

## Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Annabelle Fancher—Oct. 3  
Barbara Rivers—Oct. 14  
Marion Kachel—Oct. 17  
Elsie Trout—Oct. 19—96th!  
Mike Wisniewski—Oct. 27



WISHING YOU  
A HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

### Coming up in November:

Elaine Gordon—Nov. 4  
Buddie Bannon—Nov. 10  
Mary Muhlenberg—Nov. 17—91st!  
Marie Brooks—Nov. 28  
Peggy Haag—Nov. 30

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 LOSSES:

Death: 9/14/18—Ada Peters, 93. Funeral was held on September 19, at Robeson Lutheran Church with burial in the Robeson Cemetery.  
9/29/18—Willis Everhart, 86. Private service and burial was held on October 2 at 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. We are presently updating our email list in order to notify our members of any cancelations, send out reminders, and alert you of changes. Your help will be appreciated!

### COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS:

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

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## The Parish Digest



### From the Pastor:

*<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

(Matthew 5:14-16)

### Keep the Light Shining!

Or

### A “capital idea” for a Capital Campaign

At our December 2017 congregational meeting, we as a congregation discussed our budget and the many challenges and opportunities that come with seeking to finance the operation of our church and its various ministries.

A primary challenge that we discussed was the reality that there have been numerous occasions, over the last several years, where it has been necessary to draw from our congregational endowment / investments in order to cover costs.

This initial discussion led us into further conversation about how we might:

1. Create more opportunities to increase giving
2. Practice wise stewardship in usage of our finances
3. Rebuild our endowment / investments.

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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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Walt Hamilton

Mike Wisniewski

Karen Kercher

Ava Gerace (youth)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Joni and Friends, a faith-based charity serving the disabled, is requesting donations of used mobility equipment (manual wheelchairs, walkers, crutches). The equipment is restored and then delivered to those in need in developing countries. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate, please contact Larry Easton at 315-416-1716 or leaston78@gmail.com.

Conestoga Christian School is holding its **45th Annual Chicken Barbecue and Country Auction** on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. Purchase your dinner tickets by visiting our Auction website. The dinners will be served Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The auction begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. For more details go to [www.conestogachristian.net/auction-2018](http://www.conestogachristian.net/auction-2018) or call the school office at 610-286-0353.

FROM OUR MAILBOX: 9/11/2018

Dear Rev. Ware and Friends,

I am writing to thank you for your generous gift from your “Joyful Noise offering” to Safe Berks. With your help, we can continue our mission of serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Berks County. There are many local people who need our services. Last year, we assisted more than 4,000 people who were directly or indirectly impacted by these crimes. Approximately 800 people—about 400 adults and 400 children—stayed at our Safe House in the past year. We hear many tragic stories of abuse. But we also hear stories of hope. At Safe Berks they find a safe haven and compassionate assistance from expert staff who truly care. In addition to our crisis services, Safe Berks staff provide education to the community. As we engage youth and adults in preventive education on domestic violence and sexual assault, we work toward our goal of building a truly Safe Berks.

Please know we are extremely grateful for your support.

Sincerely, Mary Kay Bernosky, CEO



### 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Paper Recycling Bins** located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall have been emptied. We will continue to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, “junk” mail, and cereal type boxes smashed flat.** Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

**DID YOU KNOW?** We have wheelchairs, potty chairs, shower chairs, canes, crutches, and walkers to loan out to anyone who might need one for a time. Please call the church office (610-856-7242) to make arrangements for pick-up of items.

### OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

**REDNER'S RECEIPTS.** We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. The latest check was for \$116.31. Keep up the good work and keep saving those tapes; it's a big help for our church!

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. If you don't yet have a card just ask for one—it's free!

**A big thank you to Marion for adding up all those tapes and sending them in on a regular basis!**



## OCTOBER SERVICES & EVENTS



**Every Sunday:** Children's SCS is held during the worship services. Sunday Church School for teens and adults is held at 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 7—7:45 & 10:15 a.m.—**Holy Communion**

OCTOBER 14—7:45 & 10:15 a.m.—**Holy Communion**

OCTOBER 21—7:45 & 10:15 a.m. **Worship; Golden Age**

**Sunday** - all attendees 70 and older will receive a lapel flower and be included in the annual photo after each service.



OCTOBER 28—7:45 & 10:15 a.m. **Reformation Sunday; Confirmation; Praise Service**

**REFORMATION Sunday** A fellowship hour will be held at 9:00 a.m. service in celebration of the Kickoff for our 2-year Capital Campaign in honor of our 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2020 and Valerie Gerace's Confirmation

*hello october,  
please be good.*

**OCTOBER EVENTS: see special articles in this Digest**

**October 3—Community Night—Taco Bar & Samba School**

**October 16—Friends Helping Friends at Boscovs**

**October 21—Benefit Bingo for Shepherd Family**

**October 26—Trunk or Treat**

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER: *watch for more details in November Digest*

November 3—Bazaar

November 18—Reception for Pastor Michael in honor of his 15th anniversary of ordination

November 20—Pastor/Comedian Nancy Clark—RSVP by 10/08 please. Everyone is invited to this event! See page 16

November 21—Thanksgiving Eve Service with St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church at Robeson Lutheran this year

It is with this third purpose in mind that I am very excited to announce the **“Keep the Light Shining” Endowment Anniversary Campaign** in honor of the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church in 2020.

This two-year long campaign, which will begin on Reformation Sunday 2018 (October 28<sup>th</sup>) is an opportunity for us to rebuild our endowment as we seek to raise \$250,000 over the course of 24 months.

While this may appear a pretty lofty goal; based on the experience of the generosity of the members and friends of this congregation, I, the council, and the finance committee feel that this is something we can certainly accomplish.

In fact, thanks to the very generous donations of several congregational members thus far, I am pleased to announce that we have already been gifted \$40,000 towards the Endowment Campaign!

With that in mind, and as we approach the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robeson, I would ask for you to consider this one question as this unique giving opportunity presents itself:

**“What is Robeson Lutheran Church to you?”**

Is it the place where you or your children were baptized and welcomed into the family of God? Is it the place where you learned about God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy through the sharing of the sacraments? Is Robeson the place where you learned about the Bible, began your preschool education, discovered the joy of VBS, or found a greater fellowship with other faithful believers in the Kingdom of God?

Is Robeson a name you know because someone in your family received a homemade quilt, a box of food, some financial help, or a thoughtful call, card, or visit in a time of need? Is Robeson the place where you met the pastor who listened to your story, who encouraged your spiritual growth, who presided over a wedding in your family, who grieved with you in your losses, or who offered Christian burial for your blessed dead?

Surely each of us can think of countless ways in which Robeson has impacted our lives; and because of that, it is vital



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

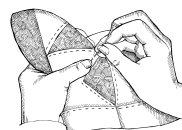
MEN'S  
BREAKFAST



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. (usually here in 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 13 at 8:00 a.m. at Joanna Furnace (Apple Festival!)**.

## Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins Seniors Group is taking a hiatus. Billie is still waiting to hear from you to determine **if there is enough interest and volunteers**, for the group to resume meeting in November. Plan were to have as their guest Comedian and Pastor Nancy Clark to present her program "Humor for the Health of It." Please RSVP to Billie Bannon at 610-401-8496 if you are able to attend since this program requires a certain number of attendees. For more information or to express your interest in the Robeson Robins please speak to Billie.



QUILTING GROUP

**QUILT TILL YOU WILT** every first Saturday of the month from 9-2. If you like to "quilt" which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, (no experience necessary) then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. More sewers, quilters, knotters are always welcome. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday in Hoeffler Hall, or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).

that we do what we can to help Robeson continue its ministries so that future generations may have the opportunity to know God and to receive the same benefits and blessings that we have.

And so I encourage you, as we enter the month of October 2018, to please join with me in giving generously towards our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Keep the Light Shining" Capital Campaign.

Please look for more information on the capital campaign to arrive this month.

Your brother in Christ,  
**PASTOR MICHAEL**



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 16 following the 10:15 a.m. service for the purpose of approving the purchase and installation of a window to be placed over the existing cracked window which protects the stained glass at the front of the church. (This project has been placed on hold for 2 years due to other projects taking precedence. The property committee would like to have it done before winter.) B&G Glass will make and install a window at a cost of \$5,555.49 plus a price of \$395 from Greenwood Stained Glass to fix the stained glass on the inside. A motion was made to allow property to proceed with getting the windows fixed without exceeding \$6,000. Congregation voted unanimously for the work to proceed. Fundraisers will be held to help pay cost.

**GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY:** All those 70 and older are invited to join your church family for worship on October 21 as we celebrate our "Golden Agers" and recognize our oldest attendees at each service. All "Golden Agers" will receive a lapel pin and be photographed with the group after the service.



Robeson Lutheran Church & Preschool invites you  
to  
**OCTOBER COMMUNITY NIGHT**  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
Featuring



Percussion music with a Brazilian flair.  
Performing rhythms from all around the world.  
All ages will enjoy this cultural music performance.  
**6:00 Taco bar meal**  
**6:40-7:30 Entertainment**

*A free will offering will be taken to help with future events.*

#### ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT:



Our next game night will be held  
on October 12, from 6-8 p.m.

These evenings of fun and games  
have been enjoyed by those who  
have been coming and new people  
are always appreciated! 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!

#### 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 always needed. 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 the church office.

**PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE:** Articles for the November  
newsletter are due in the office by October 15.

**ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS:** Please  
check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Re-  
minder: **Altar flowers cost is now \$38** and bulletins are \$25.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, col-  
lections, etc. please contact the church office for coordi-  
nation purposes and for advertising these events and pro-  
jects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise  
in the area papers should please copy to Linell at  
lmrm52@aol.com.



### 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.

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. This month we have received \$437.00 thanks to Greg Gehman.

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).



*October 16, 8:00 a.m.—11 p.m. at all Boscov stores!*

### *\$5.00 Shopping Pass*

*(Available now from any Outreach committee member or the church office)*

Entitle bearer to 25% off most everything (some are 15% and 10% with a few exclusions) all day at any Boscov's store!

All \$5.00 goes to our church so please pick up your pass at your convenience, do some early Christmas shopping and support your church too!

### ROBESON LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR

*The holidays are here.*



Saturday, November 3, 7:30-2:00. Items are arriving daily for the white elephant room and we are looking for volunteers to sort and price them beginning on October 22. See Judy, Diane or Marion if you can give a few hours to help with this. Please call Debbie at the church office (610-856-7242) if you would

like to rent a table. Spaces are still available but are limited so call asap. There will be crafts, home businesses, a hall full of white elephant items, books, raffle baskets, and more. Breakfast and lunch will be available. (see pages 13-14)



## To Benefit Jessica Shepherd & Family

(young mother with Hodgkins Lymphoma)

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:00)**

To be held at Robeson Lutheran Church  
3520 Plow Road, Mohnton PA 19540

**Ticket: \$25.00 (\$30.00 at the door)**

(tickets include 20 regular games of bingo and are available at church office; call 610-856-7242 or email [ddemarco@dejazzd](mailto:ddemarco@dejazzd).)

Cash prizes

Basket Raffle

Lunch is available for purchase

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance Forward:	\$5,552.11
August Income:	\$21,840.17
In/Out Account:	\$ 506.31
August Expenses:	\$21,702.01
Balance 8/31/18	\$6,196.58

Unpaid Bills: None

-Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Income:

Donations received in June:	\$ 85.00
Donations received in July:	\$ 35.00
Donations received in August:	\$50,170.00

Outflow:

Charitable outreach in July:	\$ 246.80
Charitable outreach in August:	\$ 558.78

Checking Account balance 8/31/18	\$77,551.31
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-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING. E-giving is an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran but regrettably the site had been down for most of the summer months. It is now up and running but you will have to sign-up again. You should have received information directly from our envelope company explaining the new process. You can continue to access the new site through our website, [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.



## COMEDIAN/PASTOR NANCY CLARK Presents “Humor for the Health of It”

This program is being sponsored by the Robeson Robins but is open to all ages, members and non-members!

There is no charge, just bring a covered dish or dessert to share and join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun!

**Tuesday, November 20**

**12:00 noon—Covered Dish Luncheon**

**12:45 p.m.—Program by Pastor Nancy Clark**

Please RSVP by Monday, October 8 to Debbie DeMarco at the church office 610-856-7242 or Billie Bannon 610-401-8496.

A minimum number of RSVPs are needed to hold this event.

### A BIG THANK YOU to all of our VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all who have been generously contributing in many ways in the past few months here at Robeson.

- Allen Heilner, who continues to do our mowing
- Ben McCormick who takes care of the flower beds
- Marion Kachel who coordinates the altar care and helps run the numerous fund raisers
- Judy Mountz and Diane Morlock and their Outreach Committee for all the fundraising they do
- Linell McCormick who coordinates the visitation team and has been seen doing major housecleaning (this is not part of her paid position)
- Ed Haag, Head Usher and coordinator
- All those who help with the services week after week
- Those who bring food for the food pantries
- Those who contribute monthly to the Joyful Noise offerings as well as our regular offerings and special needs
- Those who have and continue to make meals when asked
- Those who serve on council, committees, & other groups
- Pastor Michael for all he does—Pastor Appreciation Day is October 14, a good day to say thank you in person.
- ALL OF YOU!!! THANK YOU!

## 5th Annual Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters and you won't want to miss it! There will be free refreshments for everyone, along with games, and crafts for the children. We'll even be giving out prizes for the Best Decorated Cars! If you'd like to decorate your car please call 610-856-7242 to reserve a space. No reservation required for trick or treaters. Hope to see you there!

*(Raindate: Saturday, October 27)*

We expect 200-250 people to come out for this event so donations are needed and appreciated.

We are especially in need of:

Candy—wrapped candy....small bars, etc.

Salty snacks like pretzels, goldfish, chips etc.

Sweet snacks like cookies, brownies, doughnut holes, etc.

Please fill out the slip below or call the church office if you are planning to make a donation. Thank You!!!



### TRUNK OR TREAT DONATION FORM

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

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate: \_\_\_\_\_

## “So Shines a good deed...

By Chris Gerace

... in a weary world.” Many baby boomers will recognize this quote from the 1971 film, “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.” This quote was inserted into the film’s screenplay, but it was not taken from Roald Dahl’s book (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 1964). The line was actually taken and modified - from Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice.” The original line was spoken by the character Portia in Act V, Scene I: *“How far that little candle throws his beams, so shines a good deed in a naughty world.”*

Although the original Shakespeare line is not even central to the play’s plot, it stands out by itself, and is just as noteworthy as any good deed - no matter how small - in a weary world. I often reflect on this quote, and on how our own church members perform so many good deeds all the time. I would like to share just a few examples of my recent learnings, experiences and observations.

About a month ago, I was talking with a church member, and I mentioned that I had never seen the Mission Impossible films. By that afternoon, this member called me to tell me that she picked up the 5-movie ‘box set’ for me as a gift. Wow, did I feel the love? You bet your boots I did!

Another church member recently shared with me that he was walking on a street near his place of work, and said “A pleasant good morning to you!” - to two passing women who were apparently visiting from the South. They were stunned, and complimented the ‘yankee’ for saying a ‘friendly hello’ to strangers. After a brief interchange of pleasantries, he bid them well by saying “...and a blessed day to you!” This again caught the southern ladies off guard, and they gushed with surprise and joy that this ‘northern young man’ had religion, and was so gracious as to wish the Lord’s blessing

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

### “Venom Institute Conservation and Education”



Do you love reptiles and all God’s “creepy, crawly” creatures? Then you won’t want to miss Wednesday Community Night, November 7, 2018. Rudy Arceo, founder and director of the Venom Institute will be with us along with some of his “scaly” friends. Children of all ages will enjoy seeing the reptiles up

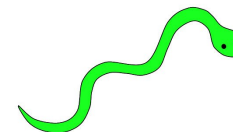
close and personal, as Mr. Arceo, talks about his experience with rescuing and caring for these creatures. The evening begins at 6:00 with a free-will offering meal and is followed at 6:40 by the reptile presentation. The evening will end by 7:30 in order to accommodate children’s bedtimes. Check out the Venom Institute on Facebook at Venom Institute Conservation and Education. This should be a very interesting program for all ages.

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### November Community Night

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults attending

\_\_\_\_\_ Children attending



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

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put the reservation form in Sue Creed’s mailbox outside the church office or mail to Sue at the church address:  
Robeson Lutheran Church, 3520 Plow Road, Mohnton, PA 19540

**BAZAAR TABLE RENTAL FORM:** Crafts & Home Businesses; No white elephant or food items permitted. **Please return your sign-up no later than October 19.** All space requests must include this completed form.

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

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

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

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

Type of Craft/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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

upon them. A small deed indeed that touched others' lives for the good.

Continuing on, there is another member who had a vision to install a Little Library on our church property, thus giving Robeson Church more visibility in our community and beyond, via the Little Library global web site. With help from other talented church members, the library was built, installed and dedicated, and is now throwing out it's own "beams" in a weary world.

Along with these stories, I would tell you of the man who - year after year - faithfully and respectfully takes care of all the flags on the church premises; or of the woman who recently collected some of our church picnic food and saw to it that our several of our shut-ins and homebound each had a delicious meal to enjoy; or of the many men and women of our congregation who repeatedly engage in performing so many good deeds in so many areas of our ministry and outreach to the community. So uplifting!

Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Folks, though I provided some specific examples, the purpose of this article is not to single out or recognize anyone above the other, but to celebrate the fact that each of us (yes, I mean You, the reader!) has - and continues to perform good deeds in service of our Lord. As Lutherans, we understand the faith-guiding message of the above scripture. But we may also remember what "Martin Luther" said about the value of works: "God does not need your works, but your neighbor does!"

The works that all of us do in our congregation and in our community, no matter how small they seem, often create a huge positive impact on our friends and neighbors in the

physical world. Our physical world is often perceived as being so rife with evil, hopelessness, and despair; but these deeds are reminders of the goodness of the Kingdom of God, and they often inspire and proliferate *even more* good deeds.

As Christians, it is right to remind ourselves that the physical world is not all there is for us; however, because our feet are planted in the physical world, our performing of good deeds in this world can provide great hope to those who may be sinking into despair. And let's not forget another truth, that performing a good deed doesn't only bless the other, but it spiritually lifts us up as well.

In conclusion, each of us has the calling and the opportunity through our good works, to inspire and further the wonderful giving of time, talents, and treasures... from our church members to each other, and more importantly, to those in our community and beyond. May the Holy Spirit continue to work through us, so that we will continue to reach out and lift up others in this world by our own shining lights, as members of The Light on the Hill. And those that experience and see our good works, hopefully will say, "So shines another good deed, in this weary world." Amen!



**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The next big fundraiser will be the **PUMPKIN PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. All you can eat, featuring pumpkin and regular pancakes, pumpkin coffee, bacon, sausage, and other breakfast treats. Support the Youth of Robeson and indulge before or after worship!

Ongoing Youth Fundraisers: In order to raise funds for youth activities, our senior youth continue to sell:

- **Sandwich Tickets:** \$5 each for a sub of your choice at Weaver's Orchard. Stock up now and use whenever you are hungry for a good hoagie. They never expire!
- **Giant gift cards**—use to buy your groceries at any Giant store. Available in \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts. Please see Tyler or drop by the church office for purchase.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAAR

**November 4th**

**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 10/21—please use the form on page 14 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 Wednesday 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 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 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!!