



# Winterstown UMC

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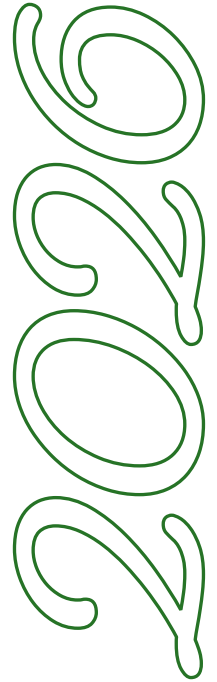
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Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
10:30AM - 2:30PM  
Bulletin Deadline  
Tuesday by 10:00AM  
Newsletter Deadline  
20th of each month

Worship  
10:30AM

**"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"**

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### Meet Our Staff

**Pastor** - Erin Wheeler  
(717) 542-4957  
**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  
717-246-8017

## Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on. A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to \_\_\_\_\_."

Choose the correct ending:

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live



Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

### COOKIE SMILE POPS

Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

**What you need:**

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon

**What you do:**

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



## JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise. They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!

FEAST  
KHAKI  
MOUTH  
ESSAY  
LLAMA  
ORBIT  
CARRY  
UDDER  
BRUSH  
ITEMS  
APPLE  
LEARN  
CIDER




Answer: Praise the Lord!





# GROWING FRIENDS

Happy July!

It is crazy to think that we are on the down hill of 2026!!! We are having so much fun, and time is flying!!

Growing Friends is closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the July 4th holiday.

This month we continue with the chaos of summer camp! The children have been busy with field trips, and special visitors coming to the center. With the business of the summer activities our office hours are limited. As a reminder our office time is Monday afternoons, Tuesdays all day, Wednesday or Thursday all day depending on field trips, and Friday afternoons. You are always welcome to email, and we will email back as we are able. If you call the center feel free to leave a message and we will call you back.

We are just days away from finding out if we are the top daycare in the York and Hanover area!! Tuesday, July 7th is the big evening, so Wednesday we will announce where we stand!!! We are super excited and blessed to be able to attend this event!! Your votes counted!!! We will be sure to announce how we did!!

We still have openings in our 3's Preschool Program class for the fall! Reminder that the child must be 3 years of age by August 31st. If anyone is interested they can contact us at the phone number and or email below. Our 4's class is full for this fall.

Another round of soccer shots will be happening in the fall. If you know someone that might be interested send them our way. More information will be available closer to time.



Staff News: We have many new faces here at the center, we welcomed the following to our GF family. Miss Charlee comes to us as a past GF child that attended a few years ago. Miss Charlee will join us over the summer and when she is on break from college. Miss Tori and Miss Emma came on board as year round staff. We are excited to have the extra hands here at the center. Help us in welcoming these young ladies!

FUNDRAISER NEWS: June was a busy month for fundraisers between subs, shaved ice and our meat fundraiser! Thank you to those that helped to purchase items to make our fundraisers a success! This month we are holding another sub/sandwich sale with orders due on Monday, July 13th, and delivery will be July 21st from 2pm to 6pm. All fundraisers that we do over the summer go to the cost of summer expenses. These fundraisers help to keep the cost of the field trips and summer activities reasonable for the families! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!! We have updated our Amazon wish list which can be found by scanning the following QR Code: The teacher appreciate the extra for their classrooms! Enjoy this toasty month!!!



Much appreciation,  
Ms. Danielle



See our Growing Friends bug detectives on the next page.



Email us anytime at: [GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com](mailto:GrowingFriendsChildCare@gmail.com)  
Call us: Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (717) 246-8017





## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL—SHELL

A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

Source: churchart.com

### Still Worth More Than You Know

A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"



Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?"

Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?"

The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."

Source: churchart.com

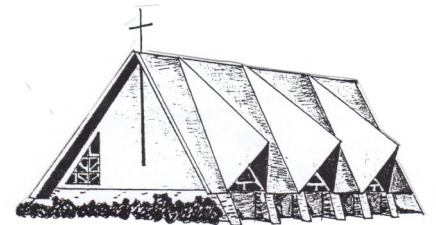
A special "thank you" to all of the congregation and Pastor Becky for your prayers, get well cards, phone calls, visits and food during my stay at home after my knee surgery. Your support was truly appreciated. It made my recovery easier knowing how much you cared. Even though I was not with you in person, I listened to the services every Sunday on livestream. My heart ached to be at the organ and piano. Now I am excited to be back worshipping and performing in person with all of you again.

Sincerely, Nancy Forry

## DID YOU KNOW?...

Quinn Waldrup will be the first to enter the ministry from Winterstown United Methodist Church and its' predecessor churches ever.

Those churches would be Brethren in Christ, St. Paul's Evangelical Church, and the Evangelical United Brethren (E.U.B.).



## PRAYER PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*erlist* Pastor Erin Elong and family, 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, Donna Overmiller, Randy Criswell, Betty Bolyard, Trevor & Lucas Gannon, Tabitha Gilbert, Bob & Lois Arsenault, Sam Cooley, Janet Vanderlipp, Susan, Jeannie, Holly, Lee, Colleen & Family, Becky, Paul & Family, Brandy & Family, Brad, Wynn, Lacey, Shirley & Deb, Troy Hildebrand, Candy Thompson, Grayson Gilbert, Nancy, Sue Peterman, Eunice's brother Jim, June Windon, Julie Harrison, Ethel, Ed W, Rick's uncle Scott, Luke Martin, Rich, Bill Henry, Deb Henry, Betsy Enfield's SIL Joyce, Dwight & Marilyn Honecker, Janet Overmiller, Nancy Forry, Joe, Eileen McGowan, Judy, Conor, Tina, Alexandra, Cassandra, Junior, Joyce Grove, Jerry Eberly, Bob, Bella Wetzal, Wendy's in-laws



# 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](mailto:adminassist@winterstownchurch.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:



2026 Shares Of Ministry		2026 Shares Paid to Date	
Benevolent	\$6,533.27	Benevolent	\$0.00
Connectional	\$9,722.90	Connectional	\$0.00
Clergy	\$10,468.72	Clergy	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$26,724.89</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

The paid YTD numbers are through June 2026.

There were no payments made for the months of January through June 2026. The amount in arrears through June 2026 is \$13,362.42.

## FINANCIAL STANDING

Thank you for the sharing 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.

As this article is written on June 21, there is an expectation that the end of June will reflect a 2026 year-to-date ordinary net loss, with operating expenses exceeding operating income by approximately \$16,500. In addition, the 2026 Shares of Ministry have not been paid from January through June which amounts to \$13,362.42 in Shares of Ministry payments in arrears.

As mentioned in the June newsletter, the next oil delivery is not scheduled until November. This has helped our monthly utility expenses. The electric bill has been somewhat stable over the past three months; April \$1,349, May \$1,148, and June \$1,157. We will see what the hot summer months bring.

A new Electronic Security Fire System was installed in February at a total cost of \$19,123 with a 30% down payment of \$5,737 paid in February. We are now in the process of making twelve monthly payments of \$1,115.50 per month. This is a capitalized expense and not part of the operating budget. If you are interested in contributing to help pay this expense, donations can be designated to the Capital Fund and included along with your Sunday tithes or offering.



United Women in Faith: We will not have meetings in July or August!  
Our next meeting is scheduled for: September 14, 2026 @ 7:00 pm  
Enjoy your summer and stay cool!

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

Thank you for your donations over the last couple of months!! I know there were quite a few items that we collected for both Mission Central and The Stewartstown Food Pantry. Everything that was donated is greatly appreciated!!  
 For July we will be concentrating on the Personal Hygiene Products that are needed at the Stewartstown Food Pantry.  
 We will be collecting: Bar Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant and Toothpaste.  
 Anything you can contribute is helpful and appreciated!!



Our next Volunteer trip to Mission Central is scheduled for Saturday August 1st. Our session will run from 9:15 – 11:45  
 We will meet at the church and plan to leave around 8:00 am  
 After our work is completed, we will stop for lunch before heading home.  
 Watch for the sign-up sheet and hope you can plan on joining us!!



4th – Glen Huson  
 6th – Pastor Erin Wheeler  
 9th – Kelly Wetzel  
 18th – Noah Dowless  
 19th – Deb Shultz  
 26th – Ross Anderson



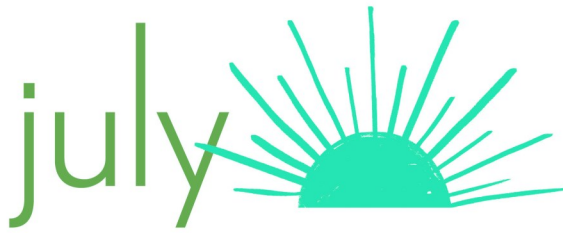
1st Ross & Diane Anderson 65 years  
 2nd Gordy & Alverta Forbush 65 years  
 2nd Bill & Tammy Waldrup 32 years  
 7th Buddy & Ann McGinnis 19 years

With  this Ring...

# JULY 2026 VOLUNTEERS

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Joy Howell	<b><u>Counter Coordinator:</u></b> Brian H.	<b><u>Sound and Media Shout Coordinator:</u></b> Bill W.	<b><u>Sunday School Coordinator:</u></b> Tammy W.	<b><u>Greeter Coordinators:</u></b> Bob & Lois Arsenault
<b><u>Liturgist</u></b> 7/5 - Madi W. 7/12 - Dawn B. 7/19 - Eunice C. 7/26 - Connie H.	<b><u>Counters</u></b> 7/5 - Richard J. & Brian H. 7/12 - Deb S. & Brian H. 7/19 - Dawn B. & Terri L. 7/26 - Richard J. & Brian H.	<b><u>Sound and Media Shout</u></b> 7/5 - Bill W. & Tammy W. 7/12 - Buddy M. & Brian H. 7/19 - Dawson G. & Dawn B. 7/26 - Quinn W. & Amanda L.	<b><u>Sunday School Teachers &amp; Helpers</u></b> 7/5 - No Sunday School 7/12 - Tammy W. & Linda A. 7/19 - Joy H. & Tabitha G. 7/26 - Sherri F. & Ann M.	

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](mailto:adminassist@winterstownchurch.org)



When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk." A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

\*APR: All Purpose Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair." His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."</p>  <p>-churchart.com</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM APR Private Event 1:00pm-3:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>5 6th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Communion Pastor Erin Welcome Luncheon</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM APR USE - Pastor On-boarding 5:30pm-9:00pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM</p>	10	11
<p>12 7th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	<p>13 R&amp;K Fundraiser Sub Orders due to Growing Friends' Office</p>	<p>14 Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM 60+ Group @ Bethany Felton - 2:00PM</p> 	15	<p>16 BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton  @ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM</p>	17	18
<p>19 8th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	20	<p>21 R&amp;K Fundraiser Sub Order Pick Up in the APR from 2:00pm-6:00pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Small Gathering - 10:00AM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM</p>	24	25
<p>26 9th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>APR Private Event—ALL DAY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM</p>	31	