

## Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

### OCTOBER:

Annabelle Fancher—Oct. 3  
Barbara Rivers—Oct. 14  
Marion Kachel—Oct. 17  
Elsie Trout—Oct. 19  
Mike Wisniewski—Oct. 27

### Coming up in November:

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4  
Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10  
Marie Brooks—Nov. 28

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:

### WEDDING:

9/09/16—Shawn Duffy and Katilyn Meck

### FUNERALS:

09/14/16—Donald F. Yost, Jr., 57. Interment in Robeson Cemetery.

Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to [ddemarco@dejazzd.com](mailto:ddemarco@dejazzd.com) with your name in the subject.



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## The Parish Digest From the Pastor:



*<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

*<sup>14</sup>But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup>For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. <sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. <sup>18</sup>O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you.*

(1 Chronicles 29:14-18)

**Keeping the Fun in Fundraising!**  
Or  
**Why I don’t Stew over my Stewardship**

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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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Sue Besecker

Abby Moore (youth)

Ed Haag

Karen Kercher

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**BREAKFASTS:** Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.

**CHALK TALK** at Harmony United Methodist Church has been postponed. Stay tuned for future announcements of date for this presentation by James and Tracy Snyder called “Thanksgiving in Prayer.”

**FREE WALKING PROGRAM at NOLDE FOREST**

**Stretch and Stroll**—Weekly Tuesday program Oct. 11-Nov. 15, 10-11 a.m. Join a Nolde educator for some light stretching indoors and out, followed by an easy stroll on the more level forest trails. Each week will be a slightly longer walk. Enrollment required: call Rachel at 610-796-3699.

Also at Nolde Forest—**FALL FOLIAGE WALK** for families: Sat., Oct. 22 10-11:30 a.m. Use different leaf shapes to learn how to identify trees. Walk the trails with a Nolde educator and enjoy the colors of the fall forest. Make a take home leaf craft. Register at 610-796-3699.

These are just two of the many programs offered at Nolde. Go to <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov> for a complete list of programs at Nolde and other state parks.

CONCERN, a private non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing placement and treatment services to children and their families, is looking for safe, loving homes for children who cannot remain with family. If you would like more information about being a foster parent please call 610-944-0445.



### 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, and hearing aid batteries** 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!

#### FROM OUR MAILBOX:

*(The following thank you was received from Wendy and Don Yost just days prior to his death on September 10.)*

To My Robeson Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for Don and myself as we travel this difficult path. The funds collected will go far with the many expenses we have at this time.

Love, Wendy and Don Yost

*(Please continue to keep Wendy and Sam in your prayers during this difficult time.)*

Dear Robeson Lutheran Church,

We give thanks for your generous gift to Family Promise of Berks County in the amount of \$206.22. The sacrifices people make to support our mission are appreciated immensely. The only difference between our families and you is a house key. They are hard working, caring families who have fallen on hard times. We keep families together during a homeless episode and are able to re house them often, in less than 90 days. Thank you again, from the board of directors, the staff and the families that need a helping hand in crisis. We work together to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow. God bless you.  
Gwendolyn F. Didden, Ex. Director, Family Promise of Berks

## OCTOBER SERVICES & EVENTS

OCTOBER 2—**7:45 & 10:15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION**  
**9:00 SCS**

OCTOBER 9—**7:45 & 10:15 HOLY COMMUNION**  
Action Team Temple Talk & Coffee Hour  
**9:00 SCS**

OCTOBER 16—**7:45 & 10:15 WORSHIP**  
**GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY**—recognition of all those age 70 and older; lapel flowers; group picture after both services.

OCTOBER 23—**7:45 & 10:15 Praise Service with Laudate;**  
**Joyful Noise offering for Trucks for Maddox**



REFORMATION  
-Sunday-

OCTOBER 30—**7:45 & 10:15**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**9:00 Thank you Volunteer  
Brunch**—all are invited!

(No SCS: see page 11 for details)

**EVENTS:** *(please see special articles with details about events)*

October 5—**Wednesday Community Night**  
featuring Phil Witman and his Amazing Critters;  
meal at 6:00 followed by the program at 6:30-  
7:30 p.m.



October 18—**Friends Helping Friends** at Boscovs (coupons available in the church office; all \$5 goes to our church ministries.)

October 28—**Trunk or Treat** community event on our parking lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



November 5—**Annual Bazaar**, 8-2.



It never fails. I'm watching my favorite TV show and as the commercial begins there is suddenly the image of some poor puppy dog looking sad-eyed in a cage, or a pack of elephants roaming the grasses, or a group of polar bears standing on an ice flow, or a collection of starving children in Africa, or a hospital ward full of cancer patients, or a group of volunteers building homes for the poor, or digging wells for water.

As the sad images flicker by, combined with equally sorrowful music, a voice begins to heighten the emotion as he or she explains how much suffering is faced by the poor animals or the sick people and those in poverty. Then suddenly the tone begins to change as it becomes clear that for just a few cents a day, I can help change the situation. Suddenly the music lifts in and the imagery changes. I see puppies going to good homes, elephants and polar bears frolicking in joy, children receiving nutrition, patients smiling in comfort, and families rejoicing in the new homes. And all of this can happen, for just a few cents a day.

There are approximately 1.5 million registered non-profit organizations in the United States as of 2016, each of them vying for public attention, each of them bombarding us with images of desperate need and the promise that for just a few cents a day, or a "one-time" generous donation, we can fix the problem and alleviate suffering.

With so many charitable options, we might ask, why should I give to the church when I can just as easily give to these other organizations and feel good about it? Why should my stewardship be focused on the church?

It is a good question.

To answer, let me tell you why I live out my stewardship with a primary focus on giving to Robeson Lutheran Church.

First and foremost, I believe in the mission of Robeson Lutheran Church and the ministry we are doing here



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 **October 8 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall.**

## Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be meeting on October 18 at noon for their Halloween Party with the Boomadeers. Please bring a covered dish to share and plan to stay for the entertainment following lunch around 1:00 p.m. Last month's program featuring Roger Mallow playing Mark Twain was awesome. You won't want to miss this month's fun so please invite your friends and neighbors to this entertaining program, all are welcome!

If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. Lots of effort goes into planning events and the Robins would love to have more people participate. 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. If you like to "quilt" which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. More sewers, quilters, knotters are needed. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

**ROBESON LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** has limited openings in the 3 and 4 year old classes. Call 610-856-7613 for more information.

together. At Robeson, you and I are teaching people about the most important thing in this life (indeed, the most important thing in all existence) the love of God through Jesus Christ. Nothing else that we could ever do in our lives would ever be as significant or as important as sharing God's love with another.

Second, I trust the leaders of Robeson in their handling of the resources that we are given. Time and time again I have seen a deep thoughtfulness and great care displayed from those who keep oversight of our financial resources here at Robeson. Along with that, and unlike some non-profit organizations, we provide full financial transparency in our reports so that everyone and anyone can see for themselves where the money really goes.

Third, and most important of all, I get to see first-hand how lives are changed and saved by what we do in this place.

To that end, I could speak about people gaining deeper insights into their relationship with God through the many Bible Studies and excellent Sunday School classes we have, or I could speak of the many children in our community whose first learning about God came from our Preschool program or our Vacation Bible School.

I could speak about the comfort received by those who have been bereaved, the joy expressed by those who have begun a new life together in marriage, and the many family celebrations around the newly baptized and the first communion.

I would share with you the lives changed in our own local community through our joyful noise offerings, through our support of the local food banks, and our offering of community events. I would speak of the hundreds of thousands of lives saved around the world in our giving towards Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response, the communities in the third world who are spared the pain of Malaria and Aids, who have access to



education, clean water, and medical care thanks to our giving to the ELCA.

You see, the truth is, the Church is like an octopus, but rather than eight arms, it has millions. When you give to the church, your gift gets divided up into all sorts of areas. A sizeable portion goes to keep the ministry of the local church going, and this is why we have been able to do God's work in this community for almost 250 years. The rest goes out into the world through our mission district, synod, and church-wide units, not to mention our connection to the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. In this way, your local church is one of the greatest charities in the world because it supports the work of millions of charitable programs and initiatives.

But I digress, and so to bring it closer to home, to a more personal level, I would tell you about a woman in our community who, at her wits end, took a risk (having been previously hurt in her experience of the church) and met with me for pastoral counseling, and who later wrote in her thank-you note, "I wish I had met you sooner, but better late than never! You have changed my mind about the Church."

I would tell you about the family who is once again able to safely use their driveway in order to go to work, or the couple whose stress dissipated when they received a loving gift from one of our special offerings.

I would speak of the awe I felt in the presence of a man boldly facing his impending death with words of faith on his lips, and the strength of a woman who offered comfort to those dealing with cancer even as she herself fought against it.

I could make mention of the many youth whose lives were changed in their experience of the National Youth Gathering, and how they **ACTUALLY REQUESTED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OVER THE SUMMER** because they wanted to continue their fellowship and learn more about God.

### 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, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

**ALTAR GUILD:** Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2016 and 2017. 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 November newsletter are due in the office by October 17.

**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 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](mailto:lmrm52@aol.com).

**BAZAAR TABLE RENTAL FORM:** Crafts & Home Businesses; No white elephant or food items permitted.  
**Please return your sign-up no later than October 17.**  
 All space requests must include this completed form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Craft: \_\_\_\_\_

Space Requirement (please check one)

- \_\_\_ 10x4 - \$15.00
- \_\_\_ 10x8 - \$20.00
- \_\_\_ 10x10 - \$25.00

One table will be provided per space. Please be respectful of the church and stay within your marked area for displaying your crafts. If you realize that you need a bigger space the day of set-up, please see a member of the Bazaar Committee, and we will do everything possible to accommodate you.

If you do not want a table, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If you would like electric, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make your check payable to **Robeson Lutheran Church** and mail to the church office at:  
 3520 Plow Road  
 Mohnton, PA 19540



Or I would tell you of a young woman who specifically changed her work schedule in order to be part of our Sunday worship, or the older gentleman who faithfully volunteers for his senior living center.

All of these people, all of these stories; they are part of the ministry; the life and faith that we share together here at Robeson. For all of these reason and many more, I can think of nowhere else where I would rather offer my time, my talents, and especially my treasure, than towards the ministry we do together at Robeson Lutheran Church.

Your brother in Christ,  
**PASTOR MICHAEL**

The most  
*important*  
 things in life  
 aren't things



THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP is holding the following fundraisers to help cover their costs to attend the 2018 national youth event in Houston, Texas. Contact Tyler at [twern9@gmail.com](mailto:twern9@gmail.com) to support fundraisers or with any questions.

- **Sandwich Tickets:** The Thrivent Action Team led by Maggie Lauer continues to sell tickets for Weaver Orchard's delicious sandwiches. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! See Tyler Werner or stop by the church office during the week to purchase tickets.
- **Sheetz coupon books**, \$10 each. These are good for 3 years. They are available from Tyler. They make nice gifts for graduates, dance teachers, music teachers, traveling friends, etc. Please check out the books and support the youth. Coupons for a fancy coffee and an M-T-O sandwich pay for the book; the rest of the coupons provide the bonus.
- **Giant gift cards**—Do you do your grocery shopping at Giant or would you like to start doing so? If your answer to this question is yes then this is the fundraiser for you! The youth group is selling Giant gift cards that you can use to buy your groceries (or give as gifts to others) and they will receive 5%. If 25 members purchased \$100 worth of gift cards each week, we would receive \$125 a week or \$6,500 each year! There is no extra money from your pocket. Please sign up with Tyler or call the church office to purchase cards. Thanks to those who purchased cards and already raised \$ for the youth group. . Contact Tyler at [twern9@gmail.com](mailto:twern9@gmail.com) for more information.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAAR

### November 5th

### 7:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

We are asking for the support of all our members to make this year's bazaar a success. We will need volunteers to work at the stands and for clean-up the day of the bazaar. We will also need baked goods, white elephant items (gently used, no clothing); The "food stand" will again be open and we are asking for your help with items for the kitchen (Please see and use the form below) Also, anyone interested in renting a table, tables are available thru 10/19—please call Debbie at the church office (610-856-7242) or email [ddemarco@dejazzd.com](mailto:ddemarco@dejazzd.com).



Please bring your good, gently used items for the white elephant table to the church anytime from now until the Thursday prior to the bazaar. If you need pick up or have any questions please contact Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office (610-856-7242).

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#### BAZAAR DONATION FORM—November 5

\_\_\_\_\_ baked goods  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs      \_\_\_\_\_ sloppy joes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ egg casserole      \_\_\_\_\_ turkey barbecue  
 \_\_\_\_\_ soup (kind) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ money for food items: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes, I am willing to work at the bazaar!

( ) I am available to help clean-up after the bazaar

Please place form in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office or call the church office (610-856-7242). Thank you!!



## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for August:	\$14,205.37
Other Income:	\$ 2,244.67 (in/out)
Checks issued for August:	\$ 27,773.04
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 1,323.00
Transfer from Thrivent Funds	\$ 10,000.00
Checking balance as of 8/31/16	\$ 2,445.97

Unpaid Bills: None

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in August \$ 335.50

### OUTFLOW:

Floor Cleaning \$550 (floor fund)	
Mop for Hoeffler Hall \$104.62 (floor fund)	
Checking Account balance 7/31/16	\$32,234.87

-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 August totaled \$71.00. Thanks to Chris Leister for making this possible.

## YOUTH CALENDAR:

**Corn Maze—October 1, 5:30.** Meet at the church to carpool to dinner at Stampede Smokin' Barbecue followed by the Corn Maze at the Mast Farm. This event is for 7-12 grade youth.

**Game Night—October 14, 6-8 p.m.** in Hoeffler Hall. Tyler will be there so please join him for some fun games of your choice. A parent is asked to accompany youth under the age of 12.



**Laser Tag for all Ages—October 15, 1-3 p.m.**

Due to low turnout last month we ask you to please RSVP to Tyler if you plan to attend. Call the church office at 610-856-7242 or email Tyler at twern9@gmail.com.

**Youth Committee—October 16** following the 10:15 service; Youth and adults should see Tyler if you would like to be a part of this planning committee.

**Trunk or Treat—October 28.** Lots of help will be needed for this community event. Please contact Tyler and see where you can help out!

## MUSIC NOTES:

I am looking for everyone who likes to “sing from their heart” to come to rehearsal for our Christmas cantata. Our first rehearsal will be held on October 2 right after the late service at approximately 11:45. The cantata is called “The Promise of a King” (A Christmas proclamation of hope.) It is written by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. The cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 18th at 10:15 a.m. This will be the only service that day. We welcome anyone who likes to sing and give of their talent.

Sing from your heart,  
Louise Wilson, Minister of Music





**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## CALLED FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD

(Current ELCA Project)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which we are part of, has been working on a document that is intended to help the church leadership get a feel for the direction that the ELCA should be taking to be part of the ongoing “Reformation”. This is not intended to reinvent the church, but to keep it viable in the world. ELCA presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has said that the church is constantly “being made new for the sake of the world” and that we need to be relevant in these changing times. Two portions of this project have been completed : 1 – This was a time of conversations across the church about the future of the ELCA 2) Consultation on the directions and priorities that emerged through these conversations were gathered and published as a paper titled “Called Forward Together in Christ for the sake of the World”. The third stage has begun and will continue into November and that involves writing a “Future Directions Statement”. This will be published and made public before the end of 2016. For anyone who would like to keep abreast of what is happening in the church this can be followed at [ELCA.org/future](http://ELCA.org/future). This also is the current topic of study being looked at in the adult Sunday School class and all are welcome to join at any time. The group meets in the last room on the right in the upper hall of the education building Sunday morning at 9:00am.

## 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 is 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](http://www.robesonlutheranchurch.org)** and look for the “**Donate Now**” button.

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity that allows you to be good stewards of God’s gifts even when you are unable to attend services.



Grief Support Group **JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF  
SUPPORT GROUP**

This six week support group will be held on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m., October 3 through November 7, at Frieden's Lutheran Church, 1076 Memorial Highway, Oley PA. Sylvia Havlist, M.Ed. will be leading this group sponsored by Lutheran Congregational Services. Thanks to Frieden's Lutheran Church and the Stitzel Funeral Home there is no registration fee to attend this event. Registration is required. Contact Sylvia Havlish at 610-395-5045 or call Debbie in our church office for a registration form to mail.

**GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY** will be held on Sunday, October 18 at both worship services. This is the day we recognize all those members and visitors who are 70 years old and older. Please remain after the service for a group picture. All Golden Agers will receive a boutonniere prior to the service. A mum will be given to the oldest senior.

**SIGN CHANGER NEEDED:** Bob Lorah, our faithful sign changer for many years, has recently resigned. Thank you Bob for your years of dedicated service through all kinds of weather! We are looking for someone to volunteer to fill this position. The sign is heavy so a strong man or woman would be best for this job. If you think you might be interested or would like more information please see Pastor Michael, Dale, or call the church office.

**BRUNCH TO HONOR GOD'S SERVANTS  
THAT IS EVERYONE**

Sunday, October 30, 2017

The church would be nothing but a building if it were not for the members and friends who fill the pews each week. These same people keep the "wheels" of the church turning throughout the week also in the many ministries that we are engaged in here at Robeson Lutheran. Many members carry out their responsibilities with little or no recognition and so this will be an opportunity for everyone to come out and acknowledge those who VOLUNTEER with their time, talent and energy. Therefore, in order to say thank you to everyone who serves to the glory of God, which includes those who add their voice and presence to our worship each week, a brunch is being held on Sunday, October 30 during the Sunday School hour- 9:00a.m – 10:00 a.m. in Hoeffler Hall. We hope that all will choose to be part of this celebration. Since it will be held between worship services it should be convenient for people worshipping at either the 7:45 or 10:15 worship service to participate.

The meal will be prepared by Mandy and Dave Hinkel who have done evening events for us in the past. There will be an array of food available. Among the offerings will be a crustless quiche', pancakes, meat, potatoes and drinks. In order to have enough supplies on hand we need to have pre-registration – if you think you most likely will attend please fill out a form.

Please complete the form and place in the offering plate or you can email or call the church office with you reservation.

RESERVATION FOR BRUNCH-10/30/16

\_\_\_\_\_ I/ We will attend \_\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT HOEFFER HALL DEDICATION

On Wednesday, September 21, we held our first Wednesday Community Night of the new school year. Sue Creed arranged a good meal for all and Miss Maggie entertained both young and old.

As part of the program that evening we celebrated and dedicated the new flooring in Hoefler Hall. We thank everyone in our congregation and preschool who gave generously and worked hard to make this happen. If you haven't stopped by to take a look, do so at your convenience. Many have remarked that the new floor looks beautiful and what an improvement it is for Hoefler Hall. Thank you!!!

### THANKS TO THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE who



worked hard and long hours selling tickets, baking, and preparing for the annual chicken barbecue. The dinners were delicious and they sold out so all the hard work paid off. Thank you Marion, Judy, Barbara, Diane, Charlie and Carol, Bill and Janet, and all those

who baked or helped in any way. Thanks also to all of you who bought dinners and desserts!

**QUILT DEDICATION:** Our Quilt till you Wilt group worked hard all year and was able to finish 45 quilts to send to LWR in October. Thanks to this faithful group, people all over the world will receive the gift of warmth and love. The quilts were dedicated and blessed at the services on September 25. One quilt was sold and a joyful noise offering was taken enabling the group to purchase batting for next year's quilts. Thank you Cindy, Claire, Roseann, Dot, Sue, and all who have contributed to this ministry. The group is always looking for more quilters/knotters and donations of cotton fabric.



## ACTION TEAM CELEBRATION

October 9, after both services

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Thrivent "Action Team Celebration" after each service, along with a temple talk at each service.

We will celebrate the eight action teams we have done at our church this so far year. This one will make nine.

We will have coffee and donuts in the new foyer and I will have a sign-up sheet for the items at the coffee hour and will leave it in the foyer for the coming weeks.

You will be asked to sign up to bring the following items and place in each of the "Disaster Relief Buckets" as follows:

- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non-surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

Any questions, please call John Lauer (610) 213-4596.





**ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT:** Our next game night will be held on Friday, October 14 from 6-8 p.m. These evenings of fun and games have been enjoyed by those who have been coming, but we are hop-

ing for some new gamers this month as well. 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!



**BILL MOORE'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

Bill's family would like to invite you to his 100th Birthday Luncheon to be held on Sunday, December 18th following the 10:15 church service. This is a VERY special event, and they would like to have a VERY special celebration for him. It's not every day that someone is 100 years old! In order to plan for the amount of food needed for the luncheon, his family must have reservations made by December 5th. **All are invited but reservations are needed. Please call Lucille Freeman at 610-856-7349 or use the form below.** If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and the number of people attending. Hope to see you at the party!

Bill Moore's 100th Birthday Party

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reservation to Lucille Freeman at 612 Kurtz Mill Road, Mohnnton, PA 19540 by December 1.

**WED. COMMUNITY NIGHT at  
Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool  
Presents "Phil Witman  
and His Amazing Critters"  
On Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

6:00 Family Friendly Meal  
6:30 Program: **Phil Witman  
and His Amazing Critters**



**Phil Witman** has been an "animal" person all of his life and taught high school biology 34 years. Since retiring in 2003, he's been presenting live animal educational programs in schools, libraries and in a variety of venues. He's involved as a PA master naturalist and an educator (docent) at the Philadelphia Zoo one day a week. He gets enjoyment in making real connections between amazing (often strange) animals and people. You won't want to miss this spectacular program designed for all ages, children through adult.

☆ **Mark your calendar:** November's Wed. Community Night will feature the Bat Lady—an awesome program on November 2!! Watch bulletins for more information. ☆

**Wednesday Community Night—October 5, 2016**

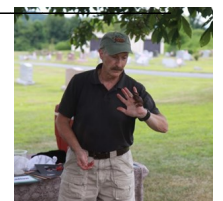
**RESERVATION FORM needed for Meal Preparation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending      \_\_\_\_\_ Will bring a dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A **Trunk or Treat** is a Halloween community event where people gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. Each individual/family/group brings their own treats but we will also have treats to refill vehicles as they run out.

The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters and we are hoping for your support. In addition, we will have free refreshments for everyone, along with games, and crafts for the children. We'll even be giving out prizes for the Best Decorated Cars! Hope to see you there! If you'd like to decorate your car please call 610-856-7242 to reserve a space or sign up below. Thank you!

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TRUNK OR TREAT  
REGISTRATION/ DONATIONS  
For **Friday, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

I/We will participate in the Trunk or Treat by decorating a car: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will help at the event \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. refreshments, games, candy refilling) - *lots of help needed!*

I/We will donate:

\_\_\_\_\_ candy for the Trunks \_\_\_\_\_ salty snacks

\_\_\_\_\_ dozen cupcakes \_\_\_\_\_ dozen doughnuts

\_\_\_\_\_ dozen cookies \_\_\_\_\_ brownies

\_\_\_\_\_ drink (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Money for candy etc. \_\_\_\_\_ (*cash or checks made out to Robeson Youth please*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**OCTOBER 18: FRIENDS**

**HELPING FRIENDS** at Boscovs; TICKETS are still on sale for a \$5.00 donation.

Almost everything is 25% off including sale items. The ticket is good for

the whole day at any Boscov's store, and the church keeps the entire \$5.00. Do some early holiday shopping and save money while benefitting your church. We have the potential to make \$1000 so please support this fundraiser! Last year we made \$750.

Tickets are available before and after worship services, in the church office, or from any Outreach member. If you can't get to church just call Debbie in the church office and we will see that you get your ticket. Thank you for your support!

**REDNER'S RECEIPTS.** We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. 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.**

**UPDATE ON CARDS:** As most of you probably know, Redner's has changed their cards, so it is very important that you get your new one immediately, You will need to show them your old card to get the new one; or if you don't yet have one just ask for a card—it's free! To give you an example of how much income we had previously from you saving the tapes, here is a example.

In 2014 we collected \$629.82, 2015 \$946.63, and 6 months of 2106 we collected \$524.31; so please keep up the good work, as it helps with general expenses of our church, If you didn't shop with the card before, now is a good time to start and you will get your gasoline discounted at the same time. 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. Just use your card and bring or mail in your receipt—it's that easy! And you'll be helping your church.