



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"

winterstownchurch.org



Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee
757-709-5187

Administrative Assistant -
Amber Rusonis

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Organist - Nancy Forry

Pianist - Rick Marks

Sr. Choir Director -

Sandra Gingrich

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Director - Danielle Orwig

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Bible Quiz

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the selfless, sacrificial love that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge



Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

LOVE IS Action!

Love isn't just a feeling — it's something we do! This simple activity reminds us that acts of love, big or small, can grow and bless others.

What you need:

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons

What you do:

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your "leaves."
3. On each heart, write loving actions like "share my toys," "pray for others," or "help clean up."
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18 NIV)

PUZZLE

LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

Change:

C's to L Z's to H P's to R
J's to A Q's to T X's to E
K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P

G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C

Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z

J C C Y K U P M I N D J N D

W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

S Q P X N G Q Z "

Mark 12:30

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

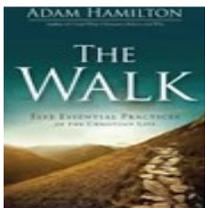
MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

Lent and Easter are early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 18th, so we'll have a service at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to this special time of worship. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of repentance, soul evaluation, and preparation for the most important and exciting season in the church year – Easter! Just like Christmas is a season of 12 days, Lent is a season of 40 days. These 40 days tie into the 40 days in which Jesus lived in the desert, prepared for his upcoming ministry, and was tempted by Satan. Lent, for us, is a season of self-reflection as to how we are loving God and loving our neighbors. In some traditions, one may give up something, like a particular food or practice. That practice is based on scripture telling us that Jesus didn't have food for those 40 days. Sometimes Lent is a time to take on something new – like a new spiritual practice or serving the community through organizations like the Stewartstown Food Pantry or Community Reach.

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Our worship series for Lent is based on Adam Hamilton's book/study, *The Walk*. The question which serves as the basis for this book/study is: "How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him?" The five spiritual practices – ways in which we can faithfully follow Jesus – are: worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Hamilton points out that Jesus lived out these ways to stay connected to his Father, and so they are great ways for us to deepen our faith in God as well. There is some cross-over with the practices which Bishop Schnase covers in his book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Schnase says that "Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity" are the ways for a worshipping community to be alive and thriving (fruitful.) So, I hope that you will not only worship passionately during the Lenten season but that you will also focus on one or more of the spiritual practices recommended by these modern-day followers of Jesus. Our discipleship pathway tool and our website offer some specific ways for us to follow Jesus more faithfully as we strive to walk in his footsteps. You can find those resources here:



In God's Love,
Pastor Becky



REMINDER: Saturday, July 18, 2026

A 55 passenger bus has been reserved to attend the brand new show, *Joshua*, at Sight and Sound. Price is \$165.00 per person, this includes your ticket, lunch with gratuity, and transportation.

If you already signed up OR are interested in a seat please see Ann McGinnis at the welcome center to make your reservation/payment. You can make checks payable to Winterstown United Methodist Church with Sight and Sound in the memo line. If you have any questions please contact Ann McGinnis at 717-877-5354



PRAYER PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

list Pastor Becky & Mark McGee, Growing Friends, North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School, North Hopewell-Winterstown Volunteer Fire Company, Glenn Grove, Dianna Henry, Barb Huson, Eva Miller, Sandie Rock, Barbara Taylor, Sandy Wallace, Eleanor Yeakel, Donna Overmiller, Randy Criswell, Betty Bolyard, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Tabitha Gilbert, Lois Arsenault, Sam Cooley, Janet Vanderlipp, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Sylvia Riddle, Troy Hildebrand, Eleanor Kelly, Rick, Teresa's friend's mother, Troy's friend, Alex, MJ's friend Gale





GROWING FRIENDS



Happy February!

Growing Friends is officially 28 "years old". We celebrated this special day with a pizza and dance party, and having cupcakes in the afternoon for a snack! We look forward to another 28 years that we can serve the community!

This month we patiently wait for the arrival of our state inspector to come in and do our yearly inspection. Last year she was in and out in just under 2 hours, so we are hoping for another quick inspection! We are also excited for all the "love" that will be floating around the center as the children shower each other with Valentine's cards, treat and flowers. :)



This month the children will be learning about the following:

Letters: P, Q, R;

Numbers: 13 & 14;

Shape: Heart;

Color: Pink;

Groundhog Day; Valentine's Day, President's Day; Dentist; Feelings

This month there will be no school for our Red Lion children on: Friday, February 13th or Monday, February 16th.

On Thursday, February 12th we will have our special Valentine's Dance for the children in the AP room. Children will dance the morning away while receiving their carnation flowers from that special someone! When the children return from school they will have their fun dancing and receiving any flowers from their special someone!

This month we open up registration for our Preschool Program classes! If you or someone you know has a child that will be 3 or 4 years old by August 31st feel free to send them our way! This month as well you can sign your child up for soccer shots which will be held here at GF again on Mondays at 3:15pm starting Monday, March 16th.



This month we will begin to start to plan our summer! Yay for thinking warm thoughts! If you visited somewhere recently and it seems like it would be a good fit for our group feel free to pass the information on the Danielle or Heather. We also welcome people/businesses to come into the center as well.



GF Staff news: This month Miss Barb celebrates her 8th work anniversary, Ms Joyce celebrates her 18th (on and off) work anniversary. On the 26th Ms Lorrie celebrates her 3rd work anniversary with Growing Friends.

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Order pick up for Joe Corbi's will be the first full week of February for anyone that ordered. Once we have the exact date we will be sure to pass the word on! Thank you to everyone that ordered! If anyone would like to order Carnation flowers for the children that will be handed out on Thursday, Feb. 12th please email the Growing Friends email or fill out a form and return it to the office no later than Tuesday, February 3rd. Our hope is that every child will receive a flower at our dance.

Be sure to check out our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code 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!



We hope you all enjoy this month of love!

Much appreciation,
Ms. Danielle

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
GROWING FRIENDS



LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

January 19th
at 6:00 PM

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

Guest: Danielle Orwig, Director of Growing Friends and Gordy Forbush

Open: The meeting was opened at 6 pm with a prayer given by Buddy

Danielle gave the updates for GF:

- February is the month for the inspection, so she is trying to make sure all is in place for a good report.
- Ice machine has been cleaned thoroughly and is working properly.
- She stated that the light in the Art closet is not working.
- Danielle presented some scenarios that could take place and requested to explore the option for another doorbell/buzzer to be placed in the room next to the office.
- Pastor noted that the Growing Friends has ended the year with a positive this year.
- Danielle is working on obtaining Grants from the State, as they do every year.

A brief discussion was given by Ann, that we are currently on a list with six other churches who will also need a new pastor.

Pastor Becky noted that the last 18 to 24 months did not have any new membership in the congregation.

Financials: Connie presented the budget for 2026, and this was discussed as needed.

- She suggested that we transfer some of the funds that came into the Memorial Fund to the working fund to cover some bills. Motion made by Dawn to transfer and Seconded by Buddy.
- Connie also noted that the current company (Johnson Controls) is getting very costly so Dawn will search for comparisons.
- We have an extra Nativity Scene that has not been used (a small one), which will be posted to give to someone who may want it.
- We will be offering a percentage to Bethany Church to assist with the utilities, since Pastor is now residing there. The amount will be removed from the check they send to us every month.
- The budget was finalized by LT., and we thank Connie for all her hard work.

Parsonage Fire: Dawn gave an update on insurance monies available. She has requested bids from True Harmony Builders and Jared Enfield presented a bid for us to consider rebuilding. We will also be looking at the builders' show at prefab home(s) to compare money and value before making a decision. A motion was made by Bill Waldrup and seconded by Gabe Hildebrand to move forward with the bids to rebuild at this time.

Update on Pastor Becky's schedule:

- She will be taking her last vacation on April 6-12, 2026
- The Bethany parsonage needs a new stove; the current stove's oven is not working. Connie said she and Carrie will take care of this.
- Easter Services this year: Holy Thursday Service will be held at WUMC, and Good Friday Service will be held at Bethany UM Felton, for those planning to attend.
- The Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 2026. Ann will make announcements for help needed in preparing for this event.
- Candy Making will take place March 23 to 27, 2026. We will be announcing this regularly. We will need helpers to make candy, roll candy, bag candy, and box candy. Also, we will need volunteers to prepare meals for the crew working. Sign up sheets will be available soon.
- Vacation Bible School will be held from Mon – Thur, June 22-25. Time TBD.
- Please mark your calendars, we would like to plan a retirement party for Pastor Becky, a tentative date as of now will be on June 28th, 2026, at the EarlyDawn, LLC wedding/party venue. (Dawn's house).

With no further discussions needed, the meeting was closed at 7:49 pm, with a prayer offered by Buddy.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Burg, Secretary



ENGAGE IN MINISTRY



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:



2026 Shares Of Ministry		2026 Shares Paid to Date	
Benevolent	\$6,533.27	Benevolent	\$0.00
Connectional	\$9,722.90	Connectional	\$0.00
Clergy	\$10,468.72	Clergy	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$26,724.89	TOTAL:	\$0.00

FINANCIAL STANDING



We started the month of January 2026 with approximately \$5,000 in the operating checking fund. While it was this low before, there were at least three large expenses that were due in January in addition to our normal monthly operating expenses. Expenses included fuel oil for \$3,721, an annual Fire Alarm invoice for \$3,197, and a third payroll for the month of January. Money was transferred from our Memorial Fund to our Operating Fund to cover the expenses. The weather was a contributing factor to lower than normal Sunday offerings.

Thank you for the 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. Please prayerfully consider your financial giving as we enter a new year.



United Women in Faith

After our January break, we will resume our meetings on February 9th
Come out and join us at 7:00 pm to see what we have planned for 2026.
Since it's still winter weather season, PLEASE watch your emails for meeting updates and cancellations!!
Hope to see you all there!!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

As of January 11, 2026 we have concluded our Warm Up Our Community project!

Thank you to everyone who gave money and donations of coats!

We collected 27 coats and a total of \$1,475.00 (which was used to purchase grocery gift cards from Giant & Jerry's)

The Elementary School Counselor, working with the Teachers and the Director of Pupil Services, will distribute these items as needs arise.

The Counselor, Maddie Dunlap wrote:

"This email made my entire week. Words can not express how thankful I am of your generous service and donation! It is truly appreciated and a blessing knowing there are so many generous people in this community! Thank you all so much!"

MISSION CENTRAL:

Our first 2026 Volunteer shift at Mission Central will be on:

Monday, April 13, 2026 from 12:15 – 2:45 pm

There are jobs for everyone of all ages and abilities! If you've never been to Mission Central, this is a great opportunity to experience their warehouse in action!

Watch for the sign up sheet later this month!

Carrie Anderson

I want to thank the church for my Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated.

The 2 trees in the altar area were given in loving memory of our parents, Emerson and Lucille Frey and Rev. U.L. and Mary Gingrich, by Donald and Sandra Gingrich and family.

God bless you all, Sandra Gingrich



19th - Ralph & Betty Saylor - 70 years



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

1st – Laura Wetzel
5th – Hunter Gilbert
5th – Leah Willingham
8th – Eva Miller
17th – Sandra Gingrich
18th – Crystal Snyder
18th – Quinn Waldrup
19th – Ralph Saylor
24th – Amanda Laird



We have someone celebrating
90+ birthdays this month!

Please send birthday wishes to:

Ralph Saylor
4340 Sycamore Lane
Red Lion, PA 17356

FEBRUARY 2026 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist	Counters	Sound and Media Shout	Sunday School Teachers & Helpers
2/1 - Connie H. 2/8 - Vince A. 2/15 - Linda A. 2/22 - Dawn B.	2/1 - Dawn B. & Terri L. 2/8 - Richard J. & Brian H. 2/15 - Deb S. & Brian H. 2/22 - Dawn B. & Terri L.	2/1 - Dawson G. & Dawn B. 2/8 - Quinn W. & Amanda L. 2/15 - Bill W. & Tammy W. 2/22 - Buddy M. & Brian H.	2/1 - No Sunday School 2/8 - Sherri F. & Linda A. 2/15 - Eunice C. & Tabitha G. 2/22 - Tammy W. & Ann M.

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

Worship
Service
10:30AM

FEBRUARY

"No matter what sin we have committed, no matter how terrible it may be, God loves us."
—Billy Graham

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>4th Sunday after Epiphany Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Communion</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Senior Choir</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00pm</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>APR Rental 9:00AM - 10:00PM</p>
<p>8</p> <p>5th Sunday after Epiphany Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM</p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00pm</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Services Bethany 5:30PM WUMC 7:00PM</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 8:00PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton</p>  <p>@ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00pm</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00pm</p>	27	28