



Winterstown UMC

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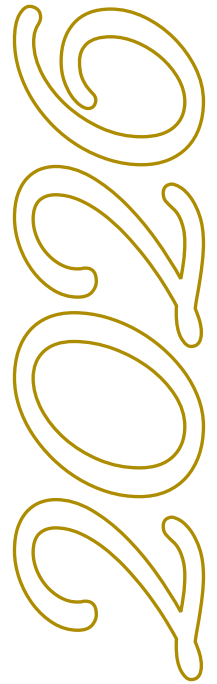
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Monday - Thursday
10:30AM - 2:30PM
Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday by 10:00AM
Newsletter Deadline
20th of each month

Worship
10:30AM

"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee
757-709-5187
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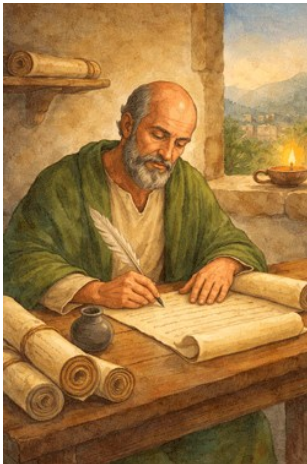
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Director - Danielle Orwig
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Heather Gibson
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Bible Quiz

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila



Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

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

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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."



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

On Monday, April 13th, twelve of us went to serve at Mission Central. Thank you, Carrie, for organizing our travel, brunch, and service time! If you're not familiar with Mission Central, its mission is to connect God's resources with human need – locally, nationally, and around the world. And what incredible ministry they do!!!! As its website says, "Through partnerships with more than 200 organizations, we supply essential resources to those providing humanitarian aid and critical care. From flood recovery efforts to school supply distributions, or medical equipment, we stand ready to respond – wherever and whenever we're needed." Mission Central began as a ministry of The Central PA Conference of The United Methodist Church, but it has since become its own non-profit entity.

While we were there, there were three different options of ways we could serve – 1) sit down at a table and inspect health kits' contents – Carrie, Lois, Julie, Ann, and Martie, 2) inspect the cleaning buckets' contents – Terri, Bob, Crystal, and Connie, and 3) sort clothing donations – Deb, Linda and I.



It's great to spend time knowing that what you're doing will help people – both in our neighborhoods and all over the world!

Something else that's pretty amazing at Mission Central are the ways in which God has provided. They have two whiteboards near the entrance to the warehouse. One is for Prayer Requests (Pastor Judi, who works at Mission Central after retiring from professional ministry, said that they added my name the day I broke my nose and didn't make it to Mission Central), and the other whiteboard is for "God Moments". Since it is hard to read the "God Moments" entries in the picture, let me share a few of them with you:

Someone needed an unusual medical item which was not on hand. The next day, that item was donated and then given to the person!!!

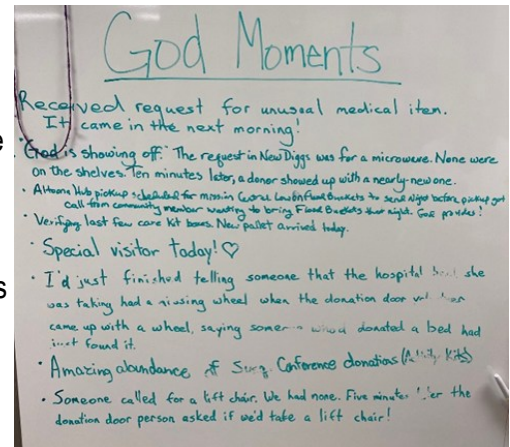
Someone came in who needed a microwave. Sadly, the "New Diggs" ministry didn't have one. However, 10 minutes later, someone came in and donated a nearly new microwave!!!!

Someone called to see if there was lift chair available. There wasn't one at that time. Five minutes later, someone buzzed at the donation door and asked if Mission Central needed a lift chair!!!

Our donations for the different kits which Mission Central resources as well as our actual hands-on service are ways in which we can all engage in ministries to show our neighbors our love for them! I hope that even more people go and/or donate in the future!

In God's Love,

Pastor Becky



PRAYER PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS: list

Pastor Becky & Mark McGee, Pastor Erin Wheeler, Growing Friends, North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School, North Hopewell-Winterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Glenn Grove, Dianna Henry, Barb Huson, Eva Miller, Sandie Rock, Barbara Taylor, Sandy Wallace, Eleanor Yeakel, Donna Overmiller, Randy Criswell, Betty Bolyard, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Tabitha Gilbert, Lois Arsenault, Sam Cooley, Janet Vanderlipp, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Sylvia Riddle, Troy Hildebrand, Candy Thompson, Grayson Gilbert, Justin (Rick's uncle), Nancy, Sue Peterman, Eunice's brother Jim, June Windon, Julie Harrison, Ethel, Ed W, Rick's uncle, Luke Martin, Rich, Bill Henry, Deb Henry, Betsy Enfield's SIL Joyce, Dwight & Marilyn Honecker, Janet Overmiller, Nancy Forry, Joe, Eileen McGowan, Judy, Conor, Julie and Bill Beaver, Quinn, Madi, and Waylon Waldrup, Linda Thomas



GROWING FRIENDS

Happy May!

April showers came and went, now it is time to enjoy all the beautiful flowers that were left in it's place! The teachers and children are hoping that the cold is gone for now as well. We were teased with a few nice days here and there, then just when we got comfortable, Mother Nature threw more cold and wind our way!

Thank you to everyone that voted for Growing Friends during the Community Choice Awards for York and Hanover! We will find out in May if we were voted for one of the top 3 centers in the running. If we are in the top 3 we will be notified and voting for the top center will take place in May/June. We will then find out the winner in July. Thank you for your support!

This month the children will be learning about the following: Letters: Y & Z; Number: 19 & 20; Shape: Octagon; Color: Purple; Additional Themes: Library, Fairy Tales, and Gardens

This month there will be no school for our Red Lion children on: Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. Growing Friends is closed this day as well.



This is the final month for our Preschool Program children! It's hard to believe that graduation is upon us! Some of these children have been with us as babies, and some we just met, but regardless we all shed a little tear when they receive their preschool diploma! We wish all of our children the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives!!! Congrats Graduates! We know you will do well in Kindergarten! Graduations will be Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary! We are excited to host graduation in the sanctuary again! Feel free to come out

and wish the children well this evening! Light refreshments to follow!

Our 3's Preschool Program children will have their promotion on Thursday, May 21st at 9:30am in the All Purpose Room. All are welcome to attend this fun morning as well!!! We wish these kids a wonderful summer and can't wait to hear all about their summer fun when they return back to us in the fall!!!

Registration is still open for our Preschool Program classes in the fall! If you or someone you know has a child that will be 3 or 4 years old by August 31st feel free to send them our way! For more information about the Preschool Program or to see the classroom, families are encouraged to call the center phone number or email us.

Soccer Shots wraps up this month on Monday, May 18th! We will hold another session of soccer shots in the fall! Once more information and the dates are confirmed we will pass it along. It has been a fun season watching the children improve their soccer skills and learn their manners.

With the end of the school year, we are still looking for companies or people to come in and share their special traits with the children. If you know someone that would be a good fit to entertain children for a little, feel free to share our contacts with them. We always welcome people that can teach or show the children something special!

GF Staff news: This month we welcome back our summer employees Miss Audrey, Miss Katelyn, and Ms. Nikki! We are looking forward to another fun summer with them, and we are glad they choose to spend their summers with us! This month Ms. Joyce shares her last days with us as she has decided to retire "again". We wish Ms. Joyce the best, and we know she will return to visit here and there! This month the following employees share their work anniversaries with us May 2nd Ms. Amanda (3 years), May 9th Miss Deena (2 years), and May 18th Ms. Jeanetta (11 years).



National teacher appreciation week is Monday, May 4th to Friday, May 8th! Be sure to show your support to the amazing ladies we have at the center that work so hard to make Growing Friends run smoothly! Your kindness is greatly appreciated! The teachers put a lot of time outside of the center and their own money into making the classroom a success! To kick off teacher appreciation week the church is hosting a Growing Friends Sunday on Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30am. The teachers and families will be recognized during this special service.

FUNDRAISER NEWS: Thank you to those that ordered flowers in April! Flower orders will be delivered at the beginning of May just in time for Mother's Day. This month we will begin our Sub and Sandwich Sales, be sure to check your mailboxes for the order form. All subs and sandwiches come with a bag of chips! We are currently raising money for new classroom chairs for our older children (Preschool to School Age) and to help offset the cost of summer for our field trips. Parents pay for their children to attend the field trips and Growing Friends pays for the cost of the bus to help get us to and from safely. Your support is greatly appreciated so that we can keep our costs down and the children can still have a fun summer!

We hope you all enjoy the beauty the April Showers left behind!

Much appreciation,

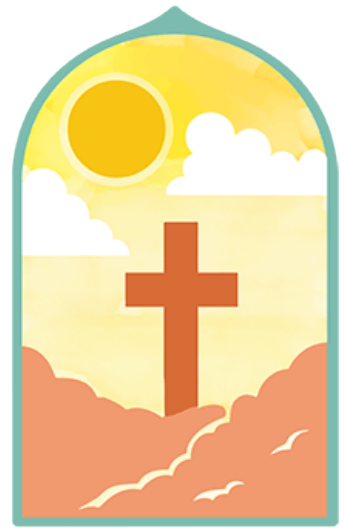
Ms. Danielle

Email us anytime at: GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com

Call us: Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (717) 246-8017



Heather Gibson



Christ the Lord
is *Risen* Today



HAPPY EASTER!



LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

April 20th
at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Bill and Tammy Waldrup, Dawn Burg, Connie Human, Gabe Hildebrand, Carrie Anderson, Buddy and Ann McGinnis, Pastor Becky and Danielle Orwig (GF)

Prayer: The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Buddy

Danielle: Growing Friends Update:

- Grants:
 - a) The Retention Bonus Grant was received- this is used to compensate the staff members who work over 15 hours. This will be in the payroll this week. The grant was applied for in 2025 and just came through.
 - b) A grant for the amount of \$4000.00 was received and used for the purpose of classroom supplies that were needed.
 - c) The last grant is STARS, which is used for the continuing ed for the staff who need it.
- Danielle is having some difficulty dealing with ADT customer service with things that need to be done. She may be looking toward a different company, possibly Advantage Security, the same company that just took over the fire alarm system for the church.
- One of the fund raisers for this year that they are working on is an outside event. It will take the place of the craft show. It will have vendors, food trucks, face painting and a whole lot more. You don't want to miss it, mark your calendars for October 3, 2026, from 10 am to 3 pm. More information to come.
- Miss Alicia, received a grant for the purchase of a classroom pet. This will be used to teach the pre-K (5-year-olds), how to be responsible for a pet. She is considering a hamster or a guinea pig. The grant pays for the animal and the needed items, but then she will be responsible for its food and care. When the center is closed, the animal will go home with her, until the center reopens. A motion in favor of the pet was made by Gabe and seconded by Ann, motion carried.

Dawn gave an update on the parsonage rebuild and followed up with questions from the group. We are moving along, just slowly.

Connie presented the team with the Treasurer's report and answered all questions.

- We have a \$225 dollar amount sitting aside for HVAC for 2025, she requested that this can be used toward the fire security system, since the HVAC unit has been paid in full. Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Gabe to allow this.
- She said that no fair shares have been paid to date, however all of the insurances are being paid and are up to date.
- We have money set aside to cover the fire alarm system (which the company has allowed us to pay over several months), for 7 payments, then it will come out of the general fund.
- The letter from the estate of Doris Edwards was acknowledged and returned, however no funds have been received as yet.

Bill had nothing new to report.

Tammy had nothing new to report.

Pastor Becky:

- She had a very nice conversation with Jamie from Spangler and Boyer regarding the reason that we are using another company. (mainly cost). He understood and was very accommodating.
- Pastor Erin will be visiting on Tuesday, April 21st, to get some information on things we do.
- A VBS meeting is needed.

Gabe: Reported on Maintenance

- We will eventually need to get two new commodes.
- The UV light system in the basement room should have its own electrical outlet and Bill will check with Erik Anderson about helping us out with that. Right now, it is plugged into an extension cord around the room.

Carrie:

- We had a good trip to Mission Central, 12 people attended, making it a very successful trip. Another one will be scheduled in the future.
- We will be collecting hand towels and erasers for conference this year.
- It was discussed about making the birthday cake kits again for the food pantry.

In honor of Bill's birthday and he and Tammy being first time grandparents, we celebrated with cupcakes and dixie cups of ice cream provided by Ann and Buddy.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 6 pm

Pastor Becky closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Burg, Secretary



ENGAGE IN MINISTRY



Be a Greeter

GREETERS



NEEDED

If you are interested see Bob or Lois Arsenault!

Special Church Conference Parsonage Rebuild
Vote

Sunday, May 17th at 11:30am
Only members may vote.

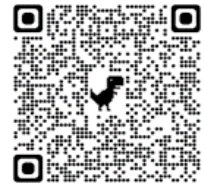
Check with Amber if you're unsure whether
you're a member.

Mon-Thurs 10 AM—3 PM

adminassist@winterstowchurch.org

Or call (717) 244-1984

Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser



Orders due by the
2nd Sunday of the month
Grocery cards distributed
the 3rd week of the month

TITHES & OFFERINGS

To give on-line one time or for a recurring offering,
you can use this QR code:



2026 Shares Of Ministry

Benevolent	\$6,533.27
Connectional	\$9,722.90
Clergy	\$10,468.72
TOTAL:	\$26,724.89

2026 Shares Paid to Date

Benevolent	\$0.00
Connectional	\$0.00
Clergy	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$0.00

The paid YTD numbers are through April 2026. .

There were no payments made for the month of January, February, March, and April 2026.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Thank you for the continued sharing of your time, service, and financial support as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ and help all persons Encounter God, Experience Love, and Engage in Ministry.

As this article is written on April 20, there is an expectation that the end of April will reflect a 2026 year-to-date ordinary net loss, with operating expenses exceeding income by approximately \$14,000. The net loss does not reflect the fact that the 2026 Shares of Ministry for January through April have not been paid. If they had been paid, there would have been additional operating expenses through April of \$8,908.30 with an increased net loss.

Two of the larger expense drivers are church maintenance and heating oil. While maintenance typically includes plumbing and water issues and normal facility wear and tear and upkeep, there were approximately \$5,000 in expenses year-to-date over and above normal expenses. Items included repairs to the lift in the APR, leakage testing of the buried oil tank, roof repairs, UV light service, and removal of the oil pumps no longer used based on the installation of new heat pumps. Heating oil deliveries were made in January, February, and March with a three-month average of 1,093 gallons per month. The per gallon cost was \$3.55 in January, \$4.05 in February, and \$5.35 in March so the same basic amount of oil had a dramatic cost increase month to month.

A new Electronic Security Fire System was installed in February at a total cost of \$19,123 with a 30% down payment of \$5,737 paid in February and twelve monthly payments of \$1,115.50 per month starting in March. This is a capitalized expense and not part of the operating budget. If you are interested in contributing to help pay this expense, donations can be designated to the Capital Fund and included along with your Sunday tithes or offering.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our April Mission Central Volunteer trip!! We had a team of 12 who enjoyed a great day of service.

Our next two Mission Central service opportunities are Saturday, August 1, 2026, and Saturday, October 3, 2026
Our service times for these Saturdays are 9:15 – 11:45 AM

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us!!

MAY DONATIONS:

We will be collecting the following items for Mission Central Kits in May as part of Annual Conference collection.

Our River Valley District has been assigned Hand towels & erasers.

Hand towels (for the Care Kits) should be standard cotton hand towels (NO fleece, microfiber or kitchen towels)

Erasers – (for the Activity Kits) these can be any size and any color

Also, our recent volunteers noted a critical need while serving, they were very short on Air Fresheners!! The air fresheners will be collected and delivered separately from the other items.

Air Fresheners: these need to be PUMP SPRAY and between 4 – 8 oz in size.

Thank you to all who donate!!! Every item is much needed and very much appreciated!!!



United
Women
in Faith

Seven of our ladies participated in the Mission Central Volunteer trip on April 13, 2026, Connie, Deb, Linda, Julie, Lois, Pastor Becky and Carrie. Thank you to all who were able to go, it was a great day of service.

Upcoming meetings:

May 11, 2026: Covered Dish & White Elephant Sale starts at 6:00 pm. This fundraiser supports our local unit and the many mission opportunities we support. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

June 8, 2026: Regular meeting at 7:00 pm (to make up for missing January & February)

**** since we will not be having regular meetings in April & May, please be sure to get your monthly offering to Deb Shultz!



We have someone celebrating 90+ birthdays this month!

Please send birthday wishes to:

Glenn Grove
5129 Dairy Road
Red Lion, PA 17356



6th – Heather Poteet	22nd – Julie Hildebrand
11th – Glenn Grove	26th – Trena Mego
11th – Brian Orwig	30th – Sandie Rock
21st – Carrie Anderson	30th – Steven Taylor

6th – Gabrielle & Jonathan Mosebach 3 years
24th – Eunice and Randy Criswell

MAY 2026 VOLUNTEERS

<u>Greeters:</u> Vince and Carrie Anderson	<u>Counter Coordinator:</u> Brian H.	<u>Sound and Media Shout Coordinator:</u> Bill W.	<u>Sunday School Coordinator:</u> Tammy W.	<u>Greeter Coordinators:</u> Bob & Lois Arsenault
<u>Liturgist</u> 5/3 - Vince A. 5/10 - Linda A. 5/17 - Dawn B. 5/24 - Bill W. 5/31 - Eunice C.	<u>Counters</u> 5/3 - Richard J. & Brian H. 5/10 - Deb S. & Brian H. 5/17 - Dawn B. & Terri L. 5/24 - Richard J. & Brian H. 5/31 - Deb S. & Brian H.	<u>Sound and Media Shout</u> 5/3 - Quinn W. & Amanda L. 5/10 - Bill W. & Tammy W. 5/17 - Buddy M. & Brian H. 5/24 - Dawson G. & Dawn B. 5/30 - Quinn W. & Amanda L.	<u>Sunday School Teachers & Helpers</u> 5/3 - No Sunday School 5/10 - ? & Tabitha G. 5/17 - Joy H. & Ann M. 5/24 - Tammy W. & Linda A. 5/30 - Eunice C. & Tammy W.	

If you are interested in serving as Liturgist during Sunday services please contact the office at 717-244-1984 or send an email to adminassist@winterstownchurch.org

Worship Service
10:30AM



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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Growing Friends' Sunday Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:15am Worship - 10:30AM Communion	4	5	6 Senior Choir Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM	7 National Day Of Prayer Praise Band Practice - 6:30PM	8	9
10 Mother's Day 6th Sunday after Easter Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	11	12 Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM 60+ Group @ Bethany Felton - 2:00PM	13 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM	14 Ascension of the Lord Praise Band Practice - 6:30PM	15	16
17 Ascension Sunday Special Church Conference Rebuild Vote—11:30AM	18	19	20	21 BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton @ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM APR USE - 7:00AM-2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:30PM	22	23
24 Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	25 Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	26	27 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	28 Praise Band Practice - 6:30PM	29	30

31 Trinity Sunday
 Bethany Felton - 9:15AM
 Sunday School - 9:15AM
 Worship - 10:30AM
 Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM

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. -churchart.com