



The Wesleyan Star

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"[God] who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."
 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

Years ago when our American nation was organizing, there were many important decisions to be made as to how our country would be systematized and symbolized. As they were all worked out, one debate raged on – the National bird. While the eagle was the popular favorite, another voice advocated for the turkey. Benjamin Franklin argued for the turkey as the all-American bird, while ultimately the bald eagle won the contest handily.



I remember this debate as we come to thanksgiving and the turkey. Consider some of the comparisons:

Turkeys can grow to 86 pounds and 3,500 feathers. Eagles weigh about 15 pounds with over 7,000 feathers. You could say the turkey is more substance and the eagle is more fluff.



Turkeys have a rhythmic gobble, and the eagle has a high-pitched shrill.

Turkeys can run up to 25 miles an hour; eagles do not run, they soar.

The average American consumes 19 pounds of turkey annually; it is a felony to eat an eagle.

Further, the turkey is defined as "a large bird raised for food." The turkey exists **for** others. The eagle is defined as "a large bird of prey." The eagle exists **because** of others.

As we come to this time of giving thanks, we remember that we too are called to exist **for** others, not **because** of others. We give generously, so that the word of God may be spread and the actions of God might be known here and around the world. Paul's letter to the church at Corinth is an encouragement to each of us that even as we give of ourselves **for** others, God supplies our needs. So, in this time of thanks and giving, we follow the ways of Jesus and the inspiration of the turkey.

Throughout this month, prayerfully consider how you might give thanks to God for your blessings and make an offering **for** others.

- * Give food to our Sukkot booth to feed the hungry in our community (see details on page 8).
- * Give coats and blankets for those without in our community (see details on page 9) .
- * Give to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child (see details on page 13).
- * Commit to giving next year through a commitment card with your prayers, presence, gifts, talents, and witness. Additional cards available in the Narthex.
- * Invite someone to Thanksgiving Dinner who might be without company or good food.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica

Giving God, this is thanks-giving, not thanks-keeping. So, we pause to give our thanks to You. We praise you for your many gifts in our lives, and we offer thanks to you through these gifts. Bless this gifts and the hands that offer it to your way. In Blessed name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



November Worship at West Grove UMC



Please join us in our worship service to be blessed by the Word of God.

Sermon Series: Biblical Reality Shows

The families of the Bible are our families. Their stories are our stories.
As we walk through some stories in Judges, let us learn from biblical reality shows
How best to care for one another.

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost November 2, 2014 All Saints Sunday Communion Sunday

**Emergency Food Pantry Collection Day is on the first Sunday of each month*

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18; Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: "The Amazing Race"

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost November 9, 2014 Baptism Sunday ~ Savannah Marie Taylor

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13; Judges 16:4-31

Sermon: "Survivor"

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2014

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30; Judges 6:11-24

Sermon: "Fear Factor"

Last Sunday After Pentecost Thanksgiving Sunday Christ the King Sunday November 23, 2014

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-36; Judges 4:1-10

Sermon: "The Bachelorette"

Thanksgiving Community Service November 23, 2014 ~ 6:30 p.m. Hosted by West Grove UMC

Sermon Series: Movie-ing Through Advent

The Christmas story is familiar and has been told in many media. Let's take a look at some classic movies as we re-tell the story of the waiting and expecting Christ as well as his birth.

First Sunday in Advent Fifth Sunday Coin Collection—The Garage November 30, 2014

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37; Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon: "Is the Grinch Coming to Your House?"



Hospitality Ministry

Coffee and lemonade will be available every Sunday beginning September 14 after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services compliments of our Hospitality Ministries Team and Volunteer Coffee Makers. Please enjoy and have fun while greeting and welcoming friends and guests.



Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, November 16 is hosted by The Staff Parish Relations Committee

Due to the increase in food allergies among the general population as well as our own congregants, we request that any items brought for the fellowship hour have a note attached if they contain nuts (including coconuts).

Thank you.

Daily Meditations



We hope you have had a chance to reflect on the meditations in the bulletin. They are written one for each day of the week as a short meditation and question with which you might begin your day. Don't forget to take your bulletin home and place the meditations and scripture reading in a place you can use each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!



Connectional Commitments

As United Methodists, your clergy are called not only to serve the local church, but into the community and throughout the world. John Wesley famously said, "The world is my parish." So how are your clergy living up to that commitment?

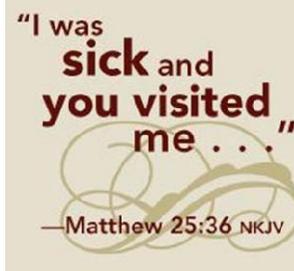
- September 27th, 2014- Pastor Jim offered the invocation and benediction at Penn Township Day.
- October 12th— Pastor Jim offered worship, including Holy Communion, at Jenner's Pond at 11:00am.
- October 22nd, 2014—Pastor Monica joined clergy and laity at **Stewardship in your Church** with Clif Christopher presenting.
- October 23rd, 2014—Pastor Monica joined the clergy of the Southeast district as a facilitator for the bishop's discussions around love and law.
- October 25th, 2014—Pastor Monica and Fran Miller attended Safe Sanctuary updates.



Have you been traveling?
Away on vacation?
Sick on Sunday morning?
Want to remember an
illustration from a sermon?

Did you know? Sermons are now available on the website! You can choose to read them in manuscript form or listen to them in mp3 form.

Creator God, in this season of Fall, open my eyes to the creative canvas that is all around me. Mold my heart to give thanks to you for nature as well as your people. Shape me to sing your praises and love your creation. For like the Psalmist, I know that all comes from you, Creator of us all. I praise you now and all of my days. In Your Name, I Pray, Amen.



Please let Pastor Monica, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. We would love to support you and your family with a visit. We depend on you to share the information of which hospital the loved one is in. Please also let us know of any other pastoral needs. Thank you!



Community Thanksgiving Worship at WGUMC

We are delighted to be hosting the Community Thanksgiving service on

**Sunday, November 23rd at
6:30pm.**

Join us as the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries. Also, help us offer hospitality through providing treats to share after the service.



Movie-ing Through Advent

November 27th – How the Grinch Stole Christmas – animated version

December 3^d – Home Alone

December 10th – Miracle on 34th Street

December 17th – It's a Wonderful Life!

Wednesdays 6-8pm. Potluck and the full movie that the upcoming sermon will be based on. Bring a dish to share. We will provide plates, utensils, drinks, and desserts. Come one week, come all of the weeks! Bring the family, bring the kids. Short meditation to follow movie. Join us as we prepare for Christ's birth and second coming with movies!



Worship With Us
Christmas Eve



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, December 7th – Christmas Music Celebration at 6:30pm

Saturday, December 20th – Live Nativity from 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, December 21st – Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

12:00 pm Wiggly, Giggly Children's Christmas Eve Service

6:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

8:30 pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

10:30 pm Traditional Candlelit Christmas Eve Service with Communion



Welcoming & Befriending Our Guests

Welcome to Our Church

Enjoy seeing guests names and other information about them when signing and passing the attendance clip board in worship.

Greet, welcome and introduce yourself while still in your seats or during the Passing of The Peace.

Casually converse with one another over coffee or lemonade (thanks to our Coffee Makers) in the Foyer conversation area after worship.

Listen for guest's comments, questions, concerns, suggestions and ideas, especially regarding their needs or the needs of family members or children.

Invite them to attend a class with you and help them meet other friends in your class.

As your friendship grows and develops, email, phone, visit and maybe, if it's meant to be, even enjoy special outings together. You might even become soul mates.

NOTE: "Strangers are friends, whom we haven't yet met".

Your Hospitality Ministry Team

Save the Dates!

Advent Dreams is a four-week long Bible study series exploring the four dream sequences in Matthew 1:18 to 2:23 that comprise the entirety of Jesus' infancy in Matthew's Gospel.

Join us on **Wednesday mornings** from
9:30 – 11:00 am

December 3rd- December 17th and January 7th.



WITH
Gratitude

Dear Pastor Monica and friends of West Grove UMC,

Many thanks for the wonderful farm fresh gifts....sausage, brown eggs, scrapple and

mushrooms ...what a treat...what a delight!
My husband LOVES scrapple!

I appreciate your love and support and may God bless you all.

Peggy

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Philadelphia Area
The United Methodist Church
PO Box 820
Valley Forge, PA 19482



From the Pastor's Desk



Our Charge Conference was

October 21st, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Charge Conference is an annual celebration of the mission and ministry of the church, an opportunity to engage with our District Superintendent, and oversight to the business of the church.

We were delighted to have 15 persons present.

Minutes and booklets are available to anyone interested.



Dear Generous God,

As we gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. We first turn in thanks to you. You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. It is from you that we receive our daily bread, are clothed finer than the lilies of the field, and have shelter from the cold. You have blessed us amply with family and friends, neighbors and opportunities to serve you.

As we celebrate our blessings, we remember those who go without. We ask you would move within us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, and welcome the stranger. Grant us humility to give you the praise and glory.

In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

United Methodist Student Day, Sunday, November 30

Across the country, the people of the United Methodist Church are serving God's people.

We want to serve those in other places who are suffering. We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life. And we want to be well-equipped to do both! But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. **What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.**



A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day by Safiyah Fosua

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,

Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,

Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned,

Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love, Amen.

DS DAWN TAYLOR-STORM ANNOUNCES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MISSION PROJECT



Southeast District Global Mission Project: Building a Pediatric Unit for the Mpsa Medical Clinic in the Congo Southeast District Goal: \$50,000

Background: Congo is the third largest African Country and is surrounded by nine other nations in which there is often suffering. Our primary outreach in the Congo is through the Mpsa Medical and Nutrition Clinic, located about 20 miles from the nation's capital of Kinshasa. Our clinic, currently directed by Dr. Rebecca Yohadi provides vital medical services to this community. We also sponsor a nutrition program for children and their families. About 300 children a day come for food, five days a week. The partnership supports the salaries of the doctors, nurses, and nutrition staff, along with the food, medical supplies, and equipment.

Southeast District Focus: Building a Pediatric Unit (COST: \$50,000)

One of our great hopes is to be able to build a separate Pediatric Wing to the hospital. ***There are currently beds for only 25 patients. When children are ill, they must be put in with adults, who often have more serious infections.*** Land has been recently purchased that adjoined the property. All that is needed is funding for the building. ***Once the building is in place, we will have a dedication ceremony and will be seeking representatives from the Southeast District to attend and dedicate the building. The hope is that this will be completed in 2016. Please pray about this initiative, educate your congregation about the need, and then seek support! Let us do our part and be as generous as possible.

Please participate by contributing toward our 2014-2015 Global Mission Project: Mpsa Pediatric Unit. Make checks payable to: Southeast District Office (Memo Line: Mpsa Pediatric Unit) Send to: Southeast District Office, 60 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Deadline for Contributions: March 31, 2015.

Currently, the district has received approximately \$6,000 towards our goal of \$50,000.

We will celebrate the gifts given at our District Conference.

Together in Ministry, Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Southeast District Superintendent

West Grove UMC Annual Fall Harvest Food Collection At the Sukkah Booth



The word Sukkot is the plural of the Hebrew word *sukkah*, meaning booth or hut. During this holiday, Jews are instructed to construct a temporary structure in which to eat their meals, entertain guests, relax, and even sleep. The *sukkah* is intended to reflect God's benevolence in providing for all the Jews' needs in the desert.

The sukka is a temporary building used for meals throughout the holiday. It can be built of any materials, but its roof must be of organic material and partially open to the sky. The decor of the interior of the sukka may range from totally unornamented to lavishly decorated.
- From Wikipedia

As we have done in previous years, our church will collect nonperishable food items and turkey coupons (from local grocery stores) at the Sukkot booth in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 2 through Sunday, November 23. This year's Fall Harvest Food Collection will benefit and help replenish the short food supply for The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. **The Bridge has doubled the number of local families that it is serving this fall.** Your donations are essential to serve those in our community. In addition, Thanksgiving Baskets will be given to a few local families in need. Be sure to stop by the booth with your donations. Thank you for serving God through the faces in our community.



Rev. Guepet
and the West
Grove UMC
Family:

Thank you for
your kind let-
ter of August
26th indicat-
ing you have
been lifting the

Lincoln University family up to God in prayer.
We are so grateful to God for your prayers.

Please keep me lifted up that God would give me
the wisdom to do that for which He would be
pleased. Please keep our faculty in prayer that
they might teach in a way that others will un-
derstand and ask God to touch our students
and have them learn and give back to help oth-
ers.

Thanks.

Bob Jennings, President
Lincoln University



Chicken BBQ Thank You!

Thank you so much for treating us to
the chicken bbq. We all enjoyed it
so much. The guys are always ex-
cited about going to the church,
even to pick up chicken! We appreci-
ate it so much.

With Love,

Joe, Darnel, Ruthie and Darlene

West Grove United Methodist Church Hosts Blanket and Coat Collection November 2 through November 23



Winter is coming and everyone needs to bundle up nice and warm. Yes, that means **EVERYONE**. However, throughout our community we have many individuals that lack the basic winter defense of a nice, warm winter coat. Once again, **West Grove United Methodist Church is asking for the donation of gently used or new blankets and winter coats.**

Donations may be dropped off at the church from November 4 through

November 25. We are accepting all sizes from children, through teens and adults. These items will be given to The Bridge at the Church of the Nazarene in West Grove and to the Penn London Elementary School for distribution.

Please join us and help keep **EVERYONE** warm this winter!



COMING SOON!

On November 30th, our **Christmas Gift Tree** will be up in the Narthex. On the tree, there will be gift tags for families and individuals in need. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag and helping someone in need over this Christmas season. Details will follow.



Fifth Sunday Coin Collection on November 30 to benefit The Garage

Located in West Grove, the Garage's outreach to students a powerful mission. The Mission is to empower students to reach their potential scholastically, socially, and spiritually.

Each of these areas represents a vital component of the human person:

Scholastic: We are rational, intelligent beings with sophisticated brains to develop.

Social: We are "persons-in-relationship" who need other people to thrive.

Spiritual: We are living souls designed to know true meaning and purpose.

Let's support our community through our resources.





**THE
COMMUNITY
CAFÉ**

Holiday Meal

**Our church's free
meal ministry**

Tuesday, December 9
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can choose how to help: donating your time to serve a meal to friends in our community, wash dishes, help to set up or clean up, or donate a needed food item for the day's fare.

All are invited to join us for a healthy, delicious meal homemade by the members of our congregation. Reservations are suggested by calling the church office at 610-869-9334, but are not required. Walk-ins are welcome. Bus fare is available for those in need of public transportation.

**Planning for the
Future**



We plan for the future all the time. We hope to have enough milk, eggs, and bread during a snow-storm. We hope to have enough gas to get to our destination. We hope to make good life choices to achieve who God has called us to be. We might want to plan for a future beyond ourselves as we consider wills, estate planning, legacies, and even our own funeral or memorial service.

Sometimes, persons are interested in sharing their wishes and desires for funeral and memorial services with loved ones ahead of time. Other times, information is written in places to be discovered upon death. In other circumstances, families wish to respect the wishes of a loved one, but are unsure as to what best honors their loved one. Prayerfully consider, if you might want to record those thoughts with the church. The church can retain and hold those wishes for you, so that information might be shared and available when appropriate.

If you are interested in recording your hopes for your own services, please be in contact with Donna in the office for a guide or Pastor Monica to discuss your thoughts.



**The Church office will be closed
on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28
for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

We pray for a blessed Thanksgiving for everyone!

CROP WALK WOW!

On Sunday October 19th, our local CROP walk was held in Oxford. West Grove UMC turned out in force to raise funds and awareness for hunger in our community and around the world.

We estimate between 80-100 walkers showed up and 20-22 of them were from West Grove UMC! Thanks be to God for the willing feet of the church walking for change in our



community.

We are awaiting the final total of monies raised for this important ministry. Initial estimates are around \$2700. Stay tuned for final numbers.

Thanks be to God for all who walked, prayed, and gave!

You are answering the call to feed the hungry!

Girl Scout Tea Party Thank You!

Many thanks to the leadership & congregation of the West Grove UMC, we cannot thank you all enough.



Our troops and leaders have had well over a hundred meetings in the building and several events at the church over the past 5 years or so.

We truly appreciate your hospitality and support. We are enclosing a picture from our Mother-Daughter Tea held last April--our latest event for the girls and their moms. We look forward to many more. Thanks again! -
- The Girl Scouts of the Machaloha SU serving the girls of the Avon Grove SD (Bonnie Wolff-Machaloha Service Unit Manager)

Twin Pines Ministry

On November 2nd, we will be taking a group to Twin Pines (formerly Chatham Acres) to lead worship and offer fellowship.

Join us as we sing, enjoy a message from Pastor Monica, offer communion, and enjoy treats together.

Please consider joining us at 2pm on Sunday November 2nd, 2014!





Annual Christmas Music Celebration

Sunday, December 7th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us!

Bring your family and invite your friends!

Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m.
allows all ages to join in the festivities.

Welcome the Advent Season with music by
the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir,
J.A.M. Singers, special musical numbers
and, of course, a carol sing-along.

Stay after for delicious, homemade
Christmas cookies and cider!

Invite your friends and family
to get in the Christmas spirit!



Advent Bags for Our Homebound

Donation due by November 16

For many years, the United Methodist Women have sponsored an annual Advent Bag ministry for the homebound. Twenty-five gifts, with scripture verses attached to each one that tells the story of the birth of Jesus, are wrapped and put in beautiful Christmas bags for delivery. Each day during Advent, the recipients open their gifts and know that they are thought about, prayed for, and loved by their church.



A sign-up sheet with suggested items is available in the lobby. If you would like to donate for the 15 bags that are being assembled this year.

Donations for the Advent bags are due by Sunday, November 16

please call **Helen Carlin at the church office (610) 869-9334 with questions.**



2014 Operation Christmas Child

The youth group will, once again, sponsor the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry this year. Dansko shoe company is generously donating all of the shoeboxes. The youth group will have a display and all necessary information in the church lobby this month. **The Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up in the lobby**

on November 2nd and are due back by Sunday, November 23rd. Thanks!

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

TOYS :small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans .

The Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up in the lobby on November 3rd and are due back by Sunday, November 23rd

Submit Your Recipes



United Methodist Women Cookbook!

We would like to publish a new cookbook this fall to include our favorite soup, salad and dessert recipes. If you have a recipe you would like to share with us for inclusion, please send it to me at chaley@zoominternet.net or drop it off in the office mailbox.

Cindy Haley,
UMW President

West Grove United Methodist Church

SOUP SALE

**Chicken Corn Chowder
and**

Roasted Butternut Squash

\$5.00 per Quart

Place your Order by Nov. 19.

Pick-up on Saturday,

Nov. 22, 1-4 p.m.

There is a signup sheet in the lobby. Checks can be made payable to "WGUMC"



CMO Chapel Time

with Pastor Monica



This month, we began chapel time with our CMO preschool classes. Our Butterfly and Leap Frog classes meet with Pastor Monica in the sanctuary on Wednesday mornings for a story, song, and prayer. Our Ducks and Bumblebees meet with Pastor Monica in a classroom for a story and prayer on Wednesday mornings. Our Funky Frogs and Turtles meet with Pastor Monica on Tuesday mornings for a story and a prayer. Each month, I will share the titles of the books we read and the song we focus on. Perhaps, you might be able to use these resources with your own children, grandchildren, neighbors, nieces, and nephews.

- When I Think of God by Martha Whitmore Hickman – God’s nature
- How Big is God? By Lisa Tawn Bergren - God’s nature
- Big Momma Makes the World by Phyllis Root – Creation
- When the World was New by Alicia Garcia de Lynam – Creation
- God's Rainbow by Allia Zobel Nolan – Noah’s Ark
- “Noah’s Big Boat” in Read Aloud Bible Stories vol. 3 by Ella K. Lindvall – Noah’s Ark
- The Moses Basket by Jenny Koralek - Baby Moses
- “Baby Moses” in Pray and Play Bible 2 by Group
- Pumpkin Patch Parable by Liz Curtis Higgs
- A Pumpkin Prayer by Amy Parker

Song: My God is SO Big

Lyrics:

My God is SO big, SO strong and SO mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.

My God is SO big, SO strong and SO mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.

The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork, too.

*My God is SO big, SO strong and SO mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do
FOR YOU!*



Children's Morning Out and Preschool

Fall has arrived and the children of the CMO and Preschool program have been very busy. The teachers have been teaching the children about the season of Fall and planning many hands on activities to go along with this theme. You may see our children raking pretend leaves, sampling yummy applesauce that they made, or painting with vibrant Fall colors. In the beginning of October, we began our Bible Story time with Pastor Monica. Pastor Monica is coming into the classrooms once a week to share about God and his greatness and the children really seem to be enjoying this time. We also had our first field trip of the year to Lytle's Farm. The children and parents enjoyed a hayride; walk through the corn maze, pumpkin picking, and a craft. Thank you to the Lytle family for



so much fun!!! Mrs. Jeannie Sullivan, one of our church members, also came in to our classrooms to share a fun song with the children. Thank you Mrs. Sullivan!!

November and December always tend to be busy times of the year as well. I look forward to the children learning about ways to show thankfulness and the celebration of Christmas. Thanks as always for your continued support of our CMO and Preschool program.

Tracy McLaughlin
Program Director

TRUNK OR TREAT ROCKED!!

We had a successful trunk or treat event on Sunday, 10/26/14, with more than 150 children attending. This outreach was successful because of the many volunteers who gave their time and donations for this purpose. We had games,



crafts, story time, and refreshments inside; hay ride and just fewer than twenty trunks decorated for the occasion, and giving out candy outside. This was our biggest one yet as the weather was cooperative with warm temperatures, and bright sun shine!





C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



A Word from the Youth Director

This Fall is flying by. School has been in session for 2 months now and Christmas is quickly approaching. We kicked off the fall season with some **glow in the dark Frisbee** and have been enjoying being back into a routine with regular youth meetings. **Our middle school group has been meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month** and our **high school group on the 2nd and 4th**. We are studying God's Word as we gather together and have been specifically looking at ways we can be a shining light for God's kingdom.

Our 7th and 8th graders started Confirmation and we have enjoyed being together on Sunday mornings. Our High Schoolers are also meeting on Sunday mornings with Carol Whelan and Eileen Bushnell and engaging in some great conversation.

We just got back from a weekend in the Roxborough and Germantown areas of Philly. We served with **The Philadelphia Project** by



spending time in homes doing some painting, some demo of a bathroom and some drywall. We saw Jesus in so many moments of the weekend but especially in the conversations with the homeowners.



November Happenings.



Middle School Youth – for ALL 7th and 8th grade students: 1st and 3rd Sunday from 7 – 8:30. (November 2nd/16th)

High School Youth

– for All 9 -12th graders: 2nd and 4th Sundays from 7 – 8:30. (Nov. 9)



**Turkey Bowl
Football Game!**
**Sunday, November
23rd from 1- 2:30 P.M..**

All Students and Adults
are invited to play some
football!

Want to learn more about YOU can be involved in the youth ministry at WGUMC – contact Jamie at Jamielindtner@gmail.com or 610-937-7932

Fantasy Football

at West Grove UMC



WGUMC Fantasy Football League Standings

Rank	Team	Team Manager	W-L-T	Pts For	Streak
1	jerry's boys	Reed Smith Sr.	4-2-0	704.58	W-1
2	Ten Plagues	Tim Bushnell	4-2-0	676.26	W-2
3	sulli's skins	Fred Sullivan	3-3-0	701.91	L-1
4	groves 3 and 2	Jeremy Moore	3-3-0	695.4	W-2
5	Jim's Vultures	Pastor Jim	3-3-0	605.21	L-3
6	The Rogue Elephants	Doug Allen	3-3-0	581.74	W-1
7	Not a Prayer	Matt Hendrickson	2-4-0	770.09	L-1
8	soundcurfew	Lee Arter	2-4-0	687.97	L-2

***Updated Oct 17th

Retired Active People



**Retired Active
People (R.A.P.)
FRIDAY,
November 14
12:00 p.m.-3:00
p.m.**

Hello all, our next RAP meeting is Friday, November 14. We will be blessed with speaker **Diane Albertson on the Civil War**. She is a true talent and it will make for a wonderful afternoon! Please bring a neighbor or friend, bagged lunch and we will supply the dessert and beverages.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Blessings,
Lisa Reoli

Do you pay your bills online?

Many of us pay our bills online. It's fast, convenient and doesn't require a stamp! Consider adding West Grove UMC to your list. There are no fees involved for this service.

If you bank at National Penn Bank, you can set up an automatic transfer to the church's account there at no cost to you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator at 610-869-9334. She will be happy to help you!

Online Bill Pay

Paying your bill is
quick, easy & only
a click away!

MAKE A PAYMENT





J.U.L.I.E.T.

**JULIET...Just Us Ladies
Interested in Eating Together
November 8 at 9:00 a.m.**

Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Call Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.



R.O.M.E.O.

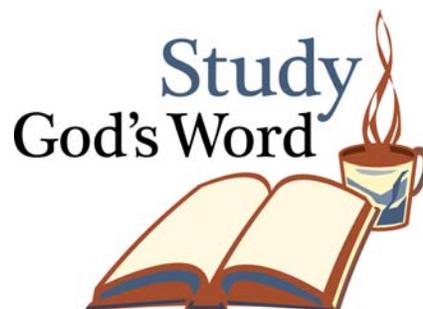
**Retired Older Men
Eating Out**



R.O.M.E.O.

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

both falling on the 4th Thursday, the ROMEOS will not meet in November or December. They look forward to you joining them on **Thursday, January 22** at the Perkins in Avondale at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and conversation!



**Study
God's Word**

Hear the Stories!

Luther Class is for men and women who are interested in coming together to learn the stories of the Bible. The Bible Study is open to anyone interested in gathering each Wednesday for a mid-week time of fellowship and bible study. **You do not need to be a resident of Luther House to attend.** All are welcome. We will begin a study on Galatians in September. **We meet every Wednesday from 2-3 p.m.** at Luther Building #1 in the parlor, right inside the door. Come join us! Bring your friends. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Haley at: **chaley@zoominternet.net**

Care Givers Group



Caregivers meet on the **second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on November 12, at 7 p.m. in**

Room #16.

Please join us if you are caring for a loved one, close or from afar. Find love and support from others in your situation. **Thank you.**

From Andy Raine of the Northumbria Community:

Do not hurry as you walk with grief; it does not help the journey. Walk slowly, pausing often: do not hurry as you walk with grief. Be not disturbed by memories that come unbidden. Swiftly forgive; and let Christ speak for you unspoken words. Unfinished conversation will be resolved in him. Be not disturbed. Be gentle with the one who walks with grief. If it is you, be gentle with yourself. Swiftly forgive; walk slowly, pausing often.

Take time, be gentle as you walk with grief.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



SCRIP PROGRAM

Savings for Church through Rebate and Incentive Program

The SCRIP program allows for the congregation of WGUMC to participate in a savings program which benefits our church. By purchasing prepaid cards for use at business establishments you frequent on a weekly basis, WGUMC will receive a percentage from the businesses. Buy your groceries, pay for your gas, buy gift cards for friends and family, etc. It is a great way to budget your money, too! The possibilities are limitless, and every dollar provides another avenue of stewardship for our church.

Our first order was a great success. We look forward to the whole congregation participating in the program.

There is a table in the lobby with Order Forms. Just choose the cards you wish to purchase, attach your check made payable to "WGUMC" with memo "SCRIP" and put them in the bin below the forms. Envelopes for your privacy and convenience are there as well.

This is an on-going program, so you can order at any time! If you have any questions, please see John Boyd or e-mail him at jwb389@zoominternet.net.

Thank you.



Giant Gift Cards

Giant Gift Cards are a simple and easy way to increase your weekly giving without costing you a cent. The cards are sold for face value, but the church purchases the cards at a 5% discount. To participate in this program, just complete the order form located in the lobby, attach your check, and drop it in the offering plate or Carol Whelan's mailbox. I usually have a supply of gift cards on hand and can give them directly to you as soon as I receive a check.

If you spend \$300 a month, the church will receive \$15. In a year the church will receive \$180! If you shop at Giant, please consider purchasing a Giant Gift Card through the church. The cards come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Questions?? Contact Carol Whelan at 610-345-0964.



It's free and it's easy! Sign-up, choose West Grove UMC as your local church to support, then just shop online as you normally do. A percentage of your shopping totals will be donated to the church! Read below for details or you can go directly to the website using this link:

<https://www.umcmarket.org/?adCampaign=EBGEN&adId=UMCOMBTS072214>

Shop Online? Make a difference when you do!

There is no better way to take care of that long shopping list than to use UMC Market and have your favorite stores give a percentage to your church.

During the Back To School shopping season, the average family likely spent \$672. For participants in UMCmarket, your favorite stores could easily expect to give 2-5% in donations back to your church. Why not take advantage of this giving opportunity? Nearly 4,000 United Methodist churches are ALREADY receiving donations from UMCmarket today.

The Details!

UMCmarket is presented by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The

United Methodist Church. It takes just a couple of minutes to sign up. With our amazing Easy Give Button, **you don't even have to remember to use UMCmarket when you do your shopping.** The Easy Give Button will make sure that every donation is collected automatically. Once your ministry's donations reach \$100, a check will be mailed out. You Shop. We Give!

Share UMCmarket with your friends & congregation!

We hope you will sign up, try us out, and share with your church friends and congregation.

It's easy and free, so why not rally your fellow members to do the same and see how fast your donations will make a difference?

Our marketing team is here to help you get the word out. Click here for a list of resources to help promote the program. We have provided a basic Media Kit for you to use and will be adding to it in the next few months. If you would like to have customized graphics for your church website or other media applications, we can do that too! Just email Christine, our marketing specialist, at christine@umcmarket.org. We are glad to help!



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, INC.

The Compassionate friends' mission is to assist families in the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child and to provide information and education to help others to be supportive.

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PLEASE...

PLEASE- don't ask me if I'm over it yet. I'll never be "over it".

PLEASE- don't tell me he/she's in a better place. He/she isn't here.

PLEASE- don't say "at least he/she isn't suffering. I haven't come to terms with why he/she had to suffer at all.

PLEASE- don't tell me you know how I feel, unless you have lost a child.

PLEASE- don't tell me to get on with my life. I'm still her, you'll notice.

PLEASE- don't ask me if I feel better. Bereavement isn't a condition that "clears up".

PLEASE- don't tell me "God never makes a mistake". You mean He did this on purpose?

PLEASE- don't tell me "at least you had him/her for 'so many' years". What year would you choose for your son/daughter to die?

PLEASE- don't tell me God never gives you more than you can bear – who decides how much another person can bear?

PLEASE – *just say you are sorry.*

PLEASE – *just say you remember him/her if you do.*

PLEASE – *just let me talk if I want to.*

PLEASE – *let me cry when I must.*

PLEASE...

-A Compassionate Friend

"Planting the Seeds for Ministry Growth" Workshop **Saturday,**

November 15

2:00-6:30 p.m.



Hopewell UMC, located in Downingtown, PA, will once again host this year's annual "Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth" workshop on November 15th from 2:00- 6:30. The keynote speaker will discuss Why Young Christians are Leaving church and Rethinking Faith. Workshops include: How to work with Millennials, Wellness Ministry, Restorative Justice: Rebuilding Communities, Toward Radically Inclusive Congregations, and Church/School Partnerships.

We are looking to take a group to this event. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Melissa Jones.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED – COMMUNITY
EVENT**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2014

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

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New London United Methodist Church

10 am – 12 noon

1010 State Road, New London, PA

Food Packaging for the World's Hungry

Food Collection event for the Bridge Food Cupboard



Stop Hunger Now is a mission providing packaged meals that provide the greatest nutritional value in the most efficient shelf-stable package. At this event, you will help make those packaged meals and feed someone who would otherwise go hungry.

Come Join the Fun – Come Make a Difference

***** Bring a non-perishable food item ***
for the local food pantry
- the Bridge in West Grove -**

Refreshments available

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Church Mission Connexion
of Southern Chester County**

Need more info? Contact 610-869-8129 newlondonumc@verizon.net



**Special Invitation to Veterans' Expo
& Job Fair**

If you or someone you live is a veteran or active military or family member, please come out to Lancaster's first-ever Veterans' Expo & Job Fair, a free, one-day event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Eden Resort, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster.

Presented by OLP Events, the Veterans' Expo will connect active and retired military members and their families with the benefits and resources available to them through local community-service providers, healthcare professionals, VA benefits counselors, education/training providers, and more.

In addition, the Job Fair is an opportunity for veterans and employers to meet face to face to discuss available positions and take part in workshops and seminars offering valuable information on relevant topics.

Speakers in the opening ceremony include three-star Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Benchoff and Audrey Bergstresser, department service officer at VFW, Department of Pennsylvania.

With patriotic musical performances, a collection for Stockings for Soldiers through Keystone Military Families, and a special ceremony performed by the Red Rose Honor Guard, the Veterans' Expo & Job Fair will honor all branches of service. For more information on the Veterans Expo & Job Fair, call (717) 285-1350 or visit www.veteransexpo.com.



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~ Open, Grow, Serve ~

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