson  
 5 – Emmett Rabenold

6 – Laney Staab  
 6 – Logan Staab  
 7 – David Bond  
 8 – Jeffrey Luckenbill  
 8 – Shirley Saunders  
 10 – Matthew Henderson  
 16 – Dennis Degler, Sr.

17 – Marlene Good  
 21 – Ken Heffner  
 21 – Louise Wolf  
 22 – Thane LaFollette  
 30 – Scott Kerschner

# Happy Anniversary



## March

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Charles & Scarlett Seifrit  
(63 years)
- 4 – Russell & Beverly Hinnershitz  
(48 years)
- 16 – Craig & Beverly Stoudt  
(52 years)



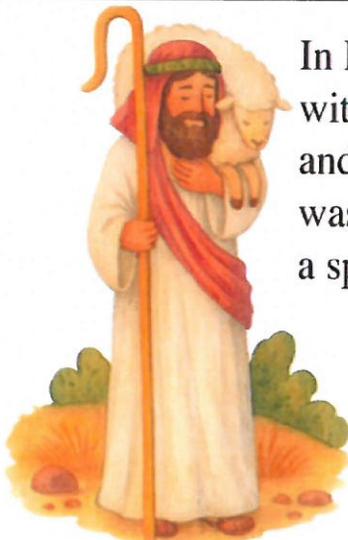
## April

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – L. Kevin & Carol Zellers  
(54 years)
- 17 – Larry & Kelly Groff  
(33 years)
- 22 – Adam & Kirstin Rabenold  
(9 years)



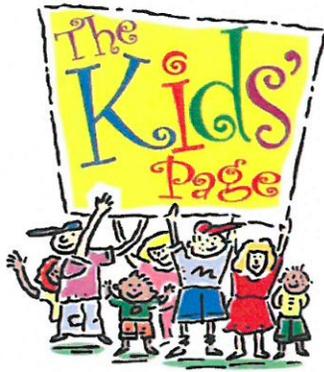
## Bible Quiz



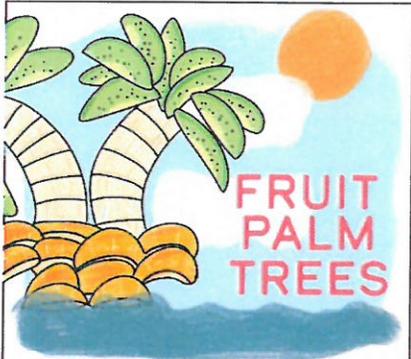
In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)



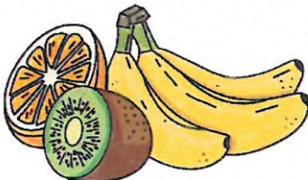
All your children shall be taught by the LORD,  
and great shall be the peace of your children.  
**Isaiah 54:13**



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

**What you need:**

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



**What you do:**

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

**Scripture Tie-In:**  
"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!"  
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

# Puzzle!

## HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

**CODE:**

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
B=☾	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=☞
C=☼	G=☼	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=☞

Mt. Hermon    ○    ↑    ↓    ☒

Jericho    \*    ↓    ■

Jerusalem    ☆    \*    ★    ☼

Dead Sea Area    ■    ●    ↓    ◆    \*    ☼    ☺    ★    \*    +    ☺    ■

Sea of Galilee    ☼    □    ○    ■    ☞    ☒    \*    ↑    ☼    ○

Mediterranean Coast    ☾    ●    +    +    ☞    ☞



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy

**EASTER**

How many different words can you make using these letters?

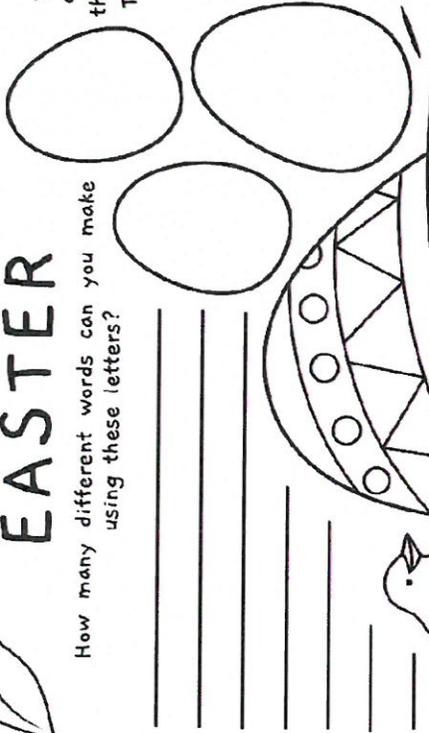
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Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!



**DID YOU KNOW? JESUS IS LORD!**

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU C \_ \_ \_ WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT \_ \_ \_ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR \_ \_ \_ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. YOU WILL BE \_ \_ \_"

3 15 14 6 5 19 19  
10 5 19 21 19

8 5 1 18 20  
15 1 22 5 4

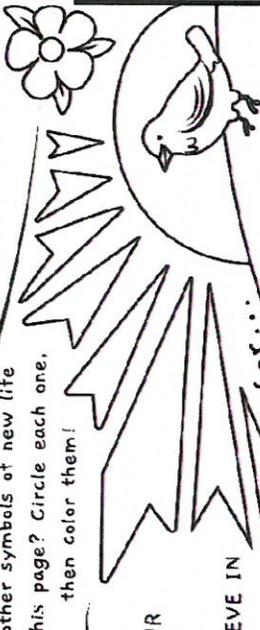
ROMANS 10:9, ESV

**HE IS RISEN!**

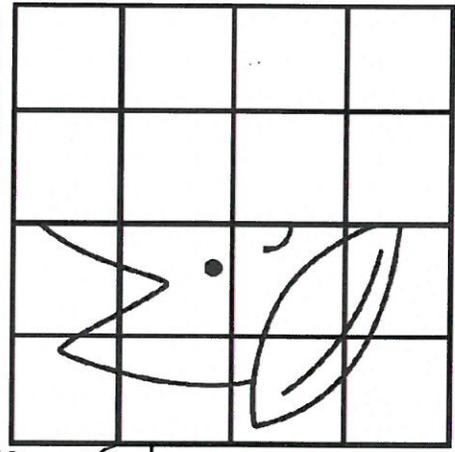
Matthew 28:6

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!



Use the grid to draw the other side!





# COME Worship WITH US

Sunday School-9:00 a.m.

Fellowship-10:00 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

## Sunday School

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

Ark Builders-Up to Preschool

HIS Kids-Kindergarten to Second Grade

KFC (Kids for Christ)-Third to Sixth Grade

Bible Livin' Teens-Seventh to Twelfth Grade

Chapel Class-Adults

Mezzanine Class-Adults



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

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

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

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

# 2026

Lilies - \$8.00  
Tulips - \$5.50

Orders due  
March 22

## Easter Flowers



### Easter Flower Order Form

Order #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) \*

Order #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) \*

Order #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) \*

Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## EASTER CANDY ORDER FORM



Drop your order form off with any Ministries of God's Servants member or the church office by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### PICK-UP AT THE CHURCH:

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
before and after the service.

and  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Price for all items:

\$12.00 for a large box (1 lb.)

\$6.00 for a small box (1/2 lb.-upon request)

Checks Must be made out to St. Thomas Guild.



# of small	# of large	Item
_____	_____	Butter Cream
_____	_____	Coconut Cream
_____	_____	Peanut Butter
_____	_____	Chocolate Covered Pretzels
_____	_____	Peanut Clusters

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_