



 Wheatland

## REFLECTIONS

While the destination to ‘dwell in the house of the LORD for ever’ (Ps. 23:6) awaits consummation, Numbers is both compass and map for the journey, revealing both the glory of YHWH and the nature of humanity. ‘These things were written for our instruction,’ wrote Paul of Israel’s wilderness experience (1 Cor. 10:11), that we might learn the strength of YHWH’s arm, the absolute nature of his holiness and the tenderness of his boundless mercies; that we might forsake unbelief and grumbling, and follow him with simple dependence and songs of gladness. Asaph had made a similar exhortation in Psalm 78, calling on Israel not to be like their fathers in the wilderness, but to remember God’s wonderful works with praise and loyalty. This perennial application is built into the shape of Numbers, as the second generation, goaded by the failings of their forebears and by their own yearning for life in the land, steadily matures along their journeys with God. In this way, Israel’s second generation serves as a paradigm for God’s people in every generation, for Numbers is chiefly an analysis of Israel as the covenant community formed at Sinai, structurally expressed as the Camp of Israel...

The traditional Jewish [name for the book of Numbers], retained by modern Hebrew Bibles, is Bemidbar or ‘In the wilderness,’ taken from the opening verse. ‘In the wilderness’ is the preferable title inasmuch as the wilderness describes not only the drama’s locale, but also the period in Israel’s life encompassed by the book. The wilderness represents more than a place, but a time and a mode of being. With Egypt behind and the hope of the land before, the wilderness is an in-between place for Israel, which characterizes the transitions of Bemidbar: from Mount Sinai to the plains of Moab, from the first to the second generation of Israel, from Aaron’s high priesthood to that of his son Eleazar, from the governance of Moses to the military leadership of Joshua. The wilderness sojourn was the context for Israel to learn to live as a covenant community, as the multitudes redeemed out of Egypt were organized into a four-square encampment embodying the polity, structure and nature of the Sinai covenant, a community where YHWH dwelled among his people as sovereign.

*L. Michael Morales*

I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

*Exodus 29:45–46*

## September 7, 2025 | Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

▲ Congregation Stands      *Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.*

▼ Congregation Sits      *For a large-print edition of the bulletin, please call the church office.*

### Collect for the Day



Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### ▼ PRELUDE



*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
now as we worship before him.*

## ▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 13



**Leader:** How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**People:** How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and every day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

**Leader:** Look on me and answer, O LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;

**People:** my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

**Leader:** But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**People:** I will sing to the LORD,  
for he has been good to me.

# ▲ The Power of the Cross



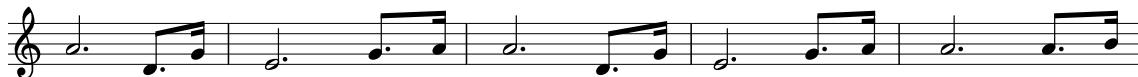
1.Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.  
 2.Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,  
 3.Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath  
 4.Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. 1.2.3.This the  
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. 4.This the  
 dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished" the vic - t'ry cry.  
 life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!



pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the  
 pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross. at the cross.  
 cost. We stand for - giv - en

## ▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together by praying—

**Unison:** Gracious Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—

only when it was convenient for us,

only in those places where it was safe to do so,

and only with those who made it easy for us to do so.

Forgive us, renew us, and send us out from here

as usable instruments of your Truth and Grace,

that we might live out the full implications of the Cross

in the world around us. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

## ▼ Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8–12



The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## ▲ Thanksgiving



Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**People:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# ▲ Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Hail to the Lord's a - nointed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail in the



time ap - point-ed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be - gun!



1.He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2.He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
 3.To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turned to light,  
 4.He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 5.The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong. (to vs. 3)  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth. (to vs. 5)  
 his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love.

## ▲ G O S P E L

Luke 14:25–33



Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## ▼ S A C R A M E N T O F B A P T I S M

8:30 Service



Helen Rose Chapman, born May 10, 2025, daughter of Ben & Laura Chapman  
Silas Jeremiah Detweiler, born July 11, 2025, son of Jeremy & Becca Detweiler  
Thomas Clayton Gerlach, born July 10, 2025, son of Ben & Susannah Gerlach



## ▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



Unison: We believe what we have received:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures

We believe that Christ appeared to the apostle Peter,  
and then to the Twelve.

We believe that Christ also appeared to more than  
five hundred of the brothers at one time.

We believe that Christ will come again  
to judge the Living and the Dead.

## ▲ PRAYER



Leader: O Christ, who is our peace, be now to those of us suffering from anxiety  
a fountain of life, a stream of gladness, a deep pool of rest.  
Take our anxieties, and unseat them with your better promises.  
O Christ, our North Star, reorient our drifting hearts to your lovingkindness.  
In the raging waters of our souls, bid the storms to be still.  
Lead us in to your still harbor. Anchor again our hopes in you.  
You are the only way in which we might weather the buffetings  
of anxious thoughts, pressures, expectations, and demands  
in this anxiety-fraught world.

Calm our hearts, O Father.

Soothe our minds, O Christ.

Breathe your peace, O Spirit, upon us.

Almighty God, be our sheltering rock. Amen

## ▼ OFFERING

Romans 12:1



Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

*Children, ages 3 -5 years, are dismissed for Children's Worship Training.*

*Children will be served a small snack: please alert volunteers to any allergies.*

*Please fill in the attendance pad, pass it down the pew and then back.*

*If you are able to continue to give, you may do so online at [www.wheatlandpca.org/give](http://www.wheatlandpca.org/give) or by mail.*

*If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at [Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org](mailto:Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org).*

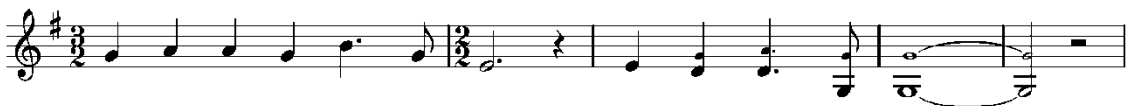
## ▼ He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er would pre -  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is -



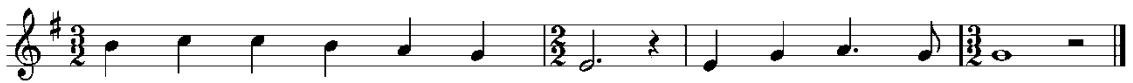
vail. He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost: His Prom - is - es shall last;  
fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast. (Go to 2nd verse)  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.



<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. <sup>3</sup>From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company. <sup>4</sup>And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers. <sup>5</sup>And these are the names of the men who shall assist you. From Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; <sup>6</sup>from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; <sup>7</sup>from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; <sup>8</sup>from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; <sup>9</sup>from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; <sup>10</sup>from the sons of Joseph, from Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud, and from Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur; <sup>11</sup>from Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni; <sup>12</sup>from Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai; <sup>13</sup>from Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran; <sup>14</sup>from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel; <sup>15</sup>from Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.”  
<sup>16</sup>These were the ones chosen from the congregation, the chiefs of their ancestral tribes, the heads of the clans of Israel.

<sup>17</sup>Moses and Aaron took these men who had been named, <sup>18</sup>and on the first day of the second month, they assembled the whole congregation together, who registered themselves by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names from twenty years old and upward, head by head, <sup>19</sup>as the Lord commanded Moses. So he listed them in the wilderness of Sinai.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## ▼ In the Wilderness

Rev. Luke D. Le Duc



Manuscripts of the sermon are available in the Narthex.

## ▲ THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People:** It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing:

▲ Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry.

Bless'd is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *Hallelujah!*

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. *Hallelujah!*

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## ▼ Invitation and Prayer



Pastor: This Table is a place of nourishment for followers of Jesus Christ.

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone, are in good standing with a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to eat this meal with us. But examine yourself, for Scripture reminds us that whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the Body and Blood of the Lord. And while none of us are worthy apart from Christ, to even gather up the crumbs from this Table, we eagerly eat this meal with faith in Christ and gratitude to God for his salvation.

**Unison:** We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. Amen.

## ▼ Words of Institution



Pastor: And it was in mercy towards us that our heavenly Father gave his only Son to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption.

*As it is written:* On the night Christ was betrayed he took Bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then in the same way, after supper Jesus took the Cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.



## ▼ Coming to the Table

You will be invited forward up the center aisle and you will return down the outside aisle.

If you are unable to come to the front to take communion, remain in your seat and it will be brought

to you. The bread is gluten free. Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice is in the purple cups.

If you are not eating the Supper with us today, you may come forward with your hands clasped together to receive prayer, or you may spend this time in prayer at your seat using the communion

prayers printed in the back of the bulletin. We welcome our children to come forward to the Table for prayer (*see Children and Communion at the back of this order of worship*).

Please hold the bread and the cup until invited to eat and drink.



## ▼ His Mercy is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His  
 4. What feast - ing on mer - cy He spreads at this Meal. This



ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We  
 Bread is His Bo - dy; Sal - va - tion for all. This



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our  
 Wine is His Blood, our for - give - ness out - poured. Our



sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer-cy is more...



Strong-er than dark-ness, new ev-'ry morn. Our sins, they are man-y; His mer-cy is more.

# ▼ Jesus, Thank You



Themys - t'ry of the cross I can-not com - pre - hend, the  
By Your per - fect sac - ri-fice I've been brought near. Your



ag - o-nies of Cal - va - ry. You, the per - fect Ho - ly One,  
en - e - my You've made Your friend. Pour-ing out the rich - es of Your



crushed Your Son, Who drank the bit - ter cup re-served - for me.  
glo - rious grace, Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.

## Chorus



Your blood has washed a - way my sin. Je - sus, thank You. The



Fa-ther's wrath com-plete - ly sat - is - fied, Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,

## Bridge



— now seat-ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus thank You. Lov - er of



— my soul, I want to live for You.





## ▲ Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Unison:** Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries—  
the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son.  
Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace,  
that we may continue in holy fellowship with you,  
and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



## ▲ Psalm of Praise

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People:** All that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People:** and forget not all his benefits  
Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,  
**People:** who heals all your diseases,  
Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,  
**People:** who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.  
Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**People:** nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**People:** so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,  
**People:** so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children,  
**People:** so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.  
Pastor: For he knows our frame;  
**People:** he remembers that we are dust.



## ▲ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## ▲ B E N E D I C T I O N

Matthew 11:28–30



Come to me to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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# L I F E   T O G E T H E R

## THIS WEEK AT WHEATLAND

### Sunday, Sept 7

8:30 & 11:15am Worship

10:15am Sunday Classes

### Tuesday, Sept 9

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

7:00pm Young Adult Game Night

### Thursday, Sept 11

6:30am Men's Virtual Bible Study

7:30am Prayer at Becker's 413 College Ave.

7:00pm Men's Discipleship Group

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

## Sunday, Sept 14

8:30 & 11:15am Worship

10:15am Sunday Classes

1:00pm Young Adult Lunch Newswangers

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CLASS LOCATIONS

3's/4's - Reformation House Room 24

K/1's - Reformation House Room 23

2nd/3rd - Reformation House Room 22

4th/5th - Reformation House Room 21

Middle School - Harvest House Calvin Room

High School - Harvest House Augustine Rm

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

**TODAY 10:15 – 11:00am**

### **Discipleship Opportunities (Sanctuary)**

Adults will gather in the sanctuary to hear about some of the 2025-2026 opportunities for discipleship at Wheatland. This will include church-wide discipleship opportunities as well as some that are specific to men and women.

### **Starting on September 14**

#### **The Church (Kevin Sheahan – Sanctuary)**

Francis Turretin said that the church is the primary work of the Trinity. In an age of skepticism about the church, we need to understand what the church is and what the church is for. A proper study of the nature and purpose of the Church will encourage us to pursue our God-given design in light of Christ's saving work and the Spirit's empowerment.

#### **Forgiveness (Bruce Etter – Room 10)**

What exactly is forgiveness? How do you know when you've given it? How do you know when you've properly received it? How do we forgive those who have hurt us deeply? Drawing insights from Tim Keller's book entitled *Forgive*, we will spend five weeks discussing these questions and many others, related to forgiveness (Having a copy of the book is not necessary to attend the class).

## WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Recalling Clint Watkins' sermon of Aug. 24, you may remember his exhortation for God's people to lean into all of His Scripture. We will be leaning into the book of Ecclesiastes this fall. Please join us Wednesday mornings starting **Sept. 17**, 9:15-11am. Email Beth Slough to register attendance, participants and children, [baslough@gmail.com](mailto:baslough@gmail.com).

## YOUNG ADULT LUNCH

If you fall into the early 20's to early 30's age group, join the Young Adult group for lunch on Sunday, **Sept. 14**. We will meet at the Newswanger's house at 1:00pm. A text or email RSVP is requested to Samuel at (717) 847-3559 or [SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org).

## THE ROW HOUSE FORUM

The next Row House Forum welcomes Chad Martin, Executive Director of Chestnut Housing speaking on *They Shall Build Houses*. Available housing today is far outpaced by demand, driving rents and mortgages through the roof. Chad will describe solutions: Building more units to take pressure off the market and to move our most vulnerable neighbors into safe, affordable shelters, homes they can call their own. Join us at The Square Halo Gallery, 37 N. Market St. Lancaster, Friday, **Sept. 12** at 7:00pm. For more info and to reserve a seat visit [www.therowhouse.org](http://www.therowhouse.org). Tickets are \$15 in advance, free to Row House Members plus one, and \$20 at door.

# LIFE TOGETHER

## MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

*Monday Bible Study* – Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7pm in the Augustine Room.  
Contact Keith [kwinder@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for details.

*Thursday Morning Study* – Meets virtually at 6:30am weekly to study a book of the Bible. Grab a cup of coffee and your favorite commentary and join us. Contact Steve Osborne at 717-693-6816 for details.

*Weekly Discipleship Group* – Meets on Thursday evenings in Room 10 at the church from 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Edmund Byne at 404-583-4253 or [Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag](mailto:Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag) for details.

## YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

If you fall into the early 20's to early 30's age group, check out Wheatland's Young Adult ministry!

*Young Adult Game Nights* are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for a time of fellowship and fun. All Wheatland young adults are invited to join us and bring friends. We'll play a variety of tabletop and board games and enjoy snacks.  
Contact Samuel at (717) 847-3559 or [SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org) for details.

*Young Adult Sunday Lunches* happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. A text or email RSVP to Samuel is requested.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

*The Young Moms Book Group* | We will be reading and discussing *For the Love of Discipline* by Sara Wallace this fall, meeting on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00pm. For more info contact Chicory Biers [chicorybiers@gmail.com](mailto:chicorybiers@gmail.com).

*Women's Discipleship Events* : Save the dates!

- Jan. 24, 10am-12pm Book Swap & Coffee
- Apr. 18, 7:00-9:00pm Small Group Activities
- June 13 10am-12pm Year-End Celebration

*Fall Bible Studies* | Wheatland Women's Bible Studies will begin in September.

- Wednesday Morning: This study meets weekly at the church from 9:15-11:00am and will be studying Ecclesiastes beginning on **Sept. 17**. Childcare is provided. Contact Beth Slough [baslough@gmail.com](mailto:baslough@gmail.com) to register.
- Thursday Night: This study meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at the Beirs' house from 7:00-8:30pm and will be studying Romans beginning on **Sept. 11**. Contact Erin Quillen [equillen@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:equillen@wheatlandpca.org).
- Saturday Morning: This study, meets 2x/month at the church from 8:00-9:30am, and will study 1-2 Peter and Jude starting **Sept. 20**. Contact Catherine Achor [Kitkarvt85@gmail.com](mailto:Kitkarvt85@gmail.com).

# LIFE TOGETHER

## ROOTS YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

If you or your student is in grades 6–12, check out the Roots Youth Activities at Wheatland!

*Sunday night gatherings* happen every Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00pm.

*Sunday School Classes* meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Reformation House during the Sunday School hour.

## DISCIPLESHIP: TRIADS

Triads are gatherings of three men or three women who seek to grow more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. Triads meet regularly (weekly, twice a month, or monthly) to study the Scriptures, read through a book, pray, and deepen our fellowship with one another. Create your own triad with some fellow Wheatlanders or reach out to Keith Winder [kwinder@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for help or questions.

## MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

To be placed on the list to receive the login information for our Tuesday Morning Prayer time held on Zoom, please contact Betsy at [bboone@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org).

## FOOD BANK

We collect food every Sunday for a local affordable senior housing apartment complex, LongCrest, on W. Walnut St. Our donations of non-perishable food and household items can make a difference for them. Please think about them when you are shopping and pick up a few extra items that a household of one could use. Place your donations in the box in the narthex.

## WHEATLAND COMMUNICATIONS

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please contact Betsy at [bboone@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org) and we will add your name to the list.

## WHEATLAND RECORDINGS

Recordings of the sermons are available on the website, [www.wheatlandpca.org](http://www.wheatlandpca.org). Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service and adult Sunday classes are also on the website. For CD's of the worship service, please contact Betsy at [bboone@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:bboone@wheatlandpca.org).

## PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is an important part of our church life. If you have a prayer request or would like to join with other Wheatlanders who are committed to bearing one another's burdens in prayer on the Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Seevers at [seseevers49@gmail.com](mailto:seseevers49@gmail.com).

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## **Ruling Elders**

John Bast  
Glyn Boone  
Greg Chalfant  
Joe Hunter  
Les Slough

## **Deacons**

Bill Bradley  
Mark Broomell  
Justin Harbin  
Peter Horning  
Joseph Kiehl  
Jesse Sanders  
Dave Smith  
Dain Zimmerman

## **Deaconesses**

Crista Bush  
Kim Byne  
Sharon Givler  
Amanda Long  
Teresa Maier  
Priscilla Parker  
Becky Smith  
Diane Wolgemuth

## **WHEATLAND DIACONATE**

The Diaconate at Wheatland work to manage property upkeep and to facilitate mercy ministries of sympathy and service among our members and regular attenders. If you have a concern about the property, a mercy-need, or want to get in touch with a deacon or deaconess, you can reach out personally (contact information is in Elexio) or email [Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org](mailto:Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org).

## **CARE GROUPS**

Our congregation is organized geographically into Care Groups. These groups meet 2x/month to share meals and deepen fellowship with each other. Care Groups are organized as follows:

**Lancaster City (NW)** - Luke & Terilyn Le Duc  
[lleduc@wheatlandpca.org](mailto:lleduc@wheatlandpca.org)

**Lancaster City (SW/E)** - Joe & Tenli Hunter  
[joeh1989@gmail.com](mailto:joeh1989@gmail.com)

**Hempfield** - Bill & Catherine Achor  
[kitkatvt85@gmail.com](mailto:kitkatvt85@gmail.com)

**School Lane Hills** - Dain & Kristen Zimmerman  
[kristen.zimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.zimmerman@gmail.com)

**Hamilton Park** - Jim & Joy Bates  
[jbates01@mac.com](mailto:jbates01@mac.com)

**Mountville/Millersville** –  
Dallas & Diane Wolgemuth  
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**Lampeter Strasburg** - Paul & Deb Kreider  
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**Leola/New Holland** – Glyn & Betsy Boone  
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**Manheim Twp/Lititz** – Zac & Jess Northen  
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## Wheatland Missionary Spotlight

Kevin Sheahan, with wife Angie and sons Micaiah and Benjamin  
Kevin is based in Ephrata, traveling to teach in locations across the globe.

Kevin works with Training Leaders International to train indigenous pastors in various locations where theological education is unavailable. TLI's mission is to strengthen the global church by equipping its pastors.



Pray for Kevin...

- For encouragement and fruitfulness while raising financial support.
- For pastors and church leaders Kevin has taught in Togo and Ethiopia, that they remain committed to the Lord and his Word.
- For Kevin's family as they endure this transition season and his frequent absence.

To learn more about Kevin's work with TLI, email [Kevin.Sheahan@TrainingLeadersInternational.org](mailto:Kevin.Sheahan@TrainingLeadersInternational.org).

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## Communion Prayers

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, compelling, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Trusting that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

### Children and Communion

Our baptized children are covenant children of our church, a rich part of our life together at Wheatland, and we long to see them eating with us at the Table. As a denomination (Presbyterian Church in America), we do not practice giving communion to children before they profess their faith to the Elders of our church and undertake the obligations and duties of a communing member. However, it is a deep joy to gather them with us at this Table so that we might pray for them. Our prayer is that they will grow in their faith and love of Jesus and his gospel and in due time will profess their faith publicly to our Elders and join us to eat this meal of grace.

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by equipping the  
community of believers  
to lovingly confront  
our generation  
with the gospel of  
Jesus Christ.



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George Yellak  
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