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Monday - Thursday

10:30AM - 2:30PM

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Tuesday by 10:00AM

Newsletter Deadline

20th of each month

Worship

10:30AM

**"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"**

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# October



### Meet Our Staff

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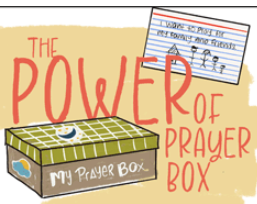
## Bible Quiz

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm, and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15)



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

#### What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper

#### What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
—Colossians 4:2, NIV



## JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

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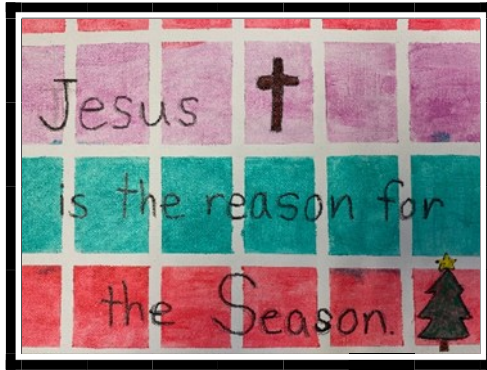
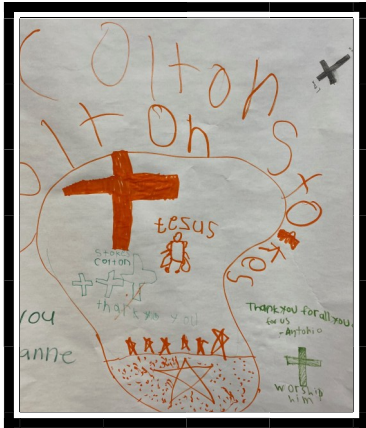
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### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

As anyone who comes to my office sees, it's full of artwork from the children and teachers of Growing Friends. In fact, I'm almost out of wall space! Here are just a few of the masterpieces which surround me:



But it's this work of art by Emerick which is something we all need to see right now.

Not only do we need to see this portrayal of Jesus as he is teaching his followers, but we need to begin/continue to listen and learn from Jesus. We ALL need Jesus in our lives to know that we are loved unconditionally (no matter what!) We also need Jesus in our lives so that we can then act lovingly to others by: being merciful, seeking peace, being kind, not judging others, and probably the most difficult one of all, by loving our enemies. This is the "Important Message" shared in this picture.

Imagine what life would be like when we feel completely filled up with the love of Jesus. Imagine what our community would be like if we then became very intentional about living the way Jesus did. We can all do our part in making this world a better place when we choose to follow the One who loves us beyond anything we can ever imagine! So, beloved children of God, let's start today.

In God's Love,  
*Pastor Becky*





## GROWING FRIENDS

Happy October!!!

It is crazy to think that we are well on our way into the fall season, and we will be approaching another busy time here at Growing Friends with our special activities, visitors, and holidays!



The next closed dates for Growing Friends are Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th!

Themes for this month include: Letters: D, E, F. Numbers: 4, 5, 6; Orange; Circle; Columbus Day; Halloween; Fire Safety

September 24th we welcomed Grandparents to the center to spend the morning with their grandchild(ren). We always love to open the center up with these specials days! We are blessed to have so many Grandparents spend the morning with us! The Grandparents also enjoyed a special story time with Pastor Becky, so thank you Pastor Becky for that!!! It's nice to see the full sanctuary!!



Thank you to everyone that came out to our Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, Sept. 27th. We are hopeful that we can continue to do our craft shows with H.O.P.E in the years to come as it benefits 2 nonprofit organizations!

This month we will be focusing on some of our safety drills. On Tuesday, October 7th we will be participating in the York County Emergency Management morning of drills. Danielle will be participating on a ZOOM conference, and the Director of York County 911 will give a false situation that is occurring. Growing Friends will then need to follow protocols with how we would handle that situation if it were to occur in real life. Situations can include fire, tornado, or intruder drills, meaning sheltering in place and/or evacuating the whole center. This will all start around 9 am and conclude around 12 noon. We participated in this drill a few years ago, so we are excited to do it again this year. It is a great training for all staff! This month we will also be visiting with the North Hopewell Winterstown Fire Company to do our annual fire safety with the children. The children will learn about fire safety, see the fire trucks, and use an actual fire hose.



The children will also be screened this month to check their vision and hearing. Vision Works will be screening the children by taking a picture of their eye which can detect early problems with vision. The York Sertoma Club will be coming in to check the children's hearing. This will be the first time we have worked with this company, so we are excited to how it goes.

Soccer Shots continues this month on Thursdays at 3:15pm on our playground.



Halloween at Growing Friends will be Thursday, October 30th around 10 am. We will be doing Halloween trunk-or-treat style. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate. We ask that all participants be set up in the parking lot and ready for the children by 10 am. Our Infant through PreK, and 3's PSP will visit all participating trunks then move up closer to the road to wave and wish everyone a Happy Halloween. In case of bad weather we will trick-or-treat in the center.

**FUNDRAISER NEWS:** Thank you to those who participated in the Sub and Sandwich sale. Growing Friends profited around \$1,300 with the sale in September!

Our Amazon Wish list is still live to so be sure to check it out by scanning the QR code or search on Amazon gift list under "Growing Friends, Felton PA." Items can be shipped directly to us. We will be updating our Amazon Wish List closer to Christmas as well to get some new things for the classrooms and children! Enjoy this colorful month!



Much appreciation,  
Ms. Danielle



Amazon Wishlist

Email us anytime at: [GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com](mailto:GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com)  
Call us: Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm  
(717) 246-8017





19th - Ann McGinnis  
24th - Troy Hildebrand



9th: Hunter & Leah Willingham - 4 years  
15th: Blaine & Angie Markel - 31 years  
15th: Abby & Robert Streett - 14 years  
23rd: Sue & Chuck Peterman - 54 years

# OCTOBER 2025 VOLUNTEERS

## Liturgist

10/5 - Vince A.  
10/12 - Bethany Felton  
10/19 - Linda A.  
10/26 - Dawn B.

## Counters

10/5 - Richard J. & Brian H.  
10/12 - Deb S. & Brian H.  
10/19 - Dawn B. & Terri L.  
10/26 - Richard J. & Brian H.

## Sound and Media Shout

10/5 - Buddy M. & Brian H.  
10/12 - Worship at Bethany Felton  
10/19 - Quinn W. & Amanda L.  
10/26 - Bill W. & Tammy W.

## Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

10/5 - No Sunday School  
10/12 - No Sunday School  
10/19 - Tammy W. & Linda A.  
10/26 - Joy H. & Eunice C.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:adminassist@winterstownchurch.org)  
Or call (717) 244-1984

### Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser



Orders due by the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Grocery cards distributed  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Benevolent	\$6,358.28
Connectional	\$9,462.49
Clergy	\$10,188.33
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,009.10</b>

### 2025 Shares Paid to Date

Benevolent	\$3,709.02
Connectional	\$5,519.78
Clergy	\$5,943.21
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,172.01</b>

## FINANCIAL STANDING

The 2025 monthly Shares of Ministry (Fair Shares) have been paid in full through July. There were no payments made during the months of August and September. Due in part to a much higher volume of maintenance expenses incurred year to date against budget, the leadership team voted to withhold additional Shares of Ministry payments for now.

Two appliances, a dishwasher and a dryer, were replaced in the parsonage during July and August, amounting to a total expense of \$1,501. The United Women in Faith contributed \$400 towards the cost of the dishwasher.

The real estate and Red Lion Area School District taxes have been paid in full for 2025 amounting to a total expense of \$7,987.13 for the church parsonage and the church land.

There have been four Capitalized expenses paid this year amounting to \$14,760; the filter system for use with the UV light, a stainless-steel water meter on the well line, a motor starter for the blower motor in the air handler that serves the sanctuary, and replacement of a window damaged by a deer. These were not budgeted items. They were paid from the operating account as funds were not available specific to Capitalized items.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2025 HVAC Capital Campaign and to those who are currently considering contributing to the ongoing campaign. As of September 24, donations total \$20,855.95.

As always, thank you for the 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.

## 2025 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To give online towards the HVAC capital campaign you can use this QR code:

If all active church families, all Growing Friends' families, and just 6 of our inactive church families donate \$250 per family, then we will be able to fund the new HVAC system.



## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

September 15th  
at 6:30 PM

Present: Buddy and Ann McGinnis, Dawn Burg, Gabe Hildebrand, Bill and Tammy Waldrup.

Guest Speaker: Danielle Orwig, representing Growing Friends Daycare

Prayer: Buddy opened the meeting with a word of prayer. Growing Friends update:

- Maintenance needed: ties on the fencing in the school- age area playground needs repaired.
- The lady's bathroom on the lower level has backsplash that is loose and needs repaired.
- Men's toilet on the upper level is not flushing properly, seems to have low water.

Gabe said he will take a look at the items listed above.

- Danielle reported that Abby is no longer a part of the operations of the facility.
- Connie, Heather and Danielle went to the bank and updated all forms that needed to be done to remove Abby's name.
- Ann met with Danielle to go over the employee handbook and to introduce herself to the staff.
- They are looking to hire a part-time staff member to replace a member who has moved on to another position.
- The craft show (Hope and Growing Friends) will be held next Saturday at the church from 8:30 to 3:30 PM, and food trucks will be present.
- December 12, 2025, will be the presentation of the GF Christmas program this year.

Danielle had nothing more to present and excused herself for the rest of the LTM.

Buddy gave the attention to Ann, who presented the team with the documents that needed to be ready for the upcoming conference.

- The first form was Form #12, the financial audit, which we went over in detail. Ann answered all questions, and the form was unanimously approved by the LT.
- The second form was Form #6, the 2026 Pastoral Compensation Form. We discussed this and all questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction.
- Buddy then presented the stopping of payments on the Shares of Ministry. He will need to compose a letter to explain why we are unable to make our payments for the balance of the year. The letter will explain about large number of unexpected maintenance bills that came up this year that had to be priority over SOM.
- Ann explained about the monies that are still available in the mission's funds, \$700 to assist with special needs (possibly Christmas Angel Program) and \$700 for NHW school/Fire Department missions.
- Ann said that Ella Jane had expressed her wishes for any money that we receive in memory of Bill, should go toward the new HVAC campaign that we are working on.
- We discussed the prayer requests that are presented on Sunday mornings. It has been suggested that they be documented and presented to Amber so she can create an email that goes out on Monday mornings for all to pray about. The liturgist will make this list from a form created by Amber to lay on her desk after the service. We will also be taking around a microphone for those speaking, so all can hear who is being asked for prayer.
- We will also be creating a checklist to present to families and possibly to the local funeral homes to show a suggested amount of honorarium(s) as well as who all is to be offered an honorarium for funeral services being held at the church.

With no further business to be brought before the leadership team, Dawn led us in a prayer, and the business meeting was adjourned.

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, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Bernie Hogherty, Lois Arsenault, Tabitha Gilbert, Steve, Tessa, Noah, Pat, Sean Gingrich, the family of Bill Hess, Lorraine Gay, Sandy Marks, the fallen and wounded officers





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"Truth is mightier than eloquence; the spirit stronger than genius; faith greater than learning." —Martin Luther</p>			<p>1</p>  <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>World Communion Sunday</b> Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Church Conference 2:00PM @ Bethany Red Lion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Joint Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p>	<p>13</p>  <p><b>United Women in Faith</b> Presents: "Fall Prevention Tips &amp; Staying Active at Home" United Women in Faith - 7:00PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Red Lion Corner Café - 11:30AM</b></p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Breakfast with Bethany Felton @ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM</b></p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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# Upcoming Events



## October Is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let's show our love and gratitude for our pastor this month! Drop off a note of thanks, share a favorite sermon topic or simply tell her how she's made a difference.

We'll have a basket in the office all month long!

## Fall Family Connection

October is a great time to reconnect as a church family. Whether you're new or returning, check out our events and opportunities this month to worship, serve and grow together. There's a place for everyone here!



## Communion Sunday: A Time to Remember

Join us on Sunday, October 5th, as we gather for Communion during morning worship. Let's come together to remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate the grace we've received.

## Reformation Sunday: Rooted in the Word

On October 26, we'll mark Reformation Sunday with a special focus on our heritage of faith and God's enduring Word. Come celebrate the truth that still sets us free: salvation by grace, through faith, in Christ alone.

## Trunk or Treat: Candy, Costumes & Community

Come join us for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 30th starting at 10 am! Our Growing Friends can enjoy a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience as they visit creatively decorated trunks.

Want to host a trunk? See Danielle's article for details!



Bethany Felton's Fall Banquet will take place at the Lebanon Social Hall on Rippling Run Rd, starting at 6:00 PM.

# October Notes:



Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions.

Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently "interrupted" by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." May we have the courage to let Him.

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