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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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March

2025



Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee

757-709-5187

Admin Assistant - Amber Urey

Treasurer - Connie Human

Organist - Nancy Forry

Pianist - Rick Marks

Sr. Choir Director -

Sandra Gingrich

Senior Youth -

Sandra Gingrich

Day Care Directors -

Abby Streett

& Danielle Orwig

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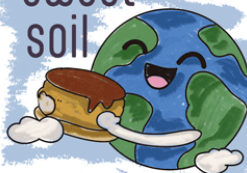
Bible Quiz

Complete this sentence which introduces a well-known Bible story: "The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of _____."

- A. flowers
- B. sheep
- C. rocks
- D. bones



sweet soil



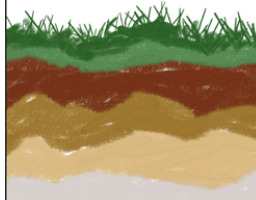
This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.

What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups

What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ½ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.



PUZZLE

FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.
What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

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|----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| A preposition | NI | -- |
| An article | HTE | --- |
| Genesis means this | NINBGEIGN | ----- |
| A second-person pronoun | OUY | --- |
| Past tense of to lay | IDAL | --- |
| An article | HET | --- |
| A plural noun meaning base | SODTAINFONU | ----- |
| A preposition showing possession | FO | -- |
| An article | TEH | --- |
| A concrete noun meaning world | HRTEA | --- |

Psalm 102:25, NIV

Answer: D (See Ezekiel 37:1, NIV.)

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV.)



THE WINTERS

TOWN CRIER

WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

Lent is one of the two main seasons in the Christian year when we prepare ourselves for something. The other season is Advent. Advent prepares us for Jesus' birth, and Lent prepares us for his death AND resurrection. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is on Mar. 5th this year.

We are doing something different to begin our Lenten journey. The Ash Wednesday service will be silent (for the most part) and self-paced. You will receive a bulletin/folder which contains several different scripture passages which you will read to yourself – as few or as many as you like. There are silent prayers included as well. When you feel ready, you will come forward for the imposition of ashes on your forehead. The ashes represent two things: 1) our desire to repent from sinful behaviors and 2) that we acknowledge that “for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Gen. 3:19, i.e. we are mortal human beings.) This is intended to be a quiet and reflective way to begin what is a season of introspection on our relationship with God and each other.

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I'll be on site between noon - 5 pm on Wed., March 5th if you'd like to receive ashes then. Just stop in the church office and let me know when you are heading into the sanctuary so that I'll be prepared for the imposition of ashes on your forehead. I'll also be in the sanctuary that evening between 6:30 – 7:30 pm. I hope that one of these time frames makes it possible for you participate in this sacred Christian ritual.



Last month you read about some extra activities to which you are all invited in order to encounter God in new ways. I pray that you and your family will come to engage in spiritual practices and then have dinner together from 5 – 6:30 on Tuesdays from Mar. 11th to Apr. 8th .

I also need a facilitator for the short-term Adult Sunday school class where folks will discuss the atonement theory which was covered the week before, so please let me know if you're willing to lead this gathering before worship at 9:30 on Sundays from Mar. 16th to Apr. 13th. I truly believe that all three of these options will help us to deepen our relationship with God and increase our gratitude for all that God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. I hope you feel called to try out these new practices.

In God's Love,

Pastor Becky





GROWING FRIENDS

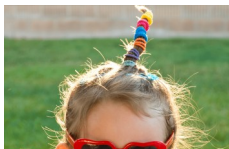
Happy March:

Themes for this month include: Dr. Seuss; STU; 15 & 16; Green; Oval; Post Office; Spring; Wacky Week; Food Groups

No Elementary for Red Lion & NO 4's Preschool Program this month: Friday, March 21st.

Keep in mind, Growing Friends next closed dates include Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st.

Thursday, February 13th our state inspector arrived to conduct our yearly inspection. We are happy, and proud to report that she was here less than two hours conducting our physical site and was very pleased! Since COVID, inspection is split between an onsite visit and online reviewing paperwork, but with her quick visit she was very happy and another job well done to our whole team! Thank you to all for your support and cooperation as teamwork is always best in getting through.



We kick March off with Wacky Week! Our crazy dress attire is always a fun way to make winter fun! Be sure to pay close attention to the GF newsletter calendar as it helps everyone prepare for each day.

Friday, March 7th is the Preschool Program Paint Night in the AP room from 6-7pm. This is only for the families of our 3's and 4's Preschool Program (Miss Heather and Miss Barb's classes). Any questions about this special evening, please see one of them.



Wednesday, March 12th is our Spring Picture Day which includes our Preschool Graduates in their adorable cap and gown. Picture Day will take place in the AP room starting at 7:30am and conclude by 1pm.

Soccer Shots starts back up this month! The interest in this program was so high, they are offering two sessions here at Growing Friends. Please use caution when entering/exiting the parking lot on Monday's starting March 17th through May 19th 3pm-4:30pm, as this is held outside as much as possible on the one's playground.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS : Are you looking for children's books? Then see a book order form on the church bulletin board OR place an order online. Scholastic Book Orders are due monthly. This month orders are due by Thurs. March 20th. If you place an order with more than one club you should total all of your orders and make 1 check payable to Growing Friends or you may pay by cash. Once they arrive, we can notify you to pick up or you have the option to get shipped to the location of your choice This is not a fundraiser for Growing Friends; however, Growing Friends earns points where we can redeem them for free books for upcoming Christmas/graduation gifts or even to update our center library. ORDER ONLINE – USE CODE HM46K



FUNDRAISER NEWS:

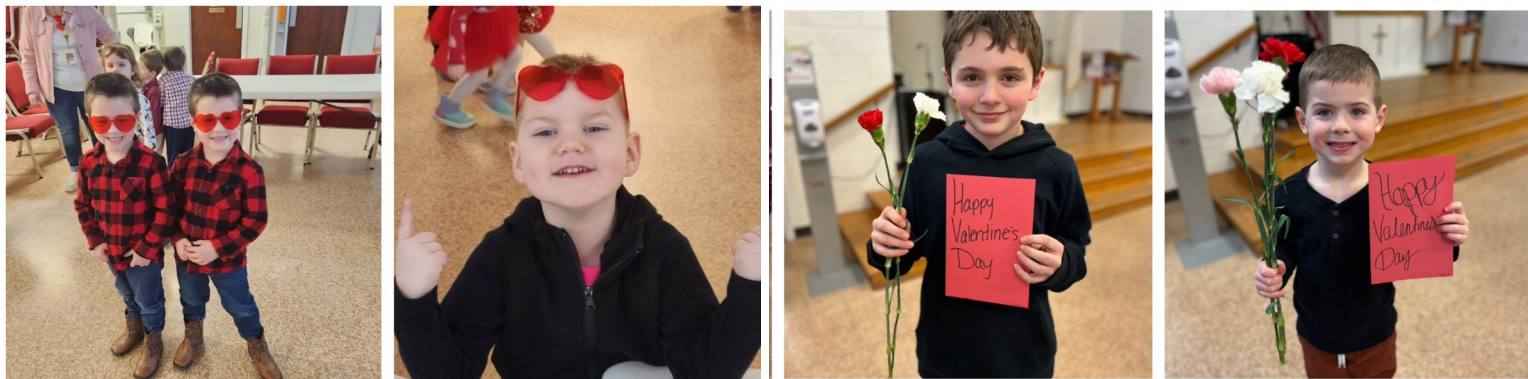
Thank you to everyone that participated in our carnation fundraiser for Valentine's Day! The children (and staff) always smile big when receiving this surprise!

NEW fundraiser: Premium Shaved Ice- Premium Freeze Dried candy: offers 9 Different types of candy as well as a specialty candy near the holidays. Candy options are \$6 each, except the Friggles (dye free) that are \$12 each. For each item sold, Growing Friends will be given 25% of the sale. Premium Shaved Ice is located in Brogue, PA. Company name may sound familiar as they are our favorite shaved ice truck in the warmer months here at Growing Friends. Selling freeze dried candy may just be the perfect addition to those Easter Baskets. Orders are due Monday, April 7th, checks payable to Growing Friends. Orders will arrive Tuesday, April 15th and ready for pick up. Want to try these items before you buy/sell?! Yes, we do too! We are coordinating a sample day! Once confirmed we'll be sure to let you know!



Much appreciation,
Ms. Abby & Ms. Danielle

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





We have two people celebrating 90+ birthdays this month!

Please send birthday wishes to:

Bill Hess
12471 Mt. Olivet Road
Felton, PA 17322
&
Doris Edwards
4514 Shangri La Road
Stewartstown, PA 17363



MARCH Birthdays

02 - Bill Hess
04 - Lynn Herbst
14 - Dianna Henry
17 - Brian Hildebrand
18 - Amber Urey
20 - Brielle Unger-Smith
21 - Barbara Taylor
22 - Vince Anderson
24 - Josh Arnold
26 - Doris Edwards
27 - Teresa Erdman

MARCH Anniversaries

09 - Linda & Larry Anderson
29 - Ellen & Keith Hostler

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

There was no Leadership Team meeting in February. There was a vote to approve the new water sediment filtration system install taken in early February. On February 4th the vote was taken, the system was approved via a 4 yes vote. The next Leadership Team meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm in the all purpose room. This meeting is open for all to observe.

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, Donna Overmiller, Eva Miller, Doris Edwards, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter and family, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Betty Saylor, Chief Tim Quinan, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Diane Anderson, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Andre Palmer Sr., Dan Shenberger, the family of Dale Flinchbaugh, Dusty Grove & Family

MARCH 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

March 2nd - Connie H.
March 9th - Vince A.
March 16th - Linda A.
March 23rd - Bill W.
March 30th - Dawn B.

Counters

March 2nd - Dawn B. & Terri L.
March 9th - Richard J. & Brian H.
March 16th - Deb S. & Brian H.
March 23rd - Dawn B. & Terri L.
March 30th - Richard J. & Brian H.

Sound and Media Shout

March 2nd - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
March 9th - Bill W. & Tammy W.
March 16th - Buddy M. & Brian H.
March 23rd - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
March 30th - Bill W. & Tammy W.

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



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:
adminassist@winterstownchurch.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:



| 2025 Shares Of Ministry | | 2025 Shares Paid to Date | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Benevolent | \$6,358.28 | Benevolent | \$1,059.72 |
| Connectional | \$9,462.49 | Connectional | \$1,577.08 |
| Clergy | \$10,188.33 | Clergy | \$1,698.06 |
| TOTAL: | \$26,009.10 | TOTAL: | \$4,334.86 |

FINANCIAL STANDING

The 2025 Shares of Ministry (Fair Shares) have been paid in full through February. The expectation remains that monthly payments will be made, and the annual obligation will be met. This time of year carries with it expenses for fuel oil. The church oil tank was filled on January 16 with the resulting invoice of \$3,978 paid in February and filled again in February with the resulting invoice of \$4,867 to be paid in March. One other large expense amounting to \$6,500 was paid to Martin Water Conditioning in February for the purchase and installation of a water filtration system needed because of the new UV light.

The January newsletter addressed a 10% tithe of \$4,900. The tithe will be used towards Mission opportunities with two contributions made in January. The amount of \$1,000 was given to UMCOR US Disaster divided equally between the NC flood and the California fires and the amount of \$500 was donated to the NHW PTO towards their playground equipment fundraiser.

Thank you for the continued giving 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.



United Women in Faith will meet on March 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Winterstown UM Church all purpose room. Since our February meeting was cancelled, Deb Shultz will present our Call to Prayer & Self Denial program at this meeting. Hope to see everyone there!!



"The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it."
—Henri J.M. Nouwen

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|-----|
| <p>An old hymn declares: I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest. Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad. I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad. (Horatius Bonar, 1846)</p> <p>Many people these days feel exhausted by division, the news, hatred that seems louder than love. More than ever, we who are "weary, worn, and sad" need to hear Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest." Jesus wants to be our resting place — but not so we can hide forever from reality. Instead, he offers a place of refreshment where we can relax long enough to remember that not everything is bad; there is gospel to share. Not everything is hatred; God's love is stronger. Resting in Jesus, we focus on God's goodness. We are reminded of love shown by kind people to those in trouble, bold voices speaking for justice, warm friendships that brighten our days. Gladdened by rest, we rise again. Jesus walks with us, as always. We can lean on him every step of the way.</p> <p>—Heidi Hyland Mann</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| <p>2</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM</p> | 3 | <p>4</p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM Leadership Meeting - 6:30PM</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Self-Paced</p> <p>Noon - 5:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice after self-paced ends</p> | 6 | <p>7</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> <p>APR Use - 5:00PM-8:00PM</p> | 8 |
| <p>9</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>  | <p>10</p>  <p>Grief Support Group - 10:00AM UWF - 7:00PM</p> | 11 | <p>12</p>  <p>APR Use - 8:00AM-12:00PM Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p> | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <p>16</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Church Admin, Amber, on vacation this week | | | | | | |
| | | Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM | Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM | Small Gathering - 7:00PM | | |
| <p>23</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | Grief Support Group - 10:00AM | Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM | Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM Growing Friends' Spirit Night at Handel's Ice Cream - 6:30PM-8:30PM | Small Gathering - 7:00PM | | |
| <p>30</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Candy Making Week Starts</p> |  | | | | |

Upcoming Events

It's that time of year! Easter candy will be made the week of March 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Available will be Peanut Butter, Butter Crème, Caramel Fudge, and Coconut Crème eggs. There will also be chocolate-covered peanut and raisin clusters. 20 eggs for \$25, 10 eggs for \$12.50, individual eggs for \$1.25 each, or 3 for \$3.75.

Clusters are \$14/1lb box.

Pick up will be April 3rd in PM and April 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Orders are due by March 16th. This is a big project and any help we get will be greatly appreciated! If you would like to volunteer your time please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the all purpose room.

Place your Candy Orders using the online form by scanning the QR Code. If you prefer a paper form they are available on the table outside the office.



March Notes:

6,075 jars of Peanut Butter - that is all we need!

Very few of us will have the opportunity to make significant change on a global or even large level. Yet, we can all make an impact in the world in which we live. The impact that may be needed can be as simple as one jar at a time.

The River Valley District will be having a fun peanut butter collection during the Lenten season and will be blessing any local food bank/giveaway your church chooses. We are donating ours to the Stewartstown Food Pantry. Our district goal is 6,075 jars!



Peanut butter is one of the most frequently requested items by food banks because it is kid-friendly, shelf-stable, and protein-rich. We know that peanut butter is a tasty, versatile, and nutrient-dense food. A 2-tablespoon serving provides 200 calories, 16 grams of fat, 7 grams each of protein and carbohydrates, and 1.5 grams of fiber. We need to be aware that peanuts are the most common food allergens among adults, so you may have a few folk who want to substitute peanut butter with – sunflower butter, coconut butter etc. - all are good and welcome.

ATTN: GROWING FRIENDS' FAMILIES—

Pastor is holding a friendly competition between the Growing Friends' classrooms. The room which contributes the most jars of peanut butter or peanut butter substitutes to our donation collection mentioned above will be awarded with an Ice Cream Party! This collection will be held through Easter Sunday, which this year is April 20th, 2025.

