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The Earth  is the LORD's,
 and **all** 
it contains,
The world,
and those 
who live in it. 

PSALM 24:1

Open Hearts ♥ Open Minds ♥ Open Doors

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" 3 1 m 2 r 2 m 3 nd 2 d 4 f

y 4 5 r 3 s 3 nc 2 r 2 f 1 3 th, wh 3 ch

f 3 rst l 3 v 2 d 3 n y 4 5 r gr 1 ndm 4 th 2 r

L 4 3 s 1 nd 3 n y 4 5 r m 4 th 2 r

2 5 n 3 c 2 1 nd, 3 1 m p 2 rs 5 1 d 2 d,

n 4 w l 3 v 2 s 3 n y 4 5 1 ls 4 ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



Andy Shope	5/15
Corbin Shambaugh	5/28
Bennie Crouse	5/30

George & Barbara Kell	5/13
Justin & Nicole Dashiell	5/20
Frank & Wanda Sheaffer	5/20

Special Days

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- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2026*
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Shermans Dale Church

SUNDAY
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02 12:04p Ladies Luncheon @ Y
03 9a Worship	04	05 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg	06 2p Bible Study @ Y 7p Bible Study @ SD	07 National Day of Prayer 7p Ladies Aid Mtg	08	09 9a Food Distribution @ Rec Field
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24 9a Worship	25 Memorial Day	26 6:30p AA & Alanon Mtg 7p Administrative Board Mtg	27 2p Bible Study @ Y 7p Bible Study @ SD	28	29	30
31	01	02	03	04	05	06



Grady Reisinger	5/1	Missy Black	5/20
Tim Sherman	5/4	Randy Binger	5/24
Walker Innerst	5/10	Brett Brunner	5/25
Kenny Black	5/11	Jayne Peters	5/25
Dale Metz	5/14	Savannah Reisinger	5/30
Katie Sherman	5/14		

George & Barbara Kell	5/13
Francis & Diane Miller	5/26

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Join Hands

Shermans Dale Ladies Aid is gathering donations of paper towels and band-aids for Join Hands. Please put your contributions in the basket located in the hall of the Education Building.

George Binger's class will collect facial tissues and shaving cream for Join Hands 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 creme***

Food Distribution

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

Ladies Luncheon

The Omega Men's Group welcomes all women from both churches to attend a Ladies Luncheon on May 2, 2026, at 12:04 pm, held in the Young's Church basement.

Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The end of the school year is nearing and so is Vacation Bible School! Junkyard Redemption VBS will be held June 15 – 19, 2026 at Mt. Gilead Church 6 – 8 pm. See LeAnn Rock for more details.

Mission Report

Paul Heier

So Proud of Our National Leaders

What a joy it is to share what God is doing through our Guatemalan leaders! Across both of our ministry sites, faithful men and women are stepping up, taking ownership, and reaching their communities for Christ — and it is truly a sight to behold.

At the Hope Center, near our town's dump, lives are being transformed in beautiful ways. The ministry is growing, and the land we were able to purchase next door has become a place of laughter and life — youth playing volleyball, children running freely, all in a safe space where hope is taking root. A few months ago, we celebrated with a Christian concert that filled the air with worship and joy. But perhaps what excites us most is what's happening behind the scenes: our local leaders have formed their own board of directors and are prayerfully stepping into the work of planning, administration, and vision-casting. This is the fruit of discipleship — watching those who were once reached now reaching others.

Our second site, the Oasis of Hope, is a testament to what God can do with a simple vision and willing hands. Built around a pool designed specifically for sports ministry, this growing campus is nearing the completion of our second tiny house. These cozy bungalows serve multiple Kingdom purposes — offering emergency shelter to families in need, hosting visiting ministry teams and church groups, and generating rental income to sustain our sports and first responder outreaches. The excitement is building: first aid classes are coming soon, and we were thrilled to welcome Christian surfers who recently held a community outreach right here at the Oasis. Like the Hope Center, the Oasis is also raising up its own leadership team — multiplying our reach and planting deeper roots in the community.

We are in awe of what the Lord is doing, and we know none of it would be possible without your faithful partnership. Thank you for believing in this vision, for giving generously, and for standing with us in prayer.

We can't wait to see what He does next.

To Him be the glory!_

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A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

Day of Prayer – May 7, 2026

Janetta Green is looking for volunteers to participate in the Day of Prayer on May 7, 2026, at the square in Shermans Dale (near where Rite Aid used to be). She is looking for people willing to lead a prayer for:

- The Church
- Education
- Business
- Military
- Government
- Art
- Entertainment and Media

If you'd like to get involved, reach out to Janetta Green at green@pa.net.



Harrisburg Senators

We invite you to enjoy another exciting Senators baseball game as they face off against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats on Friday, July 17, 2026. Stay tuned for further information.

Dear Friend,

March 2026

March weather in State College has been chaotic, to say the least. The days of abnormal warmth have been welcome but can't be counted on to 'last' even 24 hours, and the chill lingers! Whew! In some ways this weather can be compared to the rigor of student work here at Penn State University. Spring semester for the graduate students we serve is also very changeable due to preparations for exams, defense of research papers, grading lab reports, job applications and other work. Even so, we have been able to have good times for one-on-one and our weekly dinner and Bible discussion.

Last Friday night, at our dinner, Jay led the students through John's account of Jesus' interactions with Pilate in Jn 18:28-19:16. After discussing Pilate's conversation with Jesus and his reluctance to charge Jesus with any crime, Jay asked the students, "Why would Jesus not defend Himself as the atmosphere became increasingly hostile?" Around our table, the whole group became quiet as each student pondered this. "Why didn't Jesus try to avoid this attack?" We looked again at Jn 18:36, "My kingdom is not of this world..." This was puzzling to some, but they took it in to mull over.

As our discussion came to Jn.19:7, Jay brought C.S. Lewis' 'Lord, Liar, Lunatic' question into the discussion. When he asked the students, "If Jesus isn't the Son of God, why wouldn't He deny it before Pilate gave Him to the Roman soldiers to execute a sentence that the Jewish leaders so ardently cried out for?" A few students nodded in agreement, but others rolled this question over in their minds. Please ask the Lord to draw students to Himself as we look at His crucifixion and resurrection over the next two Fridays.

Last month, a Penn State professor at our church sent Jay contact information for a recently arrived student, Bill, that he thought would be a good fit for our international student club. Jay contacted Bill, a Master's student, immediately to invite him to meet and chat about his interest in Bible study. Jay discovered that Bill is a first-generation Christian from a predominately Muslim country. God led Bill to a church in his city where he heard the Gospel and made a decision for Christ. Praise the Lord for His work in the hearts of students who live in the most unreached nations of the world!

As Jay learned about Bill's conversion story and spiritual growth, he realized that Bill had never read the Bible and had only heard teaching from the Word when he attended the weekly church service. Bill didn't feel safe owning a Bible or bringing one into his home because his family is still Muslim. They would mostly likely have a very negative reaction if he brought shame on them by being open about his new faith in Jesus.

Bill is eager to learn all he can during his 2 years at Penn State. We meet regularly to read and discuss Bible passages together and he is attending our church. He may never have another chance to freely connect with someone who can teach him God's Word and respond to his questions openly. Please pray for Bill to grasp the Word of God with a noble and good heart, retain it and persevere to produce a crop. (Luke 8:15)

Thank you for making it possible for us to take the Gospel to students who have never heard the story of Easter or never had someone help them personally grow in their faith!

Jay and Kelley

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At Spring Break we had a trip to
Hershey Chocolate World & PA capitol

