



The Wesleyan Star

West Grove

United Methodist Church

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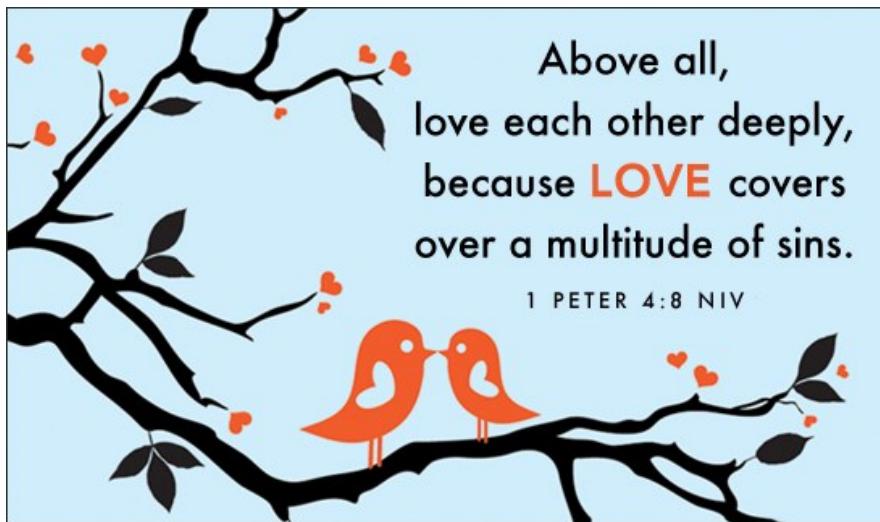
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"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

I can remember the conversation every time someone new was added to our family. When Alisabeth was born, would we share the love that we have known for one another with her as well? And when Felicity came five years later, would we be splitting the love we had for Alisabeth in half? Would they both get time, attention, and love? Somehow,

three years later, the question still has life in it: Will we have enough love, time, and attention for Alisabeth, Felicity, and Peter to all have enough? Somehow, each time we do not divide a finite pot of love between our children, but it seems that our love overflows and each one is cared for.

Every time a family grows, each member is asked an implicit question: Is there room in your heart for the new member? This can be if it is the birth of a child, the addition through marriage of an in-law, the adoption of child, or the inclusion of a furry friend. However, a family grows and expands, each time we wonder is there enough love to go around? Can we care for the new dog with love? Will we include the new brother-in-law with tenderness? Is the new niece going to know the same love that the ones who came previously have?

But this is not just about our immediate families or even our extended families. This admonition to love is about our neighbors and our friends, our co-workers and acquaintances. It is about every time that we are sure that our lives are already full to overflowing. Every time that we think we have offered enough love, enough compassion, enough mercy to those around us. It is reaching out to the new neighbors who do not even remember everyone's names yet. It is including the co-workers from the office across the way in the group who gets lunch together.

From the First Letter attributed to Peter, we hear the words: love deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Loving deeply is more than an emotional sweetness to a beloved. Loving deeply is widening circle of compassion and care for those who cross your path. As I hold the newest member of our family closer during this time of maternity leave, I invite you to love deeply; to include more persons in your love; to trust that the love God gives you to share will not run out, but instead will multiply and grow exponentially as you share it.

In God's Love,
Pastor Monica



February Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany February 1, 2015 Communion Sunday

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

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1-13

Sermon: "Reaching for Courage"

Life is defined by our Jordans, and what we do about that.

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany February 8, 2015

Scripture: Psalm 46

Sermon: "Be Still, and Know That I Am God"

The noise of our world can drown out God's voice. We need to be still and let God speak.

Last Sunday After The Epiphany February 15, 2015

Scripture: Luke 6:32-38

Sermon: "Forgiveness...Loopholes"

Counting and forgiveness don't work well together. Forgiveness can't be counted. God's love and forgiveness never ends.

First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2015

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Sermon: "A Thorny Situation"

Life is full of thorns and this reminds us that we are dependent on God's presence and God's strength each day.

Welcome Pastor Sarley!

The Rev. Richard Sarley

Interval Pastor

Pastor Sarley was an active pastor for 42 years. In 2011, he retired from St. Paul's UMC in Warrington, Bucks County. He has served on, or chaired, numerous boards or committees within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

On a personal level, Rev. Sarley has been married to his wife, Arline, for 43 years. They have sons Derek and wife Erin, grandchildren Evie (7) and Calla (4) and son Jon and wife Kylie who are expecting their first child any moment now. Pastor Sarley is a history buff, loves golf and enjoys walking.

At his request, please address him as either Pastor Sarley (children and youth) or simply as Dick. We are delighted to have Rev. Sarley act as our interval Pastor during Pastor Monica's maternity leave. He will be available between services and after the 11 a.m. services from Sunday, 1/25/15 through Sunday, 3/15/15. Please be sure to give Pastor Sarley a warm welcome after the service!



The Missions Team

Due to food allergies among the general population and our own congregants, we request that any items brought for the fellowship note if they contain nuts (including coconuts). Thank you.

Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, February 15 is hosted by



Ash Wednesday February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, the day when we remember our mortality and confirm our hope in the Risen Lord who offers us life beyond anything we can desire or deserve.

We will have a special worship service at 6:30 p.m. The service will have the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion and will include music from our choirs, a short message and time of silent prayer. People of all ages, including children, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Tools for Ministry

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 7, 2015

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

The Board of Lay Ministry will sponsor a district-wide training event on Saturday, March 7 here at West Grove UMC once again! The workshops will be led by outstanding lay persons and pastors who will share their special gifts, talents and experiences, in transforming their churches and ministering in their communities. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other people from our district and share ideas and experiences. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melissa Jones.

Event Schedule

- ⇒ 8:30-9:00 Check In and Light Breakfast
- ⇒ Gathering in the Sanctuary
- ⇒ 9:00-9:15 Welcome
- ⇒ 9:20-10:40 Session One Workshops
- ⇒ 10:40-11:00 Break
- ⇒ 11:00 – 12:20 Session Two Workshops
- ⇒ 12:20 Lunch Available for Purchase

Day of Event

Hoagie & Bottle of Water sold by the Youth Group: \$6
(Hoagies are not included in registration fee.)

Registration Fee

If registered by the February 20th Deadline is \$10 (includes breakfast)

Registration Fee February 21-28 is \$12.00

Late Registration After February 28 is \$15.00

GO TO THIS LINK TO REGISTER:

<https://southeastdistrictepa.smartevents.com/public/events/tools-for-ministry-2015>

Online registration is requested. If you are not able to register on line please call Lin George at 610.436.4277. Please have a credit card and your workshop selections ready when you call.

See the next page for a list of all the workshops being offered!

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Session 1: 9:20 -10:40 a.m.

1. The Sign Out Front says “Everyone Welcome”. Do You Really Mean It?

Susan F. Rzucidlo, Founder and Exec. Director of SPEAK Unlimited Inc.

Being welcoming to all, is the stated mission of every church, but how well do we really do this? This session will explore what being welcoming to a diverse and differently abled community really means.

2. Creating the Beloved Community – Inclusive Social Ministry for Solidarity.

Dan Cornett, United Methodist Church of the Open Door.

To better understand the journey of personal growth as well as the systemic issues involved in moving toward that “Beloved Community” where all of God’s people are valued equally, and to leave with specific tools and resources to aid in that journey.

3. Designing Small Group Bible Studies for the Millennial Generation.

Andy Hoot, Director of Young Adult Ministry, Mt. Hope UMC, Aston, PA.

This workshop will help you identify Bible study strategies, structures, and content that might stir the interest of the younger members of your congregation and lead them into deeper connection with Christ and the church.

4. Introduction to the S/PPRC.

Rev. Bronwyn Yocom

This workshop will cover the Disciplinary requirements of the Pastor Parish/Staff Parish Relations Committee and the workings of the committee during the year. Highlights will include a timeline of the committee’s work for the year, process of pastoral evaluation, and Disciplinary expectations.

5. Me? Do Prison Ministry?

Patrick J. Welch, CSM

As Christians, we are called to minister to those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. Come and hear the many different ways in which you can be a part of this transformational ministry.

6. Learning Things In a Good Way: The Journey Toward Healing with Native Americans in our Communities.

Rev. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, MPhil, EPA Conf. Committee on Native American Ministries, Ph.D.

Interested in learning about Native Americans and the Methodist Church? We will walk through constructing a Native American Sunday using available online resources.

7. How to Retire Sacred Ministry in Your Local Church: Thinking Missionally to Create a Healthy Congregation.

Rev. Johnson Dodla, Senior Pastor Exton UMC

At some point in all our churches we have wondered about the viability of a certain ministry and didn’t know how to end that particular ministry. This workshop will provide conversation as to how we can end ministries that do not fall in line with the vision and mission of your particular local congregation.

8. Young Adult Ministry: The Spiritual Journey of the Millennials.

Presented by Young People’s Ministry EPA Conference.

Using the research from the Barna Group, we will explore the complexities of the Nomads, Prodigals, and Exiles and their impact on the life of the church. In addition, the Barna Group identified six reasons why young adults leave the church and the five myths that are pervasive in church attendance discussions. Young adult ministries need to consider the spiritual journey of millennials and the reasons why young adults leave the church.

Session 2: 11-12:20**1. How to Start Older Adult Ministries in Your Church.**

Rev. Shirley Daddario, Friendship UMC, Chair of Older Adult Council of EPA.

Learn about specific small groups and ministries to offer in your church for older adults. Understand how to engage and embrace our older adults and how to start an Older Adult Ministry in your church.

2. Latino Ministries for non-Latino Churches.

Rev. Lydia E. Muñoz, M.Div. OSL; Pastor of Iglesia Metodista Unida Cristo Rey.

At this workshop, we will explore the growing Latino community in our District and how your congregation can be in ministry with Latinos in a respectful, purposeful and creative way.

3. Offering Financial Peace to Your Church Members and Community.

Simon Brain, CGMA - Chartered Global Management Accountant. What is Financial Peace University FPU? Hopewell UMC has offered Dave Ramsey's FPU course for six years with nearly 250 "students" participating in the classes. Discussion will include how to run this course successfully, including details of what students, and the church arranging the course, should expect from the outcome.

4. Safe Sanctuaries.

John P. Lafferty, CLM, MSOL, Vice Chair EPA Conf Safe Sanctuary Program.

This workshop will be an actual EPA Conference Safe Sanctuary Training Session. Anyone in the workshop may use this as their initial or annual safe sanctuary training certification. The current PA law and mandates will be discussed concerning compliance issues, screening, documentation, and reporting measures. This program is ideal for anyone in your church, or anyone who may have contact with children and youth within your local church.

5. Building Bridges in the Mission Field: Faith Based Missions in the Multi-faith and Secular Communities

Hallie Romanowski, Exec. Director, ACT in Faith of Greater West Chester.

By definition, outreach ministries extend beyond your faith community walls...but what does that look like? How do you make connections, build relationships and overcome differences? Hear the story and learnings of ACT in Faith of Greater West Chester, an interfaith ministry established to help the un – and under – employed in West Chester.

6. Stop Failing Bible Study!: Choosing Successful Bible Studies and Programs for your Community and Context.

Rev. Mercedes Case, Pastor of New London UMC and Avondale UMC; Rev. Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor of West Grove UMC.

Have you tried to run a Bible Study you purchased in your community and watched it fail? Have you ever wondered how to use MissionInsite, a free resource from the Conference for learning about your area? Let us help you succeed with both! Join us as we use the free resource from the Conference and then apply that information to choosing the best Bible studies and programming for your local church.

7. Effective Community Outreach.

Rev. Mark Beideman.

We will explore effective ways to get your church started in community outreach. Find out tactics used by local churches to feed, clothe, and help those in need with basic human needs such as fuel oil, electric and rent. Find out how local and state agencies can help you in your efforts to help others.

8. Youth Ministry: Does Yours Speak To Youth And Their Fears?

Presented by Young People's Ministry EPA Conference.

Often many youth after high school stop attending church and tend to put God in the back seat of their life. One reason this may happen is that youth ministry is not directly speaking to current youth's fears about their life. After this workshop participants will be able to list 10 fears of current youth; describe 8 effective facilitation techniques; identify at least one way this workshop will be implemented in a youth group.

From the Pastor's Desk



Save the date!

New member classes will start on **April 19, 2015**. We will meet on Sunday mornings for 3 weeks in Pastor Monica's office. On May 10th, we will welcome new members into our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Monica or Melissa Jones.



Steve, Alisabeth, Felicity, and Peter Guepet

Dear Friends,

We are warmed and overwhelmed by the sweet and thoughtful welcome, Peter has received into this world and into this community. We were delighted on December 28th, 2014 at 10:43pm to welcome Peter David Guepet into the world. He was 6 lbs, 6oz. 19 ¼ inches. He was 4 weeks early and has required some additional care. Your love and practical expressions of love have been humbling. We give thanks for meals, prayers, gifts, love, and much compassion. Thank you for it all!

Please save the date as we welcome Peter more formally into our church community on Sunday, March 8th through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our Bishop Peggy Johnson and our District Superintendent, Dawn Taylor-Storm will be with us that day as well.

In God's Love,
Pastor Monica,



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



Dear Southeast District,

I am deeply moved and humbled by the gift that was presented to me by the Southeast District Committee of Superintendency on behalf of the District. It is my joy and privilege to serve with you in ministry. I have chosen to share the gift with our District Resource Assistant, Rev. Lin George, who so faithfully serves us each and every day. The remainder of the gift has been used to support our Pediatric Unit that we are building as a District in Mpasa, Congo. Together, we will help children know they are beloved by God, both in health and in sickness.

As we celebrate God's moving into the neighborhood this Christmas, I pray that we will continue to move into our neighborhoods with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. I give thanks for all the faithful disciples who are serving across this district. Each and every church on this district is seeking to serve God faithfully.

I give thanks for each of you and wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a new year filled with God's peace and joy.

Together in Ministry,

Dawn

Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm

Southeast District Superintendent

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Church

60 W. Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380



"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers , for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).

Hope you've been enjoying WGUMC's Church family, friends and guests over coffee, decaf coffee, tea, decaf tea, hot chocolate and lemonade with condiments at our reclaimed Foyer Conversation Area following worship services.

Hope you're enjoying reading Upper Room Daily Devotional Pamphlets, both regular and large print editions avail at our Welcome Center. Envelopes are included in each copy to pay for them.

Hope you enjoyed viewing the out of doors Live Nativity scene followed by talking with our Church family, friends and quests over hot refreshments on a cold night in the warm Foyer.

Hope you'll be enjoying wearing Name Tags distributed to everyone by our youth to help us become better acquainted with our Church family, friends and guests on Fellowship Sundays (Third Sundays of the month) when there's lots of good refreshments and time to talk after worship services. Take some to your class, too!

Also hope you'll enjoy Hospitality ministries next endeavor to staff the Welcome Stand in the Foyer to welcome our Church family, friends, guests and answer questions.

It's fun being hospitable to strangers, we may meet an angeles without knowing it.....

Your Hospitality Ministry Team's having fun with your help and assistance!

Much Love and Many Prayers to all our Church family, friends and guests!

Don Hurst, Chair of Hospitality



Board of Trustees Report

A Review of Your Trustees Board at Work in 2014

Our major planned capital expense of 2014:

The 1600 sq. ft. Handicapped parking area was redone and the entire parking lot was seal-coated and parking spaces restriped. Handicapped paintings as appropriate. D & G Asphalt of N. E., Md. Completed the project 8/13/14 @ cost of \$9300. Fundraising monies and profits from the 2013 and

2014 Chicken BBQ's were used to pay for this project.

A major challenge has been an upgrade to our computer network. Trustee chair, John Boyd, has some expertise in this area and has donated many hours and some personal finance to:

- Get Pastor Monica's computer on line
- Replace the C.M.O. preschool computer (outdated and damaged that repairs were not feasible)
- Updated and got replacements for lost programs (disks are now stored in church safe.)
- Provided a Server unit and will be creating "cloud storage" so that we will not need to rent/buy from a 3rd party.
- Has created a method to get internet connection to South Wing of the church so that Sunday School and Bible Studies has access for special presentations.

The Trustees 2015 budget was presented to Finance and Administrative Council for approval. There is an approximate \$5000 increase requested. A 2014 budget overrun was due to high propane fuel cost, increased phone rate, higher than expected snow removal costs, and a very tight budget expectation for 2014. The 2015 budget includes a new line item to cover Electronics/Software expenses. We will have to look for a new Electric Generation supplier in June when our current contract expires.

The two flat roof areas on our church will have to be replaced in 2015. We are trying to keep them patched through the fall and winter. Both have had leaks fixed twice and the current advice is to replace them.

Our annual Chicken B-B-Q fundraiser is sponsored by the Trustees. The purpose is to raise funds to help pay for capital expenses that occur beyond normal operating expenses. The congregation has responded and supported this program for many years. This is the second year we have netted a profit of \$4900. (This was due to the hard work of Linda Shipton who led the project). Contributions are always made to support charitable groups. We have contributed a 10% donation to our Emergency Aid Fund that was established to assist in payments of electric, phone, rent or other bills for financially distressed families. A donation was made to our Youth Group who have strengthened this church through example with their mission work in the Philadelphia Project, West Grove Project, Paris Foundation and a mission trip to Washington, DC. Their own fundraising efforts were commendable. Our sponsored Boy Scout Troop 12 has served well in this fundraiser and at other functions the church has done or does. Therefore, we made contribution to them as well.

A Review of Your Trustees Board at Work in 2014

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The Trustees also passed a motion to empower our capable Church Administrator, Donna Fackler, to permit groups to reschedule the use of our building if they have met our past requirements and space is available for their requested dates. She is to keep the Trustee board notified of those approvals.

In March, we negotiated a new 5 year copier contract with Toshiba for a new Toshiba 523 Copier. It is performing well.

In order to cut propane costs, we explored working out a new deal with our current supplier or to buy out the tanks and move to a new supplier. We opted to buy out the two 1000 gallon tanks at a cost of \$2500 from Amerigas. Kauffman Gas has agreed to reimburse us for this cost and be our supplier at a \$2.15 fixed rate. They would be responsible for the tank maintenance. An anticipated savings of 50-65 cents per gallon of propane based on our current supplier average rate of \$2.68 per gallon will be realized.

The Trustees initiated a SCRIPS Gift Card Purchase Program and received approval from Finance and Administrative Council to go forward with the program. It requires members pre-paying for gift cards for places they regularly shop or expect to shop. Using the gift card to make payments for purchases provides the Church with a percentage of the value of the gift card at no cost to the members who take part. Cards do not expire, so a balance can be used next year if necessary.

Our annual Hood Suppression & Food Facility inspections were completed in late fall. We passed both inspections and, as a result, we are able to continue doing all of our events, such as the Chicken BBQ, Community Café, Special Dinners, Church picnics, Soup Sales, etc. where food is prepared and/or served at the church.

A new, upright bagless Hoover vacuum has been purchased to replace one that had broken and would not be cost effective to repair.

Two new exterior entrance mats have been purchased and provide a warm welcome to our church.

If you have any questions about the various projects the trustees are involved in, or would like to volunteer time to the trustees in the maintenance of our church property, please contact one of the board members listed below:

John Boyd, Chair

Vernon Ramberger, Financial Secretary

Darlene Murphy, Secretary

Gene Aucott

Tom Hoover

Jeff Whelan

Becky Rinehimer

Fred Sullivan

Linda Shiptet

Submitted by Vernon Ramberger, Trustee Treasurer

WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ENDOWMENT FUND

Big institutions have endowment funds to help them generate funds for specific projects. West Grove United Methodist has an endowment fund to this very end also. Our endowment fund is designed to gather funds from contributions, bequests, and memorial gifts. It is held and invested by the Mid Atlantic Foundation of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

As of December 31, 2014, the fund balance was \$11,358.28. Our by-laws say, "When the Fund is less than \$50,000, all income from the Fund will be reinvested in the Fund. When the Fund exceeds more than \$50,000, the income may be distributed as follows: A 10% tithe of the annual income accrued shall be returned to the corpus of principle for reinvestment to assure continued growth. Of the remaining balance distribution will be made as follows: 40% shall be distributed to the Trustees for approved maintenance projects or capital improvements.



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30% shall be made available for approved programs, ministries and training. 30% shall be designated for approved mission projects beyond the local church.

Note: Income shall not be distributed to support the budget items of the Church regularly funded by the pledges and gifts of its members.

Our challenge is to grow our fund and you are encouraged to support it by making an annual donation to the fund or making a contribution in the memory of someone or including a bequest in your will. If you are making a contribution or memorial gift in memory of someone, make your check out to West Grove United Methodist Church Endowment Fund and send it to the church office, attention Donna Fackler. Help us to build our endowment for the future of our church. If you have any questions about the endowment fund, Rev. Jim Mundell can help you.



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

INDULGE IN LENT?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.

- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry. NewsletterNewsletter, March issue 2015



Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir has had a great year! The choir continues to enhance worship through music which is aligned to the scriptures and themes each week.

We are blessed with a wonderful group of talented singers. We occasionally incorporate other instruments in addition to the piano to accompany the choir, such as a violin, cello, flute, or trumpet. A highlight of our year was our cantata, "Covenant of Grace," presented on Palm Sunday. We all enjoy singing together and offer fellowship and support to each other throughout the year!

Betsy Smith, Choir Director

Praise Works Band

Our contemporary Praise team, "PraiseWorks," sings throughout the year and offers music each week to enhance and lead the congregation in worship. Our instrumentation generally includes a keyboard, bass guitar, electric and/or acoustic guitar, drums, and multiple voice parts. We offer fellowship and support to each other and have a great cooperative relationship. We are blessed to have such wonderful, talented

musicians who are very dedicated to sharing their musical gifts.

Betsy Smith, Interim Director

Memory Bells Hand Bell Choir

The Memory Bells Hand Bell Choir will celebrate their sixth anniversary this year on Christmas Eve. We are called the Memory Bells because our initial two octaves were purchased with money donated to remember several members of WGUMC who had passed away. More memorials, plus a donation from the Christian Fellowship Class, provided the funds to buy our third octave of bells plus our three-octave set of chimes. We rehearse every Monday night from September through June and play for the traditional service on the third Sunday of those months. We also participate in the Advent Music night and during Christmas Eve and Easter services. Once a year we unite with several other local bell choirs for a community concert. The free will offering that is taken provides funds for different agencies in the area each year. Every year we try to improve our skills through different techniques and by playing music with different difficulty levels. We try to select music that will make a definite contribution to our worship by celebrating the different seasons not only of the calendar year, but also the church year. I feel very privileged to be the director of this very special bell choir made up of enthusiastic and committed ringers.

Sandy Deckard, Director



Valentines
for Our
Penn London
Students

Valentine's Day is Coming!

This is our Ninth year of donating boxed valentines to the children of Penn London Elementary who do not have Valentines to give to their classmates.

Please consider buying a box of valentines and dropping it off in the collection box provided in the church lobby.

Thank you.

PRAYER PROJECT 155



155 Continuous Hours of Prayers

A prayer vigil that will encompass all of our churches, pastors, schools, children, and families. The goal is to fill every hour with prayer by folks from all of our churches. By going to the link below, you will find a sign up sheet along with detailed prayer requests for our schools and churches.

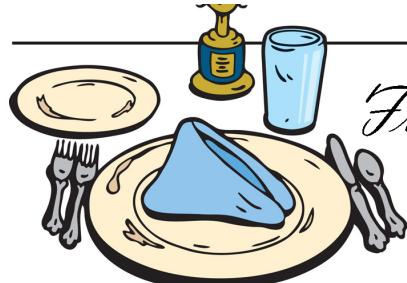
Here's the link:

<http://project155.weebly.com/>

You can sign up on this link and explore the Prayers tab. Prayers will be for 3 main areas:

Our Churches, Our Local Community and Officials,
and Specific church requests.

If you are unable to sign up on the computer, just call the church office at 610-869-9334, and Donna will help you find the one hour (or more) time slot that works best for you!



Free Meal Ministry

THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ
New Year's Celebration Meal
Tuesday, February 24
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Happy New Year! The Community Café is a monthly meal ministry offered to meet the needs of our church neighbors, friends and members who are in need of or desire a time of fellowship and food. The meals offered through this ministry are **TOTALLY FREE** and everyone is welcome!

Please join us for a hot, delicious luncheon prepared by Chef Joe and served to you by the wonderful volunteers from the church.

Our lunch is served directly to your table, restaurant style, by our gracious volunteers, so you do not have to stand in a buffet line! Reservations are suggested, but are not required, by calling the church office at 610-869-9334 or e-mailing office@westgroveumc.org.

Walk-ins are welcome. The Rover Bus Company provides local transportation for a nominal fee. You must call them at 610-594-3911 to reserve your seat. If you want to attend the lunch, but are unable to afford transportation, the driver will be met at the church doors, **and the bus fare paid.**



Knit Wits

A big thank you to the Knit Wits for their donation of \$67.00 to the Community Café. In addition to their prayer shawl and baptism blanket ministry, they knit wash cloths and sell them for \$2 each.

They are terrific cloths and are really handy in the kitchen! If you would like to purchase a wash cloth, call the church office to place your order.

610-869-9334



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.

The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

The Church office will be closed on Monday February 16, 2015 For Presidents Day

Children's Morning Out and Preschool



We are back in the swing of things in our CMO and Preschool classrooms. The children have been busy learning all about winter this past month. We have been busy with lots of snow activities. We have made snow, played in real snow, and even enjoyed following a recipe to make snowmen lattes. Check out our hallway to see many of the creative snowmen projects. Now in February the focus will turn to how to be kind and loving to our families and friends, with Valentine's Day coming up.

It is hard to believe but our Spring Consignment Sale is quickly approaching. The dates for the Spring Sale will be March 19th, 20, and 21st. If you would like to consign or are willing to volunteer during the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be sign up sheets on our CMO and Preschool bulletin board. Consignment packets and instructions will be available beginning February 17th. I can always use extra help on Saturday with clean up and disbursement of the money. Please email me or stop in and see me with any questions you may have or to let me know you can help out. This is a great way to help out our CMO and Preschool program. Tracy McLaughlin, Director

Heart to Heart VIII Lenten Devotional Booklet



We are preparing our ninth booklet of devotions to be handed out on Ash Wednesday. It will contain faith stories from individuals in our congregation.

WE NEED YOUR STORY! Everyone has a story to tell of how God has worked in their life and we would like you to share yours. It can be an answered prayer, a lesson learned, or how you live out your faith in your daily life. Children can submit drawings or short messages too! **Your story of faith will be an encouragement to someone!**

Simply write your story in 50 to 400 words. Include your name.. Include a scriptural reference if you like. Include a prayer if you like.. Turn in devotions to

Cindy Haley at chaley@zoominternet.net or

Donna Fackler at donna.wgumc1@verizon.net

**Quarterfinal**

jerry's boys (1) 171.19

Jim's Vultures (8) 90.10

Semifinal

The Rogue Elephants (4) 105.93 jerry's boys (1) 118.34

Not a Prayer (5) 133.46 Not a Prayer (5) 120.07

Final**LEAGUE CHAMPION**

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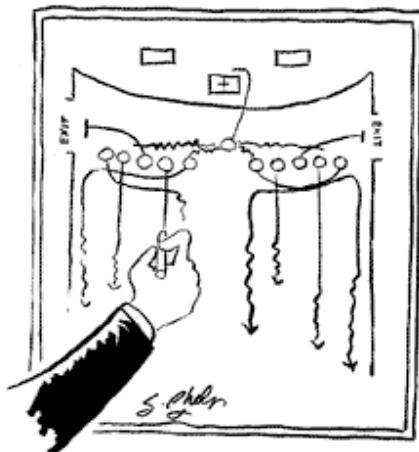
Ten Plagues Tim Bushnell

sulli's skins Fred Sullivan

Jim's Vultures Pastor Jim

The Rogue Elephants Doug Allen

Not a Prayer Matt Hendrickson



Taking a cue from John Madden, Mel diagrams the morning offering for the ushers.

If you are interested in joining the Fantasy Football League next season, please contact Tim Bushnell for details!
tbushnell@sherrilltree.com





C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



January 'Reveal' Party! We kicked off the new year with reveal party where we updated students on where we are going for this summer's mission trip! We had about 16 students attend, all of whom were very excited to hear that we are headed to the beach! Read below for more information about **Mission Trip 15' to Union Beach NJ.**

February Youth Dates

Middle School Youth – for all students in 7 -8th grades. We meet the **1st and 3rd Sundays from 6:30 -8:00** for some fun games, snacks and bible study. February 15 – MS Youth

No MS youth on Feb 1st (just returning from Gretna Glen Retreat)

High School Youth – for all students in grades 9 -12th. We meet the **2nd and 4th Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00** – we'll play some games, eat snacks and get into God's word. Bring a friend! February 8th and 22nd.

Friday Night Dodge Ball – bring \$2 for pizza, some friends and get ready for some fun competition! **February 27.**

10 Minute Stress Tamers

- ⇒ Sit quietly in calm surrounding with soft lights and pleasant scents.
- ⇒ Aromatherapy--lavender, citrus, vanilla, cinnamon, peppermint, fresh cut grass.
- ⇒ Breathe deeply--rest your mind and oxygenate.
- ⇒ Soak in a warm bath, or just your hands and feet.
- ⇒ Read-Spiritual readings, poetry, inspirational readings, or one chapter of whatever you like.
- ⇒ Laugh and smileStretch--front to back, side to side, and across.
- ⇒ Garden--work with plants.



Parents Nite Out Valentine Day's (youth fundraiser). – **February 14th.** Parents – make your reservations now for a romantic date out without your kids on Valentines Day! The youth will hang out with the kids, we'll feed them pizza, do some crafts and keep them busy while you enjoy a date out. There is a suggested donation of \$10/child which goes towards offsetting the cost for this summers mission trip. **Sign up with Jamie or use the form is on page 17. You can leave the form in Jamie Lindtner's mailbox.**

Summer Mission Trip : June 28-July 4th.

We are headed to Union Beach, NJ to work with TeamEffort as we help to fix up houses that were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. We'll get to spend some time at the beach, hang out with other churches, worship God, grow in our faith and learn some handy skills! Registration is open and space is limited- so register ASAP with Jamie.

Questions? Want to sign up for something? Or.. want to know how you can help? Contact; Jamie Lindtner at.... jamielindtner@gmail.com or 610-937-7932

The United Methodist Women will have a Unit Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 11 am. All women are invited whether you actively participate in a Circle. The purpose will be to plan activities and programs for 2015.

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

JULIET...Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

February 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies, join us for breakfast on Saturday, February 13th. There's no agenda, just a bunch of ladies (all ages, too!) having fun on a winter's morning. **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.



Parents Valentine Date Night

Sponsored by the WGUMC Youth Group

Parents – Make a reservation and go to dinner without kids! Enjoy the valentine holiday with no interruptions. We will watch your kids for you and you can go on a date! Here's the details!

When: Saturday, February 14 from 4:30 – 7:30.

Where: At WGUMC

Cost: a suggested donation of \$10 per child

Any money that is donated towards this event will be used to help offset the cost of the youth summer mission trip to Washington DC this summer.

What: We will feed the kids pizza, do some crafts, play games and watch a movie. Your kids will be safe and have fun and you get to have enjoy and relax for 3 hours!

SIGN UP by February 9th by filling out the bottom of this form and returning to the office or giving to Jamie Lindtner.



Parents Date Night Sign UP

Child/Children's Name & Age

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Parents Name: _____

Emergency # _____

Food Allergies or Concerns:

Retired Active People

**Retired Active People (R.A.P.)****FRIDAY, February 13****12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Hello All! February's meeting for RAP will be on Friday Feb. 13. We will be having **Games Day** so bring your favorite game. Please bring a friend or neighbor! We will have games there and, as always, dessert, coffee, hot tea, iced tea and lemonade will be available. Please bring your bagged lunch and meet us at 12:00 for prayer, fellowship and a great afternoon!

RAP is always an active, fun and enjoyable committee. We have been blessed with great food, dear old and new friends and the continuous blessings of Love from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Over the last year we have enjoyed the play "Moses" at Sight and Sound, and in December we went to see "Joy to the world" at the American Music Theater. Both were so special and the talent right in our own neighborhood is just amazing.

The wonderful entertainers, speakers, artists, etc. that join us each month is so special and I have been blessed time and time again. In the last couple of years, we started "movie day" and "games day" complete with popcorn and candy for snacking during the show and tons of laughter. I am so grateful to all the volunteers who help each month with setting up the tables, desserts, preparing the beverages and clean up. Not to mention the ideas, phone calls and work to schedule the talent that visits us. Please join us the **second Friday of each month from September through May** for a blessed afternoon. We would love to see you and remember, we are open to the entire community. Also a special thank you to Steve May and the Scouts for their help with set up each month! We are all so thankful. And...loads of gratitude to Helen Carlin for you input each month with our homebound and ill members. Peace and Prayers for a Healthy New Year! Blessings, Lisa Reoli

**R.O.M.E.O.****R.O.M.E.O.****Retired Older Men Eating Out**

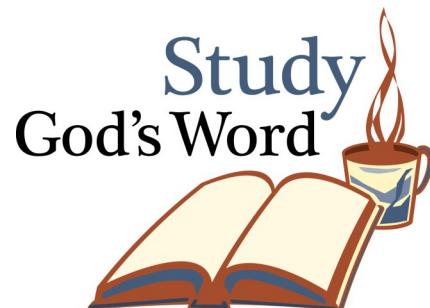
Come out and join this group of guys for lunch.

They don't have any agenda, and just like to sit around, talk, hang out and eat!

They look forward to you joining them on **Thursday, February 26** at the Perkins in Avondale at 12:00 p.m.

**Room #16.****Care Givers Group**

Caregivers meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on February 11, at 7 p.m. in

**Hear the Stories!**

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

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



**The Southeast District of United Methodist
Women present a Workshop on Human
Trafficking**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING – NEW MODERN DAY
SLAVERY**

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain.

United Methodist Women are working to



Human Trafficking in the U.S.

Come out and learn the signs of a person being trafficked and learn where to call to report it.



Saturday, February 28, 2015

[Snow Date- Saturday, March 14, 2015]

9:00am - 10:00am | Registration & Continental Breakfast

10:00am - Noon | Guest Speaker & Discussion

Guest Speaker: Reverend Obed Almeyda

Senior Pastor of Healing Ministries

Co-Chair for Montgomery County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition

Christ United Methodist Church Middletown

600 Dutton Mill Road

Brookhaven, PA 19015

To **RSVP**, contact Ann Daniel no later than noon on February 14, 2015.

Via Email at acardan@verizon.net or Via Phone at **267-408-1168**

This program is "For all God's People - men, women and youth."





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