



Winterstown UMC

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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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April

2025



Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee

757-709-5187

Admin Assistant - Amber Urey

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Sandra Gingrich

Day Care Directors -

Abby Streett

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Bible Quiz

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- B. "I thirst!"
- C. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."
- D. "It is finished!"



Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

PUZZLE

OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

- 1. C→↓↓
- 2. H→↑↑
- 3. V→↑↓
- 4. I←←↑
- 5. T↑←↑
- 6. P↑→→↓
- 7. D↓→↓↓
- 8. T↑←↑←



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV



THE WINTERS TOWN CRIER

WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

March 4th, 2025
at 6:30 PM

April 2025

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Present: Pastor Becky, Buddy and Ann McGinnis, Gabe Hildebrand, Tammy and Bill Waldrup, Dawn Burg and Connie Human. No Guests.

Open: The meeting was called to order with Buddy offering a prayer.

1. Attendance: We discussed the attendance of the church and thought that the numbers had been slightly lower than normal. This may be due to the winter weather we have been having and the extreme cold. However, the last several weeks seemed to be increasing again.
2. We were notified about some old cabinetry that was being stored in the Grove Barn. We have no recollection as to what it is, but by the pictures sent, it is very old wood pieces, like cabinetry. The Grove's are going to send it to an auction.
3. The kitchen items that have been in the Narthex, will be delivered to Mission Central, specifically to "New Digs", to be used for people who need household items.
4. We received two proposals for the new HVAC unit that is needed in the Day Care area, they were compared and discussed at length. Before deciding, Buddy will ask for a meeting with each company to answer some questions.
5. We need an area to hold the children's Sunday School, closer to the Sanctuary, so the acolytes can return to assist with the ending of the service. We will share the Youth Room for meetings when needed.
6. We will meet on Saturday, April 5th, at 10 am to prepare Easter Eggs for the egg hunt on the 12th. Volunteers will be needed.
7. VBS was discussed, so that we can begin to think about dates and times for this event. More information will be coming.
8. Bill is checking with Microsoft to see if they will renew our grant for this year.
9. We celebrated Pastor Becky's birthday with ice cream.

Notes from Growing Friends sent via email to leadership:

Growing Friends is in the process of creating/updating the job description since we have added an Assistant Director and Office Administrator over the last year. Ann is working with Abby on putting the final touches on the job description. We will submit a copy once it is completed so Leadership knows what each office team member is doing and their role in keeping Growing Friends successful! The daycare is still full with a very lengthy waitlist which we still have shut down. We are currently taking registration for the upcoming school year for our 3's and 4's Preschool Program.

State inspection: Inspector was here on Thursday, February 13th. Everything went well and we passed again with flying colors! Since COVID our inspections have been part physical site inspection, and part reviewing our paperwork online. This decreases the amount of time that the inspector actually spends in the center. This year she was in and out in just under 2 hours! We have been spoiled by this inspector, but unfortunately we will only have her for another year before they rotate inspectors.

Fundraisers: We currently have a fundraiser going for Freeze Dried Candies. We have samples that we are sending home with our families. Orders are due Monday, April 7th, and will be delivered in time for Easter! Make for a great Easter basket addition!

Wednesday, March 26th we will have a Handel's Spirit Night from 6:30 to 8:30pm. See the flyer that is attached. This will need to be presented to them in order for Growing Friends to get credit for this.

We are in the process of lining up a spring fundraiser with Flinchbaugh's Orchard. Orders will be delivered in time for Mother's Day. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Maintenance: Thank you for the speedy work in getting our to do's tackled!!! Gabe has been a huge help with helping out here in the center! We really appreciate his work!

Thank you for making sure we are included with maintenance communication especially with the water and Spangler and Boyer.

Light bulb out in the YSA/PSP classroom

The WIFI in the daycare office seems to be getting slower as the days go on. Amber has reset the system for us multiple times to try and reboot the system. Anything we can do to make it faster again?

Thank you again for your time! We always appreciate the communication between Leadership and Growing Friends. As always if you need to get in touch with us email anytime or call in the center between 6am and 6pm.

Much appreciation! Danielle & Abby

The meeting was adjourned with Pastor Becky offering a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Burg

Holy Week Services at Winterstown UMC

Sunday, April 13th
Palm Sunday Service @ Winterstown UMC - 10:30am

Thursday, April 17th
Holy Thursday Service @ Bethany Felton - 7:00pm

Friday, April 18th
Good Friday Service @ Winterstown UMC - 7:30pm



Easter Sunday, April 20th
Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
at Winterstown Cemetery
(weather permitting, inside church if not)

Breakfast after sunrise service

Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 am



GROWING FRIENDS

Happy April: Themes for this month include: VWX; 17 & 18; Blue; Diamond; Grocery Store; Author: Maurice Sendak; Earth Day; Easter; Spring

No Elementary for Red Lion & NO Preschool Program this month: Thursday, April 17th through Monday, April 21st. Also Growing Friends is fully closed Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st.

We begin April with shiny daycare floors! Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th the daycare floors of the classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms will be getting striped and waxed. Growing Friends is fully covering the expenses of this much needed job, as well as scheduling staff to help prepare and put back orderly. We are very much looking forward to the outcome of this job, always representing the facility in the most cleanliness way we can.

Our preschool program class attends a special family field trip this month on Saturday, April 5th. Be sure to see Miss Heather/ Miss Barb for more information regarding this special day.



Our Easter fun is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th for our 3's Preschool Program, then on Wednesday, April 16th for our whole center!

Soccer Shots continues this month on Mondays. Reminder with two sessions! Please use caution when entering/exiting the parking lot on Monday's 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. April 24th. 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**



GF Staff news: This month we celebrate two employees' anniversary dates with Growing Friends. Ms. Aleesha celebrates her 17th anniversary here at GF on Monday, April 1st (and that's no April fools day joke either, haha) wow 17 years!!! Also Ms. Amy celebrates her 8th anniversary. We are so blessed with the longevity of our staff! Thank you Ms. Aleesha and Ms. Amy for your devotion not only to Growing Friends, but to each and every child!

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Freeze Dried Candy orders are due Monday, April 7th (no later than Tuesday, April 8th by 9am). Pick up orders on Tuesday, April 15th between 3-6pm. Thank you for your participation in this new fundraiser!

Not interested in our fundraisers?? Maybe you want to know exactly what we are needing and/or buying frequently and how you can help?? Reminder of our Amazon wish list as we updated it just recently! Many wishes from teachers/staff here at Growing Friends, including our preschool program classes! Use the QR Code or search on Amazon gift list under "Growing Friends, Felton PA." Items can be shipped directly to us. This is one way to make a donation.



We greatly appreciate it! Saves us greatly! A HUGE THANK YOU to those that have already purchased/donated!!!

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





Attention Families, Staff, and WUMC Church Members: Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)
Raising funds March 21st – April 30th Hop-A-Thon Event will be held Wednesday, April 16th

It's time to HOP to help kids and adults break free from the harmful effects of muscle debilitating diseases. We want to show our support to those who know and/or are diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, by raising funds and awareness. Here at Growing Friends, our story is near and dear as we want to help the Nicoll family! Ms. Aleesha's son Spencer is diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy and has faced some challenges requiring extra funds.



It has been about five years since Growing Friends last participated in the Hop-A-Thon with the MDA and educated children about muscular dystrophy. So, the time is now that we help. Will you help?

Muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases take away everyday freedoms like walking, running, hugging and even breathing - that's why we are hopping for MDA, here at Growing Friends. We are encouraging each parent to sign their child up, join our Growing Friends team, raise awareness, gather donations, and of course hop!

MDA helps fund ground-breaking research across diseases, provides critical care from the first day of diagnosis and empowers families with services and support in hometowns across America.

Starting April 7th, all classes here at Growing Friends will begin their daily muscular dystrophy awareness lessons. The lessons will be incorporated into their morning educational time frame, then with school age when they return from school. Each day teachers will have the children practice hopping for two (2) minutes to see how many hops they can do. All leading up to our grand event, the HOP-A-THON on Wednesday, April 16th. Our younger classes will hop (even in bouncy seats) around 11am, then our school age will hop around 4pm. Teachers will count the child's hops, in the two minutes, and collect total hops per child per class.

Donations made online will go straight to the MDA foundation. To make an honorable donation for the Nicoll family, in helping Spencer, please make checks payable to "Growing Friends" and in the memo write "Spencer." All donations received to honor Spencer will be totaled and given separately than the foundation. We start today by raising funds, and awareness. All donations are due by Wednesday, April 30th. Please join us by making a "hopping" donation! Let's bring awareness to all, plus help families like the Nicoll family! #spencerstrong
Thank you, Ms. Abby



09 - Nancy Forry
16 - Bill Waldrup
17 - Bob Hake
25 - Linda Anderson
25 - Barb Huson
30 - Ellen Hostler



09 - Edward & Crystal Snyder - 32 years
30 - Rebekah & Michael Garrety - 7 years

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, Holy Thursday, Apr. 17th at Bethany Church in Felton, Good Friday, Apr. 18th at Winterstown Church

Dear Beloved Children of God,
Holy Week, when we remember the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth, begins with Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th. We'll conclude the Atonement Theory worship series on that day with "The Last Scapegoat" theory of understanding Jesus' death on the cross. Holy Thursday service, which focuses on The Last Supper, will be held at Bethany Felton UMC at 7 pm on Apr. 17th. Holy Communion will be celebrated. On Apr. 18th, a Good Friday service is offered at Winterstown UMC at 7:30. It will be a Tenebrae service, also known as a "A Service of Darkness." It might be too frightening for children. Finally, there are three options to celebrate Easter Sunday on Apr. 20th. First is a sunrise service at the Winterstown Cemetery at 6:30 (inside if the weather is bad) followed by breakfast in the all purpose room at WUMC. The second invitation is to worship at Bethany UMC in Felton at 9:15, and the final Easter service is at Winterstown at 10:30. Everyone is invited to any/all of these special worship services. I hope to see you there!

In God's Love,
Pastor Becky



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, , Dusty Grove & Family, the family of RuthAnne Groff, the family of Gloria Little

APRIL 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

April 6th - Eunice C.
April 13th - Connie H.
April 20th - Vince A.
April 27th - Linda A.

Counters

April 6th - Deb S. & Brian H.
April 13th - Dawn B. & Terri L.
April 20th - Richard J. & Brian H.
April 27th - Deb S. & Brian H.

Sound and Media Shout

April 6th - Buddy M. & Brian H.
April 13th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
April 20th - Bill W. & Tammy W.
April 27th - 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	\$1,589.58
Connectional	\$9,462.49	Connectional	\$2,365.62
Clergy	\$10,188.33	Clergy	\$2,547.09
TOTAL:	\$26,009.10	TOTAL:	\$6,502.29

FINANCIAL STANDING

Winterstown UMC applied for, and received in February, an Equitable Compensation Clergy Salary Assistance Grant for the first six months of 2025 amounting to \$2,600. This grant is to be used by the church to assist paying the pastor her salary. Based on reappointment in July, the application will be evaluated again for consideration of another grant of a similar amount for the second half of the year.

The 2025 monthly Shares of Ministry (Fair Shares) have been paid in full through March. There have been three oil deliveries to the church so far this year amounting to a total paid expense of \$13,112. The 2025 Real Estate taxes for County of York and Winterstown Borough in the amount of \$1,985 were paid in March for the parsonage and the land.

The annual Easter egg candy making begins on Monday, March 31. The chocolate covered raisins and peanuts were made on March 15. The net proceeds from this entire project will go to Winterstown UMC as a fundraiser. Thanks to all those participating in this project!

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.



The next United Women in Faith meeting is Monday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm in the APR.

Worship
Service
10:30AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Candy Making Week				
		 Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM Spiritual Practice - 5:00PM	 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00PM	Small Gathering - 7:00PM		Easter Prep 10:00AM
6 5th Sunday in Lent Worship - 10:30AM APR Use - 12:50PM-5:00PM	7 Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	8 Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM Spiritual Practice - 5:00PM	9 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00PM	10 Small Gathering - 7:00PM	11	12 Easter Story & Egg Hunt 11:00AM - 12:00PM
13 Palm Sunday Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	14  UWF - 7:00PM	15 Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	16 APR Use - 10:00AM-4:00PM Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM	17 Holy Thursday Small Gathering - 7:00PM	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:30AM Breakfast to follow Worship - 10:30AM	21 Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	22 Earth Day Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	23 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM	24 Small Gathering - 7:00PM	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	28	29 Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM	30 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM	As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" - Peter Sulzle		

Upcoming Events

Mark you calendars!

Easter is just around the corner. Please sign up in the welcome center for the following events. Any questions, reach out to Ann McGinnis at 717-877-5354 text or leave a message.

Saturday, April 5 Starting at 10:00 AM

Come to the Church and help prepare for the Easter Story, Egg Hunt and Craft. Tasks will be to fill the plastic eggs with candy, create the gift bags and crafts for the children. We will have a light lunch when finished! Looking forward to a fun time of fellowship.

Saturday, April 12 - Easter Story, Egg Hunt/Craft & Lunch

Help is needed the day of the event, starting at 9:00AM - concluding around 1:30. Come for part of the day or attend all the events. Tasks will be registration/signup, supervise the egg hunt, help with creating the craft, and set up for lunch and interface with the children and their families.

The Easter Story will start at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. We are expecting 50 children and their families.

Register your child(ren) for the Easter activities here:



EASTER EGG HUNT

If you are planning on volunteering you must sign-up so we can ensure your clearances are up to date.

6,075 jars of Peanut Butter - that is all we need! Collection will go until Easter Sunday.

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.

