

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Charlotte O'Neill—April 5
Henry Smith—April 17
Ethel Mason—April 27



MAY:

Joy O'Donnell—May 6

Did we miss anyone? If you are a "Senior" Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

PARISH REGISTER:

Membership Gains:

BAPTISMS:

3/6/16—Joseph Benjamin Shepherd, son of Andrew J. and Jessica O. (McMullen) Shepherd.

NEW MEMBERS:

3/20/16—Alyce Gebhart
Stacey Gangaway
Katilyn Meck
Kevin & Christy Stofflet and sons Porter and Logan
Nathan Hartman
Michael Wisniewski
Shirley Shirey

FUNERALS/DEATHS:

3/10/16—John Fehr, 90. Services were private.
3/14/16—Grace Lynn Carr, infant. Memorial service at Robeson Lutheran Church on 3/17/16.
3/28/16—Grace McFarland Rhoads, 91. Service at funeral home; Interment in Caernarvon Cemetery.

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The next Digest will be a combined May and June newsletter coming out around the second week in May.

The Parish Digest

From the Pastor:



At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'² He called a child, whom he put among them,³ and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

⁶ 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.⁷ Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling-block comes!' (Matthew 18:1-7)

Raising a Child in Faith Part 3

OR

The Devastating Effect of Negative Attention Leading to Lost Opportunities

Casey is sitting in worship with her two year old son Kyle and while Casey is trying to focus on worship, Kyle has other ideas in mind. Kyle is a bit restless. He wants to run a round a little bit and so off he goes. Casey, in a hushed tone, calls Kyle back to the pew and asks him to sit and be quiet and then she offers him some snacks to eat and a book to look through. Edith is in the pew behind Casey and Kyle and . (continued on page 4)

A mailbox is located outside the church office for anyone who has written information for staff, chairpersons, preschool, or other leaders.

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Other Council Members:

Joy O'Donnell

Maggie Lauer

Sue Besecker

Abby Moore (youth)

Ed Haag

Karen Kercher

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BREAKFASTS: Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; St. Benedict R.C.Church—Third Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.

CONESTOGA CHRISTIAN INVITES YOU to attend their Open House on May 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. For information check out the website at www.conestogachristian.net or call the admissions office at 610-286-0353 ext. 402.

THE READING PRETZEL CITY CHORUS proudly presents “As American as Apple Pie” on Saturday, April 23 at 2 & 7:30 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading. (free parking). For tickets or information contact John Purdin at 610-678-4901 or Purdinboat@comcast.net.

5K RUN and 1 mile FUN RUN/WALK to benefit Immaculate Conception Academy in Birdsboro, on Saturday, May 21 beginning at 8 a.m. 5K and 8:45 Fun Run at the Daniel Boone Homestead. Register at www.alphaandomegasports.com/race-calendar.html.

The Southwest Berks Chapter of Thrivent presents MARIE MONVILLE, whose first husband was the 2006 Nickel Mines Amish schoolhouse shooter, with the message that “WHEN ALL OTHER LIGHTS GO OUT, HE STILL SHINES.” The event will be held at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. For information, please call the church office at 610-779-3480.

ST. BENEDICT'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets for five consecutive weeks beginning March 30, 2016 from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM in the rectory meeting room at 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton (Plowville) 19540. It is free, non-denominational, open to all. To register or for more information call Judy Campion (610-775-7782) or the office (610-856-1006).



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

Cell phones, eyeglasses, good used clothing also continue to be collected for local ministries.

Paper Recycling Bins are located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, “junk” mail, and now phonebooks and cardboard (must be smashed flat)**. Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

We apologize for any inconvenience that the full bins have caused during recent weeks. The company has changed hands and is trying their best to empty all the bins in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas. We are hoping to have the problem resolved in the near future.

REDNER'S TAPES FUNDRAISER:

We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser and we have just received another check for \$128.66. Thank you Marion Kachel for coordinating this effort and handling all the paperwork. Marion would like to thank everyone who participates and remind you to always use your gas card when making a purchase at Redners. **Receipts without the gas card number printed on them are invalid and will not be accepted by the store.** Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and bring them to the church at your convenience. Boxes are located in the narthex and foyer. Again we remind you to make sure you use your Redner's gas card when you make your purchase and then bring in your receipt—it's that easy! And you'll be helping your church. (If you shop at Redners but don't have a gas card, just ask for one. It's free!) Seniors and shut-ins: just send your receipts with any member of the visitation team or mail to the church office. Thank you!!!



APRIL SERVICES



APRIL 3—HOLY COMMUNION

7:45 & 10:15 a.m.

Joyful Noise offering for Habitat for Humanity
(postponed from Easter Sunday)
9:00 SCS

APRIL 10—HOLY COMMUNION: 7:45 & 10:15 a.m.

9:00 SCS

APRIL 17—WORSHIP: 7:45 & 10:15 a.m.

9:00 SCS

APRIL 24—PRAISE SERVICE: 7:45 & 10:15;

Joyful Noise offering for Shady Hollow Assisted Riding
9:00 SCS



An Invitation to Faith

The language of invitation is a crucial component of the Christian faith. Even so, statistics suggest that a majority of Christians easily go an entire year without offering a single invitation to anyone to come with them to church. Likewise, when someone offers us an invitation to share our faith, there are many Christians who will feel a certain hesitancy or anxiety in proclaiming just what it is that they actually believe.

In seeking to address these issues, we will be spending the month of April looking at some biblical passages that express the value and power of “the invitation” as it provides opportunity for creating and sharing faith. Won't you please join us for this special biblical event!

finds the whole situation a bit distracting. Edith wants to focus on worship and she thinks upon how in her day she was raised to be quiet and still in church. (Edith doesn't remember how rambunctious she was in church when her dad watched over her at the age of two.)

After service Edith approaches Casey and offers her helpful comment, that perhaps Casey would be, "more comfortable with her son in the nursery." (In reality it is Edith who would be more comfortable with Kyle in the nursery.)

Edith thinks she is helping the situation, but what Casey actually hears is, "your child isn't ready to be in worship with us."

Brenda is in worship with her infant daughter Kate. Kate is the sweetest little baby, but like all babies she cries when she is in need. Brenda tries to calm Kate down with some shushing and gentle rocking but Kate continues to cry. Brenda finds herself trying to balance if she should take Kate out of the service for a moment or if she should try another option or two to calm Kate down.

As all this is happening, Frank is getting distracted because his ears cannot ignore the crying infant even as he hopes to focus on the service. He starts to wonder why the baby's mother hasn't done something to quiet her child. (Frank doesn't remember that his own mother often struggled with his fussing and crying in church.) Before Frank realizes it, he is turning his head towards Brenda with a look of complaint on his face.

Brenda looks up and sees Frank's scowl and starts to feel very self-conscious about having her baby in worship.

These are only two examples, but the truth is that there are many ways in which congregants can end up sending a negative message to parents who are doing their best, and who are still trying to find their way in worshipping together as a family. Such negative messages can drive families not just away from the congregation, but also from The Church itself.

With this in mind, here is a list of a few things any of us as parishioners can and should do in order to send a positive



MINISTRIES AVAILABLE TO OUR SENIORS, SHUT-INS, SICK, ETC.:

CD Ministry—CD's of the weekly services are being mailed out to all those senior, sick or and shut-in members who cannot attend church services.

Large Print Devotionals—these are the same as our small, daily devotionals but have larger print for those needing it.

Prayer Shawls—These are available for sick, hospitalized, shut-in or senior members who would like one. They are very comforting to those who have received them. Recipients do not need to be a member of Robeson so please take them for others who would like them.

Robeson Hammers—Helping members in need with minor repairs at home, mainly small projects that would make their homes safer or more comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team now trained to bring Holy Communion is visiting a number of our seniors and shut-ins and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

If you have a need or request for any of the above ministries, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.

The **Berks County Area Agency on Aging** is available to help you over the phone. Please call their office at 610-478-6500 and a staff member will be able to explain available services, answer questions and provide information on programs and community resources for you, family members or anyone you know who is 60 years of age and older. Please don't hesitate to give them a call.

Men's Group

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffler Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **April 9—in Hoeffler Hall!**

Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robins will hold their regular meeting on April 19th. This will be Everybody's Birthday Party with singing Pastor Carven. Please join the fun beginning at noon.

Bring a covered dish to share for lunch.

On April 6th at 8:30 a.m. the group will be going to Twin Valley High School for

breakfast and the school musical. This is by reservation only.

Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.



QUILT TILL YOU WILT every first Saturday of the month from 9-2 **with the exception of this month!** This month the group will be quilting on the **second Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m.** If you like to “quilt” which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. This is the group that makes the beautiful quilts that are displayed each year prior to sending them to the distribution center for Lutheran World Relief. Why not give it a try? Join the group on April 9 or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

ZUMBA!! LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO while getting some exercise at the same time? Julie Rodeck may have the answer for you! Zumba continues to be held here in the old hall Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the six-week session; or if you prefer to drop in, \$7 per class.

message to our members with young children:

Tell your brothers and sisters with young children just how glad you are that they are here in worship, at church, at special events, etc... Thank them for bringing their children to worship because in doing so they are raising a new generation in faith.

Tell moms and dads what a good job they are doing! Parents of small and active children can feel very self-conscious about how they and their family are perceived. It is a challenge to deal with squirms and tears and questions all while trying to concentrate on the service and set a good example. Parents need lifted up and encouraged.

Take an interest in their children by learning their names and listening to their stories. Show children that there are other adults who care about them in God's house.

Offer smiles, handshakes, and kind words to families.

Keep them in your personal prayers. Let them know that they are missed when they are absent.

When distractions do occur, due to crying babies or active children, don't focus on what you might be missing, but rather take a moment to consider what you have; a living congregation of God's people of all ages. That in itself is truly a blessing!

In closing, remember that empathy and love go a long way in the church (and in life), and we must seek to boldly practice both as we encourage families to participate in worship and to raise their children in the faith. Likewise, each one of us in the body of Christ bears a responsibility to welcome God's little ones, and when our frustration, impatience, or misreading of a situation leads to negativity, it can have harmful and long reaching effects; even causing families and children to stumble. Let us therefore keep the image of Christ welcoming the children with open arms always in our minds, for in that way we will not be tempted to weigh down our lives with the Millstones of Negativity.

Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL

NEW MEMBERS: If you are interested in becoming a member of Robeson Lutheran Church please see Pastor Michael or call the office at 610-856-7242. The next opportunity to join the church will be on Pentecost—May 15. Please be in touch with Pastor Michael or the church office and let us know if you would like to join on this day.

The Adult Sunday School Schedule

Until the End of This Session

We meet in the Old Parlor from 9-10 AM

This Year's Class: Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith

Everyone is Welcome

April 3 - Buddhism
 April 10 - Buddhism
 April 17 - Hinduism
 April 24 - Hinduism
 May 1 - Islam
 May 8 - Islam
 May 15 - Islam - This is the last class until September.

MINI-GOLF—APRIL 24

MINI-GOLF at the Golf Zone in Honey Brook (weather permitting) Everyone is invited to join Tyler Werner and the older youth for an afternoon of golfing fun beginning at 1:00 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. See Tyler for more details.

BEAR CREEK CAMP—Summer 2016



Located near Wilkes-Barre, PA the camp offers 8 one-week sessions for youth in 2nd grade through 12th grade. Campers live in a cabin or tent (depending on age) with 6-8 other campers according to gender and school grade. The camp is designed to help youth grow in their understanding of God, self, and community. See Sue Creed for more information.

THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the worship services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, nursery attendants, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2016. If you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office.

REMINDERS:

Committee reports are due in the church office on the first Thursday of the month for the council meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday.

All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by May 2 for the May/June Digest.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.

IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact Bill Haney (Social Ministry) for coordination purposes and especially Debbie at the church office for advertising these events and projects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise in the area papers should please copy to Linell at lmrm52@aol.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for February:	\$15,418.29
Other Income:	\$ 1,378.00 (in/out)
Checks issued for February:	\$ 22,280.08
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 5,617.48
Checking balance as of 2/29/16	\$ 163.69

Unpaid Bills:

Synod: \$500.00—Benevolence
Synod: \$778.00—World Hunger
WBMD: \$250.00
Food Banks: \$416.00
In/Out accounts: \$1,383.00

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 1/31/16	\$ 26,818.98
Special funds received in February	\$ 20.00
Flooring Fund Donations	\$ 1,512.00
Community Fund (soccer)	\$ 500.00

OUTFLOW:

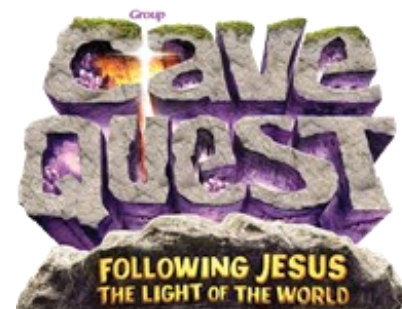
None	
Checking Account balance 2/29/16	\$ 28,683.98

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Our thanks to those members/friends of the congregation who have designated Robeson Lutheran Church as the charity of choice for their Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have received a letter from Thrivent indicating that you are eligible for this plan, please consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. The contributions to Robeson Lutheran for the month of February totaled \$232.00 Thanks to the following for making this possible:

Debra DeMarco—congregational advocate donation	
John Lauer	Anonymous donor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Date: June 20-24



Time: 9:00—Noon

Ages: 3 year olds (potty trained)
thru 6th grade



12:30-2:00 Activity Camp
for 1st thru 6th grade

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Did you take notice of the beautiful crosses decorating the new foyer during Holy Week and Easter? They were all made by our preschool children (each class made a different design) If you haven't seen them, please stop by the foyer and take a look. Thank you to the children and their teachers for this wonderful gift!

Help Our Children!!! As members of Robeson Lutheran Church, we have a great opportunity and solemn responsibility to take an active part in guiding God's children in their Christian learning. As you know, our Preschool is in need of church members to serve on the board, starting in September, 2016. Preschool board meetings are held only once every two months during the school year (about 5-6 meetings total), and they meet during early evening hours. Please pray on this calling and step up to help us in this important part of our Christian mission. If interested, please contact the Preschool at [\(610\) 856-7613](tel:6108567613) to join our Robeson Preschool Board. Thank you!!!

ROBESON LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE



Tuesday, April 5, 6-7:30.

All are welcome.

Summer Camp at Robeson Lutheran Preschool

June 6-10 & June 13-17—9 a.m.-12 noon

Week 1: SPACE

Week 2: UNDER THE SEA

\$75/week

Available to children ages 3-6

(must be potty trained)

Applications are available in the preschool office

or call 610-856-7613.



LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH

When we recall the names of the faithful who have died, our minds are often filled with precious memories. In our thoughts we are reminded that we are their legacy, that is to say, much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – has been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered by those who come after us? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, please consider a charitable bequest to Robeson Lutheran Church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Christians to worship, serve others, and continue the vital ministries of this church.

If you have questions about planned giving, you can talk to your personal financial advisor or speak to our congregational Thrivent representative John Lauer at his Morgantown office (610)-286-5986.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING.

E-giving will be an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You may sign up at any time. If you would like more information please contact the church office. To sign up just visit our church website at www.robesonlutheranchurch.org and look for the “Donate Now” button.

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

Caring for the Vulnerable

Did you know that for many elderly people the greatest source of suffering is loneliness and a feeling of abandonment? Did you also know that in the early church it was the role of laypeople to visit the elderly of the church who were unable to be part of the assembly due to illness or incapacitation?

Here at Robeson the goal of our visitation ministry is to bring compassion and fellowship into the lives of those who are our elders as we seek to live out Christ's command to love one another as He has loved us. Won't you consider volunteering your time to this ministry to our shut-ins?

You may say, "**But I am not an evangelist.**" That's okay – our shut-ins do not need spiritual conversion, they merely need loving attention.

You may say, "**But I am afraid to be confronted with suffering.**" Unfortunately suffering is a part of life – however we can learn much from our elders when it comes to boldness and faith in the midst of hard times.

You may say, "**But I do not have the time.**" We are not looking for a major commitment here. Our visitation ministry is very time flexible; visits can be short or even end up being something as simple as a phone call.

Do keep in mind that someday you may be the one who would appreciate a visit in time of need, and so please prayerfully consider helping with our visitation ministry here at Robeson, and contact the Pastor or church office to get more information.



Youth Fundraiser:



The senior youth group is holding a "ticket" HOAGIE SALE for Weaver Orchard's delicious sandwiches.

Please consider supporting this fundraiser as the youth begin to raise funds in order to attend the next national youth event to be held in Houston, Texas in 2018. Stop by the church office or see Tyler Werner to purchase a sandwich coupon. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! We thank Maggie Lauer who has formed a Thrivent Action Team to help with this fundraiser and Thrivent Financial for providing the funding, shirts and other supplies.

The next Youth Committee Meeting: April 17 after the 10:15 service. The youth will be going Mini-Golfing on April 17 at 1:00 (weather permitting). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. See Tyler for details.

THINK AHEAD: How can you help organize a fund-raising event and receive \$250 in start up funds? It's easy if you form a **Thrivent Action Team!** If you would like more information about forming a team for a fundraiser in our church or your community please contact John Lauer (610-286-5986) or the church office (610-856-7242).

ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT:



Spring has sprung and the weather is warming up. You no longer have to dread going out on cold nights to have some fun so why not come to Hoeffler Hall for the next game night on April 8 from 6-8 PM? Join your family and friends for a fun-filled evening. Pete and Cookie are again planning to instruct and play "Hand and Foot" with anyone who is interested. Those who played last month had a great time! Everyone is welcome however, an adult must accompany children under age 12. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!



UPCOMING THRIVENT SPONSORED EVENTS AT ROBESON LUTHERAN (April and May)

John Lauer, as a representative of Thrivent Financial, will be presenting two programs here at Robeson Lutheran – one will be Wednesday evening, April 6 and the other will be Sunday morning, May 22. Although financial matters are not always front and center in everyone’s life, they do play a major role in our daily survival. Many times we avoid dealing with financial matters whether it be retirement, health-care, etc., but eventually the issues come “home to roost” and we are forced to confront them.

The topic for the April 6th Wednesday Night program will be “Preparing for Long-Term Care—A Gift Your Family Deserves.” There will be a meal at 6:00 followed by an hour long presentation. Please preregister for this event by calling the church office (610-856-7242) or John Lauer at 610-286-5986 to help him with meal planning and program materials.

The program in May will be a Sunday morning, May 22 between the two worship services from 9:00- 10:00 since adult Sunday School will end the week before on Pentecost, May 15. The topic for this will be Retire Wisely. It is hoped that many who are thinking about retirement or who have just entered the retirement years will plan to attend. There will be refreshments and a one hour presentation. Please note these dates on your calendar and plan to attend one or both as you have interest.

PENTECOST, THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

May 15, 2016



Pentecost

Fifty days after Easter, the disciples were hiding in fear in Jerusalem when, suddenly, there was the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire descended on them. They were empowered to leave the locked room where they were and go out into the crowded streets of Jerusalem and proclaim in all the languages of the pilgrims gathered there that “Jesus, who has been crucified, has been raised from the dead.” (Acts 2)

Thus the church was born, and we have been celebrating that birth ever since on the 50th day after Easter. This year will be no different.

The color of the day is RED. To highlight the day, we will adorn the nave with red geraniums (which can be ordered with the blank in this “Digest”) and we ask that you wear something red if possible.

Because Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church Year (besides Christmas and Easter), the Holy Communion will be celebrated as a high festival on that day. Come, share the Spirit!

GERANIUM ORDER—for Sunday, May 15

Orders due by Sunday, May 1

(Payment should accompany order please.)

I/We would like to order _____ geraniums@ \$9.00 each.

In Memory of In Honor Of or By (circle one)

By _____

Name: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

(Geraniums may be taken home after the service or any day that week—M 9-12, T-Th, 9-4, Fri 9-12)