



Winterstown UMC

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Monday - Thursday

10:30AM - 2:30PM

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday by 10:00AM

Newsletter Deadline

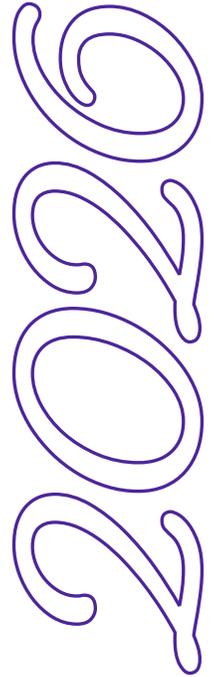
20th of each month

Worship

10:30AM

"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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Meet Our Staff

Pastor - Rev. Becky McGee
757-709-5187

Administrative Assistant -
Amber Rusonis

Treasurer - Connie Human

Organist - Nancy Forry

Pianist - Rick Marks

Sr. Choir Director -

Sandra Gingrich

Growing Friend's Day Care

Director - Danielle Orwig

Assistant Director -

Heather Gibson

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Bible Quiz

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A salt solution
- D. Olive oil



Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5)



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!

Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

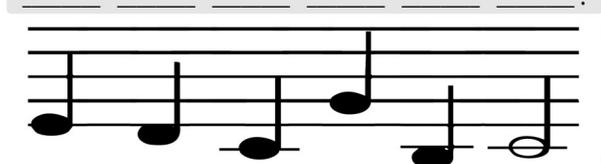
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



_____ the _____ ;





Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

You may remember the literal/physical sign which God gave me just three days after the parsonage fire which I shared with you in my message the following Sunday. I had planned on sharing the sign with you again in this March article – even before we knew who was coming as the next pastor in July. I had planned on reassuring you all that God would supply Winterstown and Bethany Felton with a pastor who will be a good fit – for both churches and their ministries. And guess what? God, as usual, has supplied our need!

Pastor Erin, who was born in Felton and raised in Dallastown, has ministry experience with both children and older adults and all ages in between! We're entering a transitional time, and change can be stressful, upsetting, and exciting. But we know who cares for us, who loves us, and who always, always, always provides for us and supplies all our needs!



In God's Love,
Pastor Becky



Volunteers needed! We are looking for Easter Story and Egg Hunt volunteers. There will be bag prepping on March 21st after the Easter Candy set up is completed as well as volunteers needed on the Saturday of the Story/Hunt. Please see the sign up sheets on the APR bulletin board to sign up.



All children, up to the age of 12, are invited to an "eggstra" special morning of fun at our annual Easter Story and Easter Egg Hunt here at Winterstown United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.! We will start off with an animated Easter Story video, then the much-anticipated egg hunt with goodies, followed by a light lunch. Don't forget your baskets! The egg hunt will be held in the field, weather permitting, so wear appropriate shoes as well! To properly prepare for the day, we request you preregister your child/ren as soon as possible. You can preregister by scanning the QR Code:



PRAYER PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayer list Pastor Becky & Mark McGee, Pastor Erin Wheeler, 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, Rick, Teresa's friend's mother, Alex, MJ's friend Gale, Cody Swartz, Candy Thompson, Grayson Gilbert, Justin (Rick's uncle), Carrie's sister, Joyce, and her family, Rudy & Nancy, Bob Hake, Troy's friends, Sue Peterman, Eunice's brother Jim, Dawn and Earl's grandson Joshua, June Windon, Julie Harrison, Shaleen Trout, Ethal, the family of Butch Jackson, the Hedin family





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy March!

Growing Friends inspection came and went, and we are happy to announce that we are certified for another year :)

This month the children will be learning about the following: Letters: S, T, U; Number: 15 & 16; Shape: Oval; Color: Green; Additional Themes: Post Office, Dr. Suess, Fine Motor Skills, Rainbows and Zoo

This month there will be no school for our Red Lion children on: Friday, March 13th.

As we prepare to welcome in the warmer weather we start March off with our Wacky Week! This week has always been a fun and exciting week to see what the children and staff come up with to wear! This year's wacky days are: Pajama & Crazy sock day also with a visit from the Cat in the Hat, Tie Dye Hippie Day, Wacky Wednesday where anything goes!, Cartoon Character Day, and dress like Grandma or Grandpa. This month we are also keeping our eyes open for Jeffrey the Leprechaun! The children will make traps to try and catch that pesky leprechaun that runs around the center destroying the classrooms! We haven't had success in catching him yet so maybe this will be our lucky year! As the weather slowly gets nice we are also very excited to get out to our playgrounds to burn off the winter energy that has been bottled up!

Registration for our Preschool Program classes is open to the public! 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! For more information about the Preschool Program or to see the classroom, families are encouraged to call the center phone number or email us.

Soccer Shots begins this month, on Monday, March 16th at 3:15! There are a few spots left for this season's session. Scan the QR code to register.

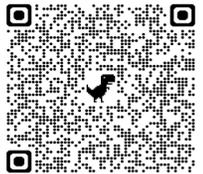


We will have spring/graduation pictures on Wednesday, March 11th!

GF Staff news: This month we send our best wishes to Ms. Addie as she leaves us to prepare for Baby Oliver's appearance. We will miss Addie, but excited for this new journey for her and her family! Please keep her and Oliver in your prayers for a safe delivery!

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Be sure to check out our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code or by searching 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 that we greatly appreciate 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 Valentine's DAY



LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - WINTERSTOWN UMC

February 16th
at 6:00 PM

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

Guest: Danielle Orwig, Growing Friends Director

Opened: Buddy opened the meeting with prayer

Growing Friends Update:

They are expecting the yearly inspection to take place this week, and they are prepared for it.

ADT will be coming in on March 3rd, to give a quote for the additional monitoring.

GF is advertising a New Hire. They are looking for a full-time and a part-time employee.

The water (hot) temperature continues to fluctuate. Not sure why.

Preschool has openings for additional children.

Danielle has applied for the Retention Grant. It is in the final review stages, then if approved, it will be paid. With this Grant, the staff (those entitled to it), will receive a bonus in pay which has gone from \$450.00 last year to \$620.00 this year.

After the inspection is completed, Ann will schedule an appointment with Danielle to complete her year-end evaluation.

SPRC UPDATE:

Ann felt the process was handled very well and efficiently.

She was given an Appointment Covenant, that she will sign after all information has been verified.

We are planning a welcome luncheon for Pastor Erin on July 5th, which is her first Sunday to join us. We are planning the luncheon at Dawn's farm, due to space and seating.

With the completion of the new parsonage up in the air, her exact move in date is still up in the air, but we will continue to work out the details of housing for her until she can move to the parsonage.

The Bishop has presented an "On Boarding" program with the transition of all new pastors to get to know one another. It will take place within the first six months on a periodic basis.

CHURCH VITAL SIGNS:

Pastor Becky presented graphs and explanations on the vital signs of our church.

TREASURER REPORT:

Connie has requested to skip the Shares of Ministry this month due to the available finances. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Bill to grant her request.

UPDATE BY DAWN:

Request was made to change from the current monitoring company (Johnson Controls) to a new company. The current system must be upgraded due to changes in the equipment, so this is a good time to compare costs. Dawn called a few places, received prices and followed up with numerous references from others who are currently using Advantage Security. It will cost \$19123.00 to upgrade the outdated equipment, and then a fee of \$67.00/month for monitoring. This company is allowing us to pay for this in a few payments to assist us with the financial part. Our current company (Johnson Controls, charges a fee of approximately \$400 annually for monitoring, BUT they require a five-year contract with them with a fee of \$15988.08 over the five-year period, for inspection (which is not required, by anyone but Johnson Controls), and service if needed. Advantage Security is on call 24/7 if service is needed and we will only be charged for the service call and to replace equipment, if needed. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Gabe to move forward with the new monitoring system. We will be mentioning this need to upgrade to the congregation in hopes that with donations, we can take care of this obligation. WUMC is so awesome in coming together to take care of the unexpected needs of our church.

The next item was discussing the new parsonage project. We want to move forward on this to get it started so it will be ready for moving in, in a timely period. The LT will be meeting on Saturday, February 21st, to travel to Thomasville to Stoneybrook Modular Homes, to talk to them and get a contract started.

UPDATES FROM BILL:

Our new pastor will need a laptop, so he (Bill), will be assisting with this.

Ann added that there is a Learning Session near her and if someone attends, they will send a child to camp in the summer. She is planning to attend this. She also mentioned that we provide funding for the children of our church who may want to attend a summer camp, as we did in the past years as a mission of the church.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 28th, this year. This will be following the week of candy making. March is a very busy month this year, with many activities and vacations. Ann will be announcing a time to get together to fill the eggs that the children find, we will need several volunteers for this. It takes a village to spread God's love; can we count on you?

We will not be meeting in March with all that is planned. The next meeting of the LT will be on April 20, 2026, at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Burg, Secretary



ENGAGE IN MINISTRY



Be a Greeter

GREETERS



NEEDED

If you are interested see Bob or Lois Arsenault!



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

Benevolent	\$6,533.27
Connectional	\$9,722.90
Clergy	\$10,468.72
TOTAL:	\$26,724.89

2026 Shares Paid to Date

Benevolent	\$0.00
Connectional	\$0.00
Clergy	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$0.00

The paid YTD numbers are through February 2026.

There were no payments made for the month of January or February 2026.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Thank you for the continued sharing of your time, service, and financial support, not only to benefit Winterstown UMC, but to the honor and glory of our heavenly Father as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ and help all persons Encounter God, Experience Love, and Engage in Ministry.

The 2026 Shares of Ministry have not been paid for the months of January and February. This time of year carries with it expenses for fuel oil. The church oil tank was filled on January 3 and February 4 with a resulting expense of \$8,2347.07 paid year-to-date. We ended January with a net ordinary loss of \$14,810.48. Tithes and offerings for January were down almost 10% over January 2025, \$11,770.61 vs. \$13,075.28.

The annual Easter egg candy making begins on Monday, March 23. The net proceeds from the sales of the eggs and the chocolate covered raisins and peanuts all go to Winterstown UMC as a fundraiser. These funds will be used for our normal operating expenses. Thanks to all those participating in any way to make this project a big success!



United Women in Faith

We will meet on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm
Deb will present our Call to Prayer and Self Denial program

Please note: Coming up in April, Winterstown UM Church outreach is scheduled to go to Mission Central on April 13 to volunteer. Our session is scheduled for 12:15 – 2:45.

We are encouraging the United Women in Faith to participate in this mission outreach opportunity if you are able. There will be a signup sheet posted in the next couple of weeks, so if you are interested, please sign up. Since we will be going to Mission Central that day, we will not have a meeting that evening. Hope many of you will be able to participate in this activity!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

MISSION CENTRAL:

Our upcoming Mission Central Volunteer Trip is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026.

Our volunteer session is scheduled for 12:15 – 2:45 pm.

We will be leaving the church parking lot at 10:00 am and stopping at the 83 Diner to eat before we start our session.

If you are interested and available, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Please include your phone number and if you would be able/willing to drive.

Any questions, please see Carrie Anderson

LENTEN PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION:

During the Lenten season, February 18th – April 4th we are collecting Peanut Butter and substitute butters to help with the River Valley District collection.

Winterstown will be donating our collected jars to Stewartstown Food Pantry. Substitute butters such as – sunflower butter, coconut butter, etc. are also good and welcomed.

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



4th – Lynn Herbst
 14th – Dianna Henry
 17th – Brian Hildebrand
 18th – Amber Rusonis
 21st – Barbara Taylor
 22nd – Vince Anderson
 24th – Josh Arnold
 27th – Teresa Erdman



9th - Larry & Linda Anderson
 29th - Keith & Ellen Hostler

MARCH 2026 VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Chuck & Sue Peterman	Counter Coordinator: Brian H.	Sound and Media Shout Coordinator: Bill W.	Sunday School Coordinator: Tammy W.	Greeter Coordinators: Bob & Lois Arsenault
Liturgist 3/1 - Bill W. 3/8 - Eunice C. 3/15 - Connie H. 3/22 - Vince A. 3/29 - Linda A.	Counters 3/1 - Richard J. & Brian H. 3/8 - Deb S. & Brian H. 3/15 - Dawn B. & Terri L. 3/22 - Richard J. & Brian H. 3/29 - Deb S. & Brian H.	Sound and Media Shout 3/1 - Dawson G. & Dawn B. 3/8 - Quinn W. & Amanda L. 3/15 - Bill W. & Tammy W. 3/22 - Buddy M. & Brian H. 3/29 - Dawson G. & Dawn B.	Sunday School Teachers & Helpers 3/1 - No Sunday School 3/8 - Joy H. & Ann M. 3/15 - Sherri F. & Tabitha G. 3/22 - Tammy W. & Eunice C. 3/29 - Joy H. & Tammy W.	

If you are interested in serving as Liturgist during Sunday services please contact the office at 717-244-1984 or send an email to adminassist@winterstownchurch.org

Worship
Service
10:30AM



**Save the Date! Easter Story and Egg Hunt —
[March 28th at 10:00 am]**

Join us for our annual Easter Story and Egg Hunt. Kids will enjoy crafts, games, snacks and lots of eggs to discover. Bring a basket—and a friend—and celebrate the joy of Easter with your church family. Everyone is welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Lent Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Communion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Senior Choir</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>United Women in Faith</p> <p>United Women in Faith - 7:00pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM</p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>APR USE 7PM-9PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>APR RENTAL 11AM-6PM</p>
<p>15</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</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>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Candy Making APR Set Up</p>
<p>22</p> <p>5th Sunday in Lent Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Easter Story and Egg Hunt 10AM</p>
Candy Making Week						
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 - April</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Thursday Service 6:00PM Winterstown UMC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday Service 7:30PM Bethany Felton</p>	<p>4</p>
HOLY WEEK						
		<p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>	<p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>			