



Winterstown UMC

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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 - Erin Elong

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Administrative Assistant -

Amber Rusonis

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Pianist - Rick Marks

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Sandra Gingrich

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Director - Danielle Orwig

Assistant Director -

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Bible Quiz

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."

Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.



Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

Make a postcard PUZZLE

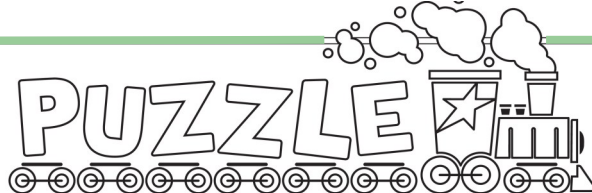
Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.



Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)

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Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



THE WINTERS TOWN CRIER

WINTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR—A SUMMER ICE CREAM CRAWL WITH THE PASTOR

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Dear Church Family,

Can you believe we are already in the month of August? The summer days are rolling by, the pace of life feels a bit different, and our routines are naturally shifting with vacations and warm-weather rhythms. Because summer is a season for pausing, I want to invite us to focus on something deeply important this month: the gift of holy rest and new connections.

In the Christian tradition, we have a beautiful word for intentional rest—Sabbath. Sabbath isn't just about sleeping in; it is about stopping to recognize that God is in control, allowing our souls to catch up with our bodies. Transitioning to a new pastoral appointment brings a lot of change for all of us, and sometimes the best way to process transition is by simply preparing the soil of our hearts together. Summer gives us the perfect environment for that refreshing.

My main goal right now isn't to fill up the church calendar, but to get to know you. I want to build a relationship with you, listen to your stories, and learn what makes this congregation so special.

To make that easy—and a little sweet—I am launching a local **Summer Ice Cream Crawl**! Over the next month, I am going to be hanging out at a few different local favorite shops. I would love for us to connect in a casual, low-pressure way.

Ice Cream Crawl Schedule (7:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

Stop 1: Wednesday, Aug 5 — Macks Ice Cream (Red Lion)

Stop 2: Wednesday, Aug 12 — Sprinkles & Company (Red Lion)

Stop 3: Wednesday, Aug 19 — Bonkey's (Red Lion)

Stop 4: Wednesday, Aug 26 — Perrydell Farm Dairy (York)

No agendas, no formal meetings, and no RSVPs required. Just look for me, grab a cone, and come pull up a chair. If you can't make these specific times, I would still love to hear from you! Drop me a quick email at EWheeler@susumc.org or send a text to 717-542-4957.

I have a quick question for you to jumpstart our connection: What is your absolute favorite church tradition here, or your favorite memory of this congregation?

Whether we talk over a scoop of ice cream, a quick phone call, or a brief email exchange, I am looking forward to hearing your stories. Let's use these remaining weeks of summer to rest deeply, connect, and prepare the soil for where God is leading us next.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Erin



PRAYER PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

list 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, Jerry Eberly, Bob, Bella Wetzell, Rev. Keith Schmuck, Diane Anderson, Evans Winemiller, Kevin K., the Flores Family, all the families who died in the storm, the Fink family, the family of Alan Krasner





GROWING FRIENDS

Happy August!

The summer is flying by, and it is crazy to think summer camp is just about over and the children will be returning back to school in a few short weeks!!! Pretty soon we will be saying goodbye to this intense heat and humidity....thank goodness for that,so the kids can get back out and run without the heat advisories!!

Thank you to everyone that voted us #1 for childcare centers in York & Hanover!!!! It was a true honor to bring home the top plaque!!!! What a wonderful experience it was, and a memorable evening!!! Attached with our newsletter are a few pictures from the evening!!!! Thank you all again for your continued support!!!



This month the children will be learning about the following: Letters: Review; Numbers: Review; Shape: Review; Color: Review ; Additional Themes: Travel, Farm, Bubbles, Boats and Floats

This month Red Lion starts school on Monday, August 24th for our 1st through 6th graders. The children have a half day on Tuesday, August 25th. Our Kindergarten and the rest of the children start back with a full day on Wednesday, August 26th. As a reminder with the school year starting back up, the bus will arrive around 8:45 in the morning and drop off around 3:20 in the afternoon. Please use caution when pulling in if the children are on the sidewalk waiting for the bus. We wish all of our school age kids a wonderful school year!



Preschool Program still has some spots to fill in the 3's program. If you know someone that will be 3 years old by August 31st please send them our way! Preschool Program open house will be Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30. The first day for the 3's class is Tuesday, September 8th, and the first day for the 4's is Wednesday, September 9th. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Growing Friends will host another season of Soccer shots this fall. Sessions will start the week of September 7th and run for 8 week. If you are interested in learning more or enrolling your child please see or call Heather or Danielle for more information. Once we have exact dates and registration information we will announce them in our September newsletter. The children have a blast playing soccer and learning the basics.



GF Staff news: As summer comes to a close we wish our collage girls the best as they return back to school. We were so blessed to have them join us over the summer. With lots of staff using their vacation time it is always helpful to have the extra hands around the center. With classrooms starting to fill back up we will be looking to hire a full time staff member. If you know someone that has experience working with children and would like to join our family send them our way. This month the following staff are celebrating their work anniversaries with Growing Friends Danielle (19 years total, 8 as Asst. Director, 1 as head Director), Bonnie 11 years. The following staff will be celebrating their birthdays this month: Miss Deena (August 6th), Ms Jeanetta (August 12th), Miss Jodi (August 20th), Ms Danielle (August 21st), Miss Sara (August 22nd)

FUNDRAISER NEWS: Thank you to everyone that bought subs/sandwiches in July. This month we are holding our last sub sale for the summer. We decided to try a different company that came highly recommended to us, and we were starting to have some issues with R&K. Let us know your feedback with the new company. We will be fundraising through Mariannas. Orders are due with payment to Growing Friends office by Monday, August 10th with delivery on Wednesday, August 19th. The coffee truck was such a huge success back in May that we decided to have them back. Graceful Ground will be set up in the parking lot on August 26th from 6am to 10am. Plan to stop by and grab breakfast and a drink. We are fundraising this month to help offset the cost of some of the summer expenses. Parents pay for their child to attend the field trip and Growing Friends pays for the bus and staff to attend the field trips. Your help is greatly appreciated!

FUNDRAISER NEWS



We hope you all have a great month!

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





CHRISTIAN SYMBOL - SUNFLOWER

The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness. In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

Source: churchart.com



A Repair for Brokenness

Our lives are marked by brokenness, including broken relationships, broken promises, and broken expectations. Left unattended, these fractures can quietly shape us, hardening into bitterness or resentment.

How do we live with such brokenness without losing heart? We return, again and again, to God's faithful presence. In Him, we find not only comfort but restoration. God does not ignore what is broken. He meets us in it, gently mending what we place in His hands and reshaping what feels beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What we cannot fix on our own, God is able to restore in His time and in His way.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor and spiritual writer, often spoke of this sacred return, the daily turning back to God where healing begins and hope is renewed. In His presence, our brokenness is not wasted. It becomes the very place where grace takes root and new life begins.

Source: churchart.com



Save Me a Pew

The world's largest Protestant congregation is Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul. Since its founding in 1958, the church has grown at an extraordinary pace. By 1983, even seven Sunday services could not accommodate all who came to worship, leading to the creation of satellite congregations.

The main sanctuary, located across from National Assembly Building, seats about 26,000 people. Yet the membership is so large that attendees are assigned specific weeks of the month to attend services.

What a powerful witness in a country where only about 30 percent of the population identifies as Christian.

What would it take for your church to face a similar "problem"? And what part might you play in making room for more?

Source: churchart.com



In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time? *Praise God.*

Is life becoming difficult? *Seek God.*

Are you experiencing a quiet moment? *Worship God.*

Are you suffering great pain? *Trust God.*

Are you unsure what to do? *Ask God.*

Are you overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*

Source: 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.

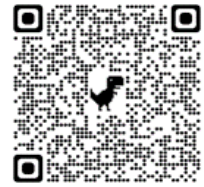
Your visits are a way for these people to experience love and to know they are not forgotten by their church family.

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 July 2026.

There were no payments made for the months of January through July 2026. The amount in arrears through July 2026 is \$15,589.49.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The month of June ended showing a year-to-date ordinary net loss of \$12,572 in 2026. This reflects the operating expenses exceeding the operating income year-to-date. In addition, the 2026 Shares of Ministry have not been paid from January through July with \$15,589.49 in Shares of Ministry payments in arrears.

As mentioned in the July newsletter, the electric bills have been somewhat stable for April through June but did reflect an increase of approximately \$640 for July due to the extreme heat.

The months of July and August will reflect increased expenses over the usual operating costs with July having a 3-payday month and the Red Lion Area School District 2026-2027 taxes with payment due by September 15.

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. Through July, we have made four of the remaining twelve monthly payments of \$1,115.50 per month. The remaining balance due as of the end of July is \$8,924. 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.

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.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

Thank you for all the personal/toiletry items collected in July for the Stewartstown Food Pantry and a special thank you to Connie for delivering these items to the Pantry throughout the month!!

For our August Mission Project we will be collecting the following items for Mission Central:

Back to School Supplies:

CRAYONS (Boxes of 24)
COLORED PENCILS (Boxes of 12)
COLORED MARKERS (Packs of 12)
HAND-HELD PENCIL SHARPENERS
NEW BACKPACKS

Please keep the donations to these specific items!

We will collect these items Sunday August 2nd through Sunday August 30th.



2nd - Ellie Beard
6th - Alverta Forbush
6th - Chuck Peterman
12th - Ella Jane Hess
18th - Alexandra Wetzel
21st - Danielle Orwig
28th - Donna Overmiller



1st	Quinn & Madi Waldrup	1 year
2nd	Ralph & Naomi Latimer	
20th	Brodie & Brielle Unger-Smith	10 years
28th	Glen & Barb Huson	66 years
28th	Kira & Jarrett Wilson	5 years
29th	Vince & Carrie Anderson	39 years

AUGUST 2026 VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

Larry & Linda
Anderson

Counter Coordinator:

Brian H.

Sound and Media Shout Coordinator:

Bill W.

Sunday School Coordinator:

Tammy W.

Greeter Coordinators:

Bob & Lois Arsenault

Liturgist

8/2 - Vince A.
8/9 - Linda A.
8/16 - Bill W.
8/23 - Madi W.
8/30 - Dawn B.

Counters

8/2 - Deb S. & Brian H.
8/9 - Dawn B. & Terri L.
8/16 - Richard J. & Brian H.
8/23 - Deb S. & Brian H.
8/30 - Dawn B. & Terri L.

Sound and Media Shout

8/2 - Bill W. & Tammy W.
8/9 - Buddy M. & Brian H.
8/16 - Dawson G. & Dawn B.
8/23 - Quinn W. & Amanda L.
8/30 - Bill W. & Tammy W.

Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

8/2 - No Sunday School
8/9 - Tammy W. & Ann M.
8/16 - Sherri F. & Joy H.
8/23 - Tammy W. & Linda A.
8/30 - Eunice C. & Tabitha G.

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



*APR: All Purpose Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Communion	3	 National Night Out 5:00PM-8:00PM	5 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Ice Cream Crawl Stop 1: Mack's Ice Cream (Red Lion) 7:00PM-8:00PM	6 Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM	7	1 Mission Central Trip 8:00AM 8
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~ 10:45AM	10	11 Private Event in APR 9AM-1PM Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Lion's Pride - 11:30AM 60+ Group @ Bethany Felton - 2:00PM	12 Small Gathering - 10:00AM Ice Cream Crawl Stop 2: Sprinkles & Company (Red Lion) 7:00PM-8:00PM	13 Administrative Assistant off Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM	14	15
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	17	18	19 APR Private Event - 9:30AM -1:00PM Small Gathering - 10:00AM Ice Cream Crawl Stop 3: Bonkey's (Red Lion) 7:00PM-8:00PM	20 BREAKFAST with Bethany Felton  @ Lion's Pride - 8:30AM Back to School Dinner & Blessing Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM	21	22
23 Back to School Blessing Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM Quinn's Seminary Send Off	24	25	26 APR Private Event - 5:00PM -7:00PM Small Gathering - 10:00AM Ice Cream Crawl Stop 4: Perrydale Farm Dairy (York) 7:00PM-8:00PM	27 Praise Band Practice - 7:00PM	28	29
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost Bethany Felton - 9:15AM Sunday School - 9:30AM Worship - 10:30AM Children's Sunday School ~10:45AM	31	Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried. Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads. God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead. There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow. -churchart.com				