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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

Organist - Nancy Forry

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Bible Quiz

When 12-year-old Jesus stayed at the Jerusalem temple as Joseph and Mary started traveling home, after how many days did his parents find him?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days
- D. 7 days



A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



What you do:

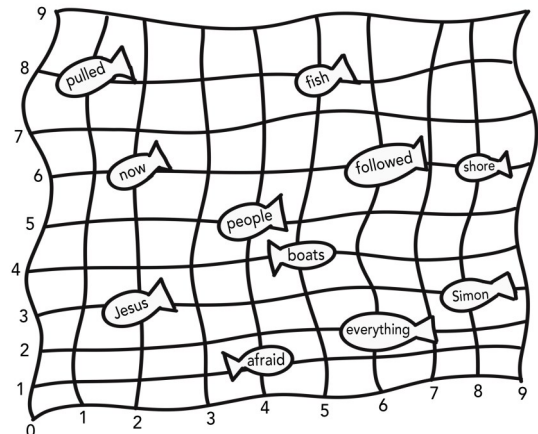
1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

PUZZLE

FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to ______(2, 3) ______(8, 3), "Don't be ______(4, 1); from ______(2, 6) on you will ______(5, 8) for ______(4, 5)." So they ______(1, 8) their ______(5, 4) up on ______(8, 6), left ______(6, 2) and ______(6, 6) him.

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed

Answer: C (See Luke 2:46)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear Beloved Children of God,

Welcome 2025! Are you as surprised as I am at how quickly we sped through 2024? I hope you are still enjoying the Christmas season as it does last for twelve days – until Jan. 5th. Then, Epiphany is on Jan. 6th. The themes of Epiphany per umcdiscipleship.org are: “the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of Christ” (continuing those themes from the Christmas season.) Other themes “include those around the Magi: gift giving; human search for and recognition of the divine in our midst; God’s self-revealing and manifestation among us; evangelism; and missions.”

The last Epiphany theme listed, missions, is going to be a focus of 2025. Most of us, though not all of us, are incredibly blessed financially. We have more than enough money to meet the basic needs of life for ourselves and our families. However, this is not the case for all God’s children. So, there are plenty of mission opportunities for us, Growing Friends families and church families, to collaborate and to help to make a difference in the lives of the people in our community and even around the world. Something which I think is an exciting prospect is that we will get to know each other, build relationships and strengthen the connections between the church and the childcare center families, all while caring for others.

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Of course, donations of money are one way to support the non-profit groups, but so is serving people. There are two mission-focused entities we have contacted to see how we can help in early 2025 – the Stewartstown Food Pantry (SFP) and Mission Central. The Stewartstown Food Pantry says: “We are people from the community working together to care for one another. We come from all faiths or no faith. Just people working to care for one another because we respond to God who cares for everyone.” We are trying to get a date when we can help them distribute food and/or do other tasks which a group could do to help. Back in VBS 2023, birthday cake kits were donated and were very much appreciated by the recipients of those kits. So, creating the kits here and donating them to SFP is another possibility.



Mission Central began as a United Methodist organization, but it is now its own non-profit entity. The main warehouse is based in Camp Hill. Its mission statement is “Connecting God’s Resources with Human Need.” This year “Mission Central provided resources worth \$815,536 for weather-related disaster relief through October 2024” and it “delivered emergency supplies to over 100,205 people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.” They receive donations which are part of different types of kits, and they are also happy to receive kits which have already been assembled. We are set to serve at Mission Central on Sat., Mar. 1st from 9-11:30. If you’d like to serve there that day, please email me at rmcgee@susumc.org or call the church at 717-244-1984. There are volunteer forms which we must complete prior to serving at Mission Central.

If you have ideas for other places we could serve, please let me know using the same contact info previously listed. I pray that we will all have a safe and blessed 2025 and that we will work together to be a blessing to others in 2025, too.

In God's Love,
Pastor Becky





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy New Year! January 2025 Growing Friends News:

Themes for this month include: MNO; 11 & 12; White; Star; Police Station; Author: Laura Numeroff; Artic Animals; Martin Luther King Jr.; Winter

Growing Friends is CLOSED this month Wednesday, January 1st. As a reminder, please note that staff may be in the building December 26th - 31st as they volunteer their time to personally clean, organize and prepare for a new fresh start to the year! We greatly appreciate the teachers for doing this as it greatly helps all around! Growing Friends re-opens, from the holiday break, on Thursday, January 2nd.

No Elementary for Red Lion, STEW & No Preschool Program December 23rd through January 1st. Stewartstown resumes Thursday, January 2nd, then Red Lion plus preschool program resume Monday, January 6th. Thursday, Jan. 16th Stewartstown has a half day, then both elementary schools are closed Friday, Jan. 17th & Mon. Jan. 20th.

Anyone in need of First Aid/CPR training? Growing Friends is hosting a training on Thursday, January 9th @ 1:00pm. If you are in need, please call/email GF to get on our roster. All outside participants of Growing Friends are responsible for paying for this training on their own.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS : Are you looking for children's books? Then see a book order form on the church bulletin board OR place an order online. Scholastic Book Orders are due monthly. This month orders are due by Tues. Jan. 21st. 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 – SCAN QR CODE AND USE CODE HM46K



We are hiring!!! Hours are flexible, within reason! As little as a 3-hour shift to as much as an 8-hour shift, certain days of the week. We could really use some extra hands here; our teachers are really putting in the hours lately even Directors helping to cover in classrooms! Our classrooms still remain full with a lengthy waitlist we still have shut down, not adding to. Our recommendation is to contact us after the new year to see if we are able to open the wait list in any specific classroom.

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

NEW FUNDRAISER THIS MONTH!!! Keystone Kidspace! Saturday, January 11th visit the facility in York anytime 10am-5pm. You MUST present the flyer that was in your December bulletins (extra flyers are on the bulletin board outside the APR).

Reminder of our Amazon wish list. Many wishes from teachers/staff here at Growing Friends for back to school classroom requests, including our preschool program classes! Check out our Growing Friends wish list registry! Use the link here 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! Use the QR Code:



Directors would like to express appreciation and thankfulness towards everyone that played a special role in this year's Christmas program! There were many church members behind the scenes helping, from technology, to preparing and serving dinner to even the cookie donations. Also a special thank you to those that help decorate the church. The church is simply beautiful, we truly look forward to this time of the year seeing all the decor, so thank you to those that helped! Thank you to those that have donated items to Growing Friends from paper, educational supplies, toys, and items from our Amazon wish list. We are incredibly thankful for the amount of support we receive and truly express thankfulness from the heart! It takes a team to really make things come together and our team here within Wintersown United Methodist Church is very much appreciated by the Growing Friends family! As we reflect on our blessings and prepare for the New Year, we truly just wanted to take a moment and express from the heart. Wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous New Year. May all enjoy and truly appreciate the gift of time with one another.

Much appreciation,
Ms. Abby & Ms. Danielle

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



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - NOAH'S ARK



The image of an ark, or boat — often shown with pairs of animals — recalls the story of Noah and the “Great Flood” in Genesis. The floodwaters represent God’s judgment on sin, while the ark reminds us of his gracious power to save and redeem. In this account, Christians see a foreshadowing of our baptism into Christ: “And baptism, which [God’s rescue of Noah and his family] pre-figured, now saves you ...” (1 Peter 3:21, NRSV).



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Rebecca Barshinger
- 02 Naomi Latimer
- 04 Doug Miller
- 06 Holly Taylor
- 08 Bradley Gladfelter
- 10 Eric Anderson
- 16 Donald Gingrich
- 18 Robert Arsenault
- 27 Angela Markel
- 29 Nathan Hess
- 30 Shelly Gladfelter
- 31 Beth Shenberger



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, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Rhada Gladfelter and family, 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, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Diane Anderson, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Ella Jane Hess, Josh Arnold, Andre Palmer Sr., the family of Sonny Bert

JANUARY 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist	Counters	Sound and Media Shout
January 5th - Bill W. January 12th - Connie H. January 19th - Vince A. January 26th - Linda A.	January 5th - Richard J. & Brian H. January 12th - Deb S. & Brian H. January 19th - Dawn B. & Terri L. January 26th - Richard J. & Brian H.	January 5th - Bill W. & Tammy W. January 12th - Buddy M. & Brian H. January 19th - Dawson G. & Dawn B. January 26th - 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 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 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:



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 December. If no other payment is made during December, at the end of December 2024 the amount in arrears for those eleven months will be \$28,183.21 (11 x \$2,562.11/mo).

The church oil tank was filled on December 10 with the resulting invoice of \$2,413.50 paid in December.

In addition to the normal tithes and offerings received this year, there have been several other types of financial support. During November an estate gift was received in the amount of \$49,000.00. A decision has not yet been made as to how the 10% tithe of \$4,900 will be used. Additional income includes, but is not limited to, donations from the Senior Youth candy making project from 2023 and 2024, the sale of the church owned zero turn mower, donations to purchase water when the UV light was not registering correctly, proceeds from metal recycling, facility rental donations for use of the all-purpose room, 5% discount proceeds from the purchase of Giant and Jerry's gift cards, and the clergy support received from Bethany Felton beginning in October.

Money received is used not only for ongoing operational expenses but also in support of our engaging in ministry. When we've asked this year for special financial donations, money has been provided that supported several organizations including Community Reach, UMCOR Hurricane Relief, Gideon International, pennies for the UM Children's Home, and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to honor Pastor Becky.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ and help all persons Encounter God, Experience Love, and Engage in Ministry.



Thank you to Connie Human for organizing our Christmas Covered Dish and to everyone who helped set up and clean up! It was a fun evening of great food and fellowship! We enjoyed having some ladies from Bethany Felton join us and hope to see them in the future.

We will not have a meeting in January. Our next meeting will be February 10, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.

Carrie Anderson, Secretary

Worship
Service
10:30AM

January

When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way.
When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind and increase my patience.
When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart.
When worry or fear raise their voices, speak to my faith.
Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my loving. Amen.

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Changing how we think - that is, how we speak to ourselves - can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year: I'm alone can become God is with me. I can't do this can become Anything is possible with God. I'm failing can become Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing. I'm not enough can become I'm God's beloved child. I'm tired can become God will give me rest. Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.</p> <p>—Janna Firestone</p>			<p>1 New Year's Day</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED</p>	2	3	4
<p>5 Epiphany Sunday Worship - 10:30AM</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Senior Choir</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>CPR/ First Aid Training - 1:00pm-2:30pm Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>	10	11
<p>12 Baptism of the Lord Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>United Women in Faith</p> <p>UWF - 7:00PM</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride Restaurant - 11:30AM Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>	17	18
<p>19 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>20 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday observance</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>	24	25
<p><i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i></p>						
<p>26 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM-4:30PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM Senior Choir Practice - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>	31	

UPCOMING EVENTS



This coming Tuesday, 12/31:



New Year's Eve Family Fun Game night!

Last year was such a success; it has been requested to host a New Year's Eve Family Game Night at Church again!

Bring your favorite box game/cards/ jigsaw puzzles.

What better way to ring in the New Year than to be with your Church Family!

Mark Your calendars!

When: Tuesday, December 31

Time: 5:00 PM – Until??? (last year it lasted until 2AM!)

Come and go at your leisure.

Where: Church – All purpose Room (APR)

Each family is asked to bring some food to share – snack/dessert/drinks/covered dish. Sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center at the top of the stairs. Don't miss this fun time!! Any questions, please reach out to Ann McGinnis at 717 877 5354

Thursday, January 9th - CPR/First Aid Training in the All Purpose Room. Open to all but participants must pre-register by contacting Growing Friends.

Saturday, January 11th - Keystone Kidspace fundraiser day for Growing Friends. Show the flyer provided from Growing Friends and a portion of the day pass purchased will be donated to Growing Friends. Keystone Kidspace is a 2 story building for your kids to explore while learning. Located at 10 E. Hamilton Ave, York, PA 17401

Easter Candy Project 2025

Will we have an Easter Candy Project this year? Our Youth Group is very small as we no longer have the teenagers we did in the past. While the people who help make the eggs are very important, there is also a lot of prep work throughout the process. This is a good fundraiser for our church, and I would hate to see it end. There is also a lot of behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done, and I am getting older. It is a lot for me to continue leading this project alone. We will need help from our church family. Will you pray and think about this to see if this is something you would be willing to help do? Sr. Youth Leaders will still be here to guide and help. Please call me if you are willing to help. Easter is April 20th this year, and the Project will take place the week of March 30th thru April 4th. Preparation will begin in January. – Sandra Gingrich (717-244-6405)

A Grief Support Group is in the works. The group will be held at Winterstown United Methodist Church when established. If you or someone you may know is interested in becoming a part of this group please fill out this questionnaire** to help with scheduling.

Follow the QR Code for the survey:



Thank you and God bless.

**Grief
SUPPORT
Group**

**Hard copies of the questionnaire can be requested through the office.