



## Winterstown UMC

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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**

**10:00AM**

**"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"**

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# October 2024

### 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** -

Abby Streett

& Danielle Orwig

717-246-8017

## Bible Quiz

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

- A. the edge of the Jordan River
- B. beside the Red Sea
- C. Jacob's well
- D. the Pool of Bethesda



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



#### What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

#### What you do:

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
  2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
  3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
  4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
  5. Explain GRACE to someone.
- For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic God's Riches At Christ's Expense.



## SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

NO/WEGBEKLIBEVGGEIYTQIS  
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CEIOFXOUKRLHORCDJSESP  
USGTHWATYWEOARBESPAVLED  
RJUCSTQASHTHBEYFAROE

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THE WINTERS

# TOWN CRIER

## WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

Well, by now you have probably realized that the reason we had a worship series on change is because we're about to go through one. Back in February we had an all-church meeting at which leadership shared the concerns over the finances of the church. So many of you have increased your tithes and offering amounts since that meeting, and on behalf of the leadership team, we are VERY GRATEFUL!!! Sadly, though, we continue to have more expenses than offerings. So, the leadership team reached out to our District Superintendent (DS,) Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver, and invited him to discuss our options. Becoming a

charge with another church and changing the pastoral appointment to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time were possibilities we shared during the February church meeting, and they were also discussed during the meeting with our DS.

However, the DS returned with a different and better solution. Instead of becoming a charge with another church which means we'd have shared ministries, shared leadership, and share a pastor, the DS is putting Winterstown and Bethany Felton together into what is called a cooperative parish. Per The UMC Book of Discipline, a cooperative parish is described as:

¶ 206. 1. Local churches, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may enhance their witness to one another and to the world by showing forth the love of Jesus Christ through forms of mutual cooperation.

There are different types of cooperative parishes. Winterstown is becoming "Winterstown, Extended" with Bethany Felton, and I, Pastor Becky, will serve both churches. This is described in ¶ 206. 2. in The Book of Discipline: 2. Extended or Shared Ministry—a larger membership church sharing ministry with a smaller membership church, usually served by the pastor(s) of the larger church.

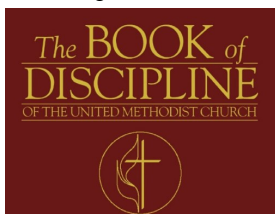
In this arrangement, both churches are autonomous. They share the pastor, and they may share in ministries if they choose, but they each have their own organizational structure. The one exception is that Winterstown and Bethany Felton will share a Staff Parish Relationship Committee (SPRC.) The DS has determined that there will be 6 members from Winterstown and 3 members from Bethany Felton.

The biggest changes which follow from this new arrangement which become effective on Oct. 1st are to the worship times of both churches. So that the same pastor can be at both worship services, Bethany will have to start earlier, and Winterstown will have to start later (10:30 am.) Since the pastor is shared by both churches, both churches cover a portion of the costs of the pastor. This helps to reduce the pastoral costs by almost 25% for Winterstown. What is something you should know is that since Winterstown owns the parsonage, Bethany is not obligated to pay any of those expenses. However, Gary shared that one of the leaders at Bethany said they (Bethany) will help with a portion of the utility costs as well! What a beautiful and generous offer!

So, I hope we'll all remember what we've been hearing/learning during our "Re-Shaped: We Were Made for This" worship series about change! I pray that God has been leading us all to be better able to adapt to change when it comes! If you have any questions, please ask me or someone on leadership.

In God's Love,

*Pastor Becky*



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## GROWING FRIENDS

Happy October!

Themes for this month include: DEF, 456, Orange, Circle, Fire Station, Author: Mo Willems, Fire Safety, Halloween, Harvesting and Farming

Wednesday, October 2nd - Vision Screening here at GF starting at 9am for all our younger children. We have welcomed Vision Corporation to our facility for over 8 years, they are so nice to work with and do a great job with the children testing their eyesight. Fire Safety: We focus on Fire Safety this month and encourage all to review their safety measures at home too. We plan on visiting with NHWVFD this month; we always appreciate our partnership with NHWVFD in accommodating our students here at Growing Friends and allowing them to visit and learn.

PICTURE DAY: Wednesday, October 23rd for all our younger children and staff. This will be conducted in the AP room this day and be done by 1pm.

Halloween Fun: Thursday, October 31st, the whole center! Weather pending, we'll conduct a trunk or treat and are looking for volunteers with their vehicles! Anyone can participate so spread the word to family and friends and plan to join us. We'll start our trunk or treat at 10am out in the parking lot for our younger classes then again at 3:45pm for our school age children. If you want to participate with our school age students, arrive no later than 3:15pm to have your vehicle ready to go by 3:30pm when they get off the bus.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS: Are you looking for children's books? Want to get some books for upcoming Christmas gifts?



Then see a book order form on the church bulletin board OR place an order online using the QR code. Scholastic Book Orders are due monthly. This month orders are due by Thursday, October 17th. If you place an order with more than one club you should total all of your orders and make 1 check payable to Growing Friends or you may pay by cash. Once they arrive, we can notify you to pick up or you have the option to get shipped to the location of your choice. This is not a fundraiser for Growing Friends; however, Growing Friends earns points where we can redeem them for free books for upcoming Christmas/graduation gifts or even to update our center library.

ORDER ONLINE - USE CODE HM46K

FUNDRAISER NEWS: Brown's fundraiser is due no later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Order forms are placed on the church bulletin board. Orders will arrive and be ready for pick up on Thursday, November 7th between 2-6pm. Anyone missing out on this fundraiser will have another chance at our Holiday Craft Show!

One month till our Holiday Craft/Vendor Show!! Saturday, November 9th 9am-1pm plan to attend! Start spreading the word of our event, even if anyone is interested in participating we are collecting registration forms currently! Just email/contact us for more information!

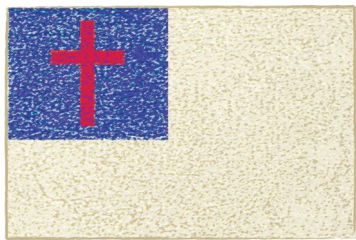


Not interested in our fundraisers?? Maybe you want to know exactly what we are needing and/or buying frequently and how you can help?? We have an Amazon wish list!!! Many wishes from teachers/staff here at Growing Friends for back to school classroom requests, including our preschool program classes! We have our registry open till December 19th, as we plan to add more to this to prepare for the holiday season. Check out our Growing Friends wish list registry! Use the QR Code 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! Next scheduled Growing Friends closed date is Thursday, Nov. 28th AND Friday, November 29th. Thank you!



Much appreciation,  
Ms. Abby & 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 - CHRISTIAN FLAG

Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus' blood shed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ's faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism in to Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, nonviolence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.



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|------|-----------------|
| 5th  | Alyssa Gosnell  |
| 14th | Jared Enfield   |
| 19th | Ann McGinnis    |
| 24th | Troy Hildebrand |



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|------|------------------------------------|
| 9th  | Hunter & Leah Willingham - 3 years |
| 10th | Bob & Diana Bertling - 54 years    |
| 15th | Blaine & Angela Markel - 30 years  |
| 15th | Abby & Robert Streett - 13 years   |
| 18th | Matthew & Bryanne Gannon - 6 years |
| 23rd | Chuck & Sue Peterman - 53 years    |

Pumpkin Prayer from *"The Pumpkin Patch Parable"* by Liz Curtis Higgs

While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)

While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)

While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)

While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)

While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

## 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, Dale Flinchbaugh, Doris Edwards, Chugg Gibbs, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Betty Saylor, Chief Tim Quinan, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Rachel Sanders, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Diane Anderson, Pastor Becky's son-in-law Chris

# OCTOBER 2024 VOLUNTEERS

### Liturgist

October 6th - Linda A.  
October 13th - Dawn B.  
October 20th - Bill W.  
October 27th - Eunice C.

### Counters

October 6th - Dawn B. & Terri L.  
October 13th - Richard J. & Brian H.  
October 20th - Deb S. & Brian H.  
October 27th - Dawn B. & Terri L.

### Sound and Media Shout

October 6th - Bill W. & Tammy W.  
October 13th - Buddy M. & Brian H.  
October 20th - Scott G. & Patty G.  
October 27th - 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@winterstownumc.org](mailto:info@winterstownumc.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](mailto:info@winterstownumc.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:



| 2024 Shares Of Ministry |             | 2024 Shares Paid to Date |            |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Benevolent              | \$7,516.13  | Benevolent               | \$626.34   |
| Connectional            | \$11,185.61 | Connectional             | \$932.13   |
| Clergy                  | \$12,043.64 | Clergy                   | \$1,003.64 |
| TOTAL:                  | \$30,745.38 | TOTAL:                   | \$2,562.11 |

## FINANCIAL STANDING

The Shares of Ministry monthly expense payments remain in arrears for the months of February through September. At the end of September 2024, the amount in arrears for those eight months will be \$20,496.88 (8 x \$2,562.11/mo).

A contribution in the amount of \$3,350 was received in September from the Senior Youth from the net proceeds of the 2024 Easter Candy project. This money will be used towards WUMC operating expenses. Conversely, maintenance expenses paid during September totaled approximately \$2,600. Fall is now here and while that should mean lower expenses for electricity and final expenses for 2024 lawn mowing, there will be upcoming increased expenses for fuel oil.

Thank you for the continued giving of your time, service, and financial support. As written in 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT), "You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

Ralph Saylor will be collecting recycling to go the first week of October. If you have anything please let him know as soon as possible. This will be Ralph's last time doing recycling.

*thank you*

We want to give a special thank you to Ralph who has been doing this to help raise money for the church.



Worship  
Service  
10:00AM

# October



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri       | Sat   |
|---|--|---|--|--|-----------|---|
| <p>Pastor Appreciation Month</p>  |  | <p>1</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM<br/>Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM<br/>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>  | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>APR Use - 9:30am-12:00pm<br/>Pet Blessing - 10:00AM</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>World Communion Sunday<br/>Coffee &amp; Donuts Fellowship - 9:30AM<br/>Worship - 10:30AM</p> <p>Leadership Meeting - 4:30PM</p> | <p>7</p>   | <p>8</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride Restaurant - 11:30AM<br/>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM<br/>Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM<br/>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>   | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p>   |
| <p>13</p> <p>21st Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Worship - 10:30AM<br/>Children's Sunday School</p>   | <p>14</p> <p>United Women of Faith - 7:00PM w/ Special Guest: Norina Bentzel<br/>ALL INVITED</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>   | <p>16</p> <p>CHURCH INVITED<br/>Special Storytime - 9:30AM<br/>Small Gathering - 10:00AM<br/>Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM<br/>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>   | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>APR Rental - 5:00PM-10:00PM</p>                        |
| <p>20</p> <p>22nd Sunday After Pentecost<br/>Worship - 10:30AM<br/>Children's Sunday School</p>   | <p>21</p>  | <p>22</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>   | <p>23</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM<br/>Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>   | <p>24</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM<br/>Small Gathering - 7:00PM<br/>CHI RHO SINGERS concert @ Crossroads UMC - 7:00PM</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p>   |
| <p>27</p> <p>Reformation Sunday<br/>Worship - 10:30AM<br/>Children's Sunday School</p>  | <p>28</p>  | <p>29</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>   | <p>30</p> <p>APR Use - 9:00AM-11:30AM<br/>Small Gathering - 10:00AM<br/>Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>                      | <p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>APR Use - 8:00AM-4:30PM<br/>Small Gathering - 2:00PM<br/>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>    |           |   |



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 AM in the church parking lot

- Blessing of Pets (real and stuffed)
- Pet Parade
- Treats

All kinds of friendly pets are welcome!

On October 6th, our first Coffee & Donuts Fellowship time will be held. This will start at 9:30, one hour prior to the worship service.



ALL clergy and laity are invited to join in connection, conversation, and communion with Bishop Burgos-Núñez at the "C3 Tour" on October 13, 2024 at 3 pm at

Otterbein UMC  
647 Forge Road  
Boiling Springs, PA 17015



**Chi Rho  
Singers**

Susquehanna Conference  
United Methodist Church  
PASTORS' CHOIR  
IN CONCERT

AT: Crossroads UMC  
DATE: Thursday, October 24th  
TIME: 7:00 PM



## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Our Church Conference on Mon, Nov. 4 will be at 6 pm at Bethany Red Lion as part of a cluster gathering. All members are invited, as you vote on the business of the church for the next year.



### GROWING FRIENDS CHILD CARE

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft/Vendor Show!

**SAT., NOV. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 9AM-1PM**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Over 20 crafters/vendors with spots still open to register! Email/Call us today to get more information! Food, bake goods and drinks for sale! Proceeds benefit the childcare and preschool program! The Pit Shack Food Truck will be here! Kids' corner with Pastor Becky and helpers, so parents can freely shop!! Thank you for your support!

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# SPECIAL GUEST:

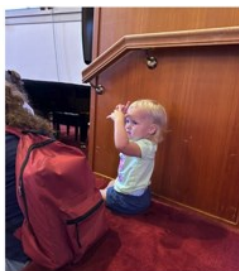
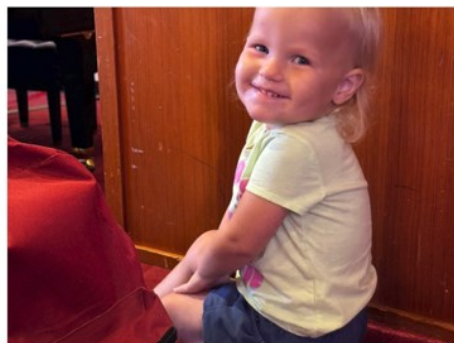
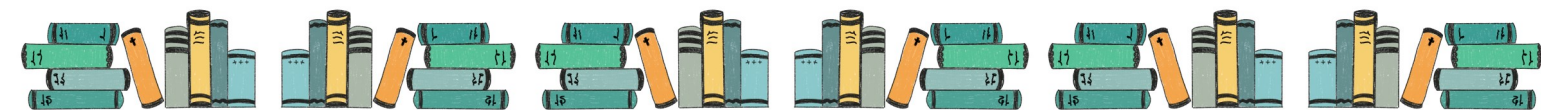
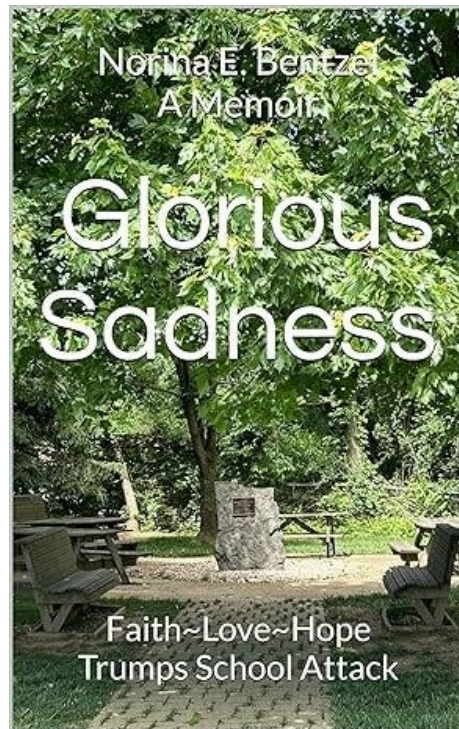
## NORINA E. BENTZEL

The United Women of Faith have invited Norina Bentzel, retired principal of North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School, to come and share her memoir, "Glorious Sadness". In her book she writes about her experience of the machete attack at the school on February 2nd, 2001. She defended her staff and students from the evil man who entered the school to do great harm to all of them. She will share the details of her book with us; how faith, love, and hope trumps school attacks. She will have some of her memoirs available for purchase and will be signing books during this event as well.

Monday, October 14th at 7:00 PM  
in the all-purpose room



United  
Women  
in Faith



## SPECIAL STORYTIME: CHURCH MEMBERS INVITED!

Everyone is invited to a special story time on Wed., Oct. 16th at 9:30AM in the sanctuary. Come see what the ministries you support by joining Pastor Becky as she shares a Bible Story with the Growing Friends' children, they sing songs and they pray.