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Created to be Generous

“Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.” Genesis 1:26a

Have you ever watched children play? Depending on their developmental age, they range the gambit from “it’s mine” to parallel play to “Can I show these neat toys?” Playing together in the neighborhood cul-de-sac is as likely to produce conflict over one scooter, as it is to demonstrate a new game in which everyone takes a timed turn riding from here to there to compare speed. On the playground, different ages will compete for the same swings and others will find a balance between the basketball net and the open space.

I often discover that watching children gives us an unvarnished look at our lives as well. Adults are as disparate in their interactions as children are. Some adults are natural being generous as children are sharing. They hear needs and contribute amply. Their words lift up the best in others. Their actions seem to inspire others. Other adults are motivated by maintaining their own resources. Their words speak frustration. Their actions are not helpful.

God created people in the very image of God. God’s compassion and mercy, justice and love, peace and generosity are a part of our very DNA. Scientists are working hard to confirm these biblical and spiritual inspirations. We are created to be the image of God. Again and again in scripture, we see God’s generosity. Generosity of mercy and grace, generosity of compassion and justice, generosity of resources and time. Generous is who God has created us to be!

However, if we are honest, many of us see ourselves in all of the developmental stages of children. There are times when we call out, “it’s mine!” Times when we would rather just watch what is unfolding (parallel play). And prayerfully, times in which we share our very prized possessions with others. However, we all seek to live more fully as God created us to live.

When you are not living into who God has called you to be, you show signs of discontent. We are grumpy and uncomfortable. We are worried about how we will make ends meet. Scarcity drives our conversation. We are not listening to how God might be calling us to share our resources so that others might know the hand of God. God does not speak the language of scarcity. God instead creates out of abundance, and particularly out of our abundance.

This fall, as we watch pumpkins appear in abundance from our decorations to our coffee, let us also recall our own creation. God has created us to be generous and to be the hands and feet of God here on earth.

In God’s Love,
Pastor Monica



October Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Sermon Series: Created to be Generous

God's creation of humanity was for generous beings who cared for their resources and shared abundantly with one another. Our generosity helps to usher in the Kingdom of God in us and beyond.

Wiggly Giggly Blessing of the Animals
October 3rd, 2015 5 p.m. Parking Lot

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~
October 4

World Communion Sunday and
Emergency Food Shelf Sunday

Scripture: Mark 10:2-16 & Hebrews 2:1-12

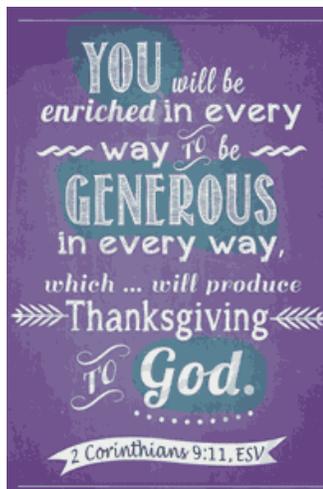
Sermon: "God's World"

God's world is global. On this World Communion Sunday, let us celebrate our diversity.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost ~
October 11

Scripture: Exodus 35:1-4, 20-22, 29 and Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: "Generous Community"
We model generosity to one another.



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost ~
October 18

Baptism Sunday ~ Ainsley DiRamio
Scripture: Proverb 11:23-30 and Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: "Openly Generous"
God calls us to give openly; how are we following that call?

Twenty-Second Sunday After
Pentecost ~ October 25

New Members Reception

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19
and Genesis 1:26-30

Sermon: "Generous in Good Works"
God gives us examples of generosity to follow. Our generosity takes many forms, including our good works and service.

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.

Coffee Fellowship this month is hosted by our Finance Team

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.



Coffee Fellowship

New website at
www.westgroveumc.org
Check it OUT!



NEW Member Class

Have you been attending WGUMC and want to join our family?

Beginning October 4th, we will meet for three weeks to learn more about what it means to become a member of the United Methodist Church, and specifically, our church, West Grove.

October 4th: OPEN Join us as we learn about opening our hearts to Jesus. We will also get to know one another a little better and discuss the United Methodist Church structure.

October 11th: GROW In this class, we will discuss our personal spiritual growth.

October 18th: SERVE We will talk about spiritual gifts and how we can use them.

October 25th: WELCOME You will be taken into membership during the worship service.

Classes meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor Monica's office.

Please contact Pastor Monica if you are interested in learning more about membership.

Hope you will join us!



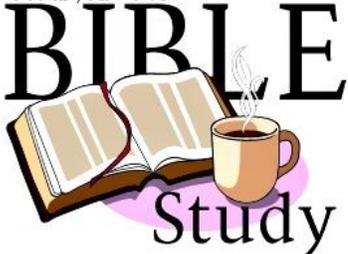
World Communion Sunday ~ October 4

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has

often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday, your giving provides scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

COME JOIN OUR



"The Majesty of God" Bible Study

Led by Pastor Jim Mundell

**Mondays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
September 14- October 19**

Beginning on September 14 and running for at least six-weeks,

Pastor Jim will conduct a Bible Study on passages from the Old Testament. It is entitled **THE MAJESTY OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**. God's unsurpassed majesty and greatness is an aspect of biblical truth that is often lacking in our Christian life. The objective of our study is to learn about the magnificence and the majesty, the awesomeness and greatness of our God.



Psalms Bible

Study at Jenners Pond:

**10:00—11:30 am
Fridays through
October 30.**

This Bible study is led by Pastor Jim and he invites all to attend! The class will look at the various psalms and what God is saying to us through the psalms.



THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our church's free meal ministry

**Tuesday, October 27
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, 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 on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month, 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. Arrange-

One of the oldest traditions of the church is the remembrance of those who have died during the last year on All Saints' Day on November 1st.

The early church often celebrated the memory of those who now rest from their labors through the telling of stories, the lighting of candles, the ringing of bells, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the modern day, All Saint's Day has remained one of the most sacred moments of recalling our connection with saints all over the world and across time.

You maybe remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 1st during both services. Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 26th. We wish to stand with you in honoring your loved one.



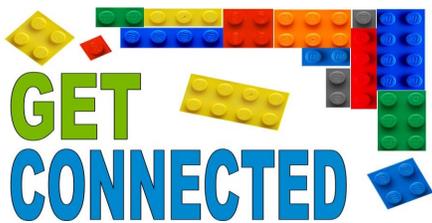
In case of an emergency, many in our community look for a warm location with access to electrical power, warm food, and comforting conversation.

West Grove UMC has been providing this informally for many years.

This month, our trustees have approved our official inclusion on a Chester County list of facilities that would be available as Comfort Care centers in case of an emergency.

At each emergency, each comfort care center sets their availability. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help in the case of an emergency.





Christian Education for all ages

Sundays 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Our Sunday Morning Christian Education is in full swing! The adults were able to review the classes available for them while the children were getting back to class. Sunday School classes for children 4 years through 6th grade started off the year with a party, and the teachers introducing all the plans they have for them this year.

It is never too late to join us on a Sunday morning. Feel free to check out a different class each week and find one that works for you. If you have any questions about any of the classes, please contact Pastor Monica



WGUMC's Annual Trunk or Treat Event! Sunday, October 25th from 3-6 P.M.

We want to see you all there!

This eagerly awaited event is an awesome outreach to the children of our community. It's a fun, safe way for children to experience the joy of trick or treating. We line up cars in part of our parking lot, and children go trunk-to-trunk collecting candy. We'll also have games, crafts, refreshments, and a hay ride. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in on the fun!

We need lots of trunks this year! All you need to do is decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy as the children come around. You can dress in costume if you like! You may decorate with any theme you like, as long as it has nothing scary; remember this is a fun and safe Christian event. There are tons of ideas to be found on the internet!



CMO PRESCHOOL

Hooray for September and the start of our CMO and Preschool program. We are off to a terrific start and I was thrilled to welcome all of our children and families back. At this time, we have 62 children enrolled in our program. Hooray!!! Be sure to

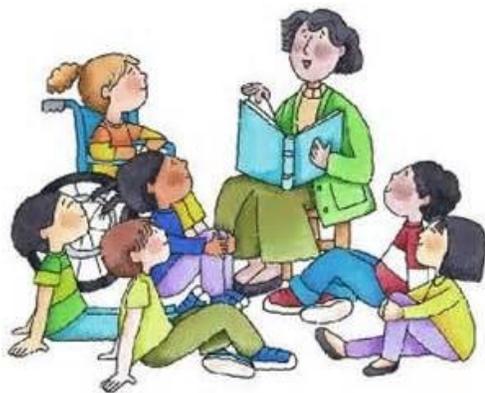
check out the preschool hallway as it becomes filled with the beautiful artwork of our children.

October will be a busy time for our preschool. I am in the processing of arranging our Fall field trip to Lytle's Farm and we have our Fall Children's Consignment Sale right around the corner.

The Lytle family graciously opened their farm to our program last year and we were thrilled with the experience. The children and families had a terrific time and we are looking forward to some more fun this year. The Consignment Sale is a great opportunity to sell your gently used children's items and to shop for some wonderful items at a very discounted cost. If you are interested in finding out more about this sale or volunteering your time to help the preschool program out, please check the CMO and Preschool bulletin board the end of September. For



CMO Chapel Time with Pastor Monica



Starting on September 22nd, Pastor Monica has been sharing chapel time with each of the CMO preschool classes. The oldest classes, Butterflies and Leap Frogs will have their chapel time in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays. The Ducks and the Bumblebees will meet together in a Classroom for their chapel time on Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, the Funky Frogs and Turtles will meet together in a Classroom for their chapel time. Chapel time will include stories of our faith, songs, and prayers. Please celebrate with us and pray for us as we share our faith with littlest ones.

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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 2nd, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 3rd, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.



**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, September 27
through Thursday, October 1**

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill
a brown paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!!**

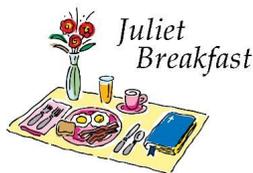
**Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. The
United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the
proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the
wider community.**

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

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

October 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
October 13 @ 7 p.m.



Caregivers and Grief Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Conference room. The next meeting is on September 9 at 7 p.m.

There are many in our community who provide care for their loved ones, whether close by or afar. There are many who quietly grieve from any number of losses they have suffered. Find love and support from others in your situation. Please join us for a time of sharing and comfort. **Thank you.**



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

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out
Thursday, October 29



R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out, will meet, October 29. If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEIO 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.

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)
FRIDAY,
October 9
12:00 Noon
-3:00 p.m.

R.A.P. (Retired Active People) has been meeting for many years and has been such a success due to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen that attend not only from our church family, but from the wider community as well.

We have been blessed with fellowship, old and new friends, great entertainment and, of course, good food!

We meet on the second FRIDAY of every month September through May. See you on Friday, October 9th at Noon. Bring your brown bag lunch.



Save the Date!!

Annual Christmas Music Celebration

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



Interested in Collaboration in our Community? Join us for this event.

November 19th from 7-9pm at the Christian Life Center

Kevin Palau will be sharing his story about how **his desire for unity** in his city led to a **movement toward collaboration** across religious and political divides. We'll also hear from three local speakers who are living out what this means for us here in Chester County. The event will be hosted at Christian Life Center and runs from 7-9 PM. Childcare will be provided

The event is free, but requires registration. [Register here.](#)

Kevin Palau, [president of the Luis Palau Association](#), is a leader in developing city transformations through the Gospel which have proven to be long term, established outreaches within cities nationwide including [NYC CityServe](#) and [CityFest](#). Beginning with a movement consisting of hundreds of churches in Portland, Oregon, Kevin led the creation of a partnership between churches and non-profits to love and serve the communities in which they live. Regardless of church denomination, thousands were able to come together in a powerful way to serve their community.



C.I.A. Youth Ministry News

October Newsletter for Youth Ministry



ROOTED

Rooted Youth Sunday School is our new Sunday morning program for all middle school and high school students where we provide the opportunity for students to become **ROOTED** in their faith through participation in Service, Art/Faith Journaling, Technology Fun, Music and Drama and Small Groups for guys and girls. We meet every Sunday at 9:45 in the youth room. We'd love for you to join us! Here are the plans for the month of October.

October 4 - Technology Fun: Join us as we look at a movie clip and spend time discussing it as it relates to our faith.

October 11 - Music and Drama: We will work through performing a fun skit together and spend time knitting that skit together with Scripture.

October 18 - Small Groups for Guys and Girls: We will split up this week for some small group time!

October 25 - This is our Service Sunday and we will be down in Philly at The Philadelphia Project. If you plan on attending, please sign up with Jamie Lindtner ASAP.

Friday
Game/
DodgeBall/



Night

9 in the Air NIGHT!

**2nd Friday of the month -
October 9th! 7:00 - 9:00
p.m.** Bring a friend and \$2

**GAME
NIGHT**

for pizza and we'll spend the evening playing games!

1st and 3rd Youth Night: Youth Group will meet together on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. (October 4 and October 18) We will meet from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the youth room for some food, fellowship, games and bible study. **For ALL students 7th - 12th grades.**


Youth Ministry

Do you
questions
like to find



have
or would you
out how you

could be involved in the youth program -contact
Jamie Lindtner at 610-937-7932 or Email:

Jamielindtner@gmail.com



Thank you
for
Supporting our

1. Wyncote Golf Club—Golf day for a group of four including greens fees and cart.
2. YMCA—3 month family membership (approximate value \$372)
3. Dansko—Gift card for merchandise up to \$60.00
4. Longwood Gardens—Two complimentary tickets
5. Hollywood Tans—1 free week of tanning
6. Tails Waggin' Pet Station in Oxford—1 free grooming
7. Ruffini's Barber Shop in West Grove—2 free haircuts
8. Starbucks of Jennersville—Gift bag full of goodies
9. Serenity Salon of West Grove—\$25.00 gift card
10. Oxford Feed and Lumber—10 bags of charcoal
11. Oxford Plumbing and Heating—\$100 donation
12. Giant Grocery of Jennersville—\$25 gift card
13. WalMart of Oxford—\$100 gift card
14. Acme of Oxford—\$30 gift card
15. Buchanan's Buds and Blooms Florist of Oxford—\$30
16. Philips Florist Inc. of Oxford—\$25
17. Country Signs and Woodwork—Refurbished sign



A BIG **thank you** to the many, many volunteers who helped make this year's

Chicken BBQ a success!!

Linda Shiplet and Gail Bauer worked tirelessly to obtain donations and gifts for the fundraiser. To Joe Dea who spent many hours planning and executing the hundreds of dinners served. Thank you to Sara Ann Ramberger for disbursing and keeping track of all the tickets. Thank you to all the men who “raised the roof” on the tent. To all the servers, preparers, greeters, runners — we thank you for your service! To our Boy Scouts for their generous service to the church.

To all those who donated food items, money, and their talents through baking — you are greatly appreciated for your generosity of heart!

To the set-up and clean-up crews— great job! To the cooks — hats off to you all for a superb job! The chicken was immensely enjoyed by all.

There are so many who graciously gave of their time, talents, and hard work—you all know who you are—

Thank you and God bless!

Daily Meditations



We hope you have had a chance to catch the new 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!

Kids Clothes



Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN Thursday, October 15th-3:30-6:30 p.m.

SHOP Friday, October 16th - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and

Saturday, October 17th- 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

Profit Sharing: Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.



Items to be consigned: Fall/Winter children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**

Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.



ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Volunteers are needed! Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two



BAKE SALE

**Cookies, cup-
cakes, and
brownies oh my!**

During the Children's Morning Out Clothing Sale on Thursday, October 15th through Saturday, October 17th, a bake sale table will be set up to help raise funds for the CMO scholarship program. Please label your donations CMO and place in the kitchen.

CLOTHING NEEDED

**DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S
CONSIGNMENT SALE ARE ACCEPTED!**

If you do not wish to consign, but would like to donate items to the Children's Morning Out Toy & Clothing Sale, donations will be accepted through Wednesday, October 14th. Items must be clean and in good condition. Mark donations CMO Sale and drop off in the coat closet

Finance Report



Our finance team has been increasing the ways in which you can impact the world through giving. Your tithes, your gifts, and your offerings impact the world and our community when you give at West Grove UMC.

We want to share with you a new way to give. On our home page of our website, there is a button to

Give Now

When you click, you will be directed to pay through PayPal that gives you a chance to give to the church. You can even check the box to make a recurring monthly gift. Consider giving in this way to make it easier for yourself!



You can also give electronically through your bank. Contact Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator, donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org for details. There are cards in the sanctuary to put in the offering plate that say "I give electronically."

God has created us to be generous—How are you living into that calling?



THE WEST GROVE UMC ENDOWMENT FUND

The West Grove UMC Endowment Fund is funded by bequests, memorials and gifts made to the fund. Contribute to the fund by a check made out to "West Grove UMC – Endowment Fund" and send it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. Bequests or memorials may be designated for the Endowment Fund.

Your giving allows us to continue our ministries into the future!

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.



Building To Serve

Building Maintenance Reserve Fund

We believe that our building is not ours, but it is God's. We have the privilege of updating it and maintaining it so that all who enter find it a warm, welcoming and hospitable place to experience the spirit of Christ. Our Building Maintenance Reserve Fund is one way we ensure that we are good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Please consider making donations regularly.

Bell Choir Worship



Substitutes for the Bell Choir

Hello! It is September and that means that the bell choir has started rehearsing again every Monday evening in preparation to play the third Sunday of each month, -- plus some extra presentations for Christmas, Easter, the community concert and Twin Pines. We do stay busy.

While we have a full contingent of excellent ringers, we could use some willing subs occasionally. This is a great way to learn to play bells and chimes as well as

contribute to your church and congregation without having to make a full-time commitment. It helps if you can read music, but what is really needed is the ability to count and recognize your notes.

We have a lot of fun and good fellowship, so if you think you'd like to give it a try, please give **Sandy Deckard** a call at **484-887-0003** or talk to her in church about it.



**Thank you to
all who have
spent time on
Sunday morn-
ings volunteer-**

ing in the nursery!

We continue to be blessed with wonderful little ones to spend time with on Sundays and watch them grow! We are in need of additional volunteers, especially during the 11am service. If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at ahass17@hotmail.com or 610-468-4321.

Thank you! Amy Castaldi

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.



shopwithscrip

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.

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.

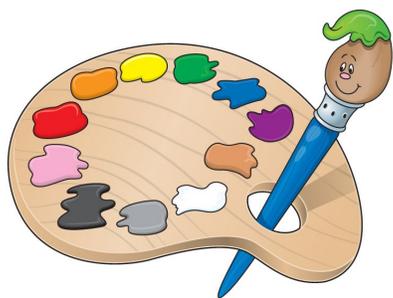
Envelopes for your privacy and convenience are there as well. This is an on-going program, so you can order at any time!

Last month, with just 5 families, the church raised \$ 138.49! Join into help support the church!

If you have any questions, please see John Boyd or e-mail him at jwb389@zoominternet.net. Thank you.



COLOR ME CALM



Have you ever watched children color in their favorite coloring books? They pick out colors, one at a time, marking the page, tracing lines, slowly filling in the picture, bringing it to life. They're often so peaceful and at ease. Why can't adults have that too? It turns out they can, and they should! Adult coloring books are rising in popularity as stressed out folks find peace of mind inside the lines. The slow, deliberate coloring of shapes and pictures involves both logic and creativity, which

in turn induces relaxation by repressing the activity of the amygdala, a part of the brain that controls stress-related emotions. Taking time to unwind creatively has the potential to reduce stress by channeling it into the colors on a page.

Art therapy has often taken the form of crafts, music, or free-form drawing, but there's something to be said to coloring inside the lines. Simply speaking, the act of concentrating on coloring a design greatly reduces your focus on anything worrisome. Just think: as a kid, were you ever worried about anything while you colored? Of course not!

Especially in this digital age, it's helpful to take your eyes off the screen and zone out into a beautiful lined canvas of a garden, a country scene, or even a whimsical cat, just waiting to be splashed with color. And who doesn't love to color?



Pastor Monica,

Thank you for sending me such a lovely letter telling me I have been put on your prayer list and that you and others are, indeed, praying for me. Jim had mentioned that he brought my name up for prayer and I want you to know I appreciate it very much.

I am currently under ongoing treatment with a lung specialist and I have had some improvements. My biggest need right now is extreme weakness in my arms and legs. (one of the meds I am on is causing my leg muscles to be very weak and at times, I have difficulty walking very far.)

I am looking forward to stopping this med soon and hope that I will be able to rebuild the weak muscles in my arms and legs.

Thank you for your caring letter and your love expressed not only by you but by your entire congregation as well.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your flock as you do God's will.

Cordially, Dottie Kaiser, Jim Mundell's sister



Hi Pastor Monica!

Just wanted to thank you for organizing the summer picnics! Our family had such a good time and really enjoyed our time visiting with others and relaxing and refreshing together each week we were able to make it.

Thanks so much!
Amy



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Look What We Create



West Grove Methodist Church Members:



*The family of Peter
Grossweiler thanks you
for all your prayers and
support and flowers re-
ceived.*

It is all greatly appreciated.

Peace be with you. Donald Anderson



Oxford CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 18, 2015 • Oxford, PA

This year, the Hunger Walk is for four local food banks (Neighborhood Services, Church of God Divine Bank, Lighthouse Youth Center, and Avon Grove Bridge Food bank).

All are welcome to participate in the Oxford Crop Hunger Walk area on **Sunday, October 18.**

The scheduled time is 1:00 p.m. beginning at the Memorial Park in Oxford. You can participate by walking in the event or by sponsoring one of our walkers with your donation. A registration table will be in the lobby with additional information.

Sign-up sheets and sponsor sheets will be available at the display in the church lobby by mid-September. **Contact Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 for more information.**

REMEMBER - "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

~ Winston Churchill.

WGUMC's

Annual Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up on Guernsey Road



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Join us for our annual "adopt a highway" cleanup of Guernsey Road on **Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 AM with a rain date of October 17.**

We would love for you to help us. Just show up at 9 a.m.. Bring your work gloves and we will supply the safety vests. We will separate into teams to pick up trash. It is quick work when we have many helping hands!

If you have any questions, please see Bill Jones or call the church office.

The Bridge Needs Donations

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Bridge!

We are in need of

***soup**

***individual breakfast items (granola, applesauce, fruit, cereal bars, single serving cereal - healthy options please)**

*** tuna.**

*As we get closer to cold weather, we will be in need of hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets.

***WE DO NOT NEED COATS.** Over the last few years, several people and organizations have done coat drives for us without our prior knowledge. So, if you hear of someone planning a coat drive for the Bridge, please ask them to contact us first.

* We are in need of volunteers for Tuesday evenings, 5:30-8pm. Please have them call us at [610-869-9500](tel:610-869-9500), or email Annamary Padilla at Bridgefoodpantry@yahoo.com. If they are a teenager, and are a student at AGHS, they should contact Mrs. Flad at the nurses' office. If they are a student at AGCS, they should contact Mr. McGehean in the gym.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**



Family Promise!! We have signed our Congregational Agreement to be a host church for Family Promise of Southern Chester County. The Missions' Team and the Family Promise Coordinators are beginning to make concrete plans for hosting our first family sometime in the November/December timeframe. All volunteers will be trained prior to hosting our first set of families. We have the following members who have agreed to be coordinators and if you have signed up to help in an area, you will be hearing from them.

Program / Volunteer Coordinator – Janice Bowers

Vice Program Coordinator / Overnight Volunteer Coordinator – Joan Leaman

Meal Coordinator – Tim Bushnell

Supplies Coordinator – Kim Weingarten

We are still seeking for assistance in all of these areas. Please contact Janice Bowers at 484-888-6821 or janicesemail2@gmail.com if you would like to help in any area.

We will begin to accept supply donations in September in the lobby.

Twin & Full Size Sheets

Washable Blankets

Pillowcases

Mattress Pads

Towels

Washcloths

Alarm Clocks

Lamps

Cleaning Supplies

First Aid Kit

Facial Tissues / paper towels

Food Staples - non-perishable for packed lunches

Juice Boxes

Lunch bags

Sandwich Bags

Plastic or rubber gloves

Toiletries

TV / DVD player for Family Room

Iron / Ironing Board

Infant Supplies

Porta Crib

High Chair

Coloring Books, Crayons, Games, Toys, Books

Save the Date: December 5th, 2015
At Lincoln University
Hosted by our Mission ConneXion



STOP HUNGER NOW

Stop Hunger Now packages and ships meals to feed people in need. They have engaged over 500,000 corporate, student, civic and faith-based volunteers to package meals. They educate thousands of people each year about hunger and inspire them to help end it. This year, they will package 45 million meals, and ship over \$9 million in donated aid, mainly vitamins and medical supplies. On the day, you package meals with preset foods and in a preset process. All you need to raise is 29 cents for each meal you package. Stop Hunger Now meals are nutritiously sound. Every dehydrated rice/soy meal is fortified with 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. Research has shown that one in three people in developing countries are adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Join us!



**PLANTING
SEEDS FOR
MINISTRY
growth**



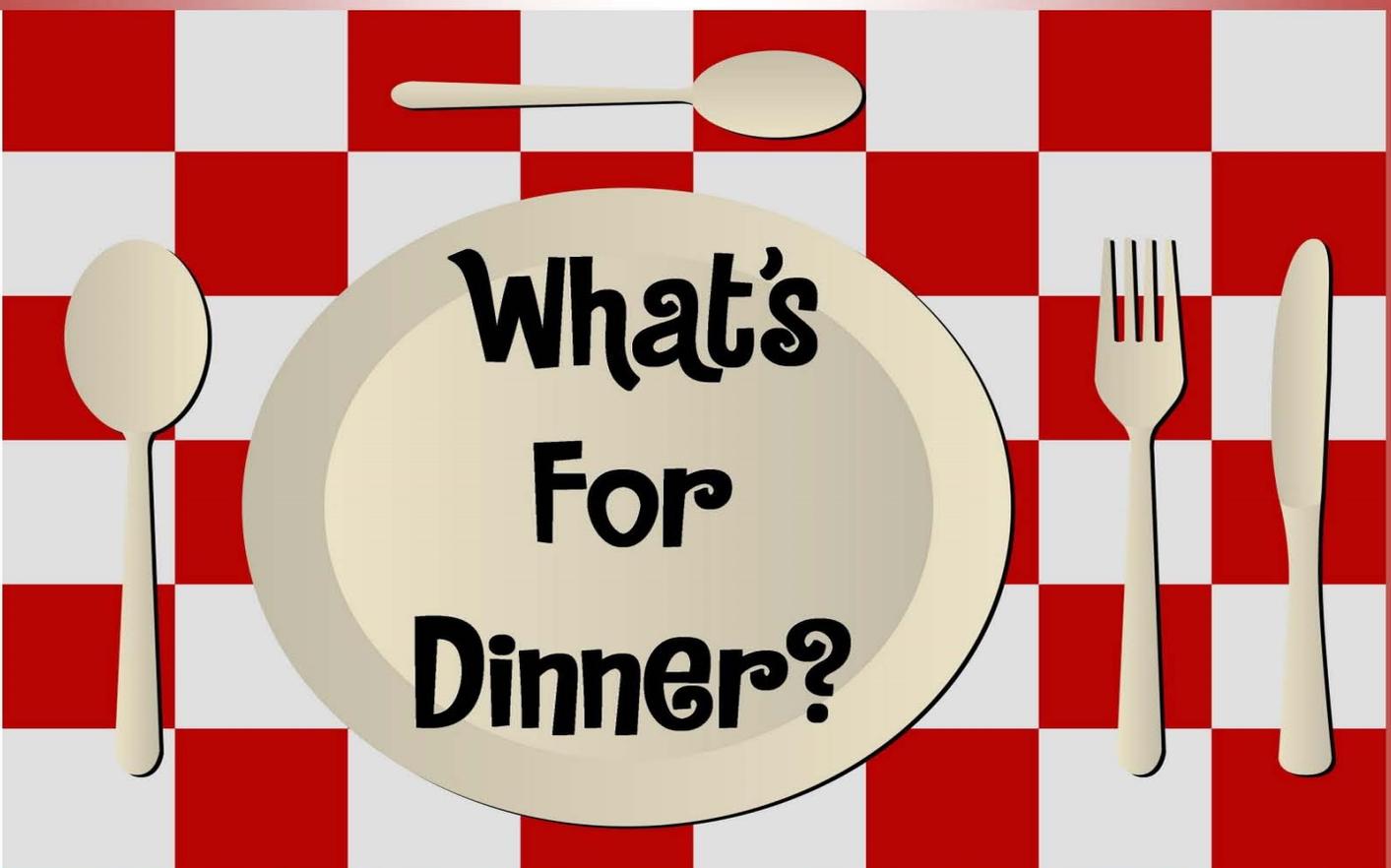
**Saturday,
November
7, 2015**

What does it mean for us to be in harmony with God's will? For John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, God's will is revealed in - and experienced through - the Church's means of grace: traditionally, worship, prayer, holy communion, tithing, Bible Study and... Christian service. "Surely there are works of mercy as well as works of piety which are real means of grace." In other words, followers of Jesus are expected to be active in their pursuit of the kingdom! In fact, in his Meditation on the Lord's Prayer, Wesley said: "We pray not so much for a passive as for an active conformity to the will of God, in saying, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Our Planting Seeds faculty at Hopewell United Methodist Church in 2015 is one which will embolden our local churches for active conformity to the will of God. No more hiding within the fortress of the church building. No more failure to bring creative excellence into worship. No more satisfaction with shallow and lazy Biblical interpretation.

Come alive, Church, and be excellent!

Join us for keynote from Mike Slaughter on Coming to terms with the Real Jesus and Growing a Missional Movement, Dr. Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch on teaching the Bible through film, and Warren Cooper leading exploring Our Worship Dimension. Sign up at hopewellumc.org or See Pastor Monica for more information.



**What's
For
Dinner?**

Come out and Support our Boy Scout Troop 12

Join us at Perkins Restaurant

Route 41 Avondale, PA

October 5, 2015

From 5pm to 9pm

It's easy ~ come eat, let them know you are there
to support our troop, we get 10% proceeds, and
you are off the hook for cooking that night!!

*Boy Scout Troop 12
West Grove PA
McDonald's Fundraiser*

Please come out and support our

Boy scout Troop 12

Visit McDonalds at

The Shoppes of Jennersville

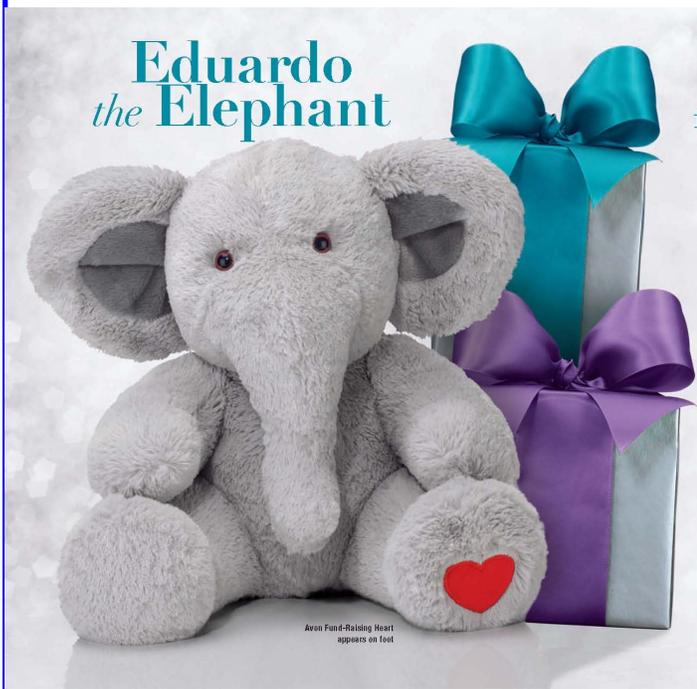
West Grove, PA

October 26, 2015

4:30 to 7:30

We make a profit on all inside sales from 4:30 to 7:30.

Please come into the dining room to purchase your meals
and support our Troop.



Boy Scout Troop 12 Fundraiser

Help Our Troop Help Others

Boy Scout Troop 12 will be selling
Eduardo the Elephant.

Please support our Troop as we give to
others. Purchase an elephant for a sick
child in the hospital.

For a **\$20.00 donation** a plush elephant
will be purchased in your name and will
be donated to a sick child, and our boys
will receive a percentage of the profit on
all the sales.

Once the sale is over the boys will go to the hospital and personally deliver the
plush elephants to other children in need. If you want to purchase one for yourself,
a child, grandchild, niece or nephew our boys will still get a profit and you will
own an adorable plush elephant. Help our Troop help others!

Last year we donated over 100 plush animals to A.I DuPont! We want to beat our
number from last year! Sales are going on the whole month of September &
October.

You can also order one by emailing Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net or
Calling Lisa at 610-932-4984



BISHOP'S DAY ON SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Laity Session at Lima UMC

209 N. Middletown Road, Lima, PA 19037

6:30 p.m. Gathering & Refreshments

7:00 p.m. Session Begins

**Lay Members to Annual Conference & Equalizing Delegates
should attend. Bishop Johnson has made a special request**

that all Lay Leaders plan to attend. All Laity are welcome.

Click on this link to register:

<https://southeastdistrictepa.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/8160>

Annual Prayer Walk in the Schools

What a joy it is to pray through our schools! This Ministerium event had persons from multiple churches praying in Penn London Elementary, Avon Grove Intermediate School,



Fred S. Engle Middle School, Avon Grove High School, Avon Grove Charter School, ABVM School, and Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene School.

While some prayer walks moved through on the outside of the building asking for God's protection of the school, other prayer walkers went through classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, bathrooms, and hallways.

Many prayer walkers got the opportunity to pray with teachers and for teachers. This is essential witness and support of our community.



Thank you to all who join us. Please consider joining us next year!



Next year, as we pray for our schools and teachers, we would like to be able to put a tangible reminder in their hands that we are praying for them.

We dream of creating enough prayer squares for all our teachers.

If interested, there are patterns for prayer squares, see the office for details.

Continue in prayer for our teachers and our schools!



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~ Open, Grow, Serve ~

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