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Office Hours

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

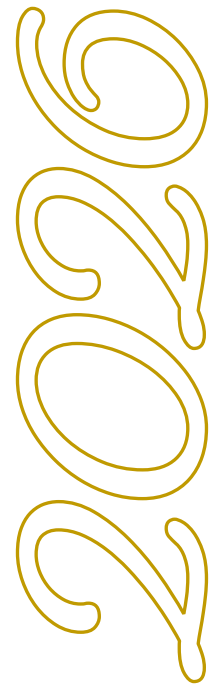
Growing Friend's Day Care

Director - Danielle Orwig

Assistant Director -

Heather Gibson

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Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.



Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and _____ of _____ . For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____, _____ its _____, and sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____ . Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____, so that you will not _____ and _____ ."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

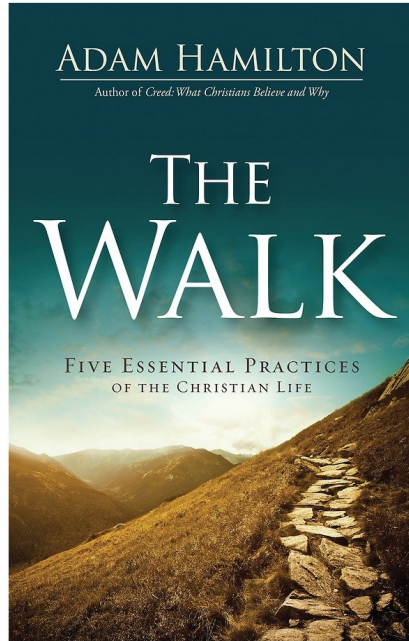
Dear Beloved Children of God,

While the Lenten worship series based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, The Walk, may be over, the five essential spiritual practices are activities we can do for the rest of our lives. So, here they are again:

Worship & Prayer

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY TOOL
Our Mission: Make disciples of Jesus Christ

- occasionally to every week in worship
devotions and spiritual practices occasionally to daily
praying for ourselves and others occasionally to daily



Study & Listening

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY TOOL
Our Mission: Make disciples of Jesus Christ

- weekly gathering w/others following Jesus joining, participating, leading
devotions and spiritual practices occasionally to daily

Share/Witness

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY TOOL
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- hospitality receiving, learning, extending

Serve

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY TOOL
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- children's gatherings & ministries occasionally to weekly
service/mission/outreach to others sometimes, often, leading&mentoring

Give

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY TOOL
Our Mission: Make disciples of Jesus Christ

- occasional to consistent monetary gifts to faithfully tithing(10% of income)

Engaging in these practices regularly will help us all to walk with Jesus more faithfully. Let's all pray the prayer below and really mean it so that we will lead transformed lives and testify to others about Jesus both with our words and deeds:

Dear Jesus, thank you for walking with us as we yearn to follow you more faithfully. Help us to prioritize worship & prayer, study & listening, serving, giving financially, and witnessing to others about you as vital practices which deepen our relationship with you, so that our lives will be changed and transformed because of our time spent with you. Amen.

In God's Love,
Pastor Becky

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, Sylvia Riddle, Troy Hildebrand, Alex, MJ's friend Gale, Cody Swartz, Candy Thompson, Grayson Gilbert, Justin (Rick's uncle), 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, Ethel, Gloria Flaharty, Ed W, Rick's uncle, Luke Martin, Rich, the Hedin family, the family of Susan Bozich, the family of Richard Slack, Barbara Sybert and her family, the family of Carol Shenk



GROWING FRIENDS

Hoppy April!

This month we are hoping for April showers to stay to a minimum, but just enough to sprout the May flowers!

We start April off with a visit from the Easter bunny! The bunny will make its rounds around the center on Wednesday, April 1st.

Growing Friends is closed Friday, April 3rd AND Monday, April 6th. This month there is no school for our Red Lion children on Thursday, April 2nd.

This month the children will be learning about the following: Letters: V, W, X; Number: 17 & 18; Shape: Diamond; Color: Blue; Additional Themes: Grocery Store, Frogs/Pond life, Life Cycle, Recycling



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.

We are beginning to plan for our summer camp, so if you know of anyone with a special talent that would like to entertain the children or do something special with them feel free to send them our way. Along with that if you have visited somewhere near by that would be nice for children to attend, email us your suggestions.

Soccer Shots continues this month, on Mondays at 3:15!

This month we wish Amber a happy secretary's day on Wednesday, April 22nd!



GF Staff news: This month the following employees share their work anniversaries with us. Kendall (1st), Aleesha (18th), Amy (9th).

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Be sure to check out our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code to the right or search on Amazon gift list under "Growing Friends, Felton PA." These items can be shipped directly to us. This is just one way to make a donation and we greatly appreciate it! It saves us greatly!



Kicking off our Spring fundraiser, we are participating in Art in Nature Spring Flower Bulbs. We receive a 50% profit across the board on ALL sales. We are in need of new large pieces of furniture (cots, shelving units, chairs, tables, etc.), with large pieces of furniture comes with a higher cost value. With all money raised from this fundraiser, we are looking at replacing many of these items as they are due. Brochures will be going home as soon as they are in. Help us sell, sell, sell as this helps us replace these high needed items. Orders will be due towards the end of April and should be delivered in the beginning of May. Once we have a date confirmed on delivery (they give us a window of a week), we will notify families so you can plan ahead.

We hope you all enjoy this month of spring weather!

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



We are excited to announce that we were nominated for another year, that we have been nominated for the best child care in the York and Hanover area!!! Thank you for nominating us again this year! We are among the top 5 centers in the area! Voting for the top 5 centers will begin on April 13th and run till April 27th! You are able to vote once a day for Growing Friends! If we fall into the top 3 centers then voting will open again for the best center in York and Adams! Help us get to the top!

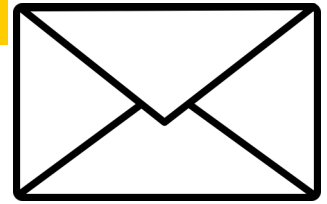


What a

wacky week



Donna Overmiller
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Following Christ's Example of Humble Service

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate the Passover. During the supper, Jesus rose from the table, poured water into a basin, and went from man to man washing the disciples' feet and drying them with a towel. Peter protested, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Peter relented and asked Christ to wash his hands and head as well (see John 13:1-16).



Afterward, Jesus said to his friends, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-15, NKJV). On Maundy Thursday, let us remember Christ's command and his example of humility, service and love.

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The Joy of the Resurrection



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

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Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care



A rainy day can be many things ...
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;
It can be the replenishing of a stream,
Or the overflow of a flood;
It can be relief from a hot summer day,
Or the chill of an autumn wind.
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
Is part of Nature's plan
For stability throughout the Universe,
As old as the hills,
And dependable as the seasons.
Rain and sunshine are equal partners
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell- churchart.com



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

Disclaimer – This update is from me, Pastor Becky, not from our church’s treasurer, Connie Human. Hence, it is taking a different approach than the usual monthly article. Due to our recent worship series based on Rev. Adam Hamilton’s book/study, The Walk: Five Essential Spiritual Practices of the Christian Life, we’re addressing giving instead. Giving is a very important spiritual exercise which can stretch us in how much we truly believe we can depend upon God to provide for us. The Bible is consistent and clear that our financial giving is to start at 10% of what we have. Again, 10% is the **MINIMUM** we are to return to God! One way in which I believe I have failed you is that I avoided talking about money as much as I should. We have finished three of the four years I’ve been here in net losses. The only year we didn’t have more expenses than offerings and tithes is when Charlene Emenheiser left the church \$49,000. I should have found better ways to encourage us to take steps of faith in how much we give back to God through our church. Even joining with Bethany Felton and the support they provide hasn’t been able to keep us out of the red. So, as a spiritual practice, if you aren’t already tithing, then please take a leap of faith and start increasing your giving until you are. Remember Jesus’ words, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21



Reminder: We will not have an actual meeting on April 13th
Members will be participating in the Mission Central trip in place of our meeting that day.
There is still time to sign up for the Mission Central trip, remember there are sit-down jobs and stand-up jobs!!! We’d love for you to join us ☺

Upcoming meetings:

May 11, 2026: Covered Dish & White Elephant Sale

June 8, 2026: Regular meeting (to make up for missing January & February)

**** since we will not be having regular meetings in April & May, please be sure to get your monthly offering to Deb Shultz!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We've collected over 70 jars of peanut butter so far! (I will post the official count after Palm Sunday)
Great Job!! These will all be delivered to Stewartstown Food Pantry

And speaking of the Stewartstown Food Pantry, we are invited to attend their Open House
Sunday April 12th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
10 Church St. Garage
Stewartstown, PA

This will be an opportunity to tour the pantry, meet their volunteers and learn how they are working in the community!

MISSION CENTRAL TRIP:

There is still time to sign up for our trip to Mission Central trip on April 13, 2026.

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.

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



9th – Nancy Forry
16th – Delores Haugh
16th – Bill Waldrup
17th – Bob Hake
25th – Linda Anderson
25th – Barb Huson
30th – Ellen Hostler



3rd - Crystal & Edward Snyder 33 years

APRIL 2026 VOLUNTEERS

<u>Greeters:</u> Troy & Julie Hildebrand	<u>Counter Coordinator:</u> Brian H.	<u>Sound and Media Shout Coordinator:</u> Bill W.	<u>Sunday School Coordinator:</u> Tammy W.	<u>Greeter Coordinators:</u> Bob & Lois Arsenault
<u>Liturgist</u> 4/5 - Bill W. 4/12 - Eunice C. 4/19 - Connie H. 4/26 - Vince A.	<u>Counters</u> 4/5 - Dawn B. & Terri L. 4/12 - Richard J. & Brian H. 4/19 - Deb S. & Brian H. 4/26 - Dawn B. & Terri L.	<u>Sound and Media Shout</u> 4/5 - Quinn W. & Amanda L. 4/12 - Bill W. & Tammy W. 4/19 - Buddy M. & Brian H. 4/26 - Dawson G. & Dawn B.	<u>Sunday School Teachers & Helpers</u> 4/5 - No Sunday School 4/12 - Sherri F. & Tabitha G. 4/19 - Tammy W. & Ann M. 4/26 - Eunice C. & Linda A.	

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



C. Gray Norsworthy, a pastor in Atlanta, once shared a story about the woman who prepared his worship bulletin. She was faithful in her work but didn't have much background in church hymns. One week, Pastor Norsworthy handed her a draft of the service and hoped she could decipher his handwriting. When he reviewed the finished bulletin, he noticed the final hymn was titled "Just As I Am, Without a Clue."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 29 Palm Sunday Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	March 30	March 31	1 	2 Holy Thursday Service 6:00PM Winterstown UMC	3 Good Friday Service 7:30PM Bethany Felton	4
HOLY WEEK						
			Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM	Small Gathering - 2:00PM		
5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:30AM Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Communion	6 	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Pastor Becky vacation</i>						
		Simply Loved - 3:30PM Small Gathering - 7:00PM	Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM	Small Gathering - 2:00PM Praise Band Practice - 6:00PM		
12 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	13 Mission Central - 10:00am Stewartstown Food Pantry Tour - 11:00am-1:00pm	14 Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM 	15	16 BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton @ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM	17	18
<i>Vacation Cont.</i>						
19 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	20	21	22 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Small Gathering - 2:00PM Choir Practice - 7:00PM	23	24	25
26 4th Sunday of Easter Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	27	28	29	30	Whether it's "without a clue" or "without a plea," the truth remains the same: we all come to Jesus just as we are — and we all need him. - churchart.com 	
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