



Winterstown UMC

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Monday - Friday

10:30AM - 1:30PM

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 10:00AM

Newsletter Deadline

20th of each month

Worship
10:00AM

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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757-709-5187

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Meet Our Staff

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Sandra Gingrich

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Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates




Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14)

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!


What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/8-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



PUZZLE UNFADING BEAUTY

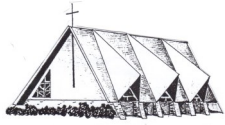
Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

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| flower, stem, bee, leaf | — ○ — |
| pink, red, yellow, blue | — — ○ — |
| mother, sister, brother, aunt | — — — ○ — — |
| purple, dress, skirt, blouse | — — — — ○ ○ — |
| necklace, ring, bracelet, braid | — — — — — ○ — |
| diamond, emerald, heart, ruby | — — — — — ○ — |
| orange, cherry, potato, kiwi | — — — — — ○ — |
| my, our, she, your | — — — — — ○ — |
| faith, family, love, hope | — — — — — ○ — |
| sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature | — — — — — ○ — |
| cookie, cake, pie, sandwich | — — — — — ○ — |
| silver, white, gold, bronze | — — — — — ○ — |

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g _ _ _ _ and qu _ _ _ p _ _ _ which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, red, yellow, blue, mother, sister, brother, aunt, purple, dress, skirt, blouse, necklace, ring, bracelet, braid, diamond, emerald, heart, ruby, orange, cherry, potato, kiwi, my, our, she, your, faith, family, love, hope, sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature, cookie, cake, pie, sandwich, silver, white, gold, bronze



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

By the time you read this article, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, which is from April 23 – May 3 in Charlotte, NC, will be in session. The 2020 General Conference was postponed and is now finally taking place. There are 133 annual conferences from around the world, with 55% of the delegates representing conferences from the U.S. and the remaining 45% of the delegates from the rest of the world.

These are the major areas of legislation which are being presented:

regionalization, the general church budget, new African bishops, revised social principles, dealing with disaffiliations, same-sex weddings and “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy, ecumenical relationships, clergy focus, responses to sexual misconduct, students and special Sundays, treatment of girls and women, young people’s ministries, older adult concerns, and Wespath — New clergy retirement plan. If you would like to read the overview of these topics on which legislation has been presented, you can use this QR code:



There are just three areas which I will share some background. The first is regionalization. The basic gist of the legislation is to create distinct regions which will have “the same duties and powers to pass legislation” in their own geographical areas. Currently, as the U.S. has the most delegates, legislation is usually biased towards the U.S. Setting up separate regions with their own legislative capabilities means each region would be able to make decisions which affect their geographical ministry areas in both a more timely and appropriate manner.

The second area is the budget of The United Methodist Church. A \$370.5 million budget is being proposed. This represents a 40% decrease from the previous budget. This budget, if passed, will mean a drop in what each conference is required to pay in its fair shares to The UM Church as a whole. Hopefully, this decrease will then be experienced by all the local churches in all the conferences.

The last legislation area is one which makes me sad to consider, but it may be important in the life of WUMC. There are a couple of disaffiliation proposals being considered. One of them came from our Susquehanna Conference, so Rev. Dr. Tom Salsgiver did make good on his word to us that he/his committee/our conference would put forth a disaffiliation piece of legislation.

Having given this very brief overview of what is being addressed at this important time in the life of The United Methodist Church, I ask that we all pray for our denomination. As happened last year as the deadlines for disaffiliation were approaching, there has been and is a lot of inaccurate and speculative “information” being shared. To be accurately informed, please go directly to the General Conference’s official site to find out what’s really transpiring.



Finally, the leadership team of WUMC knows that some pieces of legislation may affect the future of our church here in Winterstown. So, we have already scheduled a meeting for Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost) after worship. During this all-church meeting, we will share what actually happened at General Conference and then give everyone a chance to ask questions and/or share your thoughts and concerns. Let’s please continue to behave lovingly and respectfully in the days ahead – especially towards people whose beliefs may not be the same as yours. Loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves hasn’t changed since Jesus said these actions are the two most important commandments.

In God’s Love ,

Pastor Becky

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GROWING FRIENDS

Happy May! The last month of our preschool program, the last full month of school for our school age students! Summer is just right around the corner!!

Growing Friends is closed Monday, May 27th this month.

We kick May off with National Teacher Appreciation week! This special celebration is the whole week of May 6th! We encourage you to take a moment and show your appreciation to Growing Friends staff as they devote their time, talent and love to each child they care for daily. Whether it's the gesture of a special item, a heartfelt note, a simple thank you, etc. staff are so appreciative of the simple acknowledgement of their hard work and passion. Being in business for 26 years, did you know that over a handful of our staff have worked here for 10+ years?! We truly have an amazing family here and are truly blessed!

Our Preschool Program comes to an end this month with their promotional and graduation ceremonies. Graduation ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd starting promptly at 6:30pm. Promotional ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd starting promptly at 9:15am, during their last class scheduled time.

NHW concludes their school year on Friday, May 24th with an early dismissal. Stewartstown Elementary concludes their school year on Friday, May 31st with an early dismissal.

We also acknowledge and thank all the church volunteers for their time with Simply Love and Sunday School as these two programs come to a close this month. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your personal lives to help enrich the children with religious activities and guide them spiritually.

A HUGE thank you to all that sold/purchased sub/sandwiches from our fundraiser in April! This was our biggest sale and profit ever! We thank you so much for your support and truly appreciate your help by spreading the word. Our next sale will be in June! We have many events and special days this month all closing out a wonderful school year, leading to a super fun summer. Please look for more information in our monthly daycare newsletter to learn more.

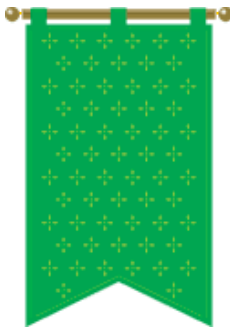
Thank you!

Much appreciation,
Ms. Abby
&
Ms. Danielle

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Email us anytime at: GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com.
Call us: Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (717) 246-8017



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - GREEN

Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.



May Birthdays

2 Dale Flinchbaugh
11 Glenn Grove
12 Donalene Grove

20 Charlene Emenheiser
21 Carrie Anderson
22 Julie Hildebrand

30 Sandie Rock
30 Steven Taylor



CARD SHOWER

We have two people celebrating 90+ birthdays!
Please send birthday wishes to:

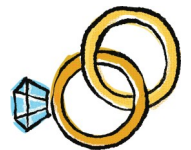
Glenn Grove
5129 Dairy Road
Red Lion, PA 17356

Donalene Grove
12706 High Point Road
Felton, PA 17322

Anniversaries

16 Brian & Shelly Gladfelter - 37th

24 Randy & Eunice Criswell



PRAYER list

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Becky & Mark McGee, Growing Friends, North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School, North Hopewell-Winterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Glenn & Donna Grove, Eva Miller, Charlene Emenheiser, Dale Flinchbaugh, Doris Edwards, Chugg Gibbs, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Donalene Grove, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Jerry Joines, Chellie Willis, Lee & Colleen, Becky, Dee & Jim, Sharon & Greg, Freddie Williams, Sharon Hollingshead, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Sandy Trotter, Brandy, Becky, Lee, Lori, Bob & Diana Bertling, Dan Morrison & Family, Zach, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Sylvia & Larry Riddle, Betty Saylor



ENGAGE IN MINISTRY



The first Sunday of every month we accept pennies. There is a container on the table right outside the Sanctuary door. This money goes to the United Methodist Home for Children in Mechanicsburg. Thank you for your contributions.



If you have a heart for visiting our folks who are homebound, then please let the office know you are willing to be a part of a visitation ministry. Your visits are a way for these people to experience love and to know they are not forgotten by their church family.

Send information to:
info@winterstownumc.org

Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser



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

Mission Central invites you to join us for a plant and vendor fair on May 4, 2024, here at Mission Central!

We encourage you to stop by with friends and family to shop local artisans and tour our warehouse. We know how impactful a tour of the warehouse can be in understanding our mission and the work we do, so we hope to see you there!

**Where: Mission Central Parking Lot
5 Pleasant View Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

What to expect:

- Local Artisans
- Seeds, Plants and Flowers
- Baked Goods & Refreshments
- Handmade Crafts
- Music
- Kids Activities
- Warehouse Tours

Mission Central Presents:



**May 4, 2024
9:00 AM -
1:00 PM**

MAY 2024 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

May 5 - Bill W.
May 12 - Connie H.
May 19 - Donald G.
May 26 - Vince A.

Counters

May 5 - Deb S & Brian H
May 12 - Dawn B & Terri Laird
May 19 - Richard J & Brian H
May 26 - Deb S & Brian H

Sound and Media Shout

May 5 - Scott G & Patti G
May 12 - Bill W & Tammy W
May 19 - Buddy M & Brian H
May 26 - Scott G & Patti G

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



Worship Service
10:00AM

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bolded Items denotes use of All Purpose Room			1	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
			Storytime 9:30AM Small Group 10:00AM Senior Choir 7:00PM	APR Use 9:00-4:30PM Small Group 2:00PM Small Group 7:00PM		
5 Growing Friends Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
Children's Sunday School 10:00am	Teacher Appreciation Week					
	GF Fieldtrip to NHW 10:00-11:00AM	Last Simply Loved 3:30PM	Storytime 9:30AM Small Group 10:00AM Senior Choir 7:00PM	Ascension of the Lord Small Group 2:00PM NHW Bookfair & Food Trucks 5:00-7:00PM	4's PSP Mom Spa Day 9:00-11:30AM	
12 Ascension Sunday Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
LAST Children's Sunday School 10:00am	UWF 7:00PM	Lion's Pride Lunch Bunch 11:30AM	Storytime 9:30AM Small Group 10:00AM Senior Choir 7:00PM	Small Group 2:00PM	APR USE 4:00-8:00PM	
19 Day of Pentecost Communion All-Church Meeting after service APR USE 12:30-6:00PM	20 Last Soccer Shots 3:15-4:00PM	21	22 APR USE 8:00-8:00PM Storytime 9:30AM Small Group 10:00AM 4's PSP Graduation 6:30PM Senior Choir 7:00PM	23 APR USE 8:00-1:00PM 3's PSP Graduation 9:00-11:30AM Small Group 2:00PM	24 Red Lion's Last Day Early Dismissal for Stew Crew	25
26 Trinity Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday	27 Memorial Day Growing Friends Closed	28	29 Storytime 9:30AM Small Group 10:00AM Senior Choir 7:00PM	30 Small Group 2:00PM	31 Stewartstown's Last Day Early Dismissal for Stewartstown	

“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”

—Martin Luther



TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

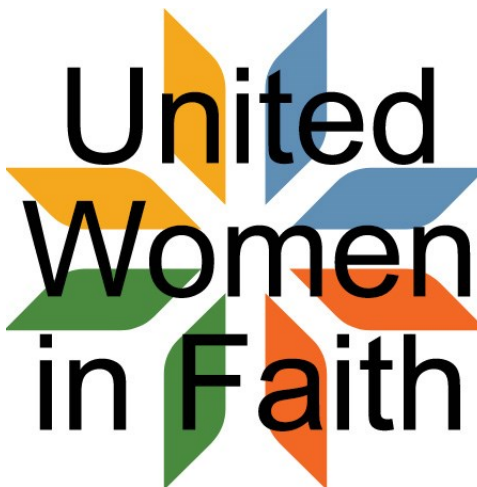


2024 Shares Of Ministry		2024 Shares Paid to Date	
Benevolent	\$7,516.13	Benevolent	\$626.34
Connectional	\$11,185.61	Connectional	\$932.13
Clergy	\$12,043.64	Clergy	\$1,003.64
TOTAL:	\$30,745.38	TOTAL:	\$2,562.11



FINANCIAL STANDING

We are in the Easter season, a time where we reflect on Jesus and the great love he had for us by willingly going to the cross and taking on all our sins. We know that everything we have is ours through his ongoing love and kindness. We can consider ways that we return that love back to him through our acts of kindness and giving. A new refrigerator recently had to be purchased for the Parsonage and the United Women in Faith organization donated \$700 to the church with the Senior Youth contributing the remaining \$95 to totally cover the purchase. The Senior Youth also contributed \$500 to the church from the proceeds received during their 2023 candy making event. We thank everyone for their continued giving and for those that have been able to increase the amount of their tithes and offerings. The trend continues that our monthly expenses are running higher than our income. To date, we have been able to meet all our normal operating expenses except for February through April Shares of Ministry. Please continue to prayerfully consider your giving as we thank the one who gave ALL for us on the cross.



United Women in Faith:

The regular meeting of the Winterstown United Women in Faith was called to order April 8, 2024, by Vice President, Eunice C. There were 11 members in attendance:

After the business meeting Eunice presented the evening program – Topic: Hospitality

The group then assembled 50 care kits that will be delivered to Mission Central. Thank you to Ann McGinnis who will deliver these for us.

Our upcoming meeting on May 13, 2024, will be our Mother & Daughter Banquet. We will meet at 6:00 pm for dinner followed by entertainment.

The Mother & Daughter Banquet is open to any ladies of the church. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is May 5th.

Carrie Anderson

LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES - TUESDAY MARCH 5TH, 2024

Present: Buddy and Ann McGinnis, Connie Human, Pastor Becky, Gabe Hildebrand, Dawn Burg, and Tammy and Bill Waldrup.

Prayer: Buddy opened the meeting with prayer.

Buddy announced that the General Conference will be held from April 23 to May 3rd, 2024. This is a continuation from the General Conference of 2020. Please keep our conference in daily prayers as they make decisions for The United Methodist Church and its members. We don't know what will happen until after the conference and so information will be shared with the congregation at the all-church meeting after worship May 19.

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Finances: Connie went over the financial reports and answered any questions.

Growing Friends: Abby and Danielle submitted a letter keeping the LT up to date on the happenings of the daycare. They also noted that they have some things that need repaired. Gabe will organize this. Sunday, May 5th is Teacher Appreciation

Mowing: It is that time of year again when mowing/trimming is needed. It will be done at a cost of \$150.00 a week.

Sign: The new sign is here and we are organizing a time for installation.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Bill W. had a birthday, so cake was shared to celebrate his special day. Dawn closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Burg

Annual Conference Donation requests a special donation of money to purchase hand towels. If you would rather donate the actual towels, please refer to Mission Central guidelines: must be good quality - can be kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels. Please ensure towel is dry. You can remove the price tag but please leave on the brand tagging. Thank you so much for your kindness in helping us help others.



Join Stewartstown Food Pantry and other local nonprofits at the Stewartstown Block Party on May 3rd. This event will be held at Stewartstown UMC rain or shine and features live music, food for purchase, and fun activities for children. This family-friendly event is part of Give Local York. Through Give Local York, donor giving is amplified through a STRETCH POOL. The more donors who give to our cause through this campaign, the more STRETCH POOL dollars Stewartstown Food Pantry receives. Every donation has a greater impact when made through Give Local York.

Donations to Give Local York campaign can be made three ways:

- Give online. This must be done between 9PM May 2nd and 9PM May 3rd. Go to www.givelocalyork.com and search for Stewartstown Food Pantry.
- Mail a check to the Stewartstown UMC Food Pantry, 26 S. Main St., Stewartstown PA 17363. Your check must be received BEFORE May 3rd. Give Local York must be in the memo line.
- Give in person at our Block Party. Join us May 3rd, 4PM - 8PM on the front lawn of Stewartstown UMC. Enjoy a live band, food, and family-friendly games.

A great big THANK YOU to all who donated clothing and shoes for Mission Central. This was our second clothing drop off. We have also provided over 50 children's books to be used in their mission!

A big shout out to our United Women of Faith, who provided 50 Care Kits!

Last day to donate will be Sunday, April 21.

Thank You

for your Kindness



Pictured left:
Ann McGinnis delivering the donations to Mission Central