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*Open Hearts ♥ Open Minds ♥ Open Doors*

# SHOO fly!



Make this candle to keep  
uninvited insects from your  
outdoor summer meals.

### What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half.  
Cut off the rounded end of one half  
so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of  
each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate.  
Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side  
of the bottom half. Then place the  
other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the  
candle that's between the two lime  
halves. The flame's heat will warm the  
lime and create a smell that insects  
don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when  
it reaches the bottom lime.



## TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

*Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words  
in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.*

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. \_\_\_\_\_

A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. \_\_\_\_\_

Having deep understanding and sound judgment. \_\_\_\_\_

A person in charge of military troops. \_\_\_\_\_

A person in authority. \_\_\_\_\_

The season when daylight hours are longest. \_\_\_\_\_

A substance you eat for nutrition. \_\_\_\_\_

When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. \_\_\_\_\_



Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_;

consider its ways and be \_\_\_\_\_!

It has no \_\_\_\_\_, no overseer or \_\_\_\_\_,

yet it stores its provisions in \_\_\_\_\_

and gathers its \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.



**Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV**

Answers: ant, sluggard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



Melissa Freeland	7/5	Lisa Vega	7/18
Justa Vega	7/5	Margie Kapp	7/19
Barbara Kell	7/7	Jordan McAllister	7/23
Pat Cramer	7/10	Ginny Shope	7/23
Charles Sweigert	7/17	Gary Shambaugh	7/28
Emma Dashiell	7/18	Tim Wilson	7/31

## Special Days

- U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2025

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## Shermans Dale Church

SUNDAY  
FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01	02	03	04 Happy 4th of July	05
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13 9a Worship	14 7p Softball game Shermans Valley @ Rec Field	15 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg	16	17	18	19
20 9a Worship	21 7p Softball game Young's @ Dellville	22 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg	23	24	25	26
27 9a Worship	28 7p Softball game Eschol @ Rec Field	29 6p CHRISTmas Treasures Mtg @ Young's 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg 7p Church Council Mtg	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09



William DeWalt	7/7	Robert Brunner	7/15
Barbara Kell	7/7	Kenzie Sherman	7/15
Kendall McGowan	7/9	Darcie Dolin	7/24
James Grafmyer	7/11	John Sledzinski	7/31

George & Christine Binger	7/4
Dale & Robin Metz	7/10
Timothy & Chelsea McGowan	7/19
William & Debra DeWalt	7/23

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29	30	01 7p Trustees Mtg	02	03	04 Happy 4th of July	05
06 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	07 7p Softball game Three Springs @ Rec Field	08 6:30p Administrative Board Mtg	09	10	11 7pm Harrisburg Senators Game	12 9a Food Distribution @ Rec Field
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## **Join Hands**

The Shermans Dale Ladies Aid will be collecting paper towels and band-aids for Join Hands. There will be a basket in the hall in the Education Building for donations at Shermans Dale.

George Binger's class will be collecting boxes of facial tissues and shaving creme for Join Hands. The items will be collected on the last Sunday of every month.

## **Food Distribution at Youngs Rec Field**

There is a box located under the communication table at Young's for all food donations. Martha Liddick will bring the items from Shermans Dale Church.

## **Mowing at the Rec Field - Young's**

There is a sign-up sheet on the Communications Table if you can help to mow the Rec Field this summer.

For more details, please contact Brett Brunner.

## **CHRISTmas Treasures**

A Christmas Treasures meeting will be held on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – Young's Church

This meeting is for anyone interested in the Christmas Treasures meeting from both Young's and Shermans Dale Church. We are having the event this year in person on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> with set up on the Friday evening before at 6pm. Going forward, there will be changes in the program and we would like to get that information out to everyone and get some additional input.....please plan to attend if possible.

*Thank you for your support of this important ministry.  
Missy*

## Scholarship Fund (Young's)

June brings a lot of excitement. It brings in the summer season, summer heat and the endless yard work.

It also brings the end of the school year for everyone. For some it brings the end of their high school years and the beginning of the college experience. For others, it brings the adventure of joining the workforce.

We had 2 new graduates this year, Elaina Neely and Grady Reisinger, both planning on attending college in Wyoming this year. We also have Savannah Reisinger who currently attends college in Wyoming.

As is our tradition, we help our students with some of their expenses by giving them a scholarship.

If you would like to donate to our Scholarship Fund, envelopes are available on the Communications Table. If you use the tithe envelopes, please mark your offering envelope 'Scholarship Fund' so that we can ensure that your offering goes into the fund.

### **The next time you feel like God can't use you, Just remember**

Noah was a drunk  
Abraham was too old  
Isaac was a day dreamer  
Jacob was a liar  
Leah was ugly  
Joseph was abused  
Moses had a stuttering problem  
Gideon was afraid  
Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer  
Rahab was a prostitute  
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young  
David had an affair and was a murderer  
Elijah was suicidal  
Isaiah preached naked  
Jonah ran from God  
Naomi was a widow  
Job went bankrupt  
John the Baptist ate bugs  
Peter denied Christ  
The disciples fell asleep while praying  
Martha worried about everything  
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once  
Zaccheus was too small  
Paul was too religious  
Timothy had an ulcer...**AND**  
Lazars was dead  
No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential.  
Besides, you aren't the message, you are just the messenger!



## Starting the Search

### *Preliminary Search Process*

In anticipation of Pastor George's eventual retirement from his position as Pastor of the Shermans Dale and Young's Church Charge, the Administrative Boards of both churches will hold a joint meeting this summer to begin the preliminary search process for his successor.

Please prayerfully consider the qualities you believe are important for our new pastor to possess. Pastor George has been leading the administrative board in a study of *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren. In this book, Pastor Warren tells us to consider the answers to these questions as we strive to determine our church's purpose:

1. Why does the church exist?
2. What are we to be as a church? (Who and what are we?)
3. What are we to do as a church? (What does God want done in the world?)
4. How are we to do it?

Perhaps considering this framework and the leadership qualities that will help us achieve our purpose as a church will be helpful to you.

Please contact an administrative board member at either church with your feedback so that it can be considered as we draft search documents and begin the search process

### **Shermans Dale Church Picnic**

The Shermans Dale Church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 1 pm at Crouse's Meadow, 105 Snyder Hill Rd, Shermans Dale, PA.

Please bring a covered dish and your lawn chair.



## Senators Game

The Senators game is only 2 weeks away – July 11th. Those who are going to ride in the church van, please be in the church parking lot by 5:30 pm that evening.

The vans will leave for the game at 5:40 pm. The ballpark gates open at 6 pm. Hank has been advised to arrive “the earlier, the better” to ensure parking in the ADA lot which is located on the first base side of the ballpark. Anyone driving to the ballpark have been given directions to the ADA parking lot.

Please contact Hank at 717-582-4437 if you have any questions.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was blessed with another year of fun! Our SCUBA theme had the children “diving into a friendship with God”. Each day, the lessons, crafts, games, music, and even snacks encouraged getting to know God personally.

A special presentation from Shalom Christian Missions helped everyone understand how their orphanage in Kenya would benefit from our collection.

In all, we had 75 children registered and an average of 58 attending each day. There were also 45-50 teens and adults volunteering at every level.

We look forward to working with Mt. Gilead again next year.

## Perspectives on patriotism



While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus’ example in Luke 19:41-44. “Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it,” he writes in Christianity Today. “He didn’t despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings.”

This example of “patriotism perfected” can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. “It’s an example that’s both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It’s not a nationalistic patriotism — it’s a love for nation that doesn’t pit it against other nations. Instead, it’s a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings.”

Put another way, God doesn’t love America more than any other nation. And he doesn’t want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm.

# SUMMER SOCIALS AT THE PARSONAGE

Mark your calendar now. Enjoy two  
Socials at the parsonage, 316  
Burnhill Road.



Friday, July 18, 6-8 PM or  
Saturday, July 19, 2-4 PM

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*ice cream social*



Friday, August 8, 6-8 PM or  
Saturday, August 9, 2-4 PM

# BIBLE STUDIES AT THE PARSONAGE

Plan to enjoy two Bible Studies at  
the parsonage, 316 Burnhill Road.

– 2 Wednesdays Per Subject

**“Jesus in the Tabernacle”**



Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 30<sup>th</sup>,  
2 to 3PM or 7 to 8 PM

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**“The Life of Jonah”**



Wednesday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2 to 3PM or 7 to 8 PM

## Giving Opportunities for those 70 ½ Years of Age

The US Government gives seniors who have reached 70 ½ years of age special opportunities to invest in the things of the Lord and other 501 (c) 3, tax exempt organizations. You may want to consider utilizing the information below as you plan your giving.

1. Individuals age 70 ½ or older can donate directly from IRA accounts to their church through **Qualified Charitable Distributions**.
  - a. This giving can also count towards Annual Required Minimum Distributions.
  - b. Please contact Sharon Dick at the church office if you or your financial institution need additional information.
2. Charitable contributions of **Long-term Appreciated Securities** (stocks or bonds being held longer than a year that have increased in value) may be beneficial to some donors for tax purposes.

## Opportunities for Ongoing Giving to Your Church

Consider including your church in **your will** as another important way to support the ongoing Gospel ministry you now love so much.

## July Sunday AM Services

	1 <sup>st</sup> Scripture	2nd Scripture	Meditation
July 6	Psalm 38	1 John 1:1-10	"The Word"
July 13	Psalm 39	1 John 2:1-14	"Love"
July 20	Psalm 40	1 John 2:15-29	"The Anti-Christ"
July 27	Psalm 41	1 John 3:1-24	"The Children of God"

## Opportunities to Invest in the Gospel at Your Church

Ministry minded, mature believers are needed to:

- Staff the nursery during regular and special services at both churches.
- K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School teachers are needed to begin programs at both churches.
- At Young's, Middle School and Senior High Youth Fellowship Assistants are sought for the existing program.
- At SD, Middle School and Senior High Youth Fellowship Leaders and Assistants are wanted to begin a Youth Fellowship Program.
- Sound technicians are needed to complement existing volunteers.

**Call Pastor George at 717-275-7557 to volunteer.**