



## Winterstown UMC

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Monday - Thursday

10:30AM - 2:30PM

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Tuesday by 10:00AM

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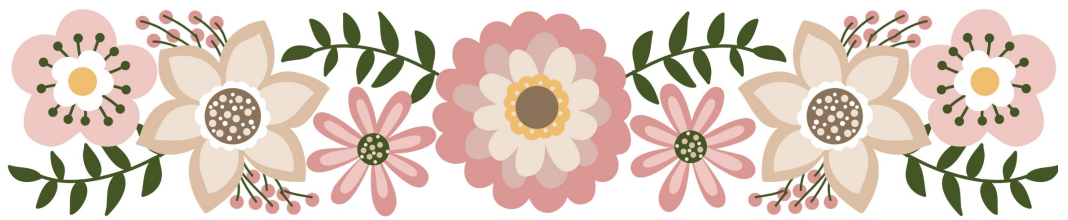
20th of each month

**Worship**

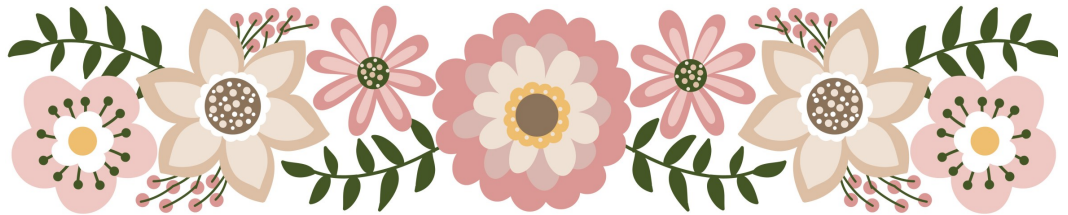
**10:30AM**

**"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"**

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# June 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** -

Danielle Orwig

& Heather Gibson

717-246-8017

## Bible Quiz

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king



## IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

### What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

### What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



## FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)

Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV



# THE WINTERS TOWN CRIER

## WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 2025

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

It's June which means it's time for VBS this year. Vacation Bible School is one of the key outreach ministries of a church. Thank you to all the people serving this year as it takes a lot of people using their different gifts to create a wonderful experience for the children who participate. The key thing for the adults who lead VBS is that they get to share their love of Jesus with the children. They witness through the storytelling with the great sets they make each day, through the awesome and creative crafts for the children, through the songs we sing, through the food they will eat, and through the service projects that will help people and our volunteer fire company.

So, please pray for God to nudge the children to come the week of June 8th so they can both learn and experience that Jesus loves them. Pray for the adults who are serving during that week. May God bless this outreach ministry and bring more and more children closer into his heart.

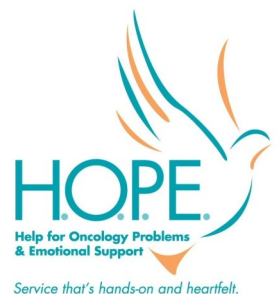
In God's Love,

*Pastor Becky*



Members of Winterstown United Methodist Church, families of Growing Friends ~ It's been an honor to have shared over half my life with you all, at a place I have called my second home. To be recognized and honored in May, in front of so many, with the generous donation towards my new path, I truly express my gratitude. So many have truly expressed and shown their support over the years, as I grew here myself at Growing Friends, and I am incredibly appreciative. Working at Growing Friends, with children, has been my passion. Going further with H.O.P.E., I feel is my purpose. From my heart, thank you for your support with this new path. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and I will always remember.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Abby







## GROWING FRIENDS

Happy June!

Themes for this month include: Reviewing our Alphabet and Number 1-20, Hospitals, Summer, Father's Day, Safari

Thank you to the church for showing the extra love to the teachers for teacher appreciation week! We truly appreciate it! Thank you to the Simply Loved teachers for your time with the Growing Friends Children!



This month we begin our Summer Camp for our School Age children. Field trips will begin the week of June 16th! We are looking forward to the extra time with our school age children, and the extra activities around the center! If you or someone you know has a special talent they would like to share with the kids please send them our way! We always love to have volunteers come in and show off their special talents!

### Unearth Your Talents

GF Staff news: This month we celebrate a few employee's work anniversaries! Miss Katelyn who works mainly with our Preschool class shares her one year anniversary with us. Miss Katelyn is balancing being a full time college student and working for GF when she can. Miss Heather celebrates her 6 year anniversary with us! She teaches our 3's Preschool Program, works mainly in the School Age rooms and has been the Asst. Director for one year! Ms. Julie shares her 4 year work anniversary with us this month as well! She mainly works with our Preschool and PreK children. Ms. Abby shares her 23rd year with us! While Ms. Abby is balancing this new path, she will continue to fill in here and there in the office, and have fun with us on field trips! Miss Sara celebrates her 2nd work anniversary with us! She works with our Infant and Ones children. We are blessed to have these wonderful ladies on our team!

FUNDRAISER NEWS: This month R&K Sub Orders are due to the daycare office by/before Monday June 9th. Order forms were placed in mailboxes at the beginning of May. Orders will be delivered Tuesday, June 17th. pick up will be in the All Purpose Room from 2-6pm. Thank you for your orders!



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 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, and we greatly appreciate it as it saves us greatly! A HUGE THANK YOU to those that have already purchased/donated!!! Just scan the QR code to go directly to the wish list:

Much appreciation,

Ms. Danielle

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











## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - RIVER

In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Paul Mego  
8th - Richard Jackson  
13th - Dawn Burg  
14th - Jean Dietz  
14th - Brian Gladfelter  
18th - Buddy McGinnis  
21st - Dee Saylor  
22nd - Randy Criswell  
25th - Diane Anderson  
29th - Eunice Criswell



3rd - Troy & Julie Hildebrand - 25 years  
6th - Sandra & Donald Gingrich - 61 years  
12th - Terri & Brian Laird - 43 years  
13th - Bob & Lois Arsenault  
18th - Bill & Teresa Erdman - 31 years  
24th - Paul & Trina Mego - 36 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, 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

# JUNE 2025 VOLUNTEERS

### Liturgist

June 1st - Vince A.  
June 8th - Linda A.  
June 15th - Bill W.  
June 22nd - Dawn B.  
June 29th - Eunice C.

### Counters

June 1st - Richard J. & Brian H.  
June 8th - Deb S. & Brian H.  
June 15th - Dawn B. & Terri L.  
June 22nd - Richard J. & Brian H.  
June 29th - Deb S. & Brian H.

### Sound and Media Shout

June 1st - Bill W. & Tammy W.  
June 8th - Buddy M. & Brian H.  
June 15th - Dawson G. & Dawn B.  
June 22nd - Bill W. & Tammy W.  
June 29th - 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](mailto: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](mailto:adminassist@winterstownchurch.org)

Or call (717) 244-1984

### Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser



Orders due by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Grocery cards distributed the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Benevolent	\$6,358.28
Connectional	\$9,462.49
Clergy	\$10,188.33
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,009.10</b>

### 2025 Shares Paid to Date

Benevolent	\$2,649.30
Connectional	\$3,942.70
Clergy	\$4,245.15
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,837.15</b>

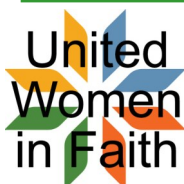
## FINANCIAL STANDING

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

We are in a short lull between winter and summer expenses. April included the first lawn mowing expenses for the summer season. We have been fortunate that for a few weeks the weather has been unseasonably cooler than normal, hopefully resulting in less use of air conditioning and with associated lower electric bills.

The amount of net proceeds from the Easter candy project will not be published until the July newsletter as sales are still ongoing. The net proceeds will go to Winterstown UMC as a fundraiser.

The kitchen cupboards and some storage areas were recently cleaned out. During the process, there were many items identified that are no longer used or needed in conducting our normal church activities. A decision was made to have a silent auction to sell the items, with the proceeds placed in the WUMC general operating fund. Items not purchased will be donated to appropriate organizations. Items will be on display and available for bids in the welcome center of the church for a period of two weeks beginning Sunday June 22 and ending Saturday July 5. Bids will be anonymous. Anyone wishing to bid on items will be given a "number" that will be used on the bid sheet(s) rather than entering their name. More information will be provided prior to the sale. 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.






We will not have meetings in June, July or August.

Our next scheduled meeting is September 8th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Enjoy your summer!!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> Worship - 10:30AM	2	3	4  Small Gathering - 10:00AM	5  Small Gathering - 2:00PM	6	7
8 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	9	10	11	12	13	14  
<b>VBS WEEK</b>						
			Small Gathering - 10:00AM	Small Gathering - 2:00PM		
15 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM  Father's Day	16  Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	17	18  Small Gathering - 10:00 AM	19   Small Gathering - 2:00PM	20  	21
22 <b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	23	24	25  Small Gathering - 10:00AM	26  Small Gathering - 2:00PM	27	28
29 <b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	30  Grief Support Group - 10:00AM	<p>Summer's arrival feels positive to many people but may not be smooth for all. Families who rely on regular school meals for their children must stretch grocery dollars further. Heat poses risks for elderly people who lack air conditioning. Work can be difficult to find in the summer months, and uncertainty looms for recent graduates. Meanwhile, concerns such as wars, natural disasters and health problems don't take a summer break.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) prayed, "May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world." Her prayer is as appropriate today as nearly 500 years ago. When all around us is unstable and unreliable, God's love and faithfulness are constant and trustworthy.</p>				

# Upcoming Events



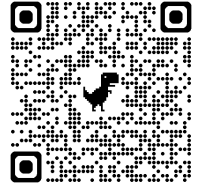
## VBS (Vacation Bible School)

**Sun., June 8 - Thur., June 12**

Meal for Participants at 5:00 (Mon-Thur)

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Potty-trained Children from preschool (3&4 year olds) through those who are entering 6th grade in the Fall 2025 are invited.



Each year during VBS we wrap up our week by having the children help with a mission. This year it has been decided to have the kids pack up "refresh" kits for the fire department. The North Hopewell/Winterstown fire chief, Ben Grove, will receive the prepared kits. We are asking for donations of the following items for the kits.

- Liquid IV beverage packets.
- Gatorade
- Bottled water
- Power Bars
- Granola Bars
- Vitamin water



The Quarterly Mission Central volunteering date has been chosen. If you have already signed up for this, Ann will be reaching out with the details. If you did not sign up, fear not as there is always room for more. Please see the new sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the APR.

The mission date is Saturday, September 6th.

Please meet at the church at 8:00 am to carpool.



Scanning the QR Code will take you to a listing of all of the Susquehanna Conference summer programs. Use the filters to find the program that fits your camper age, week, and setting.



# June Notes:

## Thoughts for Father's Day

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries —  
Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.  
He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:  
The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.  
I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

—Author unknown

