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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"

winterstownchurch.org



February

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

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

- A. Babylon; the Assyrians
- B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians
- C. Rome; the Greeks
- D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans



a lovely aroma

Make this sweet-smelling gift for a friend or valentine.

What you need:

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)

What you do:

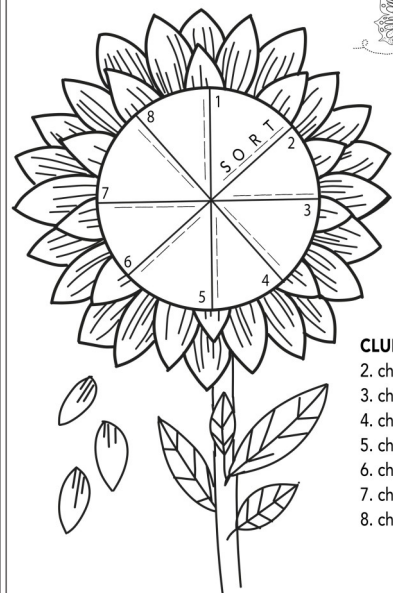
1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.

PUZZLE

THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____ because [God] first _____ d us.
1 John 4:19, NIV

- CLUES**
2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
 3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
 4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
 5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
 6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
 7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
 8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).



WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

February 2025

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Dear Beloved Children of God,

I'm very excited about the season of Lent this year! One of the most incredible ministry experiences I've had was teaching spiritual practices to children last year during Lent!!! Children are more open to using their imaginations, and many of the spiritual disciplines which Christians have done over the centuries require some imagination, some freedom to explore and experience things in new ways. I must confess that until seminary, I wasn't even aware of many of the ways people have connected to



God throughout history. So, this Lenten season, you (Winterstown families & Growing Friends' families) are invited to both learn and practice ways in which we can all deepen our relationship with God. So, I pray that instead of "giving up" something for Lent this year, you will instead add on this short-term study (5 weeks) offered to your whole family. We'll learn and try out one or two practices, and then we'll have dinner together. It will be held Monday or Tuesday beginning the week of March 9th and continue through the week of April 6th. I pray that you will be open to this opportunity to encounter God in new ways!

Another reason I'm excited about Lent this year is because our worship series will cover a different atonement theory each week. Atonement theories are based on one or more scripture passages and help us to make meaning out of Jesus' death and resurrection. I realize that what I'm about to share may be unsettling to some people and comforting to others. I have always been uncomfortable with one of the most pervasive atonement theories of our times – the penal substitution theory. In a very simplistic explanation, this theory says that human sin has to be punished by God, and so Jesus took our punishment for us by being put to death on the cross. What has always made me uncomfortable about this theory is that it implies that God used violence to open up a pathway for us to be forgiven and to be drawn back into relationship with God. However, I also realize that for many Christians, they interpret Jesus' death on the cross as how much Jesus loves us that he would suffer and die for us and substitute his life for ours. Well, this theory has actually only been around for about half of the time since Jesus. There are 6 or 7 other atonement theories which may resonate better with some of you, so I hope you'll come and worship to learn about the other ways to understand the cross and resurrection. Not only will we have atonement theories as our Lent worship series, but I hope that we will also have a short-term adult Sunday school class prior to worship (9:30) where there is a chance to discuss and share the atonement theory covered the prior Sunday. Again, more details to follow.



So, here's what Lent 2025 has to offer:

Spiritual Practices: 5 weeks, Tue., March 11th – April 8th

Atonement Theory worship series: Sun., March 9th – Sun., April 6th

Short-term Adult Sunday school class: Sun., March 16th – Sun., Apr. 13th

Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, Holy Thursday, Apr. 17th at Bethany

Church in Felton, Good Friday, Apr. 18th at Winterstown Church

I hope we will all have a sacred, holy, and enlightening season of Lent.

In God's Love,

Pastor Becky





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy February:

Themes for this month include: PQR, 13 & 14, Pink, Heart, Dentist, Author: Lucille Colando; Dental Health; Friendship; Valentine's Day; President's Day.

NO Elementary for Red Lion & NO Preschool Program this month: Fri. Feb. 14th & Mon. Feb. 17th.

This month begins our child care state inspection window. Please note our state inspector can come any day this month. When she arrives, she will fully inspect all classrooms, bathrooms, talk to the teachers and sometimes the students, plus fully review all paperwork. We are hopeful for yet another successful inspection!

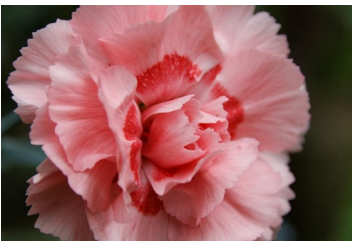
GF Valentine's Day Dance: Wednesday, Feb. 12th starting at 10am we will turn the AP room into a beautiful dance room. We look forward to this loving day, seeing the children from all the classrooms dance, come together, and celebrate their friendship. Our carnations will be hand delivered this day during our dance. When school age return, their dance will begin with the delivery of their carnations. Thank you for your participation in this year's carnation sale! The smile on the children's faces is so heartwarming!

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. Feb. 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



Happy Anniversary!

GF Staff news: January we celebrated 27 years in business! We are incredibly blessed with how far Growing Friends has come, grown, and all the families we have the honor to care for and grow with. In January we also celebrated two employees' anniversary dates with Growing Friends. Ms. Addie celebrated her 4th anniversary and Miss Katie celebrated her first anniversary. This month we acknowledge and celebrate Ms. Joyce's 17th anniversary (with a couple retirement tries, but she loves us too much), Miss Barb's 7th anniversary, and Miss Emily and Ms. Lorrie's first official anniversary with Growing Friends. We also have special birthdays this month including a milestone one, with celebrating Pastor Becky and Ms. Amy! We have also welcomed two new faces here as Growing Friends staff! We welcome Ms. Julia and Miss Kendal! Be sure to check out our meet the staff bulletin board to learn more about our amazing staff here!



FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Anyone want to order a special flower for a special someone? Be sure to see the bulletin board for a carnation fundraiser sheet. Orders are due by/before Tuesday, Feb. 4th, so act fast. GROWING FRIENDS IS SELLING CARNATIONS AS A FUNDRAISER. EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S TREAT WITH THEIR FLOWERS THIS YEAR. THE CARNATIONS ARE \$3 EACH, AND CAN BE PAID FOR WITH CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO GROWING FRIENDS CHILD CARE. PLEASE WRITE THE QUANTITY OF FLOWERS

YOU WANT. WE ARE NOT GUARANTEED SPECIFIC COLORS THIS YEAR SO WE WILL TRY AND GIVE THE CHILDREN MULTIPLE COLORS. WE WILL TYPE UP THE SPECIAL MESSAGE AND PLACE IN A CARD. ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 9AM TUES. FEB 4TH. WE WILL DELIVER CARNATIONS DURING OUR CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH (for our younger children.) Our school age children will receive their carnation(s) when they return from school. WE ARE HOPING THAT EVERY CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A FLOWER FOR THIS LOVING HOLIDAY! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO STOP BY THE OFFICE/CONTACT ABBY/ DANIELLE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD THE LOVE ON VALENTINE'S DAY

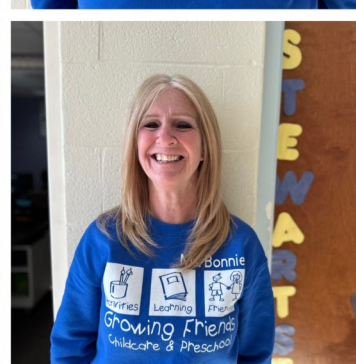
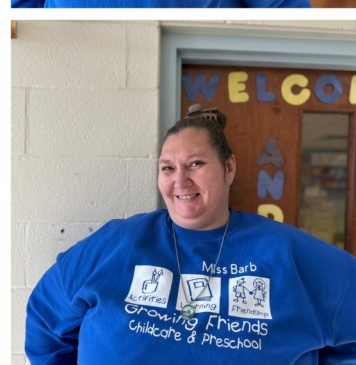
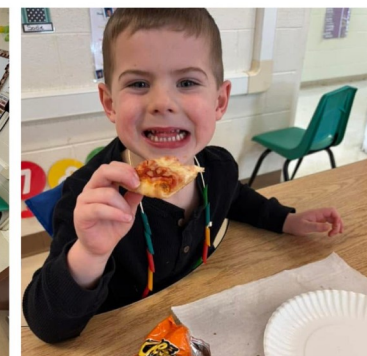


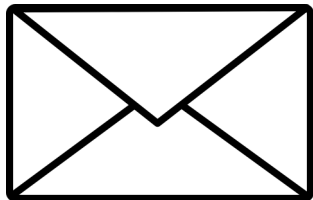
Much appreciation,
Ms. Abby & Ms. Danielle

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



MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO THE PERSON YOU ARE AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE





ADDRESS UPDATE

Donna Overmiller
Country Meadows
2790 Pine Grove Rd. Apt 3107A
York, PA 17403



19th - Ralph & Betty Saylor 69 years



01 - Laura Wetzel	18 - Rebekah Garrety
05 - Hunter Gilbert	18 - Crystal Snyder
05 - Leah Willingham	18 - Quinn Waldrup
08 - Eva Miller	19 - Ralph Saylor
17 - Sandra Gingrich	24 - Amanda Laird



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, Dale Flinchbaugh, 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, Ella Jane Hess, Andre Palmer Sr., Dan Shenberger

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

January 14, 2025

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

1. Welcome & Introduction- Buddy opened the meeting with prayer. No guests present.
2. Follow-ups- none
3. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ- Outreach Opportunities
 - c. Gowing Friends
 - i. Parents Night Out- hosted by Bill and Tammy – (2/7-2025)
 - ii. Homebound Cards – Pastor Becky (4/2/2025)
 - iii. Easter Egg Hunt – Ann is in charge 4/12/2025
 - iiii. Ann discussed the trip to Mission Central
4. Items for Discussion
 - a. Bishop Burgos-Nunez request to read a political letter to congregation- LT said NO
 - b. Financials- reports discussed and budget for 2025. Connie was in charge. She also mentioned that we used the monies received from Bethany Felton to go to our 2025 Shares of Ministry.
 - c. Estate Gift received from Greg and Charlene Emenheiser- LT decided to give 10% tithe to outreach ministries. Dawn made the motion to accept/ Gabe seconded the motion.
5. Connie brought up the funeral luncheons provided by the church and discussion was done.
6. The next meeting was scheduled for March 4th, 2025, at 6:30 pm.
7. The meeting was adjourned and prayer offered by Dawn.

FEBRUARY 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

February 2nd - Vince A.
February 9th - Bill W.
February 16th - Dawn B.
February 23rd - Eunice C.

Counters

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

Sound and Media Shout

February 2nd - Buddy M. & Brian H.
February 9th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
February 16th - Bill W. & Tammy W.
February 23rd - 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	\$529.86
Connectional	\$9,462.49	Connectional	\$788.54
Clergy	\$10,188.33	Clergy	\$849.03
TOTAL:	\$26,009.10	TOTAL:	\$2,167.43

FINANCIAL STANDING

Thank you for the continued sharing of your time, service, and financial support, not only to benefit Winterstown UMC, but to the honor and glory of our heavenly Father as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ and help all persons Encounter God, Experience Love, and Engage in Ministry.

As an update to the 2024 Shares of Ministry, expense payments for the months of February through December amounting to \$28,183.21 remained unpaid at year end.

The 2024 financial year end reports have been prepared and shared with the leadership team and the 2025 WUMC operating budget has just been approved by the leadership team. Reports for distribution to the congregation are in the works and will include full year 2024 financial results as well as the 2025 budget. The information will be ready for distribution in early February. The payment for the January Shares of Ministry in the amount of \$2,167.43 was made on January 14. The expectation for this year is that monthly payments will be made, and the annual obligation will be met. As Pastor Becky shared in the October 2024 newsletter, our church became a cooperative parish with Bethany Felton and we became Winterstown, Extended. As a result of that change, Bethany Felton is covering a portion of the costs of the pastor and a portion of the parsonage utilities. We will receive a monthly payment of \$1,775.00 from Bethany Felton that will help to offset the Shares of Ministry monthly obligation.



United Women in Faith will meet on February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Winterstown UM Church all purpose room.

Deb Shultz will present our Call to Prayer & Self Denial program.

Hope to see everyone there!!

Carrie Anderson, Secretary



February

"We love because God first loved us." —1 John 4:19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it. We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all. Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen. —A Prayer for Presidents Day</p>						1
2 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship - 10:30AM	3	4  Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	5  Small Gathering - 10:00AM	6	7 Parent's Night Out APR Use-5:30PM-8:00pm	8
9 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School	10  UWF - 7:00PM	11  Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride Restaurant - 11:30AM Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	12 APR Use - 8:00AM-4:30PM Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM	13 APR Use - 8:00AM-12:00PM	14 Valentine's Day	15
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23 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School	24	25 Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	26 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM	27	28	

UPCOMING Events



Mission Central - Collection & Volunteer Opportunity
 We are collecting urgently needed hygiene items for Mission Central through **Wednesday, Feb. 26th** (see item list below.) We will then deliver the items to Mission Central when we volunteer there on **Sat., Mar. 1st** from 9-11:30 am. We'll leave the church at 8 am to be in Mechanicsburg by 9 to volunteer. If you are going to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet outside of the sanctuary. Then you will need to fill out a volunteer form to take to Mission Central.
STANDARD OR TRAVEL SIZED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, body wash



The Chosen: Season 4 A Good Start to the New Year!
 Please join us on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Beginning on February 13 in the All Purpose Room. This Season begins with the amazing birth of Jesus Christ! The study leads us through the movie, The Chosen. We have an open discussion and thought provoking topics. Please join this small group. The books, \$11, will be ordered prior to the study so go ahead and sign up.

February Notes:

Outreach/Mission Leader Needed

The church and childcare center hope to find someone with a passion for helping people through volunteer and donation projects.
 The leader will coordinate the planning and implementation of outreach/missions projects which involve Growing Friends' families and Winterstown Church families
 The outreach/missions leader will link with organizations, people, and resources in and beyond the North Hopewell-Winterstown area.
 If you are interested in this volunteer leadership position, pls let Abby, Danielle, or Pastor Becky know.



Carrie Dunning, head of NHW's PTO's, response to our support of the PTO playground equipment fundraiser:

That is amazing news and totally unexpected. On behalf of the PTO and NHW kiddos thank you.
THANK YOU!
 Carrie

