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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



July 2025

Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee

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Admin Assistant - Amber Urey

Treasurer - Connie Human

Organist - Nancy Forry

Pianist - Rick Marks

Sr. Choir Director -

Sandra Gingrich

Senior Youth -

Sandra Gingrich

Day Care Director -

Danielle Orwig

Assistant Day Care Director -

Heather Gibson

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Bible Quiz

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Make this candle to keep unwanted insects from your outdoor summer meals.

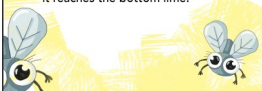
What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight. _____

A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person. _____

Having deep understanding and sound judgment. _____

A person in charge of military troops. _____

A person in authority. _____

The season when daylight hours are longest. _____

A substance you eat for nutrition. _____

When farmers reap the rewards of hard work. _____



Go to the _____, you _____;

consider its ways and be _____!

It has no _____, no overseer or _____,

yet it stores its provisions in _____

and gathers its _____ at _____.

Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)

Answers: ant, sluggard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest; Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



THE WINTERS TOWN CRIER

WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

It's tough getting older! The original part of the church building and I are the same age, and as I've shared with some of you, we're both starting to fall apart! Even the newer addition has reached the age of 22 years old – and so has the original HVAC system. Sadly, it is at the end of its useful life. One system which helps to provide heat is so out of date that there aren't any more parts made for it. Fortunately, it did make it through last winter, thanks be to God! The costs for past repairs have reached the point where it is now wiser to get a new heating and air conditioning system. We have received quotes from two different companies, and the lower one is \$35,000. So, church leadership has recognized the need for a capital campaign.

Soon you will be receiving letters asking for your help to fund our new HVAC system. If every active church family, every Growing Friends' family, and six of our inactive church families could ALL donate \$250, then we will have enough to proceed with getting a new HVAC system installed. So, while this really is the responsibility of the church, we are hopeful that everyone is willing to help to make this purchase possible. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

In God's Love,

Pastor Becky

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GROWING FRIENDS

Happy July!

Growing Friends is closed this month on Friday, July 4th.

Themes for this month include: REVIEW OF THE ALPHABET, NUMBERS, SHAPES, AND COLORS; 4TH OF JULY; CAMPING; CONSTRUCTION; VET'S OFFICE

We are in full summer camp mode here at Growing Friends! The children have been busy with doing field trips (Red Lion Bowling, Green Valley Pool, Pottery, School of Rock), and having in-center activities! Our younger children (Ones, Toddler, Preschool, and PreK) are enjoying their summer with water day, Book Buddies, and a visit from the Monkey Bus to show off their gymnastics! A reminder of the office hours while we are in Summer Camp mode: Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday all day, and alternating Tuesdays/Wednesday depending on the field trips for the day. You are always welcome to call the center or email Growing Friends at anytime. New this summer we are having a center wide Sunday Funday on Sunday, July 20th to see "Shrek" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater.



With the children being at the center now, we are still looking for volunteers to come in and share your special talent with the children, even if it is just to read a book to the children.

New this summer, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting Soccer Shots again every Monday at 3:15. There are a few spots left if you would like to register your child. To register your child or find out more information scan the QR Code. We had a great turnout over the summer and we are looking forward to another fun session! The next soccer shots will be offered in the fall, so be sure to watch for more information to come!



GF Staff news: There are no staff anniversaries this month! However we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Ms. Debbie (July 5th), and Ms. Darlene (July 7th). We are always looking for a night out to do team building or get together to socialize outside of work hours. If you know of anywhere that is worth checking out be sure to let the daycare office know.

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Thank you to those that participated in the Sub and Sandwich sale. Growing Friends profited around \$1,200. We are doing another sub and sandwich sale this month. Orders will be due Monday, July 14th, and delivery will be Tuesday, July 22nd. 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.

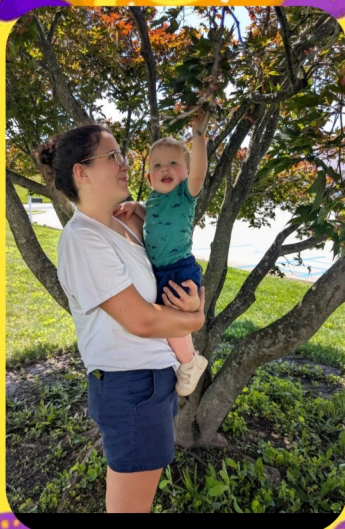
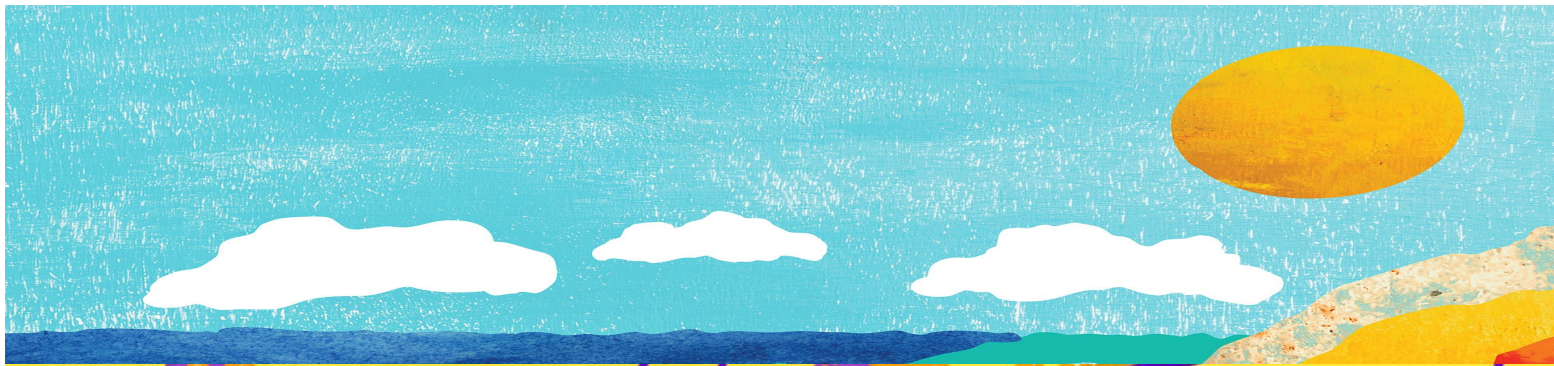
Not interested in our fundraisers?? Maybe you want to know exactly what we are needing and/or buying frequently and how you can help?? Reminder of our Amazon wish list as we updated it in time for the July Prime Day sale! Many wishes from teachers/staff here at Growing Friends, including our preschool program classes! Use the link here or search on Amazon gift list under "Growing Friends, Felton PA." Items can be shipped directly to us. This is just one way to make a donation, we greatly appreciate it as it saves us greatly! A HUGE THANK YOU to those that have already purchased/donated!!!

Much appreciation,
Ms. Danielle



[Amazon Wishlist](#)

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





4th - Glen Huson
9th - Kelly Wetzel
18th - Noah Dowless
19th - Debra Shultz
26th - Ross Anderson



1st - Ross & Diane Anderson - 64 years
2nd - Gordy & Alverta Forbush - 64 years
2nd - Tammy & Bill Waldrup - 31 years
7th - Buddy & Ann McGinnis - 18 years

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

May 19th, 2025
at 6:30 PM

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

Guests Present: Danielle Orwig and Heather Gibson representing Growing Friends

Prayer: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Buddy, and everyone was welcomed, and introductions were given to our guests.

Danielle and Heather started the meeting with a brief overview of the transition from Abby, as co-director, to Danielle as the only director now. All things seem to be going very well during the transitioning period. Ann is working closely with them if anything arises. They are also very proud to announce that Growing Friends Day Care has been nominated for one of the top three daycares in the York and Hanover area, and they will attend the red-carpet gala in July, when the winner is announced.

Connie gave her report on the budget and shared some questions that were discussed and answered. She also brought up the dishes that have been removed from the kitchen and storage area. It was decided that a silent auction will be held after VBS this year to allow anyone interested in anything the opportunity to place a bid.

We need a new HVAC system to supply heat and air conditioning to the classroom area of our building. The current system is 22 years old. We will be putting together a capital campaign drive to assist with the expenses that will be needed for this. We are so very blessed at WUMC, to have such a caring membership. We have always been able to pull together when needed to accomplish a goal when raising funds. Let's all keep this project in prayer, this is an immediate necessity.

We are trying to get information on the number of keys and or key cards or key fobs that are within our membership to update the records. If you have a hard key, please stop into the office and let Amber know.

We will be allowing the North Hopewell Township Police Dept. to use our field for National Night Out this year again on Tuesday, Aug. 5th. More information will be announced.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 6:30 pm. Buddy closed the meeting at 8:30 pm with a prayer.

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, Family of Rhada Gladfelter, Tabitha Gilbert, the family of Dusty Grove, Steve, Tessa, Noah

JULY 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

July 6th - Connie H.
July 13th - Vince A.
July 20th - Linda A.
July 27th - Bill W.

Counters

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

Sound and Media Shout

July 6th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
July 13th - Quinn W. & Amanda L.
July 20th - Buddy M. & Brian H.
July 27th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.

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	\$3,179.16
Connectional	\$9,462.49	Connectional	\$4,731.24
Clergy	\$10,188.33	Clergy	\$5,094.18
TOTAL:	\$26,009.10	TOTAL:	\$13,004.58

FINANCIAL STANDING

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

The cooler weather in May resulted in slightly lower electric bills in June. However, with the extreme heat that is being experienced during June, it is expected that the July electric bills will show a substantial increase. The much-needed rain has helped the grass to grow, and we are currently experiencing the need for weekly lawn mowing.

The amount of net proceeds from the Easter candy project is \$8,795. The proceeds will be deposited in June to the WUMC general operating fund as a fundraiser. Thank you again to all those who helped in any way with this project!

The ongoing gift card fundraiser for Jerry's and Giant gift cards has netted a year-to-date amount of \$499.

The silent auction identified in last month's newsletter has begun. The items available for sale have been placed in the welcome center. If you are interested in bidding on an item or items, please stop in the church office to receive a "bidder number" to use on the bid sheets. Items will be on display through Saturday July 5. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM.

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.

Worship
Service
10:30AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation - so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it - instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."</p>		1	2	3	4 Growing Friends and Church office closed 	5
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost Worship - 10:30AM	7	8	9 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	10 Small Gathering - 2:00PM	11	12
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27 7th Sunday after Pentecost Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	28 Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	29	30 Small Gathering - 10:00AM	31 Small Gathering - 2:00PM	<p>This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism - it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."</p>	

Upcoming Events



**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.

July Notes:

Thanks everyone for all the cards and support shown to us during my mom's, Rhada Gladfelter's, passing. We were overwhelmed by the attendance at her funeral. We are truly blessed by a wonderful church family here at Winterstown.

- Ann & Buddy McGinnis

Fire transforming us for the good

For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go.

In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us.

God, your presence is like a consuming fire —not destructive, but transformative, not the fire of anger but the flame of love, the fire of glassblowers and bakers the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and useful.

Your glory is no tame campfire where we sit and make s'mores.

It burns out of our control. The furnace of your love roars about our hearts, remaking us

Teach us to be unafraid. ...

When you bask in firelight glow — and maybe eat some s'mores! — ponder how God is transforming you with love, and for the sake of love.



source: churchart.com

Vacation Bible School wrapped up on Thursday, June 12th. We had a great time, one that wouldn't have happened without all our amazing volunteers! Thank you to all who allowed their children to attend and to those who spent their evenings with the children.

