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Monday - Friday

10:30AM - 1:30PM

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 10:00AM

Newsletter Deadline

15th of each month

Worship
10:00AM

April 2024

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

winterstownchurch.org

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee
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Meet Our Staff

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Sandra Gingrich

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Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21)

SOMETHING OLD, Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



PUZZLE

PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY

- = God
- = seed
- = planted
- = watered
- = grow
- = one
- = anything
- = only

I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____.

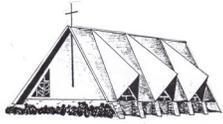
So neither the _____ who plants nor the

_____ who waters is _____.

but _____, who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, grow, God, God, grow, only, anything, one, one, anything, God, God, grow



WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

April 2024

Volume 11, Issue 2

Dear Beloved Children of God,

Happy Easter! What, have I greeted you incorrectly? Easter was on March 31, wasn't it? Actually, Easter is a whole season which begins on the day we call "Easter" and continues for 50 days through Pentecost. It's also been known in the past as the "Great Fifty Days." So, Easter season this year is from March 31 through May 19. It's the most joyous of all the seasons in the Church, as it celebrates Jesus conquering sin and death for all the peoples of the world. Not only was Jesus resurrected into new life, but it means we all have a chance at new life, both here on earth and in the eternal realm.

Sadly, sometimes we Christians miss the point that new life, a resurrected life, is available in the

here and now as well as after we die. Some people continue to live broken lives when God's plan and desire for all God's children is to live abundant lives. Jesus tells us in John 10:10b that:

"I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest."



Our worship series for the Easter season is called "Resurrection Stories: Unlock Yours." It was created by Dr. Marcia McFee and her team at Worship Design Studio. Each week we will hear scripture passages pointing us to new life as well as true, modern-day resurrection stories of people

who have overcome a challenge and been able to heal and move into a new life. These inspirational stories demonstrate the truth that God does indeed want us to live full, abundant, meaningful, loving lives RIGHT NOW!!!!

So, I hope you'll join in the Easter celebration each Sunday at 10 am either in person or on our YouTube channel.



All are welcome to come and hear words and stories of hope in this most joyous time of the year! May we all be inspired to unlock our own resurrection stories.

In God's Love ,
Pastor Becky

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P.S. I hope you enjoy the beauty of the "stained glass" which our Growing Friends' children created to wish everyone a "Happy Easter!" Thank you, Miss Addie, for this marvelous idea and its execution!





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy April! We hope everyone had a blessed Easter!

Growing Friends is closed Monday, April 1st - no this is no April Fools Joke! Enjoy an extended Easter weekend with family and friends! Growing Friends reopens Tuesday, April 2nd.

Ms. Danielle is out of the office, away on vacation from Friday, April 5th through Monday, April 22nd. Ms. Abby will be in the office everyday (8am-4pm) while Ms.

Danielle is away. If you need anything please brightwheel message, email or stop in the office during the in office hours of 9-2:30pm.

We are starting to plan our summer fun here at Growing Friends and looking for volunteers to help make our summer extra fun, special and even educational! Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the children and staff here at Growing Friends? Maybe even special animals to visit our children. Maybe even coming in

one day to read a story with the children and play music. We are open and welcome to ideas and of course appreciate your time and talent shared! Call or email us to get on our schedule.
Thank you!

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





Tithes & Offerings

To give on-line one time or for a recurring offering, you can use this QR code:



2024 Shares Of Ministry		2024 Shares Paid to Date	
Benevolent	\$7,516.13	Benevolent	\$626.34
Connectional	\$11,185.61	Connectional	\$932.13
Clergy	\$12,043.64	Clergy	\$1,003.64
TOTAL:	\$30,745.38	TOTAL:	\$2,562.11



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - VICTOR'S CROSS

Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left letters stand for Jesus and the top right letters stand for Christ (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for conqueror.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|---|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1 Aiden Krone | 16 Betty Bolyard | 20 Michael Strine | 25 Julie Krone |
| 1 McKenzie Cole | 16 Bill Waldrup | 20 Trevor Gannon | 25 Barbara Huson |
| 2 Richard Zeigler | 17 Quinn Barshinger | 21 Leslie Fisher | 25 Cole Orwig |
| 7 Lexi Holmes | 17 Robert Hake | 23 Joshua Williams | 26 Patty Gingrich |
| 9 Nancy Forry | 18 Becky Jones | 23 Wade Overmiller | 27 Christa Cubbage |
| 13 Hallie Tress | 18 Olivia Sweetsir | 24 Eileen Nissley | 28 Starr Miller |
| 15 Penny Grove | 19 Robert Yeakel | 25 Linda Anderson | 30 Ellen Hostler |
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| 3 Ed & Crystal Snyder - 31 st | | 21 Wade & Angie Overmiller – 34 th | |
| 7 Dana & Kate Anderson - 23 rd | | 30 Rebekah & Michael Garrety – 6 th | |



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, Eva Miller, Charlene Emenheiser, Dale Flinchbaugh, Doris Edwards, Chugg Gibbs, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter, Randy Criswell, Donna Strawbridge, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Jerry Joines, Chellie Willis, Lee & Colleen, Becky, Dee & Jim, Sharon & Greg, Freddie Williams, Sharon Hollingshead, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Sandy Trotter, Brandy, Becky, Lee, Lori, Bob & Diana Bertling, Dan Morrison & Family, Eunice Criswell, Zach, Sam Cooley, Jean Dietz, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Noah Dowless, Sandie Rock, Larry Riddle



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: info@winterstownumc.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

The Stewartstown Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The ongoing needs of the community this year have resulted in the Food Pantry serving just under 100 families each month. The Stewartstown Food Pantry will be hosting two fundraisers this year to help support their mission of providing food assistance to families in need. The first one will be a live bluegrass benefit concert and dinner to be held on Saturday, April 20th. Details for this event are included:

LIVE BLUEGRASS 

Benefit Concert & Dinner

SAT. APRIL 20TH
DINNER 5PM CONCERT 6:45PM

STEWARTSTOWN UMC 26 S MAIN ST. STEWARTSTOWN, PA

TICKETS \$25 DINNER AND CONCERT
 (\$12 AGES 5-12 . CHILDREN 4 & UNDER FREE)
 \$10 CONCERT ONLY

*All Proceeds Benefit
 Stewartstown Food Pantry* 

EMAIL: COPPERHILLEVENT@STEWARTSTOWNUMC.ORG
 PHONE: 717-993-9143


 SCAN FOR TICKETS 

April 2024 Volunteers

Liturgist

- April 7 - Donald G
- April 14 - Linda A
- April 21 - Bill W
- April 28 - Eunice C

Counters

- April 7 - Richard J & Brian H
- April 14 - Deb S & Brian H
- April 21 - Dawn B & Terri Laird
- April 28 - Richard J & Brian H

Sound and Media Shout

- April 7 - Buddy M & Brian H
- April 14 - Scott G & Patti G
- April 21 - Bill W & Tammy W
- April 28 - Buddy M & Brian H

If you are interested in serving during Sunday services please contact the office.



**Worship Service
10:00AM**

*"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."
~ Algernon C. Swinburne*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Growing Friends closed	2	3	4	5	6
Bolded Items denotes use of APR		APR Use 10:00AM to 2:00PM Simply Loved Kids - 3:30PM	Small Group - 10:00AM Pick up Subs/ Sandwiches 4:00pm to 6:00 Pm Senior Choir - 7:00PM	APR Use 10:00AM to 1:00PM Small Group - 7:00PM		
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter Cantata No Children's Sunday School	8 UWF - 7:00PM	9 Simply Loved Kids - 3:30PM	10 Storytime - 9:30AM Small Group - 10:00AM Senior Choir - 7:00PM	11 3's PSP APR Use - 9:00 to 11:30AM Small Group - 7:00PM	12 4's PSP APR Use - 9:00 to 11:30AM	13
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter Children's Sunday School - 10:00AM	15	16 Simply Loved Kids - 3:30PM	17 Storytime - 9:30AM Small Group - 10:00AM Senior Choir - 7:00PM	18 New Small Group - 2:00PM Small Group - 7:00PM	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter Children's Sunday School - 10:00AM	22	23 No School for Red Lion School District No 3's PSP	24 Administrative Professionals Day Storytime - 9:30AM Small Group - 10:00AM Senior Choir - 7:00PM	25 PSP Field Trip 9:00 to 1:30pm New Small Group - 2:00PM Small Group - 7:00PM	26	27 NHW Color Run Fun Run Food Trucks
28 5 th Sunday of Easter Children's Sunday School - 10:00AM	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>"Do something you really love in the most adventurous place you can and make sure it helps other people." ~ Diane Sawyer</i></p> </div>			

LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES - TUESDAY MARCH 5TH, 2024

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

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm with a prayer offered by Buddy.

Pastor Becky led the group in Spiritual Practices explaining Vizio Divino. Visualize, using your heart more than your mind. She presented a beautiful picture of Jesus holding a lamb with a wolf in the background and asked for what we thought when looking at the picture and share it with others.

1. Growing Friends reported that they were inspected, and it was good, however there are a few things that will need to be repaired.
2. Ann talked about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, the preparation, and the plans. They will be given a bag with crafts and drinks and a small amount of chocolate candy. The children will watch a video and then will be asked to travel to the different stations to hear about the Easter story, where they will receive stickers for their wreaths. Connie will be assisting with the pizza bites and the juice. Ann will get everything needed, they decided to go with all water this year.
3. Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages and will be held the week of June 9, 2024. Lorrie will print the list of those with child clearances. The planning committee is still deciding on whether to have the VBS in the afternoon or in the evenings. Thoughts are to maybe start the sessions at 1 pm and end around 4 pm. Patty Gingrich has agreed to be the director. It was also mentioned that the van is available to pick up any children that have an interest in coming to VBS but may not have transportation. It will be held Monday through Thursday, and the theme will be "Campfire".
4. Survey results: The LT was pleased with all the responses to the 2-question survey. There are a lot of variables that present itself to get a concrete conclusion.
5. The question came up about what happened to all the monies that the conference received from the churches that had disaffiliated. Pastor Becky said she would check into this and let us know.

New Business:

1. Bill Waldrup announced that we were approved for a grant to cover the costs of Microsoft.
2. Pastor Becky asked what our thoughts were on her going to ¾ time from a full-time pastor and after much discussion, Buddy and the team decided to wait to decide on that to see if the results of the survey will improve our finances.
3. Discussion was mentioned about emailing the newsletters to those who have email and placing the other who do not have email into their mailboxes. It was also suggested that we look into some of the local businesses in the area to advertise in our newsletter to bring in revenue.

The next meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:11 pm with a prayer offered by Buddy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn M. Burg, Secretary

FINANCIAL STANDING

The mission of Winterstown UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to help all persons Encounter God, Experience Love, and Engage in Ministry. Tithes and offerings received are used to not only cover the expense of ongoing operational items but also to support our mission and vision. Thanks to everyone who has considered and begun increasing their tithes and offerings. Unfortunately, the trend continues that our expenses are running higher than our income. The first quarter of this year has seen a large increase in expenses over income. February and March had fuel oil expenses for the church and parsonage at slightly over \$12,000 and the first round of 2024 Real Estate taxes at approximately \$2,000. March also was a three-payday month. While these types of expenses are normal for this time of year, it does create a large deficit. The current church bills have all been paid in full with the exception of the February and March Shares of Ministry. Please continue to prayerfully consider your giving, not forgetting the one who gave ALL for us on the cross.

