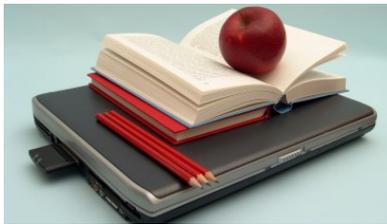




The Wesleyan Star

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“These are the wise sayings of Solomon, David’s son, Israel’s king— Written down so we’ll know how to live well and right, to understand what life means and where it’s going; A manual for living, for learning what’s right and just and fair; To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on reality. There’s something here also for seasoned men and women, still a thing or two for the experienced to learn— Fresh wisdom to probe and penetrate, the rhymes and reasons of wise men and women.” Proverbs 1:1-6, The Message

Does this every happen to you? You are working along just fine on your computer and all of the sudden it seems as though even the most basic task is challenging. Navigating from one website to the next causes your machine to freeze up or slow down. Typing an email or basic processing takes longer than it should. For me, at this point, I begin to close down programs that I can do without and hope that the computer will soon be back to full capacity. However, often the computer requires a reboot. Some of our more technically minded folks could explain to us exactly what is occurring behind the sleek computers that we have all come to depend on, but the rest of us know, when it comes to those symptoms, we need to reboot the computer.

Our spiritual lives are like this as well. Pew Research Center tells us that 55% of Americans say they pray daily (<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/05/04/5-facts-about-prayer/>). The Religious News Center reports that most (57%) Americans read their Bible four times a year or less (<http://religionnews.com/2013/04/04/poll-americans-love-the-bible-but-dont-read-it-much/>). How do you measure up? Many us might relate to being challenged in navigating and feeling overwhelmed—just like our hard-working computers. Maybe we all need a REBOOT!

Faith Learning Academy

“A wise person will hear and increase in learning, and a person of understanding will acquire wise counsel.” Proverbs 1:5

This fall, we are rebooting our adult education opportunities on Sunday morning. This is coming ahead of us rolling out small group opportunities for discipleship, pray, fellowship, and connection. At 9:45am on a Sunday morning, adults will begin to have different opportunities at our Faith Learning Academy. Perhaps, you are interested this fall in rebooting your prayer life, join us for the War Room class (page 4). Do you need to reboot your relationship with money? Join us for Financial Peace University (page 4). Have you been trying to understand what you hear in the news about Islam, alongside our Christian faith? Join us for Understanding Islam (page 4). Are you interested in ongoing biblical topic with other men? Join our Men’s Class. Do current event have you scratching your head? Join us at Faithlinks. Many of these are short-term offerings. Look for additional classes at our Faith Learning Academy throughout the year. Look for American Sign Language (ASL) Christmas Carols during Advent. Look for a study on Courage for Hard Times. More offerings to be announced throughout the year.

Like our computers, we too need a REBOOT to connect with God and focus our discipleship. Join us to grow in your faith!

In God’s Love, Pastor Monica



September Worship at West Grove UMC



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

I AM: Vocations and Callings.

God is the Great I AM. We are made in the image of God. God calls each of us to live in that image. What is your vocation? To what are you called?

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2016

Communion Sunday

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11,

Luke 24: 25-33

Sermon: "I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!"

On Labor Day, as we celebrate those who create, have you taken a look at the One who created you?

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 11, 2016

Sunday School ReBoot & Third Grader

Bible Sunday

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-10,

1 Timothy 1: 2-7

Sermon: "I am Found!"

When we wander, God always seeks us. When we feel lost beyond finding, God never gives up on us.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2016

Baptism Sunday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7,

Mark 1: 16-20

Sermon: "I am a Disciple"

Jesus calls each of us to be a disciple. How are we responding? Where are we sitting at his feet and learning from him?

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2016

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-8, 11-12, 18-19

Sermon: "I am Useful"

As the seasons of life change, how does my meaning and purpose change? Where can we find purpose?



We Need YOU!

Our Soundbooth is a vital part of our Sunday morning worship. They run visuals from the computer and balance audio from the Soundboard. Please let us know if you would like to learn how to serve in one of these ways. Contact the church office for more information.



Gluten Free Communion

Our Communion bread is now gluten free, so that all can receive from the same loaf. In our church, we have at least 10% of the congregation who have Celiac's disease or gluten intolerance or sensitivity. This radical hospitality allows us to live our theology that ALL are welcome at the Communion table.



Hosted by the Christian Education

On Sunday, September 18

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 there are nuts in them (including coconuts). Thank you.

World Communion

October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate this opportunity to receive communion here at West Grove and celebrate with brothers and sisters around the world the sacrament of Holy Communion.

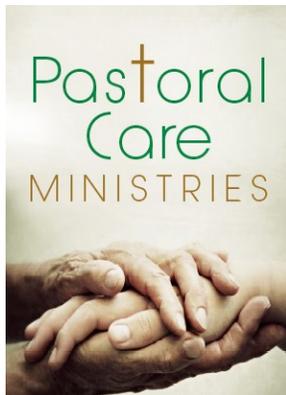




Have you checked our website recently?

www.westgroveumc.org

Look for newsletters, bulletins, sermons, our calendar and much more!

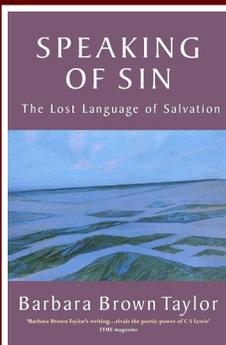


Please let Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Our pastoral team shares pastoral care.

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



Worship on the second Sunday of the month at 11 am in the Allison Theater led by Pastor Jim. Join us there!



Books mentioned in Sermons:

Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation by Barbara Brown Taylor



Twin Pines Worship

On August 7th, it was our privilege to lead worship at Twin Pines. Pastor Jim offered the message and the sacrament of Holy Communion. We were blessed to have Youth leadership on that day as well. We give thanks to God for ways in which we can be in service to God and God's people in our community.



Big thank yous to Heather and Mya Ditzel who are Creating Spaces. They work behind the scenes to visually draw us into worship with images in the Narthex, banners and displays in the Sanctuary and other visual. We give thanks to God for their gifts!

House Blessings

"And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever." 2 Samuel 7: 28-29 From biblical times, when someone moved into a new dwelling, words of blessing were offered over the new home. Home blessings involve prayers, scripture reading, and movement throughout the house.



If you are interested in a home blessing, please contact Pastor Monica.

Faith Learning Academy

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Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University is Coming!

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. For information, go to the following web address.

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home>

9 week course starts Sunday morning September 25th at 9:45am. Contact David or Barbara Delaney at 484-37-8332 if you have specific questions. Go the following link to sign up for the class.

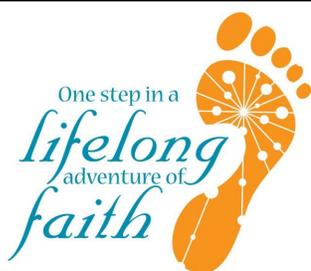
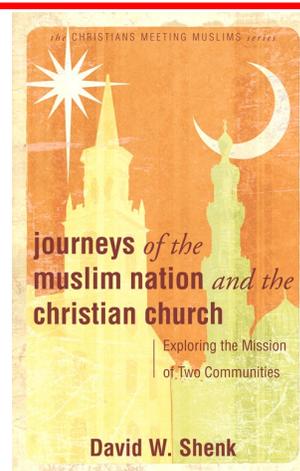
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UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11, 9:45 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

(Rm. TBA) -Mel Leaman, retired professor of Religion at Lincoln University will lead this study. The shared and contrasting beliefs of Islam and Christianity will be

discussed. The first Sunday together will be an introduction to the topic. All are welcome each Sunday, however, participants will get the most out of this class by following the selected readings from Dr. David W. Shenk's book *Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church: Exploring the Mission of Two Communities*. We will read two chapters each week. David Shenk has travelled the globe speaking to leading Muslim clerics and Presidents of Muslim nations. His books can be viewed on Amazon. He will join us for an evening session on **Sunday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00. The theme for that evening will be "The Peace of the Gospel in Dynamic Encounter with the Peace of Islam."**



Confirmation Interest Meeting for Students & Parents

Sunday, September 18 at 9:45 a.m.

Come and hear about the Confirmation Program for our 7th and 8th graders! Confirmation is an opportunity for our students to learn more about their faith and the church. It's a time for them to ask questions and learn that it is okay to not have all the answers! At the end of this confirmation process (in May) students will be given the opportunity to become members of the West Grove UMC! Come with your questions and hear about this opportunity. **Confirmation class will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the youth room.**

You Are Invited to a War Room Bible Study!



The two 5 week bible studies on War Room are:

Sunday, starting September 11, at 9:45am sharp, in Room #3.

AND

Mondays, starting September 12 at 7:00 P.M. in Room # 3



Sunday School Reboot!

Plan on joining us on September 11th as we reboot our Sunday School experiences for adults.

All Sunday School classes will begin on September 11th!
More details on offerings for adults to follow.

Can't wait to see you then!



Back-To-School Sunday, September 11!

We will kick off the return to **Sunday School on September 11.**

The children will meet their teachers and break off into their classrooms, while the adults will have an opportunity to view the different studies available to them and ask questions of the leaders.

In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone! So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!

Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers and Sunday Morning Servants will be on September 11.

Please be sure to mark your calendar. We are so blessed by the men and women who teach. Let us offer them our blessings and receive their promises as they prepare to shape hearts and minds for the next year.



We are still in great need of more **Sunday**

school teachers and Children's Worship leaders. CW leaders only need to show up and teach the lesson that is already provided.

Anyone can volunteer for as few as one Sunday a year, up to every Sunday of the year. We would love to have people who are just willing to be an extra pair of hands with no leadership requirement.



Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders

Sunday, September 11

On **Sunday, September 11th**, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at office@westgroveumc.org with the spelling of your child's name so a Bible can be presented to your child.

We can't wait to share the Word of God them!

Bible Class for Third Graders

Third graders will be receiving their Bibles on September 11th. Be on the lookout for a special opportunity for third graders to learn more about using their Bibles. The word of God is a lamp unto our feet; we want to teach our children how to use their lamps!





***West Grove United Methodist Church
Inaugural Open Market
Saturday, September 17, 2016***

***Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00
(tickets \$6.00 in advance)***

***Open Market
10:00 am - 3:00 pm***

***Eat, Shop, Socialize
Vendors, Artists, Food Trucks***

***300 N. Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390***

***For additional information or vendor inquiries please call
(610) 869-9334 or email
office@westgrovesumc.org***



Please check with Gene Aucott, our Chair of Trustees for other areas that trustees need help in preparing for the Open Market.

610-869-7355

Pancake



Breakfast

Linda Shippet and Kim Smith are organizing the Pancake Breakfast portion of the Open Market on Saturday, September 17. Lots of help in the kitchen, volunteers to help serve breakfast, set up the tables and chairs, break down the tables and chairs after breakfast for Sunday worship and many other opportunities to be of service are available. It takes our entire congregation's participation to make this event a success! Buying tickets is also a way to help! Donations of food items are appreciated as well, and a list for signing up can be found in the church lobby. Please see if you can donate an item or two!

Thank you for your generous hearts!

OPEN MARKET



What do pancakes, an open field, and food trucks have in common? They add up to a fun-filled gastronomical day of food, shopping and fellowship. On September 17, 2016, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its Inaugural Open Market. The day begins with a pancake breakfast and once fueled you are ready to shop. The doors open at 7:00 for the pancake breakfast running through 10:00. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance by contacting the church.

Vendors will begin setting up at 7:30 and the Open Market will run through 3:00 pm. We will be hosting close to 50 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters, etc) and also have representation from commercial vendors (LuLaRoe, Mary Kay, Arbonne, Premier Design, etc). Food vendors thus far include Bulldawgs BBQ, Taqueria La Bamba, Thunderridge Kettle Corn, and Smoothie Island. We are still accepting vendors and food trucks, if interested please contact the church: **(610) 869-9334 or email office@westgroveumc.org**.

Darlene Murphy, trustee and event coordinator for the market says, "I am quite excited and pleased by the turnout and interest from local vendors. We have an amazing community of artists and crafters that many folks may not know. Each new vendor that reaches out brings new and unique talents to contribute to a wonderful day."

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and allowing us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and in addition we open our house to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations. Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.





Crisfield Maryland Hands on Service Weekend!

September 9—11

Who: Anyone 16 years and older can join in on this service weekend.

Where: Basic bunk house with kitchen and showers. We provide our own meals in the kitchen.

What: We will be doing home repair work on houses that were damaged during hurricane Sandy several years ago. We will work all day Saturday and Sunday morning for a few hours. If you have a skill—that is great, If you don't—that is great too! No need to have any skills in order to come. We can always learn.

When: We will meet to carpool down to Crisfield, Friday, Sept 9 @ 5:30. If you can't leave that early—feel free to meet us there! We will return Sunday afternoon, Sept 11.

Cost: The cost is \$40 which will cover the cost of our meals as well as provide a donation for where we are staying.

SIGN UP

Name: _____

EMAIL: _____

Phone #: _____

Any Particular Skill? _____

Questions—contact Jamie Lindtner
610-937-7932/jamielindtner@gmail.com

LAITY RETREAT 2016

Perceiving, Believing and Receiving Our Blessedness ..



2016 LAITY RETREAT

Saturday, September 17th 2016, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Jarrettown UMC, 1460 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025

Fellowship Hall

Registration Fee: \$25.00 (Includes Retreat Materials and Meals)

Come for the blessing ... wonderful speakers ... spirit-filled fellowship... renewal ... relaxation ... revival. Inquiries: Suzette James: suezyq@earthlink.net

West Grove United Methodist Church Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, September 30th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, October 1st, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.



Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, Sept. 25—Wed., Sept. 28

On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!! Left-over items are donated to various mission organizations.

The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.

Collecting Clothing for a Cause

There is a local organization in West Grove, the **Community New Garment Association**. In October they come together with donations of articles which

are distributed to several local agencies. Two recipients of these donations are the **Avon Grove School Nurses and Maternity**

Departments of Jennersville Regional and Chester County Hospitals. We would like to support these two agencies and invite you, our congregation, to help by donating an item from the list below. These items will be collected throughout the month and there is bin in the lobby for you to donate your clothing items. We thank you for your help.

AVON GROVE SCHOOL NURSES – New items such as sweat pants and tops, socks and underwear for children from Kindergarten age through High School.

JENNEERSVILLE REGIONAL AND CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITALS – New Items of receiving blankets, crib sheets and blankets, diapers, one piece sleepers, undershirts (onesies) or any layette item.

Please remember that all articles must be new.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MOVIES!

"There's always something to fight for - our battles are many

- do you have a "Battle Plan"? Your plan needs a strategy! Join us to view the movie "War Room" and create your plan and discover that Prayer is a Powerful Weapon.

"WAR ROOM" is playing at West Grove United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 6:30pm

Admission is FREE!

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.!

WAR ROOM is a movie which has been seen in 76 countries, and in 40 languages, directed by award-winning creators of Fireproof and Courageous. It is a compelling drama with humor and heart that discovers the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area in one's life.

Child Care will be provided. Please call the church office at 610-869-9334 by September 2, if you are in need of child care.

We hope to see you there!

The Prayer Ministry Team

Rev. Monica Guepet, Rev. Shirley Daddario

Cindy Haley, Pam Howard

Carol McGinley MA Spiritual Director

Susan Paisley, Faith Community Nurse

Joan Saller, SPRC member, CMO Advisory Board

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6



YOU ARE INVITED TO A WAR

ROOM BIBLE STUDY!

"...so, if I was to ask you what your prayer life was like, would you say that it was hot or cold?"... excerpt for War Room.

You Are Invited to a War Room Bible Study!

Starting **Sunday, September 11**, at 9:45am sharp, in **Room #3**.

This class is offered as well on **Mondays**, starting on **September 12** at **7:00 P.M. in Room # 3**

The directors of the movie, War Room are the designers of the study. The study calls believers to trust in our God and to find their relationship with our Savior. This five week study reminds us that prayer is powerful.

You don't have to see the movie to attend the class. We hope to see you there!

"But you, when you pray, go into your inner room. Close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6



Church Office Help Needed

Did you know? There are many opportunities to serve in the Office. You can help with special projects. You can greet people as they come in. You can stuff bulletins, answer phones, and much more. We need your help! Please contact Donna Fackler in the office if you can help. We particularly need

Connectional Contributions

Pastor Monica is completing her second of two years in her commitment to Financial Leadership Academy. This program has been of great benefit to our congregation. Ask her about it.



Pastor Monica has been elected as the Southeast District Committee on Ministry chairperson. She began this role in July. In this role, she also serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Equipping, empowering, supporting, and supervising candidates for ministry, as well as licensed local pastors, are the august responsibilities of these boards.



CMO PRESCHOOL

Children's Morning Out Program

Wow! This summer has been a quick one and here we are just a few weeks from the start of our Preschool year. The CMO and Preschool Staff are very excited to get back in the classrooms. We are especially excited to share the new classrooms with all of the children and families. If you haven't seen the classrooms yet, you should take a sneak peek in the next couple of weeks as we prepare for the new year. We do still have a few openings, so if you know of anyone still looking for a preschool, please pass our information along. Preschool is a wonderful opportunity for your children to grow socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually.

We look forward to continuing to work with our Church community. **There are many opportunities to help our CMO and Preschool program.** You may have a special gift or talent to share with the children, you can volunteer your time at one of our consignment sales, or even pick an apple off of our "giving tree" to donate to the preschool program. Thank you for all of the support you have shown to me, the staff, and our preschool. Please feel free to call, email, or stop by and see me with any suggestions you may have for our program or just to say Hi! I can not wait to share all of our fun and exciting news each month!!!

Tracy McLaughlin, Director

C.M.O.

Consignment Sale



SAVE THE DATES!

The Children's Morning Out program will be holding the Fall/Winter Children's

Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8.

Find the outgrown children's clothes, toys and baby equipment that you aren't using anymore!

The Children's Morning Out is having its Fall/Winter Children's Consignment Sale on October 7th and 8th.

This is a great way to make some extra money and support the CMO program. More details to come!

We also gladly accepted any donated children's items if you do not want to consign them yourself.

The proceeds from the sale of these items go directly to the CMO Scholarship Fund.

Please contact the church office at 610-869-9334 with any questions.



This year is the 130th anniversary of West Grove Church!

This fall, we will be retelling the story of 130 years in our community and looking forward to hundreds of more years serving our community.

Please save the date for November 13th for our Celebration of 130 years in ministry: Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ.

Look for ways that you can celebrate how we have already served the community and look forward to equipping our congregation to grow into the future.



Meal Planning: How to Pack a Healthy School Lunch

Packing the kids' lunches for school means you know which nutritious foods they are eating. Here are some budget-friendly, creative ideas to keep kids happy and healthy at lunchtime:

Make a Smarter Sandwich

While some kids prefer the same thing every day, others may be OK with a slight switch to their sandwich. Use different breads like 100% whole-wheat tortilla wraps (choose wraps low in saturated fat and made with no hydrogenated oils) or 100% whole-wheat pita pockets. In addition to lettuce and tomato, try shredded carrot or zucchini and sliced apple or pear with a turkey sandwich. Try avocado or hummus as a swap for cheese or mayo. Try a leftover grilled chicken in your sandwich as a switch for lunch meat.



Love those Leftovers

Think about using the leftovers from a family favorite dinner for a next day lunch. Use a thermos to keep foods hot or cold until the lunch bell rings. Some ideas: Soup - tomato, vegetable or bean; Chili (vegetarian or made with lean or extra lean ground chicken); Spaghetti (whole wheat with with tomato, pesto or marinara sauce); Bean casserole or beans & rice. These foods sometimes have a lot of sodium, so make them homemade with little or no salt, or compare nutrition facts of similar products and choose the ones with less sodium.

Let Them Dunk

Sometimes it's OK to let your kids play with their food, especially when they are getting extra nutrition. Try packing one of these fun dunks with dippers: Apple and pear slices to dip into low-fat plain yogurt or peanut butter. Carrot, celery and sweet pepper strips to dip into hummus, fresh salsa or homemade bean dip. Whole-grain crackers* or slices of grilled tofu (a soybean product) to dunk into soup. *Choose crackers low in sodium and saturated fat and made without hydrogenated oils.

Get Them Involved

When kids help pack their lunch, they're more likely to eat that lunch! On nights you have a bit more time, like a Sunday night, have them choose which piece of fruit or what type of whole grain bread they want and let them assemble their lunch. Make this a weekly routine - it's another great way to spend family time together.

IT'S TIME FOR HAND-BELLS AGAIN! Our first rehearsal will be **September 5**, when we will start with our annual bell polishing, and quick review of some of our upcoming pieces. Again this year, I have chosen two pieces that should be very easy to pull together, and since we actually have two weeks to prepare, I think we can plan to play in church on **September 18**. If not, our usual third Sunday schedule will begin on October 19. Come join us for some great fellowship and interesting and fun bell choir music.

AS WE HAVE DONE BEFORE, WE WILL BE PLAYING IN CHURCH THE **THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. We also usually play during our annual Advent Music Night, Christmas Eve, and Easter Sunday. For the past five years, we have been participating in an annual Community Charity Concert, usually held in mid-April.

WE REHEARSE EVERY MONDAY EVENING AT 6:30 P.M. If there is an occasional Monday when you cannot rehearse or are out of town

THE MEMORY BELLS



for any particular Sunday, we ask that you get a substitute for your position from the substitute list that is provided. It is really important to have a full choir for rehearsals and, especially, the Sundays we play.

We know that belonging to a handbell choir is a huge commitment, but the rewards are great. Not only do you have the great fellowship times with your fellow ringers, you are part of enhancing the worship experience for our congregation each month. You don't need to be able to read music, just learn where your note appears on the staff and be able to count to three or four (very occasionally to six) and you'll fit right in! Besides, everybody is there to help everybody else, so we have a good time working together.

We currently have three full octaves of bells and chimes. If you are interested in learning or in being a substitute, please contact me at 484-887-0003 or 610-563-9500. You can also just talk to me at church!

*Thank you, Sandy Deckard
Handbell Choir Director*



Join the Chancel Choir!

1st rehearsal, Thursday, September 1 at 6:45 p.m.

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them! **The first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 1 at 6:45 p.m. in Room 6. We will sing at the September 4, 11:00 a.m. service.**

Below are listed a few of the reasons why it is so great to be a member of the choir!

Advantages of joining the choir:

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week (Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.).
7. Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith, the Choir Director, or any of the choir members would be happy to help you!

Children's Choir

The children of the church are invited to be in ministry through the children's choir. The group usually sings four or five times during the

school year. Practices are generally held the three Sundays leading up to a performance, in Room 4 at 10:50. The children receive a CD and lyric sheets so they don't need to make every rehearsal. All children four and older are welcome to participate. If your child is three, but you feel he/she is mature enough, that is fine.

Please contact Joan Leaman with any questions.

jmleaman@comcast.net



Prayers for teachers and students:

Teaching God, we praise you that you are the GREAT TEACHER. You have offered to us all knowledge and wisdom. As teachers and students return to school, we pray for them. Help these teachers and students to utilize the many talents and skills with which you have gifted them, And to use them to your glory. In this hope, therefore, we bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace, children of God, with your backpacks, and remember to love the Lord with all your hearts and love one another. In the name of the One who came to disciple and teach, we pray, Amen.



PraiseWorks Band

**Rehearsals begin
Thursday,
September 1 at
8:00 p.m.**

Our PraiseWorks Band leads the 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service each week. We always welcome new singers and instrumentalists. If you have a heart for worship and are willing to serve God though leading the congregation on Sunday mornings, please contact Betsy Smith for more information

Potluck and a Look to the Future Sunday, September 25



Join us from **5:30-7:30 p.m. at the home of Mel and Joan Leaman** for a meal for the body and a discussion that feeds the soul. Throughout the last year a group gathered each month to discuss topics about race relations under the designation of **"Understanding the African American Experience and White Privilege Discussion Group."** We shared this opportunity with some friends from Church of the Open Door in Kennett Square. Videos were viewed and personal stories shared. We read and discussed various articles as well as the book *It's the Little Things: Everyday Interactions That Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races* by Lena Williams. On the 25th we want to talk about our next steps. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mel Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net or call him at **610-806-3805**. The Leaman's reside at 14 Woodview Road in West Grove. Also note if you will need child care. Listed below (with permission) are responses of participants who attended our last session to this question:

What do you know now that you wish you knew then (prior to this group experience)?

1. That seeking diversity in the people with whom I have relationships makes me a more complete person.
2. I pretty much had no idea about what I considered to be "normal" is often a result of "white privilege" and possibly offensive to those who are not of the same race.
3. Understanding the true concept of race relations with our fellowship group.
4. Relationships – growing relationships
5. Some of the feelings that both blacks and whites experience
6. The extent of white privilege and the systems structured to maintain it
7. The pain people of color experience when they talk about past and present experiences
8. Sensitivity in areas which I had never thought of in terms of race relations
9. I wish I would have understood the history and difficulties of being black in America and specifically how slavery has impacted what is going on in the U.S.A. today.
10. I wish I knew more about Malcolm X.

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

JULIET...Just us Ladies

**Interested in
Eating Together**

Saturday, September 10 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.



Care Givers and Grief Support Group



This group will resume their meeting on the second Wednesday of each month on **September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room (#1)**

Questions? Contact Susan Paisley, 610-268-3305

Retired Active People

R.A.P.



RAP's first meeting of the 2016-2017 Season will be a **Covered Dish Luncheon on Friday,**

September 9th, at noon. The **Sunday Breakfast Mission Singers** will be entertaining us. They were here several years ago and are returning by popular demand! The group consists of about twenty men with outstanding voices. They will, again, be our guests for lunch, and are looking forward to being

here. So, use a favorite recipe to complete your covered dish, and plan to join us for an afternoon of **fun, food, and fellowship!**



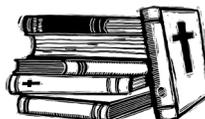
Covered Dish Luncheon here. So, use a favorite recipe to complete your covered dish, and plan to join us for an afternoon of **fun, food, and fellowship!**



RAP and friends will be traveling to **Sight and Sound** to see **SAMSON** on **Wednesday, October 26th, at 11 a.m.** Tickets are available for **\$51.** After the show, those interested will be enjoying a meal together at **Miller's Smorgasbord.** **\$28** includes the smorgasbord, hot/cold beverage, all taxes and gratuities. We are carpooling. Contact Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net for reservations and additional information.



Hear the Stories!



Luther House Bible Study

Luther Class is for men and women who are interested in coming together to learn the stories of the Bible. All are welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 pm 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

UMW FAITH CIRCLE will resume their schedule of meeting on the **2nd and 4th Friday mornings in the Youth Room.** Sewing skills are not necessary. If you are interested in our projects or want to confirm that we are



meeting on a particular Friday, contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374) or Karen Boyd (443-553-4900).

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out

Thursday, September 29



If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. **Call Roger Bates, at 610-869-7638,** if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.



C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



Summer Review

It's hard to believe that summer is over and we are back to early mornings and homework and fall plans. The youth had a good summer which included our mission trip to West Virginia, youth meetings at the church, an afternoon at Twin Pines and good bye dinners with our new college students. We are gearing up for the fall youth program for both our Middle School and High School students and preparing for a new confirmation class to start up. Thank you for all your prayers and support for the youth of our church, they are so appreciated!



September Dates for our Youth Program!

Sept. 11th - Sunday School Kick Off!

9:45 - 10:45 - Come kick off the Sunday School year! All 7th - 12th graders are invited to join in for some fellowship and snacks as we join back together on Sunday mornings.



Sept. 17th - Open Market @ Church. The Open Market is brand new fundraising effort for WGUMC. There will be

various tables/booths/food vendors set up for the day promoting their businesses. We will have a table for the YOUTH MINISTRY of WGUMC! There will be information on the program to hand out AND we will be selling drinks in hopes of making a profit! We will have our table up from about 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **We need students** to help out at the table to sell drinks and hand out flyers about the youth ministry program! You can do shifts! Sign ups for time slots will be out soon. We will also need donations of waters and sodas and ice (for the coolers) as well as some coolers to borrow for the day!

Sept. 18th - Youth Kick

Off! Youth Ministry Olympics 2016. We will have pizza and soda's, some fun competition that is not for the faint of heart and some fun give aways! Invite your friends and come join in as we kick off our youth ministry program for this fall! 6:30 -8:15 (competition will start around 7!).



Sept. 25th - Middle School Youth - 6:30 - 8:00. Rubber Chicken Night!

YOUTH LEADER
EMPOWERING YOUTH
TO BECOME THE LEADERS
THEY ARE CALLED TO BE!

YOUTH LEADER INFORMATION:

I am so grateful for those adults in our congregation who serve our youth by being youth leaders. Our program could not grow and be successful without the dedication and commitment of these folks! THANK YOU! We are having a meeting for youth leaders on Thursday, September 8th from 7:00 - 8:00. We will talk about fall planning and look at the needs of our program. If you are interested in coming and being a part of the youth ministry program - feel free to join us at this meeting! We can always use leaders to serve in the following areas; our Middle School Youth Group, our High School Youth Group, and our Friday Night Dodge Ball.

**FRIDAY
FUN
NIGHTS**

FRIDAY NIGHT DODGE BALL:

Our Friday Night Dodge Ball Program will start up in October (14th). This is a fun night for all 7th - 12th graders to come and hang out on a Friday night. We play dodge ball (or other various games), eat pizza and do a short devotional. 7:00 - 9:00. Bring \$2 to help cover pizza and invite some friends! Dodge Ball will always be the 2nd Friday of the month.

Questions or to find our more about the youth program - contact Jamie Lindtner - Jamielindtner@gmail.com

Opportunity List

The list below comes from the dreams and visions of various teams in the church. We encourage all giving to be above and beyond your regular tithe and offering.



Item	Quantity	Approximate Total Cost
Monitors- Sanctuary (80")	2	\$ 4,000
Monitors- Narthex (42" - 46")	3	\$ 4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$ 15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$ 50,000
Wireless microphones	2	\$ 900
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms	25	\$ 500
United Methodist Hymnals for Jenners' Pond	30	\$ 600
Wawa cards for Emergency Gas	10	\$ 100
HVAC Unit for the Lobby	1	\$ 12,500
HVAC Unit for the Kitchen	1	\$ 12,500

Please see Pastor Monica with questions, interest, or ideas.

If your team has ideas or contributions to the opportunity list, please submit them for review to the Administrative Council chair, Carol Whelan.



We are pleased to share that we had a cash positive month in July for the first time in several years. Though it was a small number, it shows that our congregation is carefully spending and faithfully giving. We are hoping to continue this positive cash flow trend through the remainder of the year, so let's please continue to watch spending, give heartily and pray for the finances of our church as we

continue to serve God in the church, community and world.

Barbara Delaney, Finance Chair

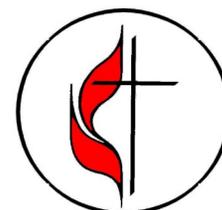
Save the Dates



Charge Conference
Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 am

Adjourned Session of Annual Conference
Bethany UMC Wescosville, October 1

Bishop's day on the District, Monday, October 3rd





SCRIP Scripts



Are you currently using SCRIP? Reach out to a fellow congregant to invite them to join you in this program. Many times individuals are unsure how it actually works and may be reluctant to start. Help us spread the word!

This month tip(s): September: Back to school, sporting events, and changes from the laid back days of summer to very rushed and hectic schedules. Plan ahead to make things run a little easier by picking up gift cards for Applebee's, Domino's, Ruby Tuesday, or TGI Friday for no hassle dinners after work, school, and sport practices. Pick up Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Panera Bread gift cards for coffee and breakfast items on the way to a Saturday morning game or event. Don't forget the gas and Wawa cards to keep on hand. Plan accordingly, and stay on track and within budget. *Proverbs 13:16 A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!*



Have You Remembered To Include West Grove UMC In Your Will?

One inescapable reality in Life is that we all must pass someday...sometimes with anticipation, sometimes unexpectedly. An important consideration for those of us who have been generous to our church throughout all our lives is, "How can I continue to support its ministry even after my death?" Making a provision to West Grove UMC in your estate planning is as simple as a couple of lines included into your will - but don't wait to make those plans. For assistance with this important feature of your own discipline of stewardship, talk with your financial planner or just call the church office. More elaborate gift bequests can be brokered through the church professionals at the Mid-Atlantic Foundation. Consider leaving a tithe (10%) of your estate to West Grove UMC at your death...or even a flat gift amount which you specify...and then enjoy the length of your days knowing that you have made this faithful choice!



From the Board of Trustees:

In last month's newsletter, we talked about how as the church building ages, things slowly need to be updated, replaced, freshened up or otherwise replaced. It would be wonderful if the Trustees had an unlimited checkbook to simply hire in various tradespeople to address the various problems as they come up. While this often makes sense for the more technical items such as the upcoming replacement of two HVAC units (Hooray! More on this in next month's newsletter), it isn't always practical to address smaller items such as replacing a door handle and lock, changing light bulbs, or other small tasks where a tradesperson has to tack on a premium because it is a small job.

So, here's a shout out to any of you handy-people out there who can donate an hour or two (or more) of your time. We have a few simple projects, such as painting two walls in one of the small bathrooms, painting the door trim frames on the outside rear of the Sanctuary, staining part of a door recently trimmed to fit it's frame, and replacing burned out light bulbs in the building. If you would like to take on one of these small jobs, please contact Gene Aucott at 610-869-7355. Your help would be greatly appreciated!"

Be a Good Steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The 12th Annual Penn Township Community Picnic

and Health and Wellness Fair will be on Saturday, **September 24th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** at the township park. Our church will have a booth this year and our goal is to meet as many of the approximately 4,000 attendees as we can. If you would like to help at the booth please contact Barbara Delaney at 484-371-8332 or barbara2756@comcast.net.

Mission Opportunities



Urgent Need for UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

Once again, we are faced with historic flooding in the US...this time in Louisiana. As anticipated, UMCOR has called for cleaning buckets. UMCOR also remains in West Virginia and will for quite some time as they continue to serve local families there. In the meantime, Mission Central in Mechanicsburg is preparing to send out all that they can to Louisiana, but more are needed. We have recently connected with one of Mission Central's HUB locations at Christiana UMC, DE. They have scheduled a work day for October 8 beginning at 10:00 am to assemble Cleaning Buckets, as well as, Health Kits and School Kits. They schedule work days when they have enough supplies to assemble kits which are then sent to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. Right now, the greatest need is for Cleaning Bucket supplies. Following is the list of needed cleaning bucket items. If you feel led and are able to donate any of these items, a collection bin will be designated in the lobby for this purpose. Please feel free to take on the challenge of putting together a complete Cleaning Bucket. **These items will be delivered to Christiana UMC on October 8, but we will continue the collection as needed. If anyone is interested in helping assemble kits on October 8 at Christiana UMC in DE, please let Cindy Haley know chaley@zoominternet.net.** Another way you may be led to help is by donating financially to support UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response fund (Advance #901670). Having your special donation in hand before disaster strikes ensures UMCOR can respond quickly when called to serve. Please remember that one hundred percent of your gift will provide immediate relief and long-term support for recovery in response to disasters in the United States. If you are interested in helping with a financial donation, please make your check to WGUMC and in the memo line note UMCOR US Disaster Response Advance #901670.

Mission Central UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Instructions — Page 1		
<p>These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.</p> <p>All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please. If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any product will prevent the lid from sealing. UPS, FED EX and the U.S. Postal Service will not ship buckets containing bleach. In such cases, you may leave the bleach out of the bucket. If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted. Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States.</p> <p align="center">~Continued on next page~</p>		
ITEM	QUANTITY	NOTES
14" - 14 1/2" tall 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid	1	Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored caustic chemicals. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
liquid laundry detergent	*	* two 25 oz. bottles OR one 50 oz. bottle only
liquid household cleaner	1	12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. no spray cleaners
dish soap	1	16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
air freshener	1	aerosol can or pump
Personal insect repellent spray	1	6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover; packets of 20 insect repellent wipes may also be used
Hand-held scrub brush	1	plastic or wooden handle, no toilet, kitchen or dish brushes please

Mission Central UMCOR Cleaning Bucket Instructions — Page 2		
ITEM	QUANTITY	NOTES
cleaning wipes	18	Handi-wipes or reusable wipes; no rags or terry cleaning towels; remove from packaging
sponges	7	Dry cellulose or foam sponges
scouring pads	5	No Brillo, SOS or other metal pads due to rust issues. Nothing with soap built in; Remove from wrapper
clothespins	50	not loose in the bucket; place in gallon sized, sealable bag
clothesline	*	* two 50 ft. OR one 100-ft. cotton, plastic or nylon
heavy duty trash bags	24	At least 1.5—2 mil trash bags, 33-45 gallon size—remove from box
dust masks	5	Place in bag with clothespins
disposable kitchen gloves	2 pair	rubber or latex (not light-weight hospital gloves); remove from packaging
work gloves	1 pair	Heavy Duty cotton or leather with leather or rawhide palm
<p align="center">Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges and scouring pads can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.</p>		



A Good Neighbors Update

It has been five months since GSR 2016 ended. **Over**

\$34,500 from 14 Southern Chester County churches was collected for our two beneficiaries, Good Neighbors and Young Moms. Recently we had the pleasure of meeting with Harold Naylor, the new Executive Director of Good Neighbors to get **an update on how GSR and the generosity of the church members has changed the landscape of his organization.**

Harold was excited to talk about the impact of the GSR funding. We learned that **Good Neighbors will be working to expand their service area into Delaware starting late 2016 and into 2017.** The goal is to become established in New Castle County and expand as needed and able throughout the state of Delaware. They plan on doing this by selecting four to six homes in need of repair in Delaware and establishing ongoing relationships with these homeowners.

To complete these goals, Good Neighbors is still working to **initiate relationships with churches in the Delaware community, increase their PR and name recognition, find skilled and unskilled volunteers and find committed Christian contractors** to be DE Project Managers. Continued funding will also be a focus of Good Neighbors as the expansion continues. We're so glad that our donations could be a blessing to the organization in tangible ways!

Emergency Backpacks



West Grove UMC, in conjunction with the Southern Chester County UM Mission ConneXion, is

gathering items to go into 20 Emergency Backpacks. These backpacks will be provided to drop-off locations in Southern Chester County that assist our prison population in re-entry. Many people who leave prison have no place to go or to live. The items in these backpacks will make for a more comfortable transition in a difficult time. We are providing one part of the contents: **Personal Hygiene Packs.**

These packs include the following:

Socks

Shampoo and conditioner (travel size)

Lotion (travel size)

Body Wash or Soap (travel size)

Hand Sanitizers (travel size)

Wash Clothes and Body Scrubbers

Toothpaste (small) and toothbrush

If your last name ends in A-L, we ask that you provide the first four items. If your last name ends in M-Z, we ask that you provide the last three items. **Please place these in the Mission bin in the lobby by Sunday, September 11.**



Family Promise

Save the dates as we prepare for the next weeks of hosting.

October 16th – 23rd

Consider how you can serve by bringing in supplies or food, hosting in the evening or overnight. This vital ministry to our community needs your help!

2016 EPAC Highlights

On June 16, 17 & 18, the United Methodist Lay Delegates and Clergy throughout our conference met in Lancaster for the 230th Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. This year's theme was "Open Wide Your Hearts!" from 2 Corinthians 6:13.



As your lay delegate and representative, the Conference began for me Thursday morning in the Laity Session, themed "Responding to God's Call." We enjoyed a dramatic reading of the children's book, *The Whale and Jonah* by Troy Schmidt. The presenter was phenomenal in presenting the whale's perspective as we were reminded of the important lesson of obedience.

The Laity Session's keynote speaker was Jim Ford, founder of Good Works located in Coatesville, an organization most of us our familiar with which exists to improve living conditions for low income families in Chester County be helping homeowners with needed home repairs. Mr. Ford spoke to us about "Availability" challenging us with the question: Am I willing to be available to help someone in need? He also gave us three guiding principles to consider when helping others: 1) it is a privilege and honor to help someone, 2) service is sacrificial, not based on convenience, and 3) helping someone is more about building relationships than the task. His end note was that God is not looking for ABILITY but He is looking for AVAILABILITY, encouraging us to not think that we can serve "some other time" because God may not give us "some other time."

The Laity Session concluded with our four Lay Delegates and Alternate to General Conference highlighting their experiences and responsibilities from General Conference which was held in May.

Joint Conferencing with Laity and Clergy present began with an Opening Worship Service including the Act of Repentance and Holy Communion.

The Rev. Dr. Thom White Wolf Fassett, a Member of the Seneca Nation, gave the worship message, "A New Beginning," encouraging us to find "oneness" in Christ. Dr. Fassett also led us the first evening in a teaching session in what it means to be a Christian. He highlighted that this Act of Repentance is to consecrate ourselves to new tasks and new learnings; ending with the questions: Who are the person(s) who changed your life? Who influenced your faith journey? Will others

name us?

We began holy conferencing by approving the agenda and proceeding to resolutions. By consent, resolutions approving Advance Specials, Rental/Housing Allowances, an Adoption Agreement to the Clergy Retirement Security Program, and Equitable Compensation recommendations for 2017 all passed.

However, not all resolutions were approved. Although none were rejected outright, after much debate, several resolutions will be modified and presented again in future sessions. Among these resolutions were a proposed new process for endorsing Episcopal nominees, revisions to the Conference Safe Sanctuaries Policy, and calls for changes in Church law to allow for "full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the United Methodist Church." All resolutions, those passed and those put on hold, may be viewed in detail on the Conference website.

We started Friday morning with another teaching session led by Bishop Linda Lee entitled, "Creating a Church for All People." We were encouraged to find solutions for ways to handle our differences and for being part of solutions. This session also included several opportunities for us to interact with those around our table as we considered questions about inclusiveness.

Part of our conferencing also included accepting numerous reports submitted by the Laity, UMW, UMM, Youth, Deacons, District Superintendents and Connectional Ministries, as well as approving the nominations of individuals to various committees and commissions of the Eastern PA Annual Conference.

An Adjourned Session of Annual Conference will be held on October 1st to consider the 2017 Conference Budget and those items which were tabled in June or put on hold for further revisions.

This is a very brief highlight of the 2016 Eastern PA Annual Conference. Details on all that I have reported are on the Conference website and I do encourage you to visit the website at www.epacumc.org to know how we as a local church connect to churches in our conference and around the world.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

Yours In Christ, Cindy Haley

DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016 with Franklin Graham

This is your opportunity to join Franklin Graham in Harrisburg for his 50-state Decision America Prayer Tour. Thursday, September 15 at 12 noon. Pastor Dave Bergstrom and Kemblesville United Methodist Church (KUMC) will have a travel bus(s) w/bathroom going to Harrisburg and they welcome anyone who wants to go to join them. Contact Jane Brown at 302-547-5522 or E-mail

missjane0604@gmail.com.

The cost will be approx. \$16+/per person if they fill the bus(s). Deadline to reserve and pay is Friday, September 2.

Departure is from KUMC at 9 am, planning to arrive in Harrisburg around 11a.m. We will return immediately following the rally; no lunch stop. Faith & Freedom Coalition of PA (FFCPA) will provide water/snack. You are encouraged to bring a brown bag/sandwich.

Prayer is requested that they fill the bus(s) and that they have good weather. For more info on the Decision America Tour go to www.ffc-pa.com. KUMC in Partnership with
FAITH & FREEDOM COALITION OF PA

2016 Community Schools Prayer Walk



“Thank you for praying for our classrooms,” we heard over and over again from teachers in the Avon Grove School District. The Avon Grove Ministerium sponsored the Annual Prayer Walk on August 23rd, 2016. This event is open to anyone in the community to participate in praying for our schools. Approximately 35 people, representing 6 congregations, prayed at 7 schools. These schools included Avon Grove High School, Fred S. Engle Middle School, Avon Grove Intermediate School, Penn London Elementary School, Avon Grove Charter School, The Nazarene Academy, and the

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary schools.

As clergy and members of the ministerium churches walked through the school praying for students, teachers, and staff, they offered prayer squares to anyone who wanted one. There were approximately 200 prayer squares handed out to teachers, staff, and others. Prayer squares are a knitted or crocheted square to remind the recipient that they have been prayed for and that they can turn to God in prayer throughout the school year. “What a privilege it is to be in our schools, praying with our teachers and staff. We give thanks to God for the vital role that our teachers and staff play in our community,” Pastor Monica, organizer and lead pastor at West Grove UMC reflected. You can join in by continuing to be in prayer for our teachers, students, schools, staff, and community throughout this school year.



SEPTEMBER 2016



Sunday Morning Servants

In His Service	Sept. 04	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Greeters (8:30) (11:00)	The Lindtner Family OPEN	Mike & Cindy Haley OPEN	Larry & Kay Yates OPEN	The Simmonds Family OPEN
Ushers (8:30) (11:00)	The Catoia Family Larry & Kay Yates	The Catoia Family OPEN	The Catoia Family Joan Saller & OPEN	The Howard Family OPEN
Acolytes (8:30) (11:00)	Wesley Boyd Madeline Jones	Matt Simonds Matthew Rinehimer	Cecelia Figueroa Alisabeth Guepet	Anna Castaldi Joseph Yarbrough
Nursery (8:30) (9:45) (11:00)	Heather McCummings No Sunday School Jan Williamson	Chris Bruno Carolyn Bratton Ken Rinehimer	Margaret Rubincan Kim Smith Amy Castaldi	Jamie Lindtner Edel Mullen Joan Leaman
Children's Worship (8:30) (11:00)	Amy Simonds Jamie Lindtner	Maryanne Covington Joan Leaman	Jessi Timm OPEN	Amy Castaldi OPEN
Lay Reader (8:30)	Mark Simonds	Carolyn Barrett	Fred Sullivan	Karen Hruz
Liturgist (11:00)	Dave Talley	Sandy Deckard	Tom Hoover	Vernon Rambergewr
Moment for All Ages	Jamie Lindtner	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica	Julie Hughes
Hospitality (8:30) (11:00)	Rain Catoia Don Hurst	Steve May The Stuhrkes	The Covingtons Scott Steele	The Chalmers Lineda Peirson
Counters	Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger	Dave Talley & Denise Byers	Margee Michaels & Scott Steele	Bill Jones & Tim Shaub

~ Altar Flowers for September ~

The church will order altar flowers in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone special for you from Sweet Peas, and you can write the check directly to the church (WGUMC) for \$25.00. The flower chart is located in the administrative wing, or you may email your request to office@westgroveumc.org. If a special date is already filled and you have an occasion you would like to recognize, just advise the church office and arrangements will be made to have additional altar flowers displayed and acknowledged in the bulletin. Thank you.

SUNDAY

9/01 Hannah McCummings	9/09 Fran Miller	9/21 Shirley Daddario
9/02 Muff Hurst	9/10 Victoria Owens	9/21 Robert Hughes
9/03 Kaiti Beauchamp	9/11 Keith Schneider	9/22 Christy Robinson
9/03 Owen Jones	9/14 Denise Byers	9/24 John Carmichael
9/03 Gary Press	9/14 Ruth Kuch	9/24 Gary Spencer
9/04 Frances Bryan	9/16 Becky Tolmie	9/24 Mike Stewart
9/06 Alisabeth Guepet	9/18 Carolyn Barrett	9/26 Heather Ditzel
9/07 Fred Daddario	9/19 Kory Arnold	9/28 Rebecca Shaub
9/07 Dylan Farr	9/19 Bob Phillips	9/28 Joyce Smith
9/08 Chris Curtiss	9/19 Matthew Simonds	

Your church family wishes all of you a very happy birthday and a year filled with many blessings!!



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2016

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

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