

# *The Shepherd's Staff*

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## *EASTER SUNDAY*

*April 21*

*8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

### **Youth Sunday**

April 7—Both services

Theme: “Living Out Your Faith”

Featuring H2O Worship and  
the Youth Club Choir

### **Lenten Calendar**

#### **April 14**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday  
and Holy Communion

6:30 p.m. Passion of Christ, State  
Theatre, Boyertown. Free but  
sign-up required.

**April 18**, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Seder Presentation—Led by  
David Krauss (No Meal)

#### **April 19**

12:00 p.m.—BAMA Good Friday  
Service, Trinity E.C., Boyertown

7:00 p.m.—SOTH Good Friday  
Service





**Montco-Berks Golden Age  
Club**

Thursday, April 5, 2:00 p.m.  
Butter Valley Community Church  
Bally

**Current Sermon Series**

*“Daniel: Dare to be Different”*

**March Topics:**

Dare to be Different

Dare to Stand Out

Dare to Defy

Dare to be Bold

Dare to be Brave

*Coming Events*

**May 3**

National Day of  
Prayer

**May 19**

Confirmation Sunday

**May 27**

Memorial Day



*“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”*

Luke 22:15, NIV

**Meanings in the Meal**

Jesus instituted Communion while celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples. The meal’s ritual foods hold meaning for Christians, too, because our faith story is interwoven with that of Judaism.

**Matzoh:** This unraised bread recalls the Israelites’ hasty departure from oppression in Egypt. Jesus used the Passover bread to symbolize his body, which delivers us from bondage to sin and death.

**Salt water:** It symbolizes the tears of the Hebrews and of all who suffer in any time and place. Christians believe that in Jesus, God embraced human suffering so we need never face it alone.

**Parsley:** Dipped in the salt water, this green, leafy vegetable represents the Hebrews’ rebirth out of sorrow into the joy of freedom. Easter’s celebration of resurrection proclaims a coming day when God “will wipe every tear from [our] eyes [and] there will be no more death” (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

**Shankbone:** A lamb slaughtered for each Hebrew household meant life for those within. The meat strengthened them for the escape journey, and the blood, swabbed on their doorframe, signaled for Death to “pass over.” Jesus used wine at the Passover meal to symbolize his blood — of the Lamb of God — which he would shed for our salvation.

## Missions Commitment



Dave and Lee Hall

Our **Mission Commitment** missionaries for April are Dave and Lee Hall, serving with WEC in Marrakech, Morocco. The church Dave pastors is diverse, consisting of sub-Saharan African Christians from over 15 countries as well as some European members.

Their construction project to enlarge the worship area if the church is finally moving ahead after several years of struggles with government and church officials. Although the final plans have not been approved there are encouraging signs that the project will become a reality soon.

**The Vision Project** for April is Don and Christine Ames of Florida.

Don was scheduled to make a trip to Haiti and also to Honduras in February. Because of the national turmoil in Haiti at the time that trip was cancelled. The trip to Honduras was postponed from February to March.

Don was in Honduras from March 2 -26 working on a construction project. Christine remained in Florida.



Christine and Don Ames



## Youth Club



Family Skating Party  
April 10, 6—9 p.m.  
At Pheasantland Skate Rink.  
Admission Free. Skates: \$1.00

## H2O Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Shepherd's Den

## Children's Church

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday  
during worship services.

## Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14

3 years—K—Room 12

Grades 1-6—Room 24

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)

Library

Adult—Room 25

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH

## Preschool Clothing Drive

**April 20, 2019**

**(Note change of date)**

Used clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, towels, toys, bikes. No appliances, electronics or books.

Package in black garbage bags. Bags may be dropped off in the fellowship hall or in Pastor Charles' office.



**Thanks** to everyone who continues to donate to the Mexican Breakfast Fund. In 2018 we provided \$1,601.88 to this mission outreach.

**Congratulations** to Andy and Brittany Troutman on the birth of son Everett Andrew on March 13.

**Our three pastors** will be attending a Calvary Chapel Conference at Sandy Cove, DE in May.

**Helping Hands** held their spring dance in our fellowship hall on Friday, March 29.

**Vacation Bible School** dates for this year are June 24-28.

**April Communion Celebration** will be Sunday, April 14 instead of the usual first Sunday.

**Behold the Beloved** musical group returned on March 29 to provide special music for the 10:30 a.m. service.

## Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.  
Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Service

## Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.  
Magnify!



## Christian Symbol



### CALVARY CROSS (GRADED CROSS)

This Latin cross with three steps symbolizes both Jesus' climb up Calvary's mountain and the three gifts of faith, hope and love. Those gifts are intrinsically connected to Jesus' death and resurrection and are ours by sheer grace. "And

now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).

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Light the Way is Shepherd of the Hills' Radio Ministry and features the Bible teachings of our senior pastor Dr. Collin Monger. We believe the Bible, consisting of the scriptures of the sixty-six books of the Canon of the Old and New Testaments, is the inerrant and inspired Word of God. Each sermon we air on Light the Way is biblically focused and uses expository teaching to encourage believers in their walk with Christ.

We believe the most powerful tool you will ever possess when sharing your faith with others is the Word of God. The Apostle Paul wrote, Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. Therefore, at Light the Way we're focused on sharing God's Word with you, so you can share it with others in your life. If you want to listen to a sermon on the radio tune in on Sundays at 6:30 PM to 107.5 FM, or any one of the other 10 radio stations broadcasting our messages Saturday at 3:00 PM. Also available is our archive of messages on our website [www.soth.church](http://www.soth.church).

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