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**Open Hearts ♥ Open Minds ♥ Open Doors**



Celebrate the beauty of winter with these fun snowflake-inspired treats!

**What you need:**

- Graham cracker squares or sugar cookies
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Pretzel sticks (snowflake arms)
- Shredded coconut or white sprinkles
- Mini marshmallows or candy pearls



**What you do:**

1. Frost each cracker or cookie.
2. Arrange pretzel sticks in a crisscross for the snowflake base.
3. Sprinkle with coconut or sprinkles for snow.
4. Add marshmallows or candy pearls to the ends for detail.

**Lesson tie-in:**

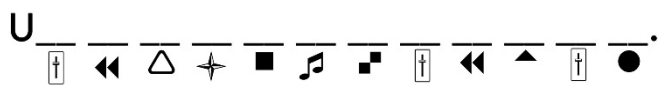
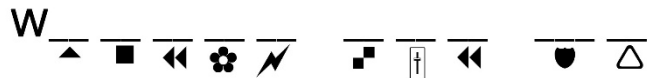
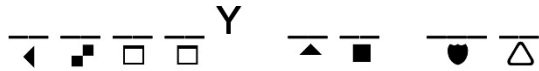
Remind kids that God made each of us unique—just like no two snowflakes are alike!  
(Psalm 139:14, KJV)



**TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD**

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.  
"Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=✦
A=■	G=●	M=↗	S=■
B=X	H=◀	N=†	SH=☀
D=◀◀	I=▲	O=⊗	T=♪
	K=	P=□	TH=♥



**Proverbs 3:13**

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.



Thomas Liddick	1/1	Frank Sheaffer	1/19
Brandy Sprout	1/11	Dottie Conrad	1/29

## Special Days

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- Epiphany, *January 6, 2026*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 11, 2026*
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FIRST DAY OF WEEK

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				Happy New Year!!	6p-8p 12 Days of Christmas @the parsonage	2p-4p 12 Days of Christmas @the parsonage
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
9a Worship		6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg				9a Food Distribution @ Rec Field
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9a Worship		6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg 7p Church Council Mtg	2p Bible Study @ Y 7p Bible Study @ SD			
01	02	03	04	05	06	07



Cale McGowan	1/2	Kathryn Arnold	1/16
Diane Miller	1/14	John Black	1/16

Mark & Traci Olszewski 1/2

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## Join Hands

The Shermans Dale Ladies Aid will be collecting paper towels and band-aids to benefit Join Hands. A designated basket for donations is located in the hall of the Education Building at Shermans Dale.

Additionally, George Binger's class will be gathering boxes of facial tissues and shaving cream for Join Hands. Collections for these items take place on the last Sunday of each month.

**There is currently a desperate need for toiletries.**

- **Hand & bath soap**
- **Body wash – Men's & Women's**
- **Deodorant – Men's & Women's**
- **Shaving crème**

## Food Distribution at Youngs Rec Field

A box for food donations is under the communication table at Young's. Martha Liddick will deliver items from Shermans Dale Church.

## Live Nativity

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's successful event. Participation increased with 131 cars (+18), 392 individuals (+44), and \$1,643 in donations for Join Hands (+\$460). The Live Nativity featured updated scenes, characters, and narration while continuing to share the Christmas story.



*George Binger*

# New Year's Sunday - New Mercies for a New Year

As we turn the page to 2026, we rejoice in God's steadfast love and the gift of new beginnings. Join us for worship on Sunday, January 5, as we dedicate this new year to the Lord and seek His guidance for the days ahead.

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases... they are new every morning."* – Lamentations 3:22–23

## Scripture Keys to a Joyful New Year

**H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
**A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
**P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)  
**P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
**Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

**N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)  
**E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
**W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

**Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)  
**E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
**A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)  
— Gus Nichols

## CHRISTmas Treasures

Thank you to EVERYONE that participated in the recent CHRISTmas Treasures Toy Giveaway! Every job is a piece of the puzzle in making this ministry happen. This year we served 148 families and 323 children. Thank you for supporting this ministry this year.

*Kathy & Ed Bridge*

Thank  
you



For several of these students eating roasted turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner was a first and they loved it! It was a fun night to meet some new students and make new friends as we shared the things we are thankful for and laughed together playing group games.

November 2025

We are THANKFUL for your friendship and partnership in the Gospel! We give THANKS for the work He has done and is continuing to accomplish through your generous investments. He opens eyes and changes hearts as students from many nations, mostly for the first time, learn about the love and forgiveness God has provided through Jesus.

Our hearts are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness in answering our prayers and opening doors for building friendships with students and for Gospel conversations. Through our activities this fall God has allowed Kelley and I to connect with 80 students from various countries of the world, including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Turkey and Azerbaijan. Twenty-nine students from Japan, Uzbekistan, Taiwan, China, Bangladesh, India and other countries have joined us for our Friday dinners and Bible discussions. Many of these students have never read the Bible before.

Reaching international students for Christ often involves building a friendship through our fun activities like Pumpkin Carving pictured below and our Thanksgiving dinner and games night pictured above. These events allow us to get to know them personally and invite them to our weekly Bible study,

One of my favorite ways to engage with students is through our English partner program. One English partner, Jake, from China is very open to talking about Jesus and the Bible. Because his grandma is a Christian, he is more interested in knowing God personally. When I shared the Gospel with him, he listened intently and asked clarifying questions to help him understand verses like Rom. 5:8 and Ephesians 2:8-9. Jake regularly attends our Bible study and focuses in on the details of each story.

Just this week, Jake decided to join us for our Vision Conference in Denver, CO during the winter break. At the conference he will attend the meetings taught in Mandarin, his heart language. He'll also have opportunities to ask questions to Mandarin speaking mature believers. Please join us in asking the Lord to bring Jake to saving faith as he hears the Gospel in his mother tongue!

Thanks again for partnering with us to take the Gospel to lost students at Penn State! You are helping reach key current and future leaders. A visiting scholar I meet with weekly for English practice is a professor from East Asia. After sharing the Gospel with him He boldly exclaimed, "I don't think anything in my country will change unless God does something there!" Please pray with us that the seeds of the Gospel we are spreading to students will bear everlasting fruit as God works in their hearts! Also, please pray for students in our one-to-one and small group meetings to hunger to know God more intimately.

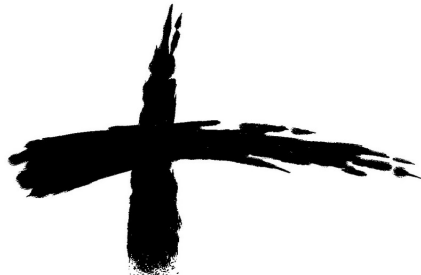


Until the whole world knows,

*Jay and Kelley*

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**Mark your Calendar  
February 18, 2026**



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

12:00 Noon  
Shermans Dale Church  
**Application of Ashes**  
6:00 PM  
Young's Church  
**Soup Supper**  
6:45 PM  
**Application of Ashes**

**Sunday AM**

Shermans Dale Church 9 AM  
Young's Church of Shermans Dale 10 AM



	1 <sup>st</sup> Scripture	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scripture	Meditation
Jan. 4	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:10-18	The Word Became Flesh
Jan. 11	Guest Speaker		
Jan. 18	Isaiah 49:1-7	John 1:29-42	Follow Him
Jan. 25	Isaiah 9: 1-4	Matthew 4:12-23	The Gospel Proclaimed