



The Wesleyan Star

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Does anyone dare despise this day of small beginnings? Zechariah 4:10a

*"We ponder in your greatness. We bless you in the wonders of your creation.
We magnify you for your miracles of deliverance.*

*We relish the news of your gift of newness given us in Jesus of Nazareth.
We make our doxology as large as we can, in order to match your massive
presence in the world.*

But then, in slow times and lesser venues, we know you to be the God of small things:

*One widow and one orphan,
one touch of healing, one lunch turned to much food,
one small temple for a small people in a small city,
one small scroll to power the small city.*

*On good days we are among those, who do not occupy ourselves with things too
great and too marvelous.*

*It is enough that short of glory and magnificence,
you hang in to make small places your venue for governance.
We are grateful for your "tidbits" that bespeak life among us."*

(Prayers for a Privileged People by Walter Brueggmann)



In this season of thanks and giving, we do indeed praise God for large miracles and grand creation.

We do indeed celebrate where God has moved mountains and changed lives. We also tend to say quite broadly that we have gratitude for our family and friends, our home and food, our health and faith. Our lives are not lived in broad generalities, but rather in specific details. We are not going to a general doctor, but our specific physician for our precise concerns. We do not drive on all on the roads, but the definite route that takes us to our location.

On the strength of Zechariah and the prayer of reflection above from Walter Brueggmann, let us not forget that our God is not limited to mammoth and enormous. God is also in the miniscule, quotidian, detailed, and overlooked. This season of thanksgiving, challenge yourself to see God in the ordinary and every day.

Give thanks to God who created the spider who weaves a web in the corner of your front porch.

Give thanks to God who offers small relief from pain to attend a grandchild's game.

Give thanks to God who hushes a small child back to sleep letting you sleep through the night.

Give thanks to God who moves a college child to call you on an ordinary Tuesday afternoon.

Give thanks to God who urges our hearts to give a meal worth of food to the food pantry for another family scrapping by.

Where are you giving thanks to God in detail and particular as well as in the tidbits of life? Giving thanks for light breeze coming in my open window in my library and the melodic instrumentation filling my ears, I join you in this challenge.

In God's Love,
Pastor Monica



November Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 5, 2017

All Saints' Sunday
Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday

Sermon: "Saints in Newly Washed Clothes"

Scripture: Genesis 33-38
Revelations 7: 9-17

What have you learned about God from your loved ones? Where do you see God in the lives of those you love?

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 12, 2017

Sermon: "Joseph: Rising Star"

Scripture: Genesis 39-42
Luke 6: 27-38

As the Pharaohs in our lives demand, let us shine God's way. How can your star rise and shine?

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 19, 2017

Sermon: "Use Your Powers for God"

Scripture: Genesis 43-47
John 3: 16-21

You have been given great gifts, almost superpowers. How do you use those powers for good?

Christ the King Sunday Sunday, November 26, 2017

Sermon: "Burying the Hatchet and Dying Well"

Scripture: Genesis 48-50
Ephesians 4: 25-32

Where is God calling you to bury an old and proverbial hatchet?



Worship is on Sunday,
November 12th at 11 am in
the Allison Theater led by
Pastor Jim.

Join us or tune in on the
Closed Circuit TV at Jenner's
Pond.

Turn your clocks back one
hour on
Saturday,



November
4th,
and join us
for

worship the next morning,
Sunday, November 5th!

**Our Church Office will be Closed to
celebrate Thanksgiving on
Thursday, November 23rd and
Friday, November 24th.**

*We pray that our staff, our congregation,
and our community, will
have days filled with
the blessings of
family, friends, food,
and God's very
presence.*



FIRST SUNDAYS: Our
Emergency Food Pantry serves
our community and provides
much needed food and supplies
to families in our area. Your
donations are appreciated. An
Emergency Aid donation
envelope can be found in your bulletin on First
Sundays as well. The funds collected help others
in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for
your generosity.

First Sunday

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

October's Coffee Fellowship is
brought to you by :

SPRC



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.

TICKETS
\$6

Pancake Breakfast

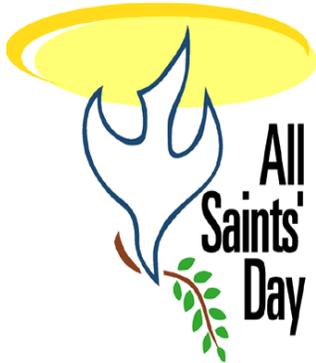
*Served with all you can eat
sausage, fruit cup
and beverages!*



West Grove UMC
Saturday, November 4th
7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Call the church at 610-869-9334 to reserve
your tickets today!**

**Look for sign up information to help in the church lobby!*



**All Saints'
Sunday
November 5th
8:30 & 11 a.m.
Services**

One of the oldest traditions of the church is the remembrance of those who have died during the last year on All Saints' Day. This beloved tradition has been important in this congregation for many years. We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be 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 5th** during both services. Please make sure that the office has the ***name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by November 1st***. It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.



Sermon Talk back

On the **fourth Sunday of the month, at 9:45 a.m.**, join Pastor Monica in Room 3 to talk about the sermon. Maybe you resonate and want to share a story. Maybe you are curious and have questions. Maybe you are puzzled and want to ask questions. Maybe you know there is always more research that goes into creating and birthing a sermon and want to hear more.

Come, join Pastor Monica!

"Sometimes the reason God doesn't show up to win your battles is because he already put inside of you the power to end it."
— *Shannon L. Alder*

Chili Cook-Off!



Ready for some Chili and Football!

Sunday, November 12, 2017

3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Chili cook-off (adults), brownie cook-off (kids), live stream football games!

FOOD, FUN,

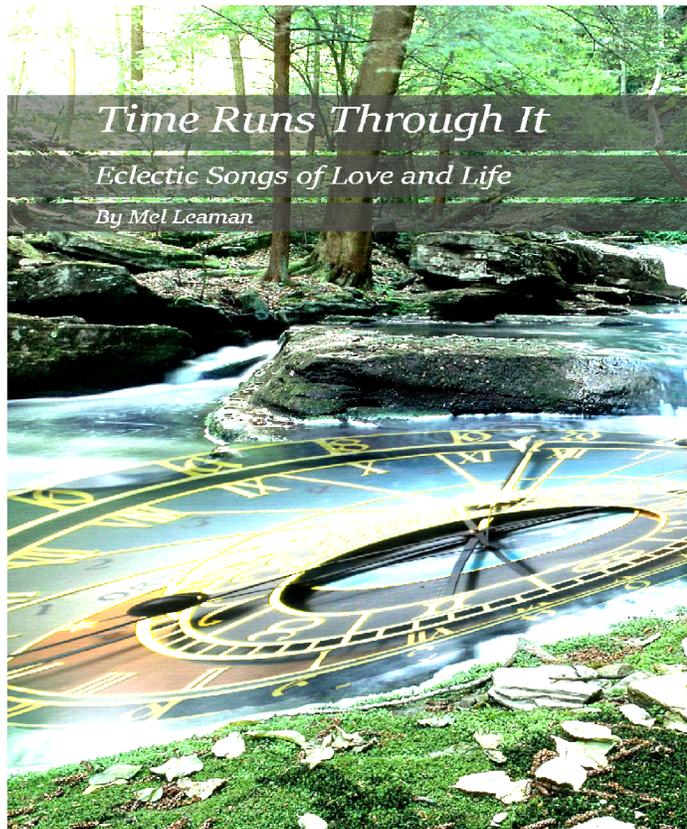
FOOTBALL,

FELLOWSHIP!

JOIN US!



Look for more information on our church website and in the church lobby.



Mel Leaman and Friends in Concert

**Sunday, November 19th
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Since his retirement from the pastorate and then as a professor of Religion at Lincoln University, Mel Leaman has taken to song writing. You can catch his debut concert at the West Grove United Methodist Church on **November 19**.

The repertoire will include an eclectic collection of songs about love and faith as well as those that speak to personal and social issues confronting society. His son, Toby (of Dr. Dog fame), brother-in-law, and nine friends from our church, will provide instrumentation and vocal harmonies. Mel was a former member of THE GARAGE youth center Advisory Board. **He is asking for a \$5-10 donation with the stipulation that 100% of those gifts will go to support The Garage.** A CD of his first album "Time Runs Through It" will be available for purchase.

(A Special Feature: All of Mel's songs will be on a Power Point, so you won't miss a single word!)

ADVENT PRAYER BEAD CLASS

The Prayer Ministry team is inviting you on
Sunday, November 5th at 9:45 a.m. (room #3)

to make
your own set of Advent Prayer Beads.

The beads are a tool for your Advent journey, to take you from being a people walking in darkness (black bead), to Mary and Joseph (pink and gray beads), to



the Christ bead (white), to the well-known representation of the Advent wreath (three purple and one pink bead). As well, the gifts of the Magi (gold, silver and copper beads), to the bead different from the rest; not to be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your spirit. The final bead (red), that represents the sacrificial love of Jesus, and then to the cross, to thank God for

naming you His beloved child.

Devotional material is included with bead kit. If you either purchase a set of Advent beads, or come to the class to make your beads, a donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Contact Pastor Shirley or Susan Paisley with any questions.



OPEN MARKET



Thank you to all who served at Open Market! From our vendors, to our food trucks, parkers to tour guides, line markers to shoppers. Thank you!



Penn Township Picnic Outreach in Review

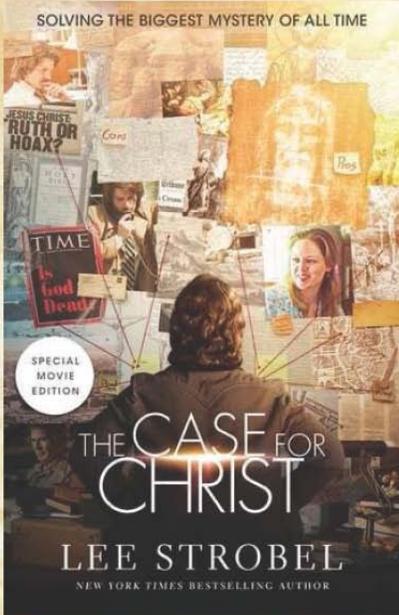
Did you know that we had a booth at Penn Township Day on September 23rd? We give thanks to God for Pastor Jim who offered the prayer of invocation to that start of the day. Pastor Jim is the chaplain of Penn Township.

We also give thanks to God for those who shared about our congregation there at the booth. Information was shared about Trunk or Treat, Pancake Breakfast, Rummage Sale, Consignment Sale, Worship, Preschool and much more!

David and Barbara Delaney deserve special recognition for being present all through the event and sharing West Grove UMC with the community!

Thank you to all those who supported this witness in our community!





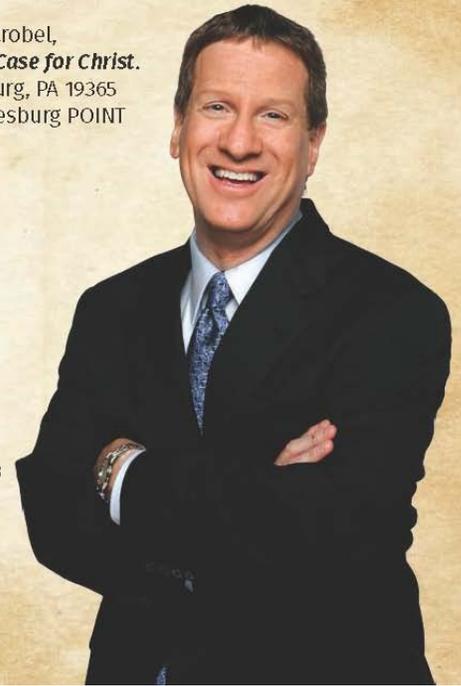
The Parkesburg POINT is happy to present Lee Strobel, best selling author and writer of the movie, *The Case for Christ*. Lee will be speaking at 700 Main Street, Parkesburg, PA 19365 on November 18th at 7:00pm to benefit The Parkesburg POINT Youth Center. Tickets are available online at <https://thepoint-leestrobel.eventbrite.com> or at the door.

Adults: \$25.00
Students: \$10.00

Come hear Lee talk about his journey from atheism to Christianity and what he discovered along the way.



For more information contact the Parkesburg POINT Youth Center at 610-857-3393 or email: dshupp@parkesburgpoint.com



It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank god that such men lived.

- George S. Patton

FREE

A Breakfast to Honor Our Hometown Heroes



Saturday, November 11th
Oxford Senior Center
12 E. Locust St.
Oxford, Pa. 19363

0800-1000

All veterans welcome





United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Results from the **Rummage Sale** are in and it was a great success! The shoppers bought \$1414. 62 worth of goods. Thank you, shoppers! Thank you to all the donors, for without your generosity, the shoppers would have nothing to buy. And thank you to the men and women who helped set up, sell, clean up, and deliver the leftovers to Mission Santa Maria, Goodwill, and books to the Lions.

thank
you!

UMW is now considering where to donate the money locally and beyond. Thanks to all!

As a result of our ongoing successful Rummage Sales, the UMW is able to donate to various local and global missions, fulfilling the purpose of UMW to be in Mission. The following is a list of areas of Missions that we are able to support this fall:



Community New Garment Assoc., West Grove-\$100.00
SE District UMW Missions-\$150.00
UMCOR US Disaster Relief Adv. #901670-\$250.00
Family Promise of So. Chester Co.-\$200.00
WGUMC Emerg. Aid Fund-\$200.00
Troop 12 Scouts Rory the Lion Fundraiser-\$100.00
The Garage Youth Center in West Grove-\$100.00

Previously, this year, we contributed the following in the spring:

WGUMC Tech Budget-\$300.00
WGUMC Kitchen Fund-\$50.00
Aaron Boyd Mission Trip to Guatemala-\$1,000.00
WGUMC-\$200.00
EPAC-Camp Innabah-\$400.00
WGUMC-Youth Summer Mission Trip-\$500.00
This leaves our current budget balance at \$3,942.83.

Again, thanks to everyone who helps make our Rummage Sales a success!



WGUMC Fantasy Football League Standings



Rank	Team	Team Manager	W-L-T	Pts For	Pts Agnst	Streak
1	jerry's boys	Reed Smith Sr.	4-1--0	1606.47	1337.68	W-3
2	Team Hip Hop)	Matthew Rinehimer	4-1-0	1654.50	1382.72	L-1
3	Duct work	Rob Catoia	3-2-0	1517.90	1469.94	W-1
4	Team Knucklehead	Ken Rinehimer	3-2-0	1598.45	1525.91	W-1
5	groves 3 and 2	Jeremy Moore	3-2-0	1442.42	1481.90	W-1
6	Ten Plagues	Tim Bushnell	2-3-0	1339.52	1295.53	L-1
7	Bob's Team	Bob Castaldi	2-3-0	1389.74	1372.96	W-1
8	Andrew's Team	Andrew Herman	2-3-0	1413.73	1500.43	L-2
9	sulli's skins	Fred Sullivan	1-4-0	1286.68	1496.89	L-1
10	Jim's Slam-Dunk Team	Pastor Jim Mundell	1-4-0	1134.94	1520.39	L-1

Standings update: Oct 11, 2017

Camp & Retreat Centers promote fall fun- and fund-raising efforts

After a bustling summer camp season at our Camp & Retreat Centers (CRCs), even as images and echoes of playful children fade into memory, the fall season has arrived, when retreats and other events fill the calendar. Meanwhile year-round fundraising efforts continue.

Pocono Plateau kicks off its 4th annual **Hero Dash Festival** this Saturday, Sept. 23, offering a 5K race and a One-Mile Fun Run in wonderful weather (sunny skies with a high of 77 degrees)



amid the wonders of God's creation. They're even offering 30-, 40-, and 50-yard dashes for kids.

Prizes will go to the person who shows up in the best costume, and the one who raises the most money to benefit the camp and retreat ministry center.

"We've raised approximately \$10,000 in total over the first three years," says Nick Klein, race director. "This year's race proceeds will go towards building a new Team High Ropes Course. We had about 75 people last year and are hoping for in excess of 100 this year." For anyone needing an extra post-race challenge, they will open up the climbing tower. Meanwhile, the event includes savory, outdoor food, a campfire and a silent auction all morning long, offering gift cards, hotel stays at Pocono-area resort, homemade baskets and baked goods.

Lodging is available for anyone coming from out of town. You can stay on the property either in your own tent or in a rustic rented cabin. Cost is \$10 per person, and a light breakfast will be provided. Call the office at [570-676-3665](tel:570-676-3665) to reserve a spot.

There's still time to sign up and give your support. ([Get more information](#)). Registration forms will be available on race day for those unable to register online. Onsite registration opens at 9 AM. The Fun Run begins at 10 AM and the 5K begins at 10:05 AM.

In addition, Pocono Plateau will host its annual Adult Fall Retreat Oct. 3-6 and a Knitting Retreat Oct. 20-22. Through its [Pathway to Our Future](#) funding initiative, the camp is trying to pay off its current loan principle of \$397,000 for its Springer Center, a beautiful, convenient

gathering space for meals, a camp store and activities. Innabah in Spring City will host its **Fall Classic next Saturday, Oct. 7** (9 AM), a "hilly, trail romp around the beautiful hills and dales of one of PA's oldest camps." The five-mile run course "ranges from dirt trails, gravel roads and a few short paved sections, over rolling terrain above the beautiful French Creek in scenic Chester County."

There is also a two-mile "fun walk" over a non-competitive loop on grass trails and gravel roads. Registration—in advance or onsite at 8-8:45 AM—costs \$35. Amenities include their "back by popular demand" pancake breakfast, a "sweet t-shirt" to all pre-registered runners, and awards for all age ranges.

All proceeds benefit summer camp programs and subsidized camperships there. Meanwhile, Innabah is promoting its **Pennies for Our Playground** fun-and-fund-raising effort. "Our playground is old," says their appeal. "We need



something new. Can you help us out? With a penny or two." The campaign is their first step towards reaching a goal to have a new, ADA (American Disabilities Act)-compliant by late spring 2018 so that it can be installed by next summer.

To date they have raised about \$6,000 of the \$20,000 needed. All donations are welcome; no donation is "too small." If you want to help, contact [Michael Hyde](#), Camp Director, or [Kelly Nelson](#), Program Coordinator, or call the camp main office at [610-469-6111](tel:610-469-6111).

Gretna Glen launched a new season of **Free Youth Nights** last Sunday, Sept. 17. The next ones, always on Sundays from 4 PM to 6:30 PM, and always for free, will be Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. Middle & High School youth, in grades 6 to 12, can come with their local church youth group and enjoy a taste of the camp experience, including lively games, music, inspiring (Continued on page 10)

(continued from page 9) speakers, worship, and good ol' camp fun.

Gretna Glen will also host its final 2017 UMC **Confirmation Camp weekend** Oct. 13-15 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). The theme is "Embrace Your Faith." The weekend focuses on the five vows of membership affirmation: prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Each vow comes alive as confirmands participate in hands on activities, discussions and reflections that help draw connections from the act of confirmation as the start of a fulltime life of faith. Want to treat your youth to faith formation with fun and fellowship amid the beauty of God's creation?

In December Gretna Glen will host their **Children's Winter Blast Overnight**, Dec. 1-2. Children in grades 1 to 6 can come for "a fun-filled 24 hours (7 PM to 7 PM) of all the camp fun we can fit!" says camp staff. "Wintery games, hot cocoa, a fun Christmas theme and more will fill out the overnight! This is a great chance to experience camp, whether you're looking for a first time overnight experience, or you're a camp fun fanatic. [Register online](#).

At the other end of the age spectrum will be Gretna's **Autumn Leaves Senior Day** on Tuesday Oct. 10, 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Autumn Leaves is planned just for adults, with fun activities and entertainment, laughter shared with friends, a hot lunch and snacks, and a chance to enjoy the colorful, changing seasons of life and nature together. Check [the website](#) to register.

But Gretna staff also have an urgent question for all supporters: "**Can you help us finish the Bathroom?**" Check out the [online brochure](#) to learn about this "awesome project," a long overdue improvement that will greatly enhance the camp and retreat experience for many children, youth and adults.



Carson Simpson Farm Christian Center, which turns 100 in 2019, held its annual Flea Market and Mum Sale, Sept. 16, one of several fundraising and [giving opportunities](#). Now the center, located in Hatboro, just north of Philadelphia, will close its 2017 calendar with its annual Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. Orders are due by Nov. 1 and can be picked up at the camp office on Nov. 21 (1 to 6 PM). The pies, each costing \$15, are from Solly Brother's Farm, family owned and operated since 1920.

***NOTE:** Our four Camp & Retreat Centers hosted **2,918 summer campers** from June to August. They were served by 139 summer staff and over 318 volunteers.

Pocono Plateau served 717 summer campers over seven weeks, with 27 paid summer staff and 136 volunteers. **Innabah** served over 500 campers for seven weeks, with 19 summer staff over 60 volunteers. Innabah also hosted a week of outside groups using its facilities for their summer camps.

Gretna Glen, with "Fearless Faith!" as its theme, served 1,070 "Faith-Based Summer Campers" over 7 weeks, plus 265 "Camp Can Do Summer Campers" over three weeks, thanks to 43 paid summer staff and 107 volunteers. The camp staff came from the U.S. and six other countries: Bolivia, New Zealand, Poland, Jamaica, Canada and Tanzania.

Carson Simpson Farm had 366 campers; but including those who came for multiple weeks, they totaled 1361 registrations. Fifty summer staff and 15 volunteers operated the camp for 10 weeks.

Thanks to our Camp & Retreat Center directors for this information and for great photos. Be sure to view—or review—many of those photos on our [Flickr](#) page in individual albums featuring each center.

The Four Lights of Advent Class

Advent season is just a few weeks away! The word “advent” means coming - the coming of the Son of God into the world, a child who is the greatest revelation of the glory of God.

During this year’s advent season, the Prayer Ministry Team invites you to Sunday morning gatherings to anticipate His coming and recognize that Jesus is the light.

The theme is “The Four Lights of Advent”

– The Light Breaks Through; The Light Reveals; The Light Spreads; and The Light Sings.



Advent

Come and hear scripture, music, and reflect and pray, as we wait together with anticipation for Jesus to come into the world.

We will meet starting **Sunday, November 26th**, at 9:45am, in room # 3, and will continue for the following three Sundays.

All are welcome!

Contact person is Carol McGinley, MA
-Spiritual Director
(610-453-4114, cmcginley@zoominternet.net)



Sounds of The Season

Annual
Christmas
Music
Celebration
Sunday,
December 3rd
6:30 p.m.

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us!

Bring your family and invite your friends! Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows **all ages** to join in the festivities.

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

Stay after for delicious, homemade Christmas cookies and cider!



Wednesdays in Advent

Parties, gifts, and family tensions dominate the season. So maybe it's time we explore what Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are really about.

Join us on

Wednesdays in Advent from 6-8 p.m., as we use Messy Church to experience creative and

fun-filled Christian community. Bring a potluck to contribute to the meal!

Wednesday December 6th - Prepare the Manger

Wednesday, December 13th - Worship at the Manger

Wednesday, December 20th - Celebrate the Manger

This season, refocus and prepare for Christmas with Messy Church!





Thank you to all who have spent time on Sunday mornings volunteering 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 at (610-468-4321).



food • community • sustainability

What: Package meals to be shipped throughout the world to support feeding programs, orphanages and crisis relief.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: West Grove UMC

Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event at West Grove UMC on

Saturday, November 18th from 10:00-Noon.

The area UM churches will gather at our church to package 15,000 meals (each meal feeds a family). The meals will be distributed worldwide by Rise Against Hunger to help alleviate hunger. Each church gives \$400 to help pay for the meals.

Our fifth Sunday coin collection on October 29th will be used for this purpose. We also need volunteers who can help on November 18th. Folks are needed to help set-up, package meals, and tear-down. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the church lobby. Persons of all ages and ability are welcome to join us. Please consider supporting this ministry with your time and/or resources. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Leaman: (jmleaman@comcat.net or [484-643-2181](tel:484-643-2181))



Worship Service Volunteers Needed!

We are in particular need of Greeters, Ushers, Communion Servers to be included in the rotation for the 11:00 service.

Service volunteers serve on an approximately 4-6 week schedule, and arrive at 10:45 AM the week of your shift.

Please contact:

Joan Saller, ssaller@comcast.net to be added to the regular schedule or to be part of a pool of last-minute substitutes.

8:30 service volunteers (and substitutes) are also always in need; please contact Rain Catoia to be added to the schedule, raindowdy@gmail.com.

A huge thanks to Joan Saller and Rain Catoia for coordinating volunteers for our services each week!!



Next month, Family Promise Week will be celebrated by 206 Family Promise affiliates in 43 states. We are very fortunate to be joined by so many dedicated individuals who are helping families regain their sustainable independence. In the two short years since we opened, over 800 wonderful people have joined our mission to alleviate family homelessness. Our volunteers are kind, loving, generous, and flexible, knowing that family homelessness isn't a one size fits all situation.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education reported that 422 school-age children and their families experienced homelessness in Southern Chester County at some point during the 2015-2016 school year. Since Family Promise of Southern Chester County opened its doors in November 2015, we have served 31 families with 117 family members -- 77 children and 40 adults. Over 100 people who now have a safe and secure place to call home. Our volunteers are truly changing lives... one family at a time.



How can I help the church? POSTAGE STAMPS!

We mail bulletins, newsletters, prayer letters, birthday cards, giving letters, and other correspondence throughout the year.



Please consider giving a book of stamps to assist us with this ministry.

Your gift may connect a shut-in with the church community or a college student with a birthday card.

Your gifts empower our mission!

Our visitation ministry is busy connecting with people who become unable to fully engage in the life of our church.



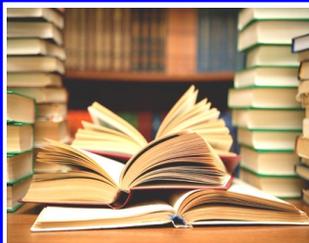
The visiting team reaches out bringing comfort, joy, and His Word through visits, phone calls, and cards. Some of the volunteers bring communion on their visit. If you would like to serve on the visiting team, or you want to be visited, or know someone who would like a visit, contact Pastor Shirley.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34



Our opportunity list gives you a chance to give beyond your regular tithe. Consider how you might impact our congregation and community.

Item	Quantity	Approximate 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
Fireproof filing cabinet	2	\$ 2,500
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms	25	\$ 500
Multifunction printer	1	\$ 150



**Books
Mentioned
In
Sermons**

Rising Strong: The Reckoning. The Rumble. The Revolution.

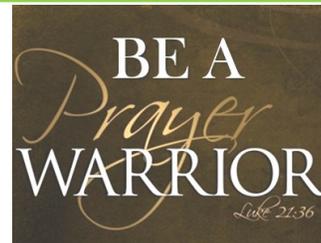
By Brene Brown

Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help

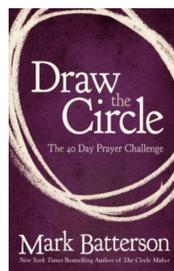
By Melanie Ewbank and Robert D. Lupton

“Catholic Spirit” by John Wesley

Do you have a heart to pray for others? Are you drawn by His gentle kindness to go on your knees in prayer? Join the prayer chain and lift up in prayers the concerns of your brothers and sisters at WGUMC and the community. Contact Pastor Shirley.



“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”
Matthew 18:19-20.



“The size of your prayers depends on the size of your God. If your god is small, you’ll pray man-sized prayers. But if your God knows no limits, then neither will your prayers.

The God we pray to exists outside of the four space-time dimensions He created, and maybe we should pray that way!” Author, Mark Batterson, “Draw the Circle, The 40 Day Prayer Challenge”.



SCRIP Scripts

We are slowly getting more individuals and families to participate. Even one card can net additional income for the church as we count our pennies.

This month's tip(s):



November: It's time to start thinking about the holidays. With all of the parties, gifts, and donations, gift cards are a great option.



Besides Walmart, Staples and Target, remember there are gift cards for Lands End, Dick's sporting goods, American Eagle, and Barnes & Noble.

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

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 (Spouse) shall
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ARTICLE IV

...which I may own at the time of my death, re-
 over nature and where ever situated, inclu-
 -ed to after the execution of this
 -or which I may have any pow-
 -named for the following
 - benefit

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!



Benefits of Quitting Smoking Over Time



It's never too late to quit using tobacco. The sooner you quit, the more you can reduce your chances of getting cancer and other diseases.

Within minutes of smoking your last cigarette, your body begins to recover:

20 minutes after quitting

Your heart rate and blood pressure drop.

(Mahmud A, Feely J. Effect of smoking on arterial stiffness and pulse pressure amplification. *Hypertension*. 2003;41(1):183-187.)

12 hours after quitting

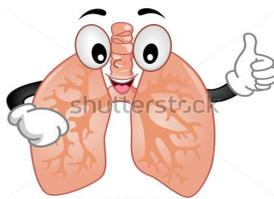
The carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 1988, p. 202)

2 weeks to 3 months after quitting

Your circulation improves and your lung function increases.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 1990, pp. 193, 194, 196, 285, 323)



1 to 9 months after quitting

Coughing and shortness of breath decrease. Tiny hair-like structures that move mucus out of the lungs (called cilia) start to regain normal function in your lungs, increasing their ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce the risk of infection.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 1990, pp. 285-287, 304)

1 year after quitting



The excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of someone who still smokes. Your heart attack risk drops dramatically.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 2010, p. 359)

5 years after quitting

Your risk of cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half. Cervical cancer risk falls to that of a non-smoker. Your stroke risk can fall to that of a non-smoker after 2 to 5 years.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 2010 and World Health Organization. *Tobacco Control: Reversal of Risk After Quitting Smoking*. IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention, Vol. 11. 2007, p. 341.)

10 years after quitting

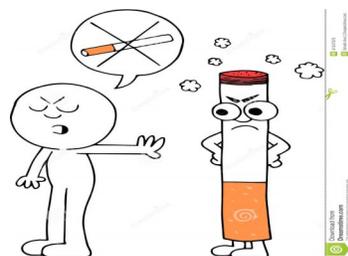
Your risk of dying from lung cancer is about half that of a person who is still smoking. Your risk of cancer of the larynx (voice box) and pancreas decreases.

(US Surgeon General's Report, 2010 and US Surgeon General's Report, 1990, pp. vi, 155, 165)

15 years after quitting

Your risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker's.

(World Health Organization. *Tobacco Control: Reversal of Risk After Quitting Smoking*. IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention, Vol. 11. 2007, p. 11.)



These are just a few of the benefits of quitting smoking for good. Quitting smoking lowers your risk of diabetes, lets blood vessels work better, and helps your heart and lungs.

Life expectancy for smokers is at least 10 years shorter than that of non-smokers. Quitting smoking before the age of 40 reduces the risk of dying from smoking-related disease by about 90%.

Quitting while you're younger will reduce your health risks more, but quitting at any age can give back years of life that would be lost by continuing to smoke.

Are there benefits of quitting that I'll notice right away?

Kicking the tobacco habit offers some rewards that you'll notice right away and some that will show up over time.

Right away you'll save the money you spent on tobacco! And here are just a few other benefits you may notice:



-Food tastes better.

-Your sense of smell returns to normal.

-Your breath, hair, and clothes smell better.

-Your teeth and fingernails stop yellowing.

-Ordinary activities leave you less out of breath (for example, climbing stairs or light housework).

-You can be in smoke-free buildings without having to go outside to smoke.

-Quitting also helps stop the damaging effects of tobacco on how you look, including premature wrinkling of your skin, gum disease, and tooth loss.

Written by <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/acs-medical-content-and-news-staff.html>
World Health Organization. *Tobacco Control: Reversal of Risk After Quitting Smoking*. IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention, Vol. 11. 2007.



CMO CHAPEL TIME with Pastor Monica

In October, we are learned about God's special book, the Bible. We heard special stories about God and God's heroes in the Bible. We also sang a song about the Bible.

Week of October 2nd

Theme: Creation

Song: The BIBLE

Younger: When the World was New by Alicia Garcia de Lynam

Older: Big Momma Makes the World by Phyllis Root and Helen Oxenbury

Week of October 9th

Theme: Noah's Ark

Song: The BIBLE

Younger: Read Aloud Bible Stories vol. 3 "Noah's Big Boat"

Older: Usborne Book of Bible Stories "Noah's Ark"

Week of October 15th

Theme: Moses in the Basket

Song: The BIBLE

Younger: Read Aloud Bible Stories vol. 4 "The

Baby in the Basket"

Older: Pray and Play Bible volume 2 "Baby Moses"

Week of October 22nd - no Chapel Times - We

enjoyed our field trip in God's creation!

Week of October 29th

Theme: David and Goliath

Song: The BIBLE

Younger: Read Aloud Bible vol. 4 "David and the Biggest Man"

Older: David and God's Giant Victory: Biblical Values (I Can Read! / Dennis Jones Series), Jones, Dennis



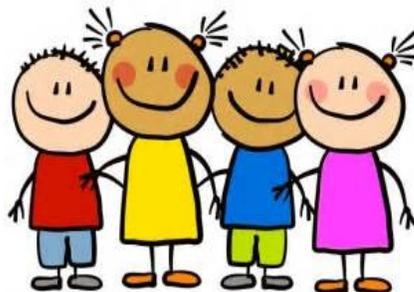
Song: THE BIBLE

"The B.I.B.L.E.

Yes, that's the book for me.

I stand alone on the Word of God,

CMO PRESCHOOL



Fall is in the air and the children of the CMO and Preschool have been very busy. The teachers have been teaching about the season of Fall and planning many hands on activities to go along with this theme. You may see our children raking pretend leaves, sampling apple turnovers they made, or painting with vibrant fall colors. We began our Chapel Time with Pastor Monica the last week of September. The children are enjoying hearing the stories that Pastor Monica is sharing with them. They also love the songs that Pastor Monica shares. This month the song is "My God is So Big", and the children sing it loud and proud. We once again offered an after school enrichment program for this fall. It is soccer shots. Soccer shots is a beginning soccer program for preschool aged children. A "soccer coach" comes each Wednesday and teaches the children about soccer. It is so much fun and the children are really enjoying it.



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Our Consignment Sale was once again a big success. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who donated items, consigned, shopped, and volunteered their time during our sale. I am able to

continue to have this sale as a fundraiser for our program because of all of the volunteers. Without you all, I would not be able to do it!

Tracy McLaughlin,



Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

RAP is back on schedule in November and will be meeting on the second **Friday, November 10th at 12:00 noon**. Sara Ann Ramberger will be our monthly host. If you would like to provide a dessert or help with the setup and clean up, please let Sara Ann know. Don't forget to bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided.

Belles and Roses Joyful Ringers from October's meeting. What a delight!



This month we have a great program by Steve Burn, Site Manager of the **Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA)**.

Steve will be presenting a PowerPoint which includes a brief history of landfilling, environmental impacts of improper waste disposal, SECCRA's environmental monitoring program, an overview of landfill gas to energy and the recycling facilities. The program is designed to inform you about what happens to trash after it leaves your home. It also covers how a landfill is built, how SECCRA handles household recyclables and how SECCRA ensures that the waste does not become a hazard to the environment. It is stressed that since we all are responsible for making trash, we are all responsible for ensuring that our trash is disposed of properly.



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Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA) is a municipal authority formed in 1968 to provide a regional waste management approach to municipal solid waste problems in southern Chester County. SECCRA's current landfill in London Grove Township started operations in 1986 and it serves 24 boroughs and townships in southern Chester County. The landfill has received more than 1,000,000 tons of waste so far and will serve the community until 2030 and beyond.

Plan to join us on **Friday, November 10th** for lunch, fellowship, and this interesting program!

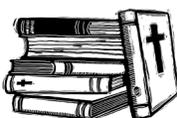
J.U.L.I.E.T.

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

Saturday, November 11, 2017



Juliets meet for breakfast and fun... second Saturdays at 9:00! Join us! We meet at **Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in



Luther House Bible Study

Hear the Stories!

Everyone is welcome to attend! We meet on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at Luther Building #1. Come join us, once a month or every week! Come as you are able. We have been reading through Romans and enjoy sharing how God's Word works in our lives. If you are interested, have questions or would like to know more, please contact Cindy Haley at [484-702-7071](tel:484-702-7071) or chaley@zoominternet.net.

The new project for Fall 2017 will be making **BOOK BAGS** for **MISSION CENTRAL!**



Check it out!

<http://missioncentral.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/School-Kit-and-School-Bag-Instructions.pdf>

Our quilting challenge is to make quilts for Family Promise use while families are residing in our church.

We welcome anyone who would like to participate - no sewing skills are necessary!

Our meetings are usually the first and third Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room. This month we will meet on November 3rd and 17th!

JOIN US whenever you can. For more information check with Chris Curtiss or Karen Boyd.

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out

November 30, 2017



R.O.M.E.O.

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 610-724-0477**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

C.I.A. Youth Ministry News

Greetings!

Our Youth Ministry program is developing! Thank you to everyone for your valuable input and guidance. Here are the updates for the rest of October through the end of the year.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin



P.S. SIGN-UP FOR YOUTH MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS!

Please sign-up for our Flocknote Group. It is a simple and effective way to keep informed by getting interactive emails and/or text messages. You can join online by visiting <https://app.flocknote.com/WGUMC> or text WGUMC to 84576 to join by text.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Hayride and Bonfire outing on Sunday, October 22nd was cancelled by the host church. We are having a Movie Night at West Grove UMC instead.

I am away at a church conference November 2-5. The Sunday, November 5th after church youth program is cancelled.



LOOKING AHEAD

**TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29th, 2:30pm-5pm.**

Our theme is Noah's Ark. Please start bringing in stuffed animals to fill our ark. If you're really adventurous wear an animal costume or dress as a character from the story the day of the event!



**CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 12th,
3:30 P.M.**

We have been invited to have a Pastor Kevin Chili vs. Youth Chili cook-off! If you like to make chili this is your chance to show off your skills. Also, all youth are invited to make brownies for a youth brownie cook-off for this event. I am asking all youth to make a batch of brownies for the Chili Cook-Off. Flyers and sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the lobby.

PHILADELPHIA PROJECT

We are going on a weekend mission



trip December 1-3. Registration needs to be completed by the beginning of November. Information will be provided at the October Dodgeball and Pizza night (October 20th) in order to start the sign up process.

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

At the Youth Group Kick-Off on October 8th, youth and parents developed a Youth Group meeting schedule for the year. There are opportunities for youth to get involved nearly every week!

1st Sunday: After Church "Hour of Power" Mission Project, 12:15pm-1:15pm

2nd Sunday: Table Talk - Discussion over Dinner (Bring Your Own Brown Bag Dinner), 6:30pm-8pm

2nd Friday: Dodgeball and Pizza Night, 7pm-9pm

3rd Sunday: After Church "Git 'er Done" Service Project, 12:15-1:15pm

4th Sunday: Movie Night (Rated G to PG-13), 6:30pm to 8:30pm

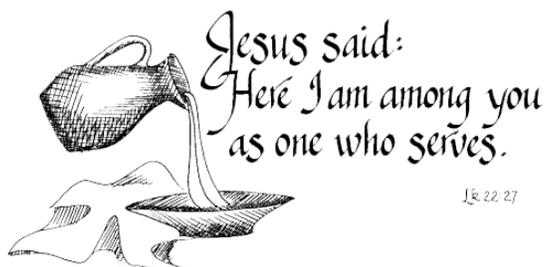


Take the First Steps to Being a Christ Servant Minister, Right Here in West Grove on December 15 & 16.

Ready to explore God's call in your life? Take the first step in the Christ Servant Ministry program with others who have heard that still, small voice calling in the night or are sure they have been hit across the head with a two-by-four.. The Basic Course provides a firm foundational understanding of God's presence in our lives, the meaning and mission of the church, and insight into how and where you can apply the gifts you have and will receive from our Lord. You will learn about the need for servant ministries in our world and what it means to be a servant for Christ. The Basic Course is also the first step towards further development as a Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister

The course will be offered here at West Grove UMC on December 15 & 16. The class meets on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m., and again on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*. The cost is \$25*. Lunch is included. This is sponsored by the Southern Chester County ConneXion of United Methodist Churches.

*Exact times and cost are approximate pending final word from the instructor.



leadership
passion
motivation
dedication
drive
discipline
excellence
heart

We are going to see about offering the basic course for Christ Servant Ministers at one of our local United Methodist churches. We will need a minimum of 12 students. It will probably be on a Saturday for 3-4 hours.

A Christ Servant Minister is...

An active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation;

Eager to serve through the church

Well-informed on Scripture, and on the doctrine, heritage, and the life of the United Methodist Church

Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, caregiving ministries, and spoken communication

Willing to improve his or her skills by training for service

Talk to Pastor Monica if you would like to know more.



Thank you for all those who prepared reports for Charge Conference, as well as those who attended. Full reports are available in the church lobby.



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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

West Grove United Methodist Church was issued a donation of \$22.80 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2017. So friends, keep using Amazon Smile when you shop doesn't cost you anything and earns the church a donation!

From Vision to Action

We give thanks to God for the faithful folks who have been praying and discerning our vision and ministry strategies into the future. At this point, Administrative Council has endorsed this vision across multiple years. We have been sharing these goals for each portion of our Mission statement as well as the specific strategies in the last three newsletters. Please refer back to the June newsletter for OPEN goals and strategies, July newsletter for GROW goals and strategies, and August for SERVE goals and strategies and updates each month on how we are following our vision and living out our strategic plan. You can always refer to the website for previous newsletters. Pray about where God is leading us. Pray about where God is calling you to take a step of faith as our church takes a leap of faith! Thanks be to God for Vision and Action!

Prayers for our Church

Join us as we pray specifically:

- God will give us specific hearts for our community.
- God will open us to move beyond comfortable to growing in our faith.
- God will rise up leaders and servants to serve those in need and lead.



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

Open~ Grow ~ Serve
How are you meeting our congregation's three resolutions for 2017?

- Read Bible in a year
- Attend one spiritual growth opportunity
- Invite one person to church

Have you invited someone to church?

- It can be uncomfortable to invite someone out of the blue to worship.
- Consider using the great postcards we have had made or the newsletter to help you. Use the postcards to invite a friend who enjoys music to the Advent Music Night on December 3rd.
- Use the postcards to invite a friend who often eats alone to the Pancake Breakfast.
- Use the postcards to invite a friend asking about your Christmas plans to Christmas Eve.
- By inviting someone to church, you open up a new venue for the Holy Spirit to move in their life.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish, but happy are those who follow God’s way.” Proverbs 29:18



Healthy Snacks at School and How You Can Help!

Avon Grove School District, along with other Pennsylvania districts, have moved to a “smart snack” initiative. Healthy snacks are great for our kids. However, the cost is often higher at the grocery store.



Packaged Snacks:

-100 calorie packs are great options for certain foods. Try low-fat, whole grain crackers and whole grain pretzels. Sweets, even in 100 calorie packs, often have more than 35% of their weight as just sugar, while fried foods, like potato chips, have way more fat than is allowed. To be under 35% calories from fat a food cannot have more than 35 calories of fat per 100 calories.



-Baked tortilla chips with 100 calorie packs of guacamole dip can be fun treats.

-Baked potato chips will meet the guidelines at 120 calories and 3 grams of fat.

-Baked whole grain pita chips are a handy option.

-Fill pita pockets with veggies and a little nonfat Italian dressing for a fun snack.

-Prepared veggie and fruit trays with low-fat dips are speedy, fuss-free options.

-For a calcium-rich option, try single-serving, sugar-free pudding cups.

-Light, low-fat yogurt comes in cups and squeeze tubes. As long as it meets the sugar requirements, it is good to go.



-Whole grain cereals like shredded wheat, oatmeal "O's", and Chex are great snack options without added sugar.

-Brown rice cakes are great options. Kids can top them with nut butter and fruit.

-Boxed raisins and other dried fruits are great.

-Whole grain fig cookies like Fig Newtons will work.

-Fruit cups and individual fruit serving cans packed in juice are great packaged snacks, too.

Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You!



We are blessed to be able support others in difficult times with our emergency food pantry. It is your generous donations that allow us to do that.

Providing a family with food also allows a family the flexibility to put those funds towards paying rent or utility: to eat and keep on the lights. Don't forget the food pantry as we head towards fall.



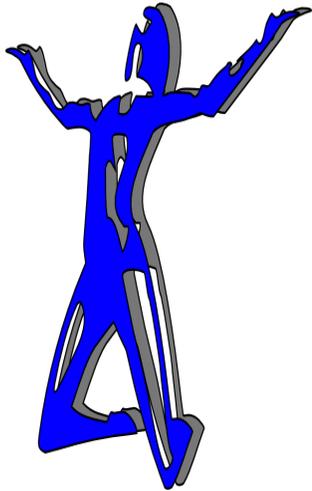
The most needed items currently are:

Laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner.

Also needed are: **tea bags, juice boxes, coffee, juice, canned fruit, applesauce cups, jelly, cereals, snacks for kids, canned meats and stews, baked beans, ramen noodle soup packages, ketchup, and mayo.**



Who are the ones that pray with you in the Prayer Room?



The people who want to pray with you, and for you, are the people gifted with intercessory prayer, praying for others. They are members of the Prayer Ministry. They gather to plan ways to equip and support others in knowing the power of prayer. Some of the ways have been offering classes, prayer beads, movies, and awareness of the prayer room.

PRAYER BEAD GARDEN UPDATE



Your Prayer Bead Garden team has diligently received bids and feedback

on the Prayer Bead Garden. The goal for Phase 1 has been adjusted to reflect this activity.

The determination has been made to begin work in the spring. Please continue to support the Prayer Bead Garden with your gifts.



Pray for all the ways in which the garden will bless our church and community.



The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to make and serve coffee after the 8:30am service, and someone to serve after the 11am service, on the second Sunday of each month.



Please contact Caryl or Dick Stuhrke at [\(302\)239-1743](tel:3022391743).

Planning for the Future

We plan for the future all the time. We hope to have enough milk, eggs, and bread during a snowstorm. We hope to have enough gas to get to our destination. We hope to make good life choices to achieve who God has called us to be. We might want to plan for a future beyond ourselves as we consider wills, estate planning, legacies, and even our own funeral or memorial service. Sometimes, persons are interested in sharing their wishes and desires for funeral and memorial services with loved ones ahead of time. Other times, information is written in places to be discovered upon death. In other circumstances, families wish to respect the wishes of a loved one, but are unsure as to what best honors their loved one. Prayerfully consider, if you might want to record those thoughts with the church. The church can retain and hold those wishes for you, so that information might be shared and available when appropriate. If you are interested in recording your hopes for your own services, please be in contact with Donna in the office for a guide or Pastor Monica to discuss your thoughts.





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