

Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)



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Dear Beloved Children of God,

There has been some excellent feedback that we should have children's Sunday school all year round. That's an awesome suggestion! I was thinking how great it would have been to be able to invite the children who attended VBS and their families back to worship and children's Sunday school (if we had it) the week after the children led worship. However, I know that it is sometimes challenging for children (and therefore their parents) to make it through the whole service. On the other hand, though, it is my sincere desire that our current Sunday school and Simply Loved teachers don't get burned out! We all need some breaks and some sabbath time from even our service to God, the one who stressed the need for sabbath clear back in Genesis chapter 2.



So, while it's too late for us to have children's Sunday school this summer, here's how I hope it can work for next summer. As we have been doing, we won't have children's Sunday school when we have Communion. That way children will be able to participate in that sacrament. So, there are 11 Sundays left for which we need a teacher and a second adult. There are enough of us who don't teach the children to lead the children in a Bible story and activity for those 11 Sundays. Of course, any teacher who wants to take one Sunday will certainly not be told they can't! I will even

take one Sunday if necessary. We can provide as much or as little as the teacher for a Sunday wants (for example: specific Bible story, activities, coloring pages, song list. If you are a "craft" person, then you'll have some great ideas.) This will offer you a wonderful opportunity to engage in ministry and interact with the children with whom we've been blessed! If you don't already have your clearances and background checks which are needed to engage in children's ministry, then you have 10 months to get them. Amber, our administrative assistant, will help you.

If you want to serve in some other ways much sooner, there are two opportunities this month. First, on Tuesday, Aug. 6th, we will again be the host site for North Hopewell Township Police Department's "National Night Out." There will be a lot to set up on Monday (Aug. 5th) and Tuesday, and hot dogs to hand out during the event which is from 5 – 8 pm. Then, of course, there will be cleaning up afterwards.



The second way to engage in ministry is to help with the dinner which is being offered to the families of Growing Friends (GF) on Thursday, Aug. 15th. Thursday at 6 pm is "Meet the Teacher" night at the NH-W Elementary School. So, to help the GF families, we will serve them dinner from 5-5:45pm. Before they leave, we will offer a "back to school blessing." Please let me know if you can help with this meal.

While summer isn't technically over under Sept. 21st this year, the slightly "slower" season is coming to an end too quickly! Soon the children will be back in school and hopefully in Simply Loved and children's Sunday school. Thank you to Tammy Waldrup, our "Nurture Coordinator," and all the teachers who help the children to know how much Jesus loves them – and us, too!

In God's Love ,

Pastor Becky

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GROWING FRIENDS

Happy August - Wow where has the summer gone?!

Next scheduled Growing Friends closed date is Monday, September 2nd.

Themes for this month include: Rainforest; Review; Labor Day; Back to School

Our summer fun comes to an end this month as we begin to change to our back to school mode. We sure have had a busy fun filled summer with many special field trips, in house special activities, and fun themes weekly! We sure have kept the kids extra busy and entertained! We love our summers here at Growing Friends! If anyone is interested this month or even the fall during preschool program in visiting and sharing a special talent, we welcome you! Just contact us to see what date and time works the best.

NHW Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th starting at 6pm. Then Red Lion goes back to school to start their 2024-2025 school year on Monday, August 19th. Kindergarten students and parents have a couple days to prepare their emotions, as their first day of school is Wednesday, August 21st! Wednesday, August 21st is our open house for our 3's & 4's preschool program starting promptly at 5:30pm. Thursday, August 22nd our van goes back to traveling back and forth on the road as Stewartstown Elementary starts their 2024-2025 school year! Wishing all our students (and teachers) a safe, enjoyable school year!

Start collecting your sub/sandwich fundraiser totals and payment as Tuesday, August 6th orders are due to the daycare office. If you missed out on our June one, or it didn't work for your schedule, be sure not to miss out on this last one for the summer. Each sandwich/sub comes with a bag of chips too! We thank you so much for your support and truly appreciate your help by spreading the word.

Not interested in our fundraisers?? Maybe you want to know exactly what we are needing and/or buying frequently and how you can help?? We've updated our Amazon wish list!!! We are preparing for the end of summer and back to school mode around here! We will have our registry open through December 19th, as we plan to add more to it to prepare for the holiday season. Check out our Growing Friends wish list registry! Use the QR code below or search on Amazon gift list under "Growing Friends, Felton PA." Items can be shipped directly to us. One way to make a donation, we greatly appreciate it! Saves us greatly! Thank you to those that have already made a donation using this method!! ☺

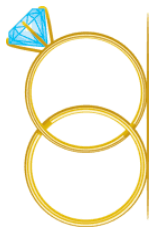
Thank you!



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



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - WEDDING RINGS

The exchange of wedding rings isn't found in Scripture. It came into practice among Christians in the late ninth century. The unending circle profoundly symbolizes a couple's mutual promises of ongoing love and commitment, as well as God's promise of eternal love that surrounds all — including each couple and marriage.



1st	Jeff Peterman	12th	Joe Hostler
2nd	Patty Waltimeyer	12th	Jesse Hurley
2nd	Jennifer Williams	13th	Samuel Kipp
3rd	Jay Godfrey	16th	Evelyn Smith
5th	Larry Young	18th	Alexandra Wetzel
6th	Alverta Forbush	21st	Danielle Orwig
6th	Chuck Peterman	22nd	Kaylee Coby
10th	Dawson Myers	28th	Abby Gingrich
11th	Dan Koons	28th	Donna Overmiller
12th	Ella Jane Hess		



2nd	Ralph & Naomi Latimer
8th	Lynn & Cora Sue Herbst - 54 years
15th	Bill & Ella Jane Hess - 60 years
19th	Brian & Kelly Emenheiser - 29 years
20th	Larry & Carla Owens - 36 years
20th	Brielle Unger-Smith & Brodie Smith - 8 years
28th	Glen & Barn Huson - 64 years
28th	Kira & Jarrett Wilson - 3 years
29th	Vince & Carrie Anderson - 37 years

PRAYER list

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, Charlene Emenheiser, Dale Flinchbaugh, Doris Edwards, Chugg Gibbs, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Jerry Joines, Chellie Willis, Lee & Colleen, Dee, Sharon & Greg, Freddie Williams, Sharon Hollingshead, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Sandy Trotter, Brandy, Becky, Lori, Dan Morrison & Family, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Trevor Gannon, Betty Saylor, Hagan Urey, the family of Velma Holloway, the family of Robin Smith, J.R. Rudisill and her brother John, Noah Dowless, Ray Marks (Rick's dad), Lindsey Howell, the family of Donalene Grove, Chief Tim Quinan

AUGUST 2024 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

August 4th - Bill W.
August 11th - Eunice C.
August 18th - Connie H.
August 25th - Vince A.

Counters

August 4th - Dawn B. & Terri L.
August 11th - Richard J. & Brian H.
August 18th - Deb S. & Brian H.
August 25th - Dawn B. & Terri L.

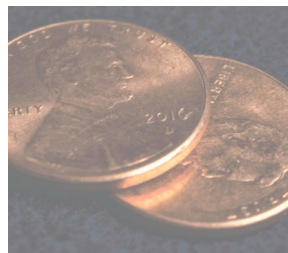
Sound and Media Shout

August 4th - Bill W. & Tammy W.
August 11th - Buddy M. & Brian H.
August 18th - Scott G. & Patty G.
August 25th - Bill W. & Tammy W.

If you are interested in serving during Sunday services please contact the office at 717-244-1984 or send an email to info@winterstownmc.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: 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



TITHES & OFFERINGS

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



2024 Shares Of Ministry

Benevolent	\$7,516.13
Connectional	\$11,185.61
Clergy	\$12,043.64
TOTAL:	\$30,745.38

2024 Shares Paid to Date

Benevolent	\$626.34
Connectional	\$932.13
Clergy	\$1,003.64
TOTAL:	\$2,562.11

FINANCIAL STANDING

Thank you for your continued giving from both the financial aspect as well as your time and service. There has been an increase in the amount of financial giving, and we thank all those that have been able to increase the amount of their tithes and offerings. During our recent issue with our drinking water because of the UV light you have been generous in providing gallon jugs of water or giving monetary donations to cover the purchase of water. Contributions are received in varying amounts and from many sources and used towards operating expenses. We recently had recycling that netted \$148 and the United Women in Faith project for Father's Day netted \$207. The Gift Card purchases to Giant and Jerry's has netted \$550 based on the 5% discount from the vendors.

The Shares of Ministry monthly expense payments remain in arrears for the months of February through July. At the end of June 2024, the amount in arrears was \$12,810.55. During this time of the year, we do not have the large fuel oil expenses, but we do have other supplemental expenses including increased electricity and the second round of 2024 Real Estate taxes. Apart from the Shares of Ministry, we have been able to meet our normal operating expenses.

WATER UPDATE



A big thank you to everyone who donated water as we awaited approval and installation of our updated water system. The water kept us and Growing Friends in operation until the system was replaced to meet the Department of Environmental Protection's standard. We appreciate the understanding and kindness you all have shown as we dealt with the situation. It was a long and tedious process but it is finally completed.



**Worship
Service
10:00AM**

"God turns rivers into desert, watery springs into thirsty ground, fruitful land into unproductive dirt, when its inhabitants are wicked. But God can also turn the desert into watery pools, thirsty ground into watery springs, where he settles the hungry."

- Psalms 107: 33-36

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Small Group - 2:00PM	2	3 APR Rental - 4:00pm-8:00pm
4 11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10am Communion 	5 APR Use 11:30am-1:30pm	6  National Night Out - 5:00pm-8:00pm	7 Small Group - 10:00AM	8 Small Group - 2:00PM	9	10
11 12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10am	12	13 Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride Restaurant - 11:30AM	14 Small Group - 10:00AM	15  APR Use 9:30am-12:00pm Small Group - 2:00PM Dinner & Back To School Blessing - 5:00pm-5:45pm	16	17
18 13th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10am Back To School Blessing	19	20	21 Small Group - 10:00AM APR Use - 5:30PM-7:00PM	22 Small Group - 2:00PM	23	24
25 14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10am	26	27	28 Small Group - 10:00AM	29 Small Group - 2:00PM	30	31