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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

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Bible Quiz

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
— Psalm 27:1, NIV

PUZZLE



WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets? Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines. Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort.
It is book 23.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials.
My book is number 24.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .
8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.
I am _ _ _ _ _ .

Prophets are _ _ _ _ _ .

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

Storytime on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 is one of my favorite times of the week! In the summertime we often have the extra bonus of the school-aged children acting out the Bible story for the other children. We've seen Mary and Martha with Jesus, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son (where the pig which oinks is the star!) Today I'm trying to figure out which story we'll tell tomorrow because last week the children were already asking which one they can act out this week! It's awesome when they are so enthusiastic about wanting to help to tell the stories about or by Jesus!!!

Some other pretty marvelous things happen during story time, too. You see, there are other activities we do during this precious half hour each week. After the story, we sing songs which help us to learn about and experience Jesus' love for us. Following the "higher-energy" songs, we sing a quiet, contemplative song which helps us to feel the peace of Jesus before we pray. I have also shared with the children that when they are scared or worried, this song is a good one to sing to ask Jesus to fill us with his peace. We then end each session with a prayer.

What has been occurring most recently is the desire of the younger children to lead the singing and even the prayer!!!! How heartwarming and delightful it is when these children lead the singing of songs like "This Little Light of Mine," "Our God Is an Awesome God," and of course "Jesus Loves Me!" And the extemporaneous prayer of the five-year old who volunteered to lead us in prayer tied in the theme of the Bible story and concluded with "thank you, Jesus, for loving us no matter what!" It was awesome!!! If there is only one thing the children will remember from our time together each week I hope it's this truth – that Jesus does indeed love all of us no matter what!

So, folks, whether you're a parent or a church member, you are always invited to share in the joy of story time on Wednesdays at 9:30. I hope to see you there!

In God's Love,
Pastor Becky





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy August!

It's crazy to think we are entering our last month of Summer Camp, pretty soon we will be sending the kids off for their first days of school!

The next closed date for Growing Friends is Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.

Themes for this month include: REVIEW OF THE ALPHABET, NUMBERS, SHAPES, AND COLORS; News Station; Back to School, Ocean Life; and Labor Day



As our summer is winding down the children will be at the center a little bit longer. Our last week of field trips begins Monday, August 4th. The children will then be busy here at the center doing activities with the teachers, and any special visitor that come into the center. If you have a special talent or know someone that does feel free to send them our way. The children love to have visitors come in and show off their special talents.

This month our Soccer Shots session is coming to an end, with the last summer session on Monday, August 11th at 3:15. The children had a blast with soccer over the summer. We will be hosting another session of Soccer Shots in the fall, so be sure to watch for more information to come! This is always a fun time, watching the children learn the game of Soccer while learning manners to help in their everyday life.

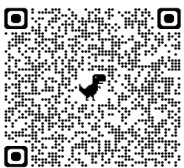
The first day of school for our Red Lion 1st-6th graders is Monday, August 25th, and the first day for our Kindergarteners is Wednesday, August 27th! The first day for our Stewartstown kids is Thursday, August 21st. The children will not have school on Friday, August 29th. With the school year beginning we just want to remind everyone of our office hours. We are in the office Monday through Friday 8:30am-2:30pm in between the Stewartstown drop off and pick up times. Wednesday, August 27th will be the Preschool Program open house at 5:30 pm where the children and parent can come into the center to meet their child's teacher and see the classroom. Tuesday, September 2nd will be the first day for 3's Preschool Program children, and Wednesday, September 3rd will be the first day for our 4's Preschool Program Children.



Pray for Our College Students

GF Staff news: This month we wish our college girls the best of luck as they leave us to pursue another semester. We are always very grateful for the extra hands here at the center over the summer! This month we want to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following staff: Miss Deena (August 6th), Ms. Jeanetta (August 12th), Miss Jodi (August 20th), Ms. Danielle (August 21st), and Sara (August 22nd). This month Ms. Bonnie celebrates her 10 year work anniversary, and Ms. Danielle celebrates her 18th (8th year as CoDirector/Director) work anniversary.

FUNDRAISER NEWS: Thank you to those that participated in the Sub and Sandwich sale. Growing Friends profited around \$600. We are doing another sub and sandwich sale this month. Orders and delivery will be in September, so keep an eye out for the order form. Reminder: payment for our fundraisers can be cash or check made payable to Growing Friends. The profit from the sub sales over the summer goes to help offset the cost of our field trips (bus, summer supplies, and treats). Thank you for your help in supporting Growing Friends. Thank you to the families that purchased items off of our Amazon wish list! The teachers are grateful for the new items that come into the center! While Prime Days are over our Amazon Wish list is still live, so be sure to check it out by scanning the QR code below. Items can be shipped directly to the center. This is one way to make a donation, we greatly appreciate it!

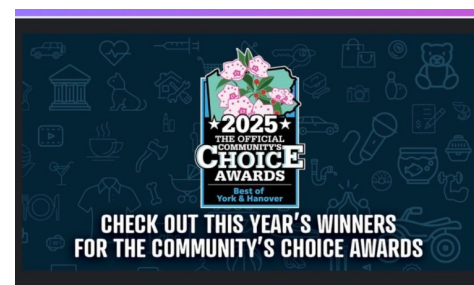


Amazon Wishlist

Much appreciation,
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



The results are in—and while we didn't take the top spot, we are incredibly thankful to be recognized among the top 3!

A big congratulations to the well-deserving team at Faith & Fun Christian Preschool—your dedication to early education shines bright!

To all the amazing educational facilities out there: you are the heart of our communities. Child education teachers don't just teach—they lay the foundation for every future, shaping the minds that will one day shape the world.

Thank you to everyone who voted and continues to support us, it means everything! ❤️

Results are in, and we congratulate another well deserved educational facility! We are simply blessed and thankful to have been in the top 3! Thank you again for those that voted, and for your support! ❤️

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Child Care



WINNER

Faith & Fun Christian Preschool

SHARE



FINALIST

Growing Friends Childcare and Preschool Program

SHARE



FINALIST

The York Jewish Community Center

SHARE



6th - Alverta Forbush
6th - Chuck Peterman
12th - Ella Jane Hess
18th - Alexandra Wetzel
21st - Danielle Orwig
28th - Donna Overmiller



2nd - Ralph & Naomi Latimer
8th - Lynn & Cora Sue Herbst - 55 years
15th - Bill & Ella Jane Hess - 61 years
28th - Glen & Barb Huson - 65 years
28th - Kira & Jarrett Wilson - 4 years
29th - Vince & Carrie Anderson - 38 years

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

June 16th
at 6:30 PM

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

No Guests were present

Opened: Buddy began the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor Becky followed with notification that the service for October 12, 2025 will be held at Bethany Felton Church. They were so gracious to Pastor during her time of healing from her fall/surgery and participated with us so she had only one service to deliver, we should reciprocate and show our support to them as well.

Growing Friends update notes were read.

We discussed the need for a Capital Campaign to be started to work toward raising funds for the new HVAC unit needed in the lower level. We all understand that the maintenance of the church is our responsibility, but we will be presenting this to the Growing Friends families as well to assist with the fund raising needed. The unit has outlived it's life expectancy and we all should be happy about that. However, the parts that are now needed for repairs are no longer available. So please pray and your support is greatly appreciated. We know as a family we can and will make this happen.

As presented in our weekly service, Ann is organizing a bus trip to Sight and Sound to see the new production of Joshua. This will include the transportation, lunch with gratuity and the show. More information will be announced.

Mission Central trip, organized by Ann, will take place on September 6, 2025. Please use the sign up sheet. The group will meet at the church at 8 am to depart. The time will be 9 to noon, then a light lunch on the way home.

Financial Reports were giving by Connie. The finances are still low, but we are getting our bills paid, by the grace of God.

The meeting ended with a prayer offered by Buddy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn M. Burg, Secretary



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, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Betty Saylor, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Chris Evans, Emily Taylor, Bernie Hogherty, Lois Arsenault, Seth Gingrich, Tabitha Gilbert, Steve, Tessa, Noah, Bill Hess

AUGUST 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

August 3rd - Dawn B.
August 10th - Eunice C.
August 17th - Connie H.
August 24th - Vince A.
August 31st - Linda A,

Counters

August 3rd - Richard J. & Brian H.
August 10th - Deb S. & Brian H.
August 17th - Dawn B. & Terri L.
August 24th - Richard J. & Brian H.
August 31st - Deb S. & Brian H.

Sound and Media Shout

August 3rd - Bill W. & Tammy W.
August 10th - Buddy M. & Brian H.
August 17th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
August 24th - Bill W. & Tammy W.
August 31st - Buddy M. & Brian H.

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	\$3,709.02
Connectional	\$9,462.49	Connectional	\$5,519.78
Clergy	\$10,188.33	Clergy	\$5,943.21
TOTAL:	\$26,009.10	TOTAL:	\$15,172.01

FINANCIAL STANDING

The 2025 monthly Shares of Ministry (Fair Shares) have been paid in full through July.

Our current expenses reflect the effect of the summer season with increased electricity bills and weekly lawn mowing. The real estate taxes for the Red Lion Area School District have been received and paid for the church parsonage and the church land. These expenses are in addition to our normal monthly operating expenses.

The silent auction that ended on Sunday, July 13 had winning bids that totaled \$472.00. The proceeds from this auction are being placed in the WUMC general operating fund. Thanks to all who participated. This was a good way to recycle items that were no longer used and put a little extra into the general operating fund.

As always, 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.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - ALTAR

This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.



Worship
Service
10:30AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"Time spent in prayer is never wasted." —François Fénelon					1	2
3 8th Sunday after Pentecost Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM	4	5 National Night Out 5:00PM-8:00PM 	6 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	7 Small Gathering - 2:00PM	8	9
10 9th Sunday after Pentecost Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	11 Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	12 Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Red Lion Corner Café - 11:30AM APR Use - 9 AM-1 PM	13 Small Gathering - 10:00 AM	14 Small Gathering - 2:00PM	15	16
17 10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	18 Leadership Meeting – 6:30PM Open to all 	19	20 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	21 Breakfast with Bethany Felton @ Lion's Pride – 8:30AM Dinner - 5:00PM for GF families Meet the Teacher - 6:00PM Small Gathering - 2:00PM	22	23
24 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	25 Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	26	27 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	28 Small Gathering - 2:00PM	29	30
31 12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM	Lifelong learners "If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia," wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. "A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration." Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire? As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. —adapted from The Wired Word by churchart.com					

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, August 5th is the North Hopewell Township Police Department's Annual National Night Out.

Join us in the church's parking lot from 5:00pm—8:00 pm for free games, raffles, music, food, and fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please use the sign up sheet on the APR bulletin board to let us know!

Fun fact: Did you know that National Night Out was started in 1984 by a Philadelphian native, Matt Peskin?



**MISSION
CENTRAL**

The mission date is Saturday, September 6th.

We will be meeting at the church at 8:00 am to carpool.

Volunteering hours from 9:00 am—12:00 pm with a light lunch following.

Please see the new sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the APR or call the church office to sign up.



Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026

A 55 passenger bus has been reserved to attend the brand new show, Joshua, at Sight and Sound -- Next Year. The bus will leave from the Winterstown Church parking lot. We will enjoy a buffet lunch before the 3:00 show. Invite your family and friends!

Price is 165.00 per person, this includes your ticket, lunch and gratuity and transportation.

A sign up sheet will be available or you can contact Ann McGinnis at 717 877 5354 to reserve your seat. Money will be collected beginning in January.

August Notes:



Need a vocation vacation?

"It is not more vacation we need," said Eleanor Roosevelt. "It is more vocation" — in other words, something that God calls you to do. God uses his people to accomplish amazing things, even during the summer! Call it a "vocation vacation."

If you're planning a trip, call ahead and offer to serve at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. If you want to be outdoors, ask a Bible camp or recreation department if it needs volunteers. Other possibilities include assisting with programs that help elderly residents or people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities.

You'll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) and the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).

Source: churchart.com