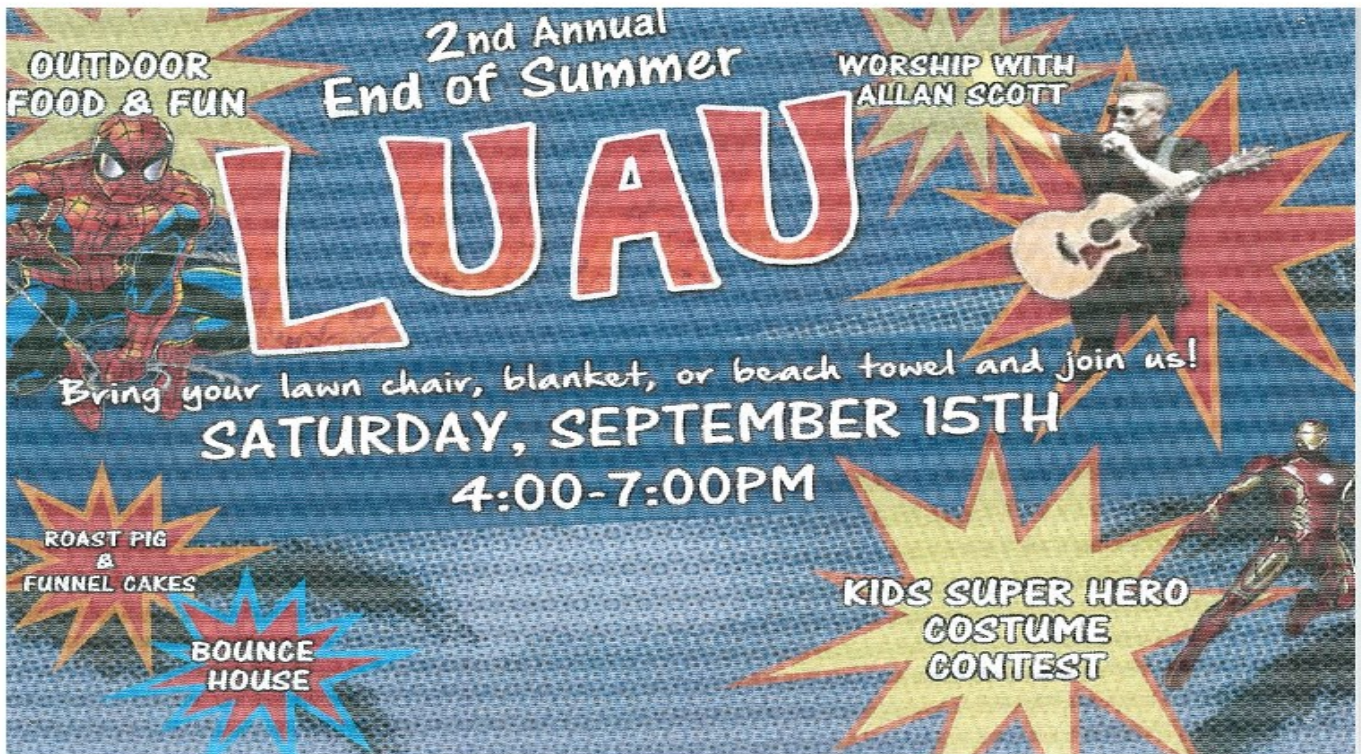


# *The Shepherd's Staff*

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## **Sunday School**

9:15 a.m.

### **Children & Youth**

Age 2 & 3—Room 14

Age 4—K—Room 12

Grades 1-3—Room 24

Grades 4-6—Room 25

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8) Library

### **Adults**

Adult—Room 25

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual Growth—FH

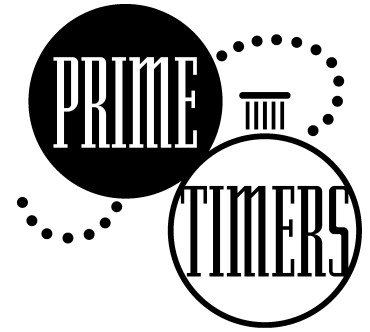


## Current Sermon Series: Revelation

### Recent Topics

June 3: The Future Is Now  
 June 10: Ephesus: the Church of Good Intentions  
 June 17: Smyrna: the Faithful Church  
 June 24: Pergamum: the Compromising Church  
 July 1: Thyatira: the Tolerant Church  
 July 8: Sardis: A Spiritual Coma  
 July 15: Philadelphia: Patient Endurance

July 22: Laodicea: Pick A Side  
 July 29: The Rapture  
 August 5: Our Adversary: the Devil  
 August 12 & 19: A Day in God's Court I & II  
 August 26: And It Begins  
 September 2: The Loss of Peace  
 September 9: High Ground In Low Times



## Montco-Berks Golden Age

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2:00 p.m.  
 at SOTH. Music by Michael Kropp

## Fall Excursion

American Music Theatre  
 Tuesday, September 11  
 Leaving SOTH at 10:30 a.m.  
 Lunch at Shady Maple  
 3:00 p.m. show—  
 "Songs of the Silver Screen"  
 Registration Closed.

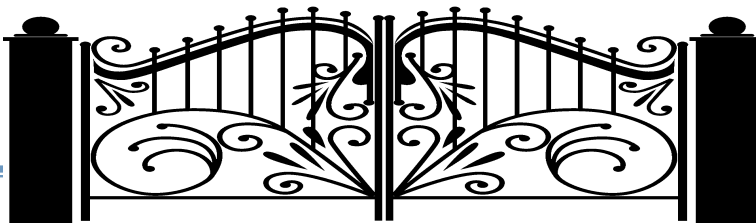
## Bible Institute Graduation Held

Certificates of Christian Ministry were awarded to 16 graduates of the INSTE Bible College course at a ceremony held August 18. The event speaker was Dr. Peter Teague, president of Lancaster Bible College.

### Graduates are:

Barbara Detwiler  
 Time Giessmann  
 Dorothy Goda  
 Linda Grisafi  
 Kelsey Herman  
 Jeffery Houck  
 Lauren Houck  
 Nick Korchowsky  
 Mary Beth Leh  
 Renee Miller  
 Melisa Monger  
 Cindy Oister  
 John Oister  
 Karen Parke  
 Angela Sheetz  
 Tammy Taylor

## My Father's House



## Will heaven be boring?

As a youngster, I imagined heaven as a big, dim room with thick carpet and worried that filling an *eternity* of days would be boring. I never dreamed anyone shared that concern until I read Sam Storms' words: "Heaven is not one grand, momentary flash of excitement followed by an eternity of boredom" (*One Thing*).

So, what *is* heaven like? Scripture offers only a few intriguing glimpses: Ezekiel's vision of four fiery creatures and the hem of God's garment gleaming in rainbow light; Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus, depicting heaven within shouting distance of Hades; Jesus' mention of many rooms in his Father's house; Stephen seeing Jesus at God's right hand; John of Patmos' view of the new Jerusalem, descending from God.

We can't know exactly what heaven looks like — or how we'll fill all our "free time"! (Doubtless, worship around God's throne will be a big and joyous part.) But we know there will be no hunger, thirst, tears, death or pain (see Revelation 7, 21 and 22). All peoples and languages will be included, with healing for all nations. "There will be a new episode of divine grace every day!" Storms writes. Most importantly, Jesus will be there — the Lamb of God, our Shepherd, sheltering us with his presence. For now, that's *all* we need to know. —Heidi Mann





**Estela Peters**

## Preschool Teacher Hired

Estela Peters will begin teaching the Pre-school 3 year old class when school begins in September.

Estela lives in Gilbertsville with husband, ??? and two sons, Leo and Sebastian.

She graduated from Pottstown High School in 2005 and began running her mother's cleaning business in 2008. After her first child was born she and ?? decided to sell the business and she became a stay-at-home mom. Since her youngest never got to experience daycare she decided to start an affordable in-home daycare so that

he could experience learning and playing with other children and families could get breathing

room from childcare expenses.

Estela's household includes two cats, a white dwarf bunny and a tank full of neon fish. She enjoys shopping at flea markets or thrift stores for antiques and refurbishing furniture. Other favorite things she likes to do are studying the Bible, planning fun days with her kids, arts & crafts, movies, shopping, party planning, cake decorating, photography, long walks and peaceful bike rides through a park or at the beach. She likes trying new things, new foods, and going to new places.

When she was 13 her mother started taking the family to church. There she found Jesus and was baptized. After some years of drifting away, she and her family found a church home at JRNY Church and serves there as the Lord leads. One of her many favorite verses is 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: faith, hope and



## H2O Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
in the  
Shepherd's Den.

## Youth Club

Term 1

Starts Wednesday,

September 12

6:15—8:30 p.m.

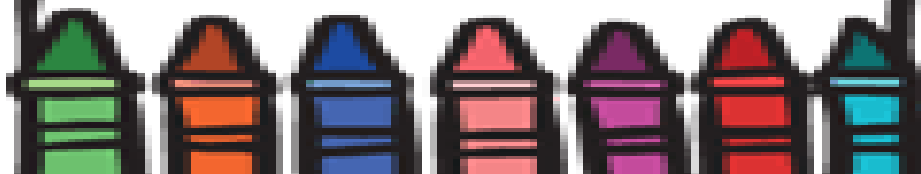


## 2018/2019 School Year Begins for Preschool

Opening day for the 3-year-old class is September 4. This class meets Tuesday and Thursdays. Newly hired Estela Peters is the teacher.

Opening day for the Pre-K class is September 5. This class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Kelsey Herman is the teacher.

Charles Rowdon is the newly appointed Preschool Director. Sue Moser will serve as the teacher's aide in both classes.



## Wealth is worthless

It is said that for money you can have everything, but you cannot. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; knowledge but not wisdom; glitter, but not beauty; fun, but not joy; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; leisure, but not peace. You can have the husk of everything for money, but not the kernel.

—Arne Garborg



A **Memorial Service** was held for Fran McNear, on July 9. Pastors Collin Monger and Charles Rowdon officiated.

A **Memorial Service** was held for Robert P. Edsall on July 21. Pastor John Brown officiated.

A **Memorial Service** was held for William Ashworth on August 23. Pastors Collin Monger and Charles Rowdon officiated.

**Upper Room** devotional magazines for September/October are available at the literature racks in both foyers.

A donation is appreciated.

The **Mission Commitment Project** for September is Clara Kimmel, retired from Kentucky mission. The **Vision Project** for September is SOTH Preschool.

**14 units of blood** were collected in the August blood drive.

## Sunday Services

**8:00 a.m.**

Traditional Service

**10:30 a.m.**

Contemporary Service

## September 16

Rally Day

Allan Scott Band

Both Services

## Sunday School

Reconvenes at 9:15 a.m.



Pre-K to Grade 4

Every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service.

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## The Consistory

by Charles Rowdon

The consistory, a term originating in the Catholic church, originally referred to the Pope and his Cardinals. The Pope is responsible for the spiritual direction of the church while the cardinals assist him by implementing his vision. Shepherd of the hills is not a Catholic institution but has come to appreciate the idea of communication between spiritual leaders and those who execute the work of the ministry.

As a result, our consistory consists of three elder, three deacons, and the senior pastor. The group meets monthly and exists to ensure communication between the two groups. The members of consistory are nominated by the current members of deacons and elders and voted in by the congregation. The work done by this group helps to ensure the smooth operation of the church.



L-R: Mark Fryer, Ken Nase, Neil Schueck, John Oister, Paul Yonkovitch, Collin Monger. Missing from the picture: Jim Jessum.

## Pastoral Staff

Collin Monger

*Senior Pastor*

Charles Rowden

*Executive Associate Pastor*

Lucas Hahn

*Associate Pastor of Youth*

James Jessum

*Associate Pastor of Visitation*

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