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"Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep God's commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone." Ecclesiastes 12:12-14

Is there every a moment when you have learned enough? A friend's daughter wondered this recently. She had been to school. She had learned. She had figured it out. And since she had put in one year, she was pretty sure, she was done. You and I can be a bit like this, too. I've read the Bible. ONCE. I've read the book of Matthew or Luke or maybe even, the epistle of Romans, ONCE. And now, we know the Bible. We are pretty sure we are done.

How wearying it can feel to each of us in our fifth year of returning to school or reading the book of Ezra? Can there be anything new that God is saying to us? Is it possible that our life has changed in any way since we read it last?

As buses start to slow us down on the roads in the morning, I invite you, not only to pray for educators and students, but to return to discipleship yourself. I invite you to return to your books as well. Return to the book of Numbers and Acts, Mark and Isaiah, Philipians and 1st Kings.

Now, here is the place where you and I need to be very honest with each other. We all have favorites. We might not have favorite children (I certainly do not!), but many of us have favorite biblical books. Some of us

prefer the narrative stories of gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The emotional and musical Psalms find a home in the heart of some. Other like the gospel of John for the salvation style miracles of Jesus. Others love Romans as epistle for the classic law book, they can follow. The Sunday School stories of Genesis call to many. Myself, I am partial to Philipians, as uplifting letter that always gives me hope. We could probably highlight most books for one reason or another.

However, each of the sections of the biblical witness needs the others. The Gospels need the prophets to foretell the coming of the Christ. The writings refer to the historical books. The epistles and lean on the Pentateuch to tell the beginnings of faith. With one missing, we do not have a full biblical witness. I want to challenge you as you get back into the swing of discipleship to evaluate where you have been reading in the Bible recently?

- Do you you always pick up the Gospels? Turn to Genesis!
- Do you always read Revelation? Read 1st Kings!
- Is your go to reading in Psalms? Pick up 1st Corinthians!

God is still moving, and I can only imagine, God might have more to say. We are not done yet. Thanks be to God.

In God's Love,

Pastor Monica



September Worship at West Grove UMC

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



Return to our Regular Worship Schedule
Contemporary at 8:30 AM; Traditional at 11:00 AM

DO Good News!

Join us as we hear the distinct voices of the gospel.

Good news from different channels - where can you hear the good news?

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Communion Sunday

***Emergency Aid**

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

Scripture: Acts 1:1-5, Mark 7:1-13

Sermon: Do Good News

All year, we have been using the passage from James 1:22: "Be doers of the word, and not just hearers, only" as our touchstone as we navigate our lived faith in the immediacy of the gospel of Mark. Don't just hear the good news; live it, too!

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Rally Day

**Commission of Sunday School Teachers
Confirmation**

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-4, Matthew 12:9-21

Sermon: DO Matthew

God has been sharing the good news of the coming of Christ since the beginning of time. The gospel of Matthew highlights the fulfillment of studied scripture. Where are you living your discipleship out and studying scripture?

Sunday, September 16, 2018

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Memory Bells

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-9, Mark 7:14-23

Sermon: DO Mark

Good news is not just good when all is right with the world. The gospel is good, even when everything has been turned upside down. The gospel has held out the test of time. Who needs to hear the good news in the hardest times? Invite them (sometimes, that's us).

Sunday, September 23, 2018

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Karen Hruz - Preaching

Sermon: DO Luke

We welcome, Karen Hruz as one of our Christ Servant Ministers (CSMs) to share with us about the gospel writer, Luke, who also wrote the Acts of the Apostles.

Sunday, September 30, 2018

19th Sunday After Pentecost

5th Sunday Coin Collection

Scripture: Isaiah 40:11, John 10:1-10

Sermon: DO John

The writer of John cares deeply about salvation. Join us as we explore the salvific purpose and love God has for each of us.



Join us for worship is on
September 9th at 11 am
in the **Alison Theater**.
Led by Pastor Jim.

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

**First
Sunday**

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!
Our next collection is September 2.

SEPTEMBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Men's Sunday School Class

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).



Pastor's Desk

*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."
Psalm 90:1-2*

During the month of September, multiple cultures celebrate a grandparents' day. For all of you who have grandparents, are grandparents, remember grandparents, and celebrate grandparents, we give God thanks! At West Grove, we are blessed to have many generations worshiping God side by side. Take time this month to give thanks to God for those who are grandparents to you, those you grandparent. For those who do not have grandparents or grandchildren, consider how you might extend the generations at church. Indeed, as God has been a God from everlasting to everlasting, may we be God's people from generation to generation!

BAPTISM

Through baptism we are joined with the church and with Christians everywhere.

- Baptism is a symbol of new life and a sign of God's love and forgiveness of our sins.
- Persons of any age can be baptized. We baptize by sprinkling, immersion or pouring.
- A person receives the sacrament of baptism only once in his or her life.

See One of our Pastors or the Church Office for information about Baptism for you or your children.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

*"And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."
2 Samuel 7:28-29*

From biblical times, when someone moved into a new dwelling, words of blessing were offered over the new home. Home blessings involve prayers, scripture reading, and movement throughout the house.

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

5TH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION

Mark your calendars! **September 30th** is our next opportunity to support our missionaries in the Ukraine, the Les Family. We give thanks to God for their ministries.

Help us support their fruitful work in sharing the gospel and equipping others!



BOOKS & MOVIES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- *The Quotidian Mysteries: Laundry, Liturgy, and "Women's Work"*, by Kathleen Norris
- *Gift from the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindberg
- *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, And Finding the Church*, by Rachel Held Evans
- *I've Been Thinking* by Maria Shriver
- *Chocolat*



PRAYER WALK

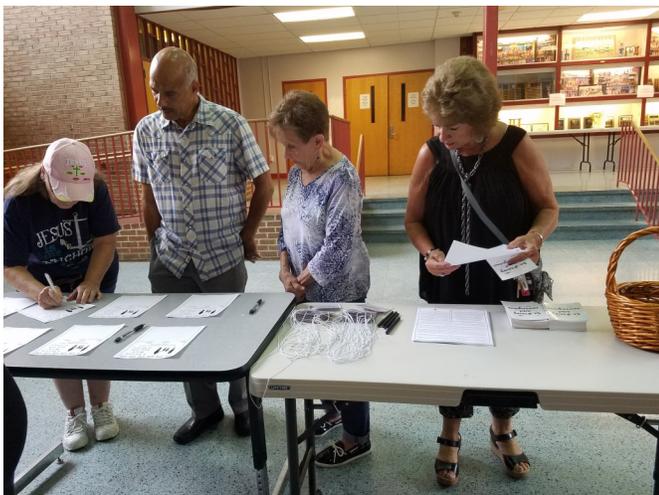
“Educators and schools are a vital part of our community. What blessing that we, as the Avon Grove Ministerium, can pray with and for them as the school year begins” Pastor Monica, Lead Pastor of West Grove United Methodist Church and Prayer Walk Organizer this year says.

On Tuesday, August 21st, representing the Avon Grove Ministerium churches and para church organizations gathered to pray through the Avon Grove Schools, including the High School, Middle School, Intermediate School, Penn London, the Avon Grove Charter School, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, and the Nazarene Academy. The pray-ers ranged in age from kindergarten to senior citizens.



After gathering for instructions and prayer, participants departed for the schools for which they have committed to pray. Some prayed around the building. Others walked through school in prayer. Some teachers, staff, and administrators invited those praying to pray for them, their classroom, and their upcoming year. Other staff and teachers asked for prayers for more personal joys and concerns like illnesses, family members, grief and travel. Pray-ers respected each teacher or staff person who invited pray-ers in as well as each one who did not.

We invite our community to continue to be in prayer for our schools, students, teachers, and staff on this day and throughout the year. We want our teachers, staff, and administrators to hear our gratitude, as we are grateful for their dedication in educating our children and youth. We join them in caring well for our community.





GROW



SEPTEMBER IS ALL ABOUT GROWTH!



Sunday School
for all ages

Sunday School Rally Day!
Faith Learning Academy

KICK-OFF!

Sunday, September 9th



Plan on joining us on September 9th as we kick off our Sunday School experiences for adults and children.

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

(More details on offerings for adults to follow.)

In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone!

So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!



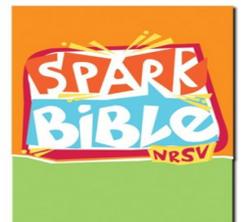
Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers & Sunday Morning Servants,
September 9th

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

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders

September 9th

On **Sunday, September 9th**, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at office@westgroveumc.org with the full name and spelling of your child's name, so a Bible can be presented to your child.



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

NEW BIBLE STUDIES!!!

LIFE OF DAVID Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. (Beginning September 12) West Grove UMC Sanctuary



In this 13 week study (led by Pastor Jim) we will delve into the story of David. There are several reasons why we should take on this study:

- **David's story is exciting.** A shepherd boy who has an encounter with a giant named Goliath trusts in God and he defeats this experienced warrior with his faith, a sling and a stone. There are "chance" encounters in caves and deserts, beautiful women and palace intrigue. He escapes with his life by pursuits from two kings, King Saul and then his own son, Absalom. David prevails and becomes King of Israel. It's going to be exciting to study his life.
- **David's story is inspiring.** This mighty warrior is a committed believer and a prolific singer-songwriter, whose lyrics still inspire us today, some 3000 years later. He has learned to trust God in the depths of depression and the extremes of danger and he knows how to offer high praises to God. David's story points us to our God.
- **David's story is human.** This lover of God has flaws that threaten to destroy his spirit, his family and his position as king. We see a man who falls very low, but repents to takes God's grace and mercy and is restored and redeemed.
- **David's story is manly.** His life helps us see how a great warrior and leader David is as he integrates his faith in his daily life with that of being a king. He shows that men can have a very strong faith in God.
- **David's story is ongoing.** God chose him to be the ancestor of our Lord, the Son of David and the Son of God – Jesus of Nazareth. This is supported by the Davidic Covenant, one of the most important themes in the Bible.

Join us for this exciting study of one the Bible's most famous people!

FAITH IN WASHINGTON Sundays, 6:00-7:30 PM (Beginning September 23) West Grove UMC Room 3

Our faith is never just for Sunday mornings. How has God called us to understand our faith beyond Sunday morning? Let's begin with Sunday evening, starting on Sunday 23rd, for six weeks. We'll watch clips from the television show, *West Wing*, hear the context of scripture, and see where God is calling us to live out our faith. Our world is not just one voice or political party, nor is our God. (Led by Pastor Monica.)

- Session 1: What Do We Do with Scripture, Faith, and Politics?
- Session 2: God Is Big Enough (For Your Questions, Your Struggles, Your Frustrations, Your Objections)
- Session 3: Hearing Multiple Voices
- Session 4: Immigration
- Session 5: Arms
- Session 6: Death Penalty

"Faith in Washington"
With
THE
WEST WING

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

A Prayer for Students

Lord, we lift hearts grateful for gifts of curiosity and imagination. Fill the minds of your children with a quest to understand your world, and bless their hearts with the security of knowing you are present whether the learning is joyful, hard, lonely, or full of friendship. Wherever they go, you are there.
Amen.

A Prayer for Teachers

God, thank you for calling some to be teachers and providing them the gifts and training to lead others on a lifelong path of learning. Instill patience in hurried moments, insight to find the best strategies, and stamina that sustains when weariness threatens. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents

Precious Lord, we send our precious children into the world of learning, but they are never far from you. May the hearts of all at home be knit tightly together in a web of support and encouragement for healthy learning habits so we may share healthy life adventures wherever you lead. Amen.

A Prayer for All Who Serve

Our God, some are students, some are teachers, some are parents, but many more serve and support learners of all ages. Be present in the offices, buses, classrooms, and playgrounds of all who touch the lives of students. Give them words of encouragement and affirmation of the lasting value of the work they do each day. Amen.



(This article is an excerpt from the Church Health Reader Summer 2018: Mindfulness and Meditation issue.)

JENNER'S POND BIBLE STUDY

Life of David
Fridays, 10:30-11:45 AM
Alison Theater
Begins September 14

In this 13 week study (led by Pastor Jim) we will delve into the story of David.

This is a compelling study because it David's story is human. This lover of God has flaws that threaten to destroy his spirit, his family and his position as king. We see a man who falls very low, but repents to takes God's grace and mercy and is restored and redeemed.

Join us!



LUTHER HOUSE BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 PM
Building #1

The Luther House Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in Building #1.

Everyone is invited to join us as we delve deeper into God's Word and share love and support for one another.

We will begin a new study in September (topic TBD). If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071.

We hope you can join us!

Spiritual Practices for Going Back to School

by Sandy Miller



School is back in session! Although you may be ready for the academic routine, young people will be diving back into schoolwork, homework, sports, rehearsals, exams, papers, and more. Finding time to be with God and to love their neighbors will be harder than ever.

You can shape the way your students will experience this school year. Whether you invite students to partner with you or to do it on their own, encourage the youth in your life to cultivate these back-to-school practices as they return to the hallowed halls of elementary, middle, or high school.

- **Listening.** Pay attention to teachers and coaches. Be there for friends. Be open to God's nudges. Start each day by praying, "Speak, Lord. I'm listening."
- **Perseverance.** When life is tough, don't give up. Press on in faith to achieve your goals. Find accountability partners to walk with you and to help you stay focused.
- **Questioning.** Wrestle with God's Word. Don't be afraid to ask God questions. Join a small group that can help you grapple with faith questions for which you have no answers.
- **Sabbath.** Make rest a priority. Seek balance. Find ways to refresh—body, mind, and spirit. Schedule "gimme a break" times in your planner—and keep them!
- **Noticing.** Observe the ways God shows up in unexpected people or places. Marvel at the fingerprints of God clearly evident in nature, in other people, and in the shaping of your life.
- **Hospitality.** Befriend the new kid. Welcome the stranger. Include those who are left out. Ask God to help you accept and appreciate what is strange or unique about you.
- **Loving Yourself.** Be OK with not being perfect. Show yourself a little compassion and grace. Discover things you like—or love—about yourself, and create an "I Like Me" list.
- **Showing Respect.** Love and respect go hand in hand. Learn to respect others by getting to know them. Share your story, and listen lovingly to the stories of others.
- **Prayer.** Pray throughout the day. Talk with God as you do with friends. Don't just go through the motions; be honest with God. Pray that you might become an answer to your prayers.

(This material is from The Upper Room and was adapted from devozine, September/October 2018.)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

4th Thursday of Each Month at 5:45 p.m.

(3rd Thursdays in November/December)

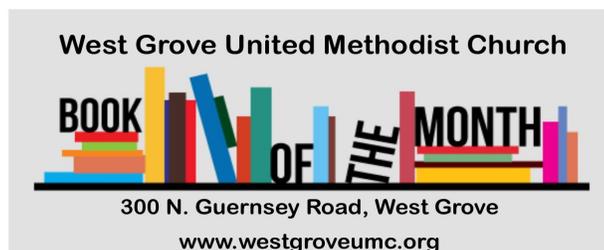
Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a newer title. We'll meet in Room 3. See Pastor Monica for more information.

September 27: *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque

October 25: *"A World of Three Zeros: The New Economics of Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions"* by Muhammad Yunus

November 15: *"The Great Alone"* by Kristin Hannah

December 20: *"The Nutcracker"* by E T Hoffman



NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST September 29 9:30-10:30 AM Room 3

Have you been worshipping with us for a while? Come and join us! Have you just come through the door? Come check us out!

What can you expect? Pastor Monica will share a galloping look at the background of the Church.

She will share what is distinctive about being United Methodist and

what is unique about West Grove United Methodist Church.

We discuss the vows of membership, renewed each time a new member joins or someone is baptized.

There is information about spiritual gifts and a survey you can take at home about the ones you might have.

Are you just curious? Come!



PRAYER ROOM

Our prayer room is open each Sunday after worship for anyone seeking prayer.



DAILY MEDITATIONS

They are written one for each day of the week as a short meditation and question to begin your day. Take your bulletin home and read each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!



GOD IS GOOD!

We've all prayed for God to hear our prayers, whatever they might be. So we have created a jar for "Answered Prayers".

It is located on the Information Desk in the lobby.

Please leave a note and place it in the jar so people can see that God does answer prayers.



CHRIST SERVANT MINISTERS Classes on October 26, 7-9 p.m. And October 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

We will be offering the basic course for Christ Servant Ministers on **October 26-27** at West Grove UMC. We will need a minimum of 12 students.

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

Join us as we pray specifically throughout the year for our church and community:

- God will move us from hearers of the word, to doers.
- Each person of the community will be welcomed here as a child of God.
- God will strengthen and grow leadership in our faith community for the next ways God is calling us to DO Faith.



HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

We want you to HEAR the word of God when you come to church to hear the word of God.

Hearing assistive devices are located in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. They can go right over your ear and amplify the sounds for you.

We give thanks to God the technology we have in the sanctuary that can help **everyone** hear.



SERVE



West Grove United Methodist Church

Prayer Bead Garden

**“Dine to Donate” Fundraiser
at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery**

Routes 41 and 1, Avondale

Monday, September 10, 2018

4:00 PM—8:00 PM

**DINE-TO-DONATE
EVENT!
FUNDRAISER!**

West Grove United Methodist Church will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters. The more family and friends we invite and who show up, the more money we raise. Please tell your Perkins server and/or cashier when you check out that you are with the “West Grove United Methodist Church” Fundraiser. Thanks for your support!

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY PICNIC PENN TOWNSHIP PARK September 22, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

This picnic has grown into the premier event in Southern Chester County with over 4,000 people in attendance last year. It is a fun day full of health information, wellness screenings, local businesses, non-profits, public safety organizations, food, music, and activities for all ages.

This year will mark the fourteenth anniversary of this important community event. Fun things are being planned, such as the popular live Elvis Tribute Show by Jesse Garron, our biggest vendor display we’ve ever had and a host of exciting new rides and activities.

West Grove UMC will once again have a tent at this event. And we need volunteers to greet visitors and help at the tent. Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office if you are able to help.



WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS OUR
THIRD ANNUAL OPEN MARKET
VENDORS WELCOME!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

To help make our Open Market a success, we need YOU!

We are so blessed to have such wonderful artists and crafters in our community: Artists, woodworkers, etched glass, embroidery, potters, wood carvers, crocheted items, handmade cards, wreath makers, alpaca items, etc. The list continues as we find the talented individuals within our own community. In addition to having vendors we have FOOD TRUCKS TOO!

If you are vendor, artist, craftsman, etc., please register for a space to showcase your unique products and talents! Reserve today by emailing the church office at office@westgroveumc.org.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS!

Be sure to come to the Open Market to start your holiday shopping. There will be lots of local vendors showcasing their wares: artists, potters, jewelers, wreath makers, quilters, woodworkers, etc. Shop for hand etched glass items, homemade greeting cards, soap, alpaca products, kids designed clothing and shoes, birdhouses, handmade stockings, etc. The variety and talents of these artists and crafters within our community is outstanding.

PLUS, a blessing of the animals!

Join us September 15 from 9:00-2:00 to support our vendors!

Plan to shop, eat, and enjoy the outdoors on a fall day!



Join The Choir

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

1st Rehearsal: Thursday, August 30 at 6:45 p.m.

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them! **The first rehearsal is on Thursday, August 30 at 6:45 p.m. in Room 6. We will sing at 11:00 service on September 2.**

Here are some reasons why it is so great to be a member of the choir!

Advantages of joining the choir:

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

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

MEMORY BELLS NEWS

The West Grove Memory Bells are gearing up for their new playing season. Believe it or not, on Christmas Eve we will celebrate our tenth anniversary, and during the summer things do continue to happen. Our new music for this year has been ordered, and new table skirts have been made. On Wednesday, August 8, Dick Price, Richard Stuhrke, and I met to do some refurbishment and repair work on our first three octaves of bells. Dick Price has had quite a bit of experience working on hand bells and he guided us through the steps needed to dismantle the bells, replace the springs, and then reassemble them. A big thank you to both the fellows for donating their time and talents. Our bells will be in top condition for ringing in September. We will give the bells a thorough polishing before we play again, so everything will also be bright and shiny.

Our first rehearsal for the playing year will be September 10 and we plan to ring in church on September 16. For anyone who may be interested in ringing bells, we have one, possibly two, positions open for our bigger bells. If you don't think you can make the commitment to permanently join the choir, we could also use some willing substitutes. Please contact me at home 484-887-0003, or call or text me at 610-563-9500.

Bell-essings,
Sandy Deckard, Hand Bell Choir Director



**PraiseWorks
Band
Rehearsals begin
Thursday,
August 30 at
7:30 p.m.**

Our PraiseWorks Band leads the 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service each week.

We always welcome new singers and instrumentalists.

If you have a heart for worship and are excited to serve God through leading the congregation on Sunday mornings, please contact Betsy Smith for more information.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

**Helping Men Grow In Christ,
So Others May Know Christ.**

All men from our congregation are invited to join the Lanchester United Methodist Men (UMM). It is a cluster of five local churches that meet monthly (September-June) on a rotating basis for dinner, singing, sharing, and a presentation each evening. Except for November and June, and our end of the season Family Night dinner, all meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month. Dinner starts at 6:45 and we finish around 8:30.

Our present cluster of churches includes Cochranville UMC, Pomeroy UMC, Faith Community UMC, Kemblesville UMC, Fremont UMC and Parkesburg UMC.

Monthly meetings include a dinner served by the hosting church, followed by singing of a few hymns, ending with a speaker or other entertainment chosen by the hosting church. Over the years we have had a wide range of people in this spot. Some giving their testimony, chaplains from local VA hospitals and prisons, fish and game wardens, war veterans, comedians, musical groups, and storytellers just to name a few.

Our November meeting at Parkesburg UMC is "Children's Night". This program is geared for entertainment for both children and adults. Our June meeting is "Family Night" and welcomes our church families to the Christiana Fire Hall for an evening of fellowship and entertainment.

Our fundraiser each year is our collection of toys and gifts for the Methodist Home for Children in Philadelphia. During the month of November each church collects toys for the children and gifts for the single women living at this location or one of their satellite facilities. All unwrapped toys and gifts are then brought to Parkesburg UMC. Then in the beginning of December all are encouraged to meet at Parkesburg UMC to load up the toys and gifts in enclosed pickup trucks where we then carpool into Philadelphia for delivery. After unloading we get an escorted tour of the facility. We usually stop at Olive Garden for lunch before heading home.

The fee for the monthly meetings is only \$11.00, \$9.00 of this goes to the host church to pay for the meals. There are no other membership fees associated with the Lanchester UMM.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kevin Bidwell at 302-593-0410) / isyorkie1@comcast.net.



FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle's mission is to make items which are distributed in our local area or through UMCOR. We have made many quilts, baby pads, book bags and other items which have been delivered to local shelters, Family Promise, and through UMW district appeals. Our fabrics have been donated over time so we have an very interesting 'fabric closet'.

FAITH CIRCLE resumes meeting after a summer break-and we welcome anyone who may be interested.

Our first meeting this fall will be FRIDAY September 21 at 9:30 in the youth room.

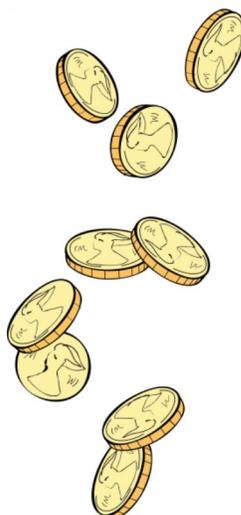
We will plan our fall projects including quilts and pillow cases for Family Promise. Our expected schedule is to meet the first and third Fridays. Please contact Chris Curtiss if you are interested in joining us...or just 'show up'.



Sewing skills are not necessary.

MISSION CENTRAL / MISSION POSSIBLE

Mission Central was a big success with the Missions team joining the Mission Possible kids. Over 48 lbs of quarters were donated on behalf of VBS to Mission Central totaling a donation of \$550.00.



The folks at Mission Central were so excited they took a video of the volunteers off-loading all the quarters! Our volunteers also worked on School Kits and Activity Kits.

WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Donations accepted at the church from Sunday,
September 30 through Wednesday, October 3.

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

Leftover items are donated local organizations.

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



CMO CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT SALE

CONSIGN

Thursday, October 18

SHOP

Friday, October 20 & Saturday, October 21

**SAVE THE DATE!
AND START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS
FOR ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED!**

Kids Clothes





Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You!

WGUMC's Emergency Pantry has distributed over 266 bags of food so far in 2018! 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 many in our community are struggling to make ends meet.

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 some staple items:

- Juice mix (ice tea, lemonade)
- Cereal
- Tea bags / coffee
- Juice boxes
- Canned fruit / applesauce cups
- Snacks for kids
- Canned meats and stews
- Canned pastas / spaghetti sauce
- Baked beans
- Ramen noodle soup packages, / canned soup (especially chicken noodle)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard and mayo)

Any donation is a blessing to those in need.

Thank You!



OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Our Community Garden grows produce for our neighbors. Everything we grow benefits families from the Garage or the Bridge.

Please consider signing up for a week or more this summer to weed, water, and harvest our community garden.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the lobby bulletin board.

It takes a community to feed a community. Help us feed ours.



FAMILY PROMISE

October 14-21

Volunteers needed!

Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. We need volunteers for the following: (Look for a sign-up coming soon!)

Set-up and break-down of the Guest and Family/Dining Rooms,
Meal Preparation-at the church,
Evening hosting-enjoying a meal and relax time with the families,
Transporting cots-on the final morning to Scott Steel's home for storage,
Breakfast and dessert baked goods-can be prepared at home.



PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PHASE 2!

We celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the Prayer Bead Garden! Thanks to all those who donated their time, talents, and gifts to make it possible.



We are excited about starting Phase 2! Phase 2 is the vegetation and planting phase.

In coordination with gardeners and landscape design, we will be planting:

- 2 White Dogwood Trees
- 1 Japanese Split Leaf Maple Tree
- 10 Leland Cypress Tree
- 6 Golden Thread False Cypress

You have the opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved one with anyone of those trees. Additionally, there will be 2 benches available for honor or memorialization as well. Each of those can be affixed with a plaque. Please see Pastor Monica if you are interested.

We give thanks to God for the movement of the Spirit as the Prayer Ministry will lead us in use of our Prayer Bead Garden coming this Fall.



PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PAVERS



The Prayer Bead Garden team is offering an opportunity to purchase a *Bead* (paver) in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names of those Honored or Memorialized will be listed in a laminated book and displayed. A full *Bead* (paver) is \$100.00 or a quarter *Bead* for \$25.00. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo.

	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
Full Bead Paver	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
Quarter Bead Paver	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Totals:		_____	\$ _____

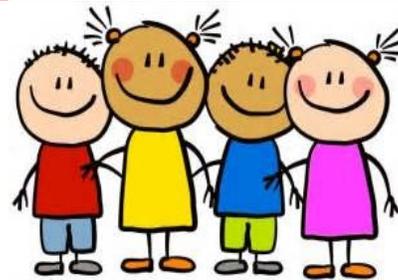
Please designate below how you wish to offer these Pavers, so it can be recognized in the Dedication Book. Please contact Pastor Monica, Susan Paisley, or the Prayer Bead Garden Team with questions or concerns .

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name: _____ **Envelope #** _____ **Amount \$** _____

CMO PRESCHOOL



BACK TO SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 4!!!

Our summer days are quickly slipping away. It seems like each summer goes by quicker and quicker. I love summer and being home with my own children; but I do look forward to September so I can see all of our preschool children again. The children bring so much joy to us all with their energy and smiles.

I am thrilled to be able to welcome two new staff members to our preschool this year, Gina Bechtel and Laura Chandler. Gina began at the end of last year in our Bee classrooms and Laura will begin this year in one of our pre-k classrooms. I know they will both be great additions to our team.

Our new preschool year will begin September 4th. At this point we do still have a few openings in some of our classes. I would love to have all of our classes full, so

SAVE THE DATE!

**BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT!!!**

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25**



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

LET THE FUN BEGIN!!!

The new school year is here and things are in full swing here at West Grove UMC! All programming for children and youth kicks off this month and we are so excited to have you there! There is something for every student at West Grove UMC. If you have any questions feel free to contact Melanie—childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL Starts September 9 9:45-10:45 AM

We are launching into a great year of fun and learning together! Our kick-off will be full of games, activities and seeing friends! Sunday school is available for children ages Pre-K (3's & 4's) through grade 12.

There will be a parent meet and greet with Melanie during the Sunday school hour where you can say hello, grab something tasty and hear about what we will be doing in Sunday school, Children's Worship and activities during the year.

All meeting locations will be shared ASAP.
Keep your eyes open for updates!

CONFIRMATION 2018

Starting September 9, 9:45-10:45 AM

Confirmation year is here! Any students in 7th or 8th grade are eligible for to be confirmed this year. Confirmation is the opportunity for students to affirm their faith and become members of West Grove UMC.

Students will be meeting together on Sunday, September 9 in room 10 (other side of the youth lounge). There will be a meeting with parents on Sunday, September 16 during the Sunday school hour (location TBA).



PRE-YOUTH GROUP PARTY! August 31 6:30-8:00 PM

A night of pizza and games to end summer and start off the school year. Come reconnect with friends and leaders, including the new youth director, Melanie! Contact Melanie Hartley for details and questions.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF! September 9, 6:00-7:30 PM Grades 7-12

Youth group is kicking off for the school year! Come on out for a night of games and catching up with new and old friends! You'll also get to meet Gary and Melanie!

PLUS:

Gutter ice cream.

"What is that?!" you're asking?
Show up to find out!



Dodgeball!

September 14
7:00-9:00 PM

More details to come!



FUN & FITNESS



7TH ANNUAL


**HARD
TO
5K
CORE**

**APPLE ORCHARD
5K MUD RUN**

at



40 Fruit Lane, Morgantown PA 19543

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2018**

Race starts at 8:30AM

1-Mile Walk starts at 8:40AM

Race day registration/check-in 7:00AM - 8:20AM

RUN or WALK

through

APPLE & PEACH TREES, A VINEYARD,
MUDHOLES, APPLE PITS, HAY BALES
AND CHRISTMAS TREES

AT



**Ends at pond with LIVE ROCK BAND
AND Awards Ceremony!**

Apple-Pancake Breakfast available with sausage,
fresh fruit, coffee, OJ & Apple Cider!

**REGISTER BY VISITING:
WWW.ONERUNTOGETHER.ORG**

**All Proceeds Benefit
Local Cancer Patients**

Orchard Mud Run
oneruntogether.org

MEL LEAMAN & FRIENDS BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, November 4

6:30-8:00 PM

at West Grove UMC

Tickets are a \$10 donation
to benefit the Garage Youth Center.

Enjoy a new set of music and refreshments provided by The Garage.

The GARAGE
Community & Youth Center



5 WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DOCTOR VISIT

Primary care visits can be challenging. You've spent time waiting for the appointment—perhaps weeks—and then the minutes seem to fly by. How can you respect the physician's time but also feel that you are fully and confidently participating in the care you receive?

- **Prepare.** Ahead of time, think through what you would like to discuss. If you have an ongoing complaint, try to discover if anyone else in your family suffers from the same condition. A thorough family history helps your provider better understand you as an individual. It's all right to take notes into the appointment with your questions.
- **Speak up.** Medical providers are trained to evaluate symptoms and decide what is causing them. If you have personal or family history that worries you, say something. Even if what's on your mind is not a worry, amid the many questions and boxes that get checked during an appointment, at any point you can say, "There's something I want to be sure I have a chance to say."
- **Be honest.** Don't hide embarrassing symptoms. Even when discussing medications, don't diminish side effects that might be making your life uncomfortable—a doctor cannot treat what he or she is not aware of.
- **Listen reflectively.** Ask for clarification when you need to. For example, "So my choices are X or Y and you think X is best because ..." or "If I decide I'd rather wait to do the test, my risk is ..." Understanding your treatment plan, even just a medication choice, helps you fully participate in your own healing.
- **Double-check.** Most doctors will ask, "Do you have any questions?" at the close of the visit. Check any notes you made ahead of the appointment to double-check you asked all your questions. Make sure you leave with instructions for what follow-up forms or tests you will be responsible for and when to schedule your next appointment to be sure you're following through on your end of the doctor-patient partnership.



(This article was featured in the Fall 2017: The Model for Healthy Living print issue of Church Health Reader.)

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

**September 14
12:00 PM**

RAP's first meeting of the new season will be held **Friday, September 14 at 12:00 noon**. Remember to bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided. We continue this year with members co-leading each monthly gathering.

Our September Co-Leaders are Janet Gregg and Connie Simcox. Trooper Easterling, Community Services Officer, Avondale State Police, is our guest speaker and will provide a presentation on Identity Theft.

Sometime between lunch and the program, Pastor Monica will welcome us to the outside area where a tree, park bench, and plaque will be blessed and dedicated in celebration of RAP's 20th Anniversary.

Please join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, lunch and a very informative presentation.

There is a need for a few more monthly co-leaders. If you are interested, please let Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.netknow of your interest.

SOLD OUT!

**RAP AND FRIENDS OUTING TO SIGHT & SOUND
FOR THE SHOW: JESUS**



JESUS is the musical stage adventure about the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Date: **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

Time: **Show begins at 11 a.m.**
(Suggested arrival time is 10:15 a.m.)

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

**JULIET...Just us Ladies
Interested in Eating
Together**

**Saturday, September 8
9:00 AM**



Juliets meet for breakfast and fun...
Second Saturdays at 9:00! Join us!

We meet at **Café Americano, 350 Scarlett Rd**

AVON GROVE SENIORS BUS TRIP Wednesday, October 10th

Our RAP Group and Friends are invited to join the Avon Grove Seniors for their bus trip to:
**Rainbow's Comedy Playhouse
Lunch Buffet and Show
"Love, Lies, and the Lottery"**

*Winning the lottery
should make all your wishes come true
but, be careful what you wish for!*

10:30 a.m.—Board Bus at WGUMC
Total Cost: \$70

Contact Janet Gregg at 610-255-4477
or

Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863
for reservations.



R.O.M.E.O.

**Retired Older Men Eating
Out**

September 27, 2018

R.O.M.E.O. If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. **Call Roger Bates, at 610-724-0477**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

STEWARDSHIP



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") (Dream in Process!)	2	\$4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$50,000
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms (Dream in process...7 out of 25)	25	\$500
3 laptops (1 for Caring Ministry, 1 for Director of Children and Youth Ministry, 1 for Volunteer Office with docking station)	3	\$1,500

DARE TO DREAM!

SCRIP SCRIPTS

With over 750 retailers to choose from, Shop With Scrip is an easy way to patronize your favorite merchants and raise money for WGUMC. For every dollar you spend, merchants will rebate WGUMC from 1% to 20% (and sometimes even more during special promotions). Here's how it works:

To participate:

- Go to shopwithscrip.com and click on the "Shop" tab for a listing of the participating merchants.
- Select a merchant by clicking on their logo and the rebate to WGUMC will be displayed.
- Choose one of the following delivery options:

Physical - An actual plastic card that is shipped once a month to WGUMC.

Scrip Now—You will receive an email with a barcode that you can print it out and present to the cashier at checkout or save the image on your smart phone.

Reload card— A traditional plastic card; but instead of having to reorder a new card when it is exhausted, you can create your own account online, register your card and reload it anytime you like.

Payments for the purchases are linked to your bank account in a secure environment making this one of the fastest and most convenient methods.

You may also pick up one of the order forms in the Narthex. Simply place your order form and a check made payable to WGUMC in Gene Aucott's mailbox in the mailroom.

With retailers from Amazon to Zappos, you are bound to find many options to buy groceries, gasoline, merchandise, vacations, restaurant services and even other gift cards while supporting WGUMC.

If you would like to participate or have questions, you can contact



Do your back-to-school shopping on Amazon! And make your giving go further by shopping on Amazon Smile! Every purchase you make earns the church a donation.

And it is EASY! It doesn't cost you anything and earns the church a donation! Type in **smile.amazon.com** in your Internet browser, choose West Grove United Methodist Church as your charity and then shop away! It is all the same stuff, no fees. Tell your family and friends too! It's that easy.

A percentage of your spending dollars will be credited to the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOUS

REMINDER

We will return to our regular two services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 2.

PLEASE NOTE

The Church office will be closed on September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Our Facebook page is a great resource for keeping up-to-date on what is going on here at church. Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook and "check-in" when you are here!



INTERESTED IN ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS?

The church is happy to order altar flowers in memory, honor or in celebration of someone special for you and acknowledge them in the weekly bulletin. Sweet Peas of Jennersville or Linda Shiplet are happy to supply the flowers.

The fee for altar flowers is \$25 and your check should be made payable to "WGUMC", or if ordering from Linda, you may pay her directly if you wish. If your flowers are donated, you will want to pay through the church as it is tax deductible. You have the option to take your flowers home after the service or donate them to the church to be delivered to the sick or homebound.

To order, use the **Flower Chart** in the administrative wing or email your order to the church office

at office@westgroveumc.org.

Be sure to indicate who you are honoring, who the flowers are from, and if you would like to order from Sweet Peas or Linda Shiplet.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 7, 2018

The animals in our lives, from the smallest fish to the largest horse, bring us great joy, comfort, laughter and purpose. They are a part of our families and our hearts and deserve God's special blessings. Bring your pets, large and small for a time of prayer and blessing just for them.

Dogs must be on leashes; smaller animals need to be in crates or cages. Horses, sheep, and goats are welcome as well, under the attentive eyes of their owners. Invite your fellow animal lovers to receive pet treats and God's blessings for their man's (and woman's!) best friends!

Thank You!

On Wednesday, August 8, Dick Price, Richard Stuhrke, and I met to do some refurbishment and repair work on our first three octaves of bells. Dick Price had had quite a bit of experience working on hand bells and he guided us through the steps needed to dismantle the bells, replace the springs, and then reassemble them. A big thank you to both the fellows for donating their time and talents. Our bells will be in top condition for ringing in September.

Bell-essings,
Sandy Deckard



To the Congregation of West
Grove UMC

Thank you for serving as a host for our Family Promise families in July. It is only because of support like yours that we can offer this important ministry!

May blessings abound,
Rev. Annalie Korengel

Dear Boy Scout Troop 12,

Thank you so much for setting up weekly for our RAP groups. I don't know how we would handle it ourselves. Many of our members are in their 70's and not moving so well.

We appreciate all your help!

Blessings,

Caryl & Dick Stuhrke

Dear Youth Helpers:

Thank you so much for helping RAP (Retired Active People) by taking down the tables and chairs after our meetings and set up for church.

We really appreciate your help!

Blessings,

Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS

CONFERENCE, CHURCHES RALLY TO RECOVER FROM RECENT FLOODS

Donations, volunteers needed for disaster response

“The Eastern PA Conference is operating in full disaster response phase,” said Disaster Response Coordinator Robert Simcox this week. “We are supporting the Schuylkill County area in flood relief.”

County residents are struggling to recover physically and emotionally from a July double-drenching of relentless rain storms. But experienced, volunteer work teams and individuals are direly needed to help clear damaged, molded items out of flooded homes and perform related tasks.

“Volunteers are needed immediately now and in the coming year,” said Simcox. “They will be working with the community in the recovery and rebuilding phase.”

That work includes listening to and consoling residents to help them overcome the emotional toll of the storms’ destruction.

With residents trying to overcome the destruction and depression caused by back-to-back bad storms, more funds are needed, along with more hands-on help from kind-hearted, Christ-minded volunteers.

Donations to the conference’s Disaster Recovery Advance Special Fund (Project #0345) can be addressed and sent to the Conference Treasurer’s Office, Eastern PA Conference UMC, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482. Gifts may be designated for “North District Flood Relief.”

In addition, Simcox urges “any teams or individuals with disaster recovery cleanup experience, please contact me.” Contact him at drc@epaumc.org or 610) 427-0470.

*(This is an excerpt from
John W. Coleman’s article on epaumc.org)*

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The biblical concept of justice focuses on the victim, the offender and the community, in the hope of restoring all to a sense of God’s wholeness. It is also important to understand that our Methodist heritage is rich with examples of ministries carried out in jails and prisons. John and Charles Wesley had a passion for those in prison. As early as 1778, the Methodist Conference adopted action making it the duty of every Methodist preacher to minister to those who were incarcerated. United Methodists have reaffirmed and expanded the mandate for prison ministry and reform in many different chapters of our denominational history. This is a part of our identity and call.

- The USA has 5% of the world’s population, but 25% of the world’s prisoners.
- In 2009, Pennsylvania was rated #1 in the United States for prison growth.
- An average of 1200 persons are currently in the Lancaster County Prison each week, of

which 78% are detainees awaiting court action, and 55% have committed less serious, non-violent offenses.

- At least 1300 minor children in Lancaster Country have incarcerated parents.
- All children are negatively affected by limited or no contact with their incarcerated parent(s). Many children are plagued with shame, guilt, and anger.

What can you do?

Sign up on the United Methodist Church General Board of Church & Society website to receive Action Alerts, news articles, and more: umc-gbcs.org/take-action



From the United Methodist News Service:

*(This is an excerpt from article written by
Kathy L. Gilbert on www.umnews.org.)*

The special called 2019 General Conference, set for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, will focus on moving the denomination past its decades-long struggle with issues around homosexuality. Proposed plans offer a way to stay together and ways to split.

The One Church Plan, Traditional Plan and Connectional Conference Plan and probably several other pieces of legislation related to homosexuality will be debated and voted on by 864 delegates from around the globe.

In the meantime, United Methodists are pondering and praying about the three plans.

The proposed legislation was the work of the 32-member Commission on a Way Forward, approved at the end of General Conference 2016.

“My greatest prayer as we approach General Conference 2019 is that we will seek to love one another in the midst of significant disagreement,” said the Rev. Beth Ann Cook, an Indiana pastor and a delegate.

Key issues of the Traditional Plan affirm current language in the Book of Discipline which bans “self-avowed and practicing” gay clergy and the blessing of same sex unions. It would also enforce those bans swiftly and strictly.

The plan’s legislative petitions also provide a way for churches and annual conferences that disagree with strict enforcement to set up self-governing or “autonomous, affiliated or concordant” churches or conferences.

The Rev. Michael D. Grant, Ohio pastor, said the Traditional Plan is the only one with a “gracious exit option for those who cannot in good conscience live within our system.” That is one of three reasons he supports this plan.

The Rev. David Wilson, conference superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and a delegate, supports the One Church Plan. “I feel like the One Church Plan gives annual conferences more flexibility on our specific ministry contexts. After reading the other plans they seem less flexible and are more punitive than seeking to find

common ground in which we can work together,” he said.

Key elements of the One Church Plan include eliminating the Book of Discipline language, “The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.”

Also deleted is the requirement that ordained clergy cannot be “self-avowed practicing homosexuals.” Each annual conference board of ordained ministry and clergy session may determine standards for ordination or certification, including standards related to human sexuality.

The plan also allows ordained clergy to perform same-sex marriages but does not require them to do so. Churches can vote on whether to hold same-sex marriages in their buildings. Clergy are also free to transfer to other conferences or churches based on the standards for ordination regarding homosexuals.

The Connectional Conference Plan would replace the five U.S. jurisdictions with three connectional conferences that are “values-based” rather than geographic in nature.

The denomination’s current central conferences, which are outside the U.S., could join one of the three U.S. conferences to form a global conference or create their own connectional conference. However, the individual annual conferences that disagree with the decision of their central conference have the option of voting to join a different connectional conference.

Each connectional conference would create its own Book of Discipline that includes items “commonly agreed upon by United Methodists,” with the authority to adapt other items not included in a General Book of Discipline.

Gilbert is a multimedia reporter for United Methodist News Service. Contact her at 615-742-5470 or newsdesk@umcom.org. Gladys Mangiduyos, a United Methodist correspondent based in the Philippines, contributed to this report.

Pastor Monica would be happy to engage in conversation about any part of this article or the future of the church or denomination. God is ultimately good.



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