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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

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Bible Quiz

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James 1:17)



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

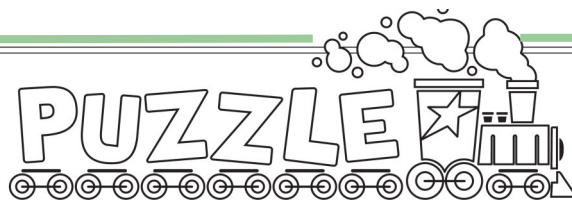
- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
1 2 3 4 5
_____ among the _____ what he has _____.
6 7 8 9
_____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
10 11 12 13
_____ his _____
14 15 16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Beloved Children of God,

It is with great mixed emotions that I will be requesting permission from our Bishop to retire next year. The reason it is with "great mixed emotions" is because I love you all **so very much!** You welcomed me with such overwhelming hospitality when I came here, and you have loved me so well these last four years!!! It has been very difficult for me to come to this decision given how grateful I am to you for making my time here in ministry with you so marvelous! I've been, and am, so incredibly blessed to be here with you in this season! If the Bishop approves my request for retirement, then we will be together until June 30, 2026.

Two key factors which contribute to this retirement request are that Mark has been retired since 2018, and he keeps reminding me that we need to have some more adventures before we're too old for them (riding motorcycles, traveling, going on more boating trips.) Another factor is that my mother has been having a long stretch of health challenges. My younger sister (much younger sister she would say!), who is still working, has had to help her by herself. Mark and I live less than an hour from the retirement community where my mother just moved this year, so I will be able to spend more time with Mom and share in caring for her.

We'll be together for another eight months, so let's continue to love God, love each other, and love our neighbors for that time and beyond. Methodist pastors may come and go throughout the lifetime of a church, but God remains with us every day of our lives!

In God's Love,

Pastor Becky





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy November!

It's hard to believe that we are entering into the beginning of November already! This year is flying by so quickly! The next closed

date for Growing Friends is Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends and family.

Themes for this month include: GHI, 7 & 8, Brown, Square, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Pilgrims/Native Americans, Giving/ Sharing.

This month there will be no school for our Red Lion children on Monday, November 3rd, Tuesday, November 4th, or Wednesday, November 26th.



Growing Friends will have a special guest available to our staff and parents on Thursday, November 6th from 2:30-5:30. Every year we welcome a financial advisor from Primerica to come and talk with our parents and staff if they choose to talk with them or want more information. If anyone from the church is interested in talking with them, you are welcome to stop in. They will be set up in the entrance hallway or right outside the Growing Friends door to welcome families.

Our fall Soccer Shots wraps up this month on Thursday, November 13th. We will host a new season of soccer in the spring starting in March.



Thursday, November 20th Growing Friends will hold our Thanksgiving lunch for the children, staff, and any parents that want to attend. If anyone is interested in helping this day to help cook, clean up, and serve the children we will gladly welcome you! This is a fun day celebrating Thanksgiving with the children! You will be treated to lunch and dessert as well! If you are interested in donating an item for our lunch feel free to look at the list posted on the office door.

GF Staff news: This month Ms. Jodi celebrates her 4 year work anniversary on Nov. 3rd. and Ms. Darlene celebrates her 6th work anniversary on November 26th.

FUNDRAISER NEWS:

Thank you everyone that participated in our fundraisers over the past year! We wouldn't be able to do the extras for the kids without the participation of the families, staff, and church families! Our next fundraiser we are looking to line up is Joe Corbi's in January. Once we receive more information we will pass it along. Thank you as well the families that purchased items off of our Amazon wish list! The teachers are grateful for the new items that come into the center! Our Amazon Wish list is still live through Christmas! The children love when Santa delivers new items to their room! 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 one way to make a donation that we greatly appreciate! It saves us greatly!



Happy Thanksgiving to all! We hope you are able to celebrate this Thankful holiday together with your family!

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

Fire Safety



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 & Donna Grove, Donna Overmiller, Eva Miller, Doris Edwards, Dianna Henry, Barbara Taylor, Barb Huson, Randy Criswell, Eleanor Yeakel, Kenton McGinnis, Betty Bolyard, Sandy Wallace, Sam Cooley, Steve Shaw, Janet Vanderlipp, Sandie Rock, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Susan, Jeannie, Connie Collins, Holly, Kizzy Fitzpatrick, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Dawna Slack, Richard Slack, Bernie Hogherty, Lois Arsenault, Tabitha Gilbert, Steve, Tessa, Noah, Pat, Lorraine Gay, Sandy Marks, the fallen and wounded officers, the people affected by the tropical storm, the premature baby born weighing 2lbs, Tammy Miller, Jami Smith, Dawn's friend in Arizona



United Women In Faith: Upcoming meetings:

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

This will be our Thank Offering Program night, led by Deb Shultz.

Ladies.....remember your special Thank Offering that will be collected at this meeting.

Our December meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2025

We will meet at 6:00 pm this evening for our Christmas covered dish meal

followed by our annual "Now You Have It, Now You Don't" gift exchange

Hope to see you all there!!

Carrie Anderson

Our October meeting was attended by 19 men and ladies who enjoyed a special presentation on "Fall Prevention Tips & Staying Active at Home" Our instructor gave us helpful tips and exercises to keep us on our feet and skills (in the case of a fall), to Land Safer & how to Get Up Stronger.

At his suggestion, I have put together a packet of safety tips (provided by the CDC) which will include:

Things you can do to Prevent Falls

A checklist to Check your Risk for Falling

A checklist to find and fix hazards in your home

These packets will be in the (narthex/lobby) for anyone to pick up!



6th - Larry Anderson
13th - Betty Saylor
20th - Linda Deardorff
23rd - Brian Laird
26th - Eleanor Yeakel
28th - Dan Shenberger



We have someone celebrating 90+ birthdays this month!
Please send birthday wishes to:
Eleanor Yeakel
11585 Winterstown Rd.
Red Lion, PA 17356

2nd: Danielle & Brian Orwig - 12 years
18th: Glenn & Donna Grove - 63 years

NOVEMBER 2025 VOLUNTEERS

Liturgist

11/2 - Bill W.
11/9 - Eunice C.
11/16 - Connie H.
11/23 - Vince A.
11/30 - Linda A.

Counters

11/2 - Deb S. & Brian H.
11/9 - Dawn B. & Terri L.
11/16 - Richard J. & Brian H.
11/23 - Deb S. & Brian H.
11/30 - Dawn B. & Terri L.

Sound and Media Shout

11/2 - Buddy M. & Brian H.
11/9 - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
11/16 - Quinn W. & Amanda L.
11/23 - Bill W. & Tammy W.
11/30 - Buddy M. & Brian H.

Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

11/2 - No Sunday School
11/9 - Sherri F. & Ann M.
11/16 - Eunice C. & Tabitha G.
11/23 - Joy H. & Ann M.
11/30 - Tammy W. & Linda A.

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:



2025 Shares Of Ministry		2025 Shares Paid to Date	
Benevolent	\$6,358.28	Benevolent	\$3,709.02
Connectional	\$9,462.49	Connectional	\$5,519.78
Clergy	\$10,188.33	Clergy	\$5,943.21
TOTAL:	\$26,009.10	TOTAL:	\$15,172.01

FINANCIAL STANDING

The 2025 monthly Shares of Ministry (Fair Shares) have been paid in full through July. There were no payments made during the months of August through October. Due in part to a much higher volume of maintenance expenses incurred year to date against budget, the leadership team voted to withhold additional Shares of Ministry payments for now.

The ongoing gift card fundraiser for Jerry's and Giant gift cards which is used for the general operating fund has netted a year-to-date amount of \$805. The church receives a 5% discount on the face value of the purchased gift cards.

Summer expenses are winding down with colder weather expenses beginning. October expenses included the first church oil delivery amounting to \$3,025 and the HVAC preventative maintenance for the church and parsonage at \$1,925.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2025 HVAC Capital Campaign. As of October 20, donations total \$23,720.95. As always, 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.

2025 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To give online towards the HVAC capital campaign you can use this QR code:





When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM Communion</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>
			<p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM</p> <p>Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p> <p>Small Gathering - 7:00PM</p>		<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM</p> <p>Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>United Women in Faith - 7:00PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p> <p>Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Red Lion Corner Café - 11:30AM</p>  <p>Simply Loved - 3:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bethany Felton Fall Banquet @ Lebanon Social Hall -6:00pm</p>
			<p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM</p> <p>Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p> <p>Sticky Bun Order Pick Up in APR 3:30PM - 7:30PM</p>		
<p>16</p> <p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM</p> <p>Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Leadership Team Meeting - 6:30PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton</p>  <p>@ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
		<p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM</p>	<p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM</p> <p>Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>APR Use - All Day</p> <p>Small Gathering - 2:00PM</p>		<p>APR Rental 11:30AM-5:00PM</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM</p> <p>Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>
		<p>Simply Loved - 3:30PM</p>	<p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM</p> <p>Choir Practice - 7:00PM</p>			
<p>30</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Worship @ Bethany Felton - 9:15AM</p> <p>Worship - 10:30AM</p> <p>Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God. The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."</p> <p>About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.</p>					



Upcoming Events



Called to Be Saints

On Sunday, November 2nd, we'll celebrate All Saints' Day during morning worship. This is a time to remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith—family, friends and fellow believers who have touched our lives and pointed us to Christ.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th @ 10:00 AM
Serve the church in this fun event where there will be something for all ages to do! Lunch will be provided as a thanks for volunteering.

Look forward to great fellowship as we beautify the Church for the upcoming Christmas season...this will be more fun than trying to shop on Black Friday! Just meet us in the WUMC Narthex at 10 am to join.

On Sunday, November 9th we welcome a Gideon guest speaker during our regular worship service.



Bethany Felton's Fall Banquet will take place at the Lebanon Social Hall on Rippling Run Rd, starting at 6:00 PM.

The cost will be \$17/person, which will cover the dinner: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Peas, Rolls and Desserts.

Please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary by Sun., Nov. 9th and have payment submitted to Sandra Gingrich by then. You can make your payment by placing it in an envelope with your name on the front.

Outreach Opportunities from the United Women in Faith:

Monthly Mission Central Donations:

Thank you to everyone who have donated Air Freshener in September and Scouring Pads in October!

And a big thank you to Ann McGinnis for delivering these items to Mission Central

Our item for November: **Bath Hand Towels** – (NO fleece, microfiber, or kitchen towels!!!!)

Please place your donations on the table in the narthex!

We have three dates reserved in 2026 to go to Mission Central for work shifts

Monday, April 13, 2026 - 12:15 – 2:45

Saturday, August 1, 2026 – 9:15 – 11:45

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – 9:15 – 11:45

Watch for more details and sign-up sheets as we get closer to these dates.

****This is a really great experience for anyone & everyone! There are plenty of jobs that can be done while sitting or standing and all ages are welcome! I hope to see new faces on these trips in 2026!!!

Any questions or concerns about participating, please feel free to ask!!!

Upcoming in November & December:

We will once again be hosting an Angel Tree
Details will be provided soon!

Carrie Anderson



We are collecting specific foods to be distributed during our Thanksgiving Food Distribution November 19–22.

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Chicken or Turkey Broth
Stuffing Mix	Gravy – Canned or Packets
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Canned Pumpkin
Corn –canned	Pie Crust (boxed)
Green Beans –canned	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cranberry Sauce	French Fried Onions
Canned Fruit –	Canned Milk
(peaches or mixed fruit)	Poultry Seasoning

Monetary donations will be put towards purchase of fresh produce.

Collected items should be brought to the food pantry on or before

NOVEMBER 10th

Scan to Give



Change "General" to "Food Pantry" in dropdown menu

Drop Off Location

Stewartstown Food Pantry
10 Church St – Garage
Stewartstown, PA

Place items in donation bin anytime or call/email for large drop-off.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



717-501-6018 and leave a message



Pantry@stewartstownUMC.org