



# The Wesleyan Star

## West Grove United Methodist Church

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"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'" Mark 12:41-44

We have been in the midst of potty training this summer. For Peter, that is. All summer, we have been trying to teach him the practice of using the potty. I imagine for you and me that this is pretty standard.

We understand that each and every day using the bathroom will be a part of our lives. However for a child of three years old, there is some learning and some resistance to the discipline and practice of using the potty every single day. *How long do I have to sit? How many minutes do I have to do it?*

We hear over and over again. He wants to do something else. He want to play with trucks. He has a hard time seeing how this will ever be important in his life. Sometimes, he has accidents. At the age of three and half, he has a hard time understanding why pull-ups or even diapers aren't the way of the world forever. This process of learning has come through discipline and practice.

Our faith life is made up of a collection of practices. Practices that make space for God and that connect us to Jesus. I shared this wisdom from spiritual leader Henri Nouwen about discipleship on Sunday, September 19th in my sermon:

"The word discipleship and the word discipline are the same word, which has always fascinated me. Once you have made the choice to say, "Yes, I want to follow Jesus," the question is, "What disciplines will help me remain faithful to that choice?" If we want to be disciples of Jesus, we have to live a disciplined life. But in the spiritual life, the word discipline means "the effort to create some space in which God can act." Discipline means to prevent everything in your life from being filled up. Discipline means that somewhere you're not occupied, and certainly not preoccupied. In the spiritual life, discipline means to create that space in which something can happen that you hadn't planned or counted on." [1]

The early church talked about seven such practices: fasting, communion, tithing, prayer, Sabbath, communal worship, pilgrimage. All of these practices find their home in biblical practices and commandments. We can see the value of all practices and may try to incorporate them into our lives. Of these practices, tithing is often one that is disregarded the quickest. Talking about financial matters touches at the heart of uncomfortability for many people. However, this is not an invitation to end the conversation. Each of these disciplines, shapes the disciples, then and now, who practice them.

Each time my family is faithful in tithing, I watch God's faithfulness in providing for us in ways we did not expect. Our faithfulness to the practice of tithing has created space for God to act in ways we have not planned. I am not suggesting that tithing one day, will place a check in your mailbox the next day like an galactic ATM. Rather across generations, the practice of tithing changes the giver to see God's character.

As you prayerfully consider how you will live as disciple of Jesus Christ, let me share the following about the widow who Jesus watched give.

- *The widow was intentional. She had a plan as to how she would give and what she would give. Sometimes we walk into church on a Sunday morning and just put something in the plate. It is often whatever is in our wallets instead of what we have intentionally planned to give. Take time to prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to intentionally give.*
- *The widow was a regular giver. Jesus knew she put in all she had because he had seen her there before. Giving was a part of her discipleship. Regularly set aside time to review giving and budgeting. Let your giving and tithing be a part of your discipleship.*
- *The widow was generous. She gave all she had. Scholars have conjectured that the community was responding to her gift with support as she urged them on to generosity. Sometimes we need to see someone else be generous in order to be generous ourselves. Prayerfully consider how are you being stretched to be generous.*

Potty training can be a difficult business. It requires practices and discipline. It requires agility to revise your reward system when the first one doesn't work. However, ultimately the goal is for the child to be potty trained. We live out our discipleship in the same way. Practices of faith that make space for us to see where God is already at work. Tithing creates spaces in our lives as intention, regular, generous disciples.

I pray for each of us that we might offer our lives as holy experiments of discipleship.

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.



*Services at 8:30 a.m. (Contemporary)  
and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)*

## **DO Share**

*The Body of Christ is called to share around the table,  
into community, through relationship, and with all of our gifts.*

### **Sunday, October 7, 2018**

#### **Communion Sunday**

#### **\*Emergency Aid**

#### **World Communion Sunday**

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

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Mark 7:24-37

**Sermon:** DO Share Time

Each of us are given 1,440 minutes in a day and 525,600 minutes in a year. How are you sharing your minutes with God, your family, the world, with yourself? On World Communion Sunday, we share our time in service to one another and God.

### **Sunday, October 14, 2018**

#### **Worship at Jenner's Pond**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Mark 8:1-10

**Sermon:** DO Share Your Gifts

The Holy Spirit gifts generously each person with gifts - some with teaching, administration, giving, care, and others mercy, leadership, and exhortation. Where are you sharing your talents?

### **Sunday, October 21, 2018**

#### **Memory Bells**

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:10-12; Mark 8:14-30

**Sermon:** DO Share YOU

Your witness is a gift. Where is God moving in your life? Come and hear where God is moving in the lives of others!

### **Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Scripture:** Leviticus 27:30-34; Mark 8:31-38

**Sermon:** DO Share Tithes

Disciplines shape our lives. Eating three healthy meals a day turns us towards a health. The spiritual discipline of tithing is a healthy practice for our faith. Come and hear why this biblical practice has lived the test of time and lots of bad press.



Join us for worship is on  
**October 14 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 October 7.**

## **OCTOBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Finance Team**

Due to the increase in food allergies among the general population, as well as our own congregants, we request that any items brought for the fellowship hour have a note attached if there are nuts in them (including coconuts). Thank you.



# Pastor's Desk

## LIVE CAST WORSHIP

*Can I be a part of worship when I not present on Sunday morning?*

You might be wondering this question as you read that we have had a few opportunities to explore our technology possibilities with live casting. Through Facebook Live, we have streamed a number of summer worship services as well as 11:00 worship services. Our technology team continues to count these as learning experiences. Each time, we learn something about the process, the equipment, and the staffing.

Some of our learnings challenge us:

- We might need more hands and staff in the soundbooth. *Do you want to operate a camera? Audio board? Powerpoint?*
- We might need more technology support and bandwidth, if our computers keep crashing in

worship. *Are there tech folks who can offer wisdom here?*

Some of our learnings are very exciting:

- I love hearing that someone who is visiting an aging parent got a chance to worship, because we offer live cast worship.
- I love hearing that someone traveling for work was able to see their child's comments at the children's message, because we were live in worship.
- I love hearing that a homebound member can feel connected to church, because church is bigger than the building.

***We are growing into our own technology. It may take time. We need your skills and patience.***

***Will you help?***



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Harmony Park Gazebo

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!



## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Join us on October 16th at 6:30 p.m. for our Annual Charge Conference.**

We will be hosting the Cluster Charge Conference for our area.

This will be an opportunity to hear about ministries in our area and be inspired about new opportunities as well as what is currently in progress.

God is moving among us!

We hope you will come and hear how God is already at work.



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

**November 4th**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services**

From the earliest days in the church, community has gathered to remember those who have gone onto the glory. On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished 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 4th 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 October 30th. It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

### BAPTISM CELEBRATION

On Sunday, August 26, our church was blessed to celebrate the baptism of:

*Joanna Susan Stephenson*

The baptism was celebrated not only with her family, but the larger church family as well. This sacrament marks the beginning of a journey in the nurturing fellowship of a caring, learning, worshipping and serving congregation.

Join with us in celebrating this step of faith!



### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Please extend a warm welcome to our new members:**

**Josh and Laura Stephenson**

223 White Oak Drive  
Oxford, PA 19363

Laura: (848) 333-8263

Josh: 732-618-8259

Daughter: Joanna Stephenson

### BOOKS & MOVIES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- *The Voice*, as paraphrased by the Ecclesia Bible Society
- *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Mark* by Marcus Borg
- *Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew Who Do You Say That I Am?* by Nancy A. Carter and Leontine T.C. Kelly
- *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright
- *The Good Book Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart* by Peter Gomes





# GROW



## ***Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries\****

**West Grove UMC**

**(300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA 19390)**

**Instructor: Judy Ehninger**

**Registration Fee: \$35**

*(brown bag lunch)*



**Friday, October 26, 2018: 7– 10 pm – Part 1**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm– Parts 2 & 3**

**PREREQUISITES:**

- 1 - Desire to serve Christ
- 2 - Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication
- 3 - Willing to improve skills by training for service
- 4 - Committed to study of the Bible and the power of prayer,
- 5 - Written approval from local Pastor and/or Administrative Council.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

***Christ Servant Ministers – Basic Course***

**October 26 & 27, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed form & check for \$35 to:**

**George Hollich, Conference Director**

**212 West Orchard Drive**

**Palmyra, PA 17078**

**For more information call: 717-838-2812 or E-mail: [hollich@comcast.net](mailto:hollich@comcast.net)**

\*This **CSM Basic Course** needs between 12 and 20 participants to insure a meaningful experience. Courses not meeting these participation levels may be cancelled or split into multiple courses. Upon completion of **Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries**, an individual must complete an additional 10 hours of approved training within 3 years to be recognized as a **Christ Servant Minister**. Registrations are confirmed based upon the date payment is received. Make checks payable to: **George Hollich, CSM Director**. To allow time for mailing of homework materials & adequate time to prepare, **completed registrations and checks must be received by October 12, 2018.**

## NEW STUDIES FOR THIS FALL!

### DARING GREATLY

**Being Vulnerable, Resilient to Shame, and Courageous  
to Give Your Life It's Best Shot!**

**Starts Sunday, September 16 ~ 9:45 AM in Room 2**

We will continue the class series going back to, as originally, Brene' Brown's book, *Daring Greatly*. She says, "we are wired for connection", and we need to "show up and be seen", to make the difference that we ought to dare to make in this world! This book has challenged me to put my most courageous foot forward for the past 2 years, and propelled me in my quest to deeply discover the mysterious purpose for which God has put me here on the earth. If God is here, He has purpose for each thing and each person He has made. Jesus said, "seek and you will find".

We would love to have you at our class. In my opinion, courage is the "prow" of the boat of life. Brene says, we need to "show up and be seen." For more information, contact Peter Mullen ([psmullen@petermullen.com](mailto:psmullen@petermullen.com)).

### 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

### LIFE OF DAVID

**Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. ~ Beginning September 12~ Sanctuary**

**Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at Jenner's Pond Allison Theater**

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, inspiring, human, manly and ongoing.

- 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.
- 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.
- David's story is human. This lover of God has flaws that threaten to destroy his spirit, his family and his position as king.
- 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.

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

### LUTHER HOUSE BIBLE STUDY—RUTH & ESTHER

**Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 PM in 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 are beginning a study of women in the bible beginning with Ruth and Esther as they are the only two women who have an entire book in the Bible. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071.

**We hope you can join us!**

## 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.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jim.



### Something new is coming! All Worship Sunday

#### November 4



The children's ministry of West Grove UMC is excited to start this new chapter of worship and growth for our children. Starting in the month of November, children will remain in worship on communion Sundays. This decision brings about excitement and questions for folks, so let me share with you the vision we have for All Worship Sunday.

- All Worship Sundays will take place on the first Sunday of each month, to align with communion Sundays.
- Children will remain in worship instead of

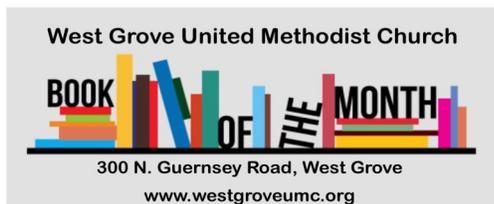
being dismissed to Children's Worship. This allows for children to be fully present at the table.

- There will be activity packets and hands on elements that children can use to participate in the worship service at their own level.
- Children will learn more about the practice of communion and how we practice here at West Grove UMC, to prepare them for this time.

Our goal, and hope, is to encourage a deeper intergenerational connection for all ages, and to instill in children a deeper connection to and understanding of worship.

We look forward to this time of change and growth for our children and families!

For information or questions, contact Melanie Hartley [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org).



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.

In October we are reading "A World of Three Zeros: The New Economics of Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions" by Muhammad Yunus. We will meet on **October 25 at 5:45 p.m.** to discuss it.

#### Upcoming books and dates:

**November 15:** "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah  
**December 20:** "The Nutcracker" by E T Hoffman

**Join us!**

## 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.



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

**Tuesday, November 6**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**West Grove UMC**



As we approach the holiday season, you might find yourself wondering how this season will feel after the death of your loved one.

- *Have you wondered how it will feel without your loved one at Thanksgiving?*
- *Have you worried about how to do Christmas traditions without your loved one?*
- *Have you felt heavy hearted as thoughts about the expectations of the whole season without your loved one?*

This might be the first holiday season after the death of your loved one, or the second, third or beyond.

You may notice some difficult emotions to navigate. Join "Surviving the Holidays" to help. You will watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and receive a survival guide with encouragement and resources.

For questions, please contact Susan Paisley at 610.529.8699 / [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto:sbrintonpais1@verizon.net).

We will keep you in prayer as you remember during this time.

## 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.





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Movie Night at West Grove UMC**

**"I Can Only Imagine" (PG)**

**On the BIG SCREEN**

**Friday, October 26, at 6:30 pm.**

This event is **totally FREE** and refreshments will be offered. Bring your family and friends!

***I Can Only Imagine*** is a 2018 American Christian drama film based on the story behind the MercyMe song of the same name, the best-selling Christian single of all time.<sup>1</sup> The film stars J. Michael Finley as Bart Millard, the lead singer who wrote the song about his relationship with his father Arthur portrayed by actor Dennis Quaid. *I Can Only Imagine* was released in the United States on March 16, 2018 and is the third highest-grossing music biopic of all-time in the United States.

*Pulled from Wikipedia.*

**The big screen viewing is at West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove, 610-869-9334, [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)**

**We hope to see you there!**

# SERVE

## 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.



**Fall is here and so is the West Grove United Methodist Church's Annual Fall Rummage Sale! Come and shop on Friday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This is a bi-annual event pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times.

This sale is open to the entire community and has been held each Spring and Fall for many years. **On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!!** Left-over items are donated to various missions. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various needs in the church and the wider community.

If you have been fall cleaning your home, we happily accept donations of your **gently used** items of household goods, adult clothing, books, craft items, and lots of other "treasures". **Donations are accepted at the church from 7:30 a.m.– 4 p.m. on Monday, October 1 through Thursday, October 4.** The sale is held inside, so come and shop **rain or shine!!** The church is located at 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390. For directions or additional information, please call 610-869-9334 or visit our website at [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org).

# CMO CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT SALE

## Kids Clothes



**CONSIGN** Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00p.m.

**SHOP** Friday, October 19th - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and

Saturday, October 20th- 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

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



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

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

**Please contact the church office**

**for a full consignment instruction packet.**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**Volunteers are needed!** Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

\*\*Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed.

## 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:

- **Set-up and break-down** of the guest, volunteer and family/dining Rooms,
- **Meal Preparation** at the church,
- **Evening hosting**-enjoying a meal and fellowship with the families,
- **Overnight hosting** – spend the night at the church
- **Food donations**
- **Transporting cots**-on the final morning to Scott Steele's home for storage,
- **Food donations**

**Sign up sheets are in the lobby!**





Join us ... we are  
*Rolling Out the Red Carpet*  
For Simpson House

## Embracing Life 2018

*The Festive Annual Fundraising Dinner*  
Benefitting the Simpson House  
Benevolent Care (Resident Financial Assistance) Fund

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

The Hilton Philadelphia, City Avenue

Reception and Silent Auction ★ 6:00 PM

Dinner Seating, Silent Auction Continues ★ 7:15 PM

Music and Dancing, featuring the Grace Notes

Individual Reservations Available  
Beginning at \$175, per person

Sponsorships Available  
From \$250 - \$5,000

For more information and to make sure you are on the invitation list please contact  
Sandy Schramm at: [sschramm@SimpsonSenior.org](mailto:sschramm@SimpsonSenior.org) ★ 610-660-9315

Or make your reservation on line at [simpsonhouse.org/giving/](http://simpsonhouse.org/giving/)

The official registration and financial information of Simpson House may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

## West Grove UMC Prayer Bead Garden “Dine to Donate” Fundraiser



at Perkins Restaurant &  
Bakery Routes 41 and 1,  
in Avondale

**Monday, November 5, 2018**  
**from 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

### SAVE THE DATE!

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!

## HELP OUR TROOP HELP OTHERS

Boy Scout Troop 12 will be selling Herbie the Hedgehog. Please support our Troop as we give to others. Purchase a Hedgehog for a sick child in the hospital. **For a \$20.00 donation a plush Hedgehog will be purchased in your name and will be donated to a sick child, and our boys will receive a % of the profit on all the sales.** Once the sale is over the boys will go to the hospital and personally deliver the plush Hedgehogs to other children in need. If you want to purchase one for yourself, a child, grandchild, niece or nephew our boys will still get a profit and you will own an adorable plush Hedgehog.

Last year we donated 150 plush animals to A.I DuPont! We want to beat our number from last year! **Sales are going on the whole month of September & October.** You can also order one by contacting Lisa at [yaletchko@zoominternet.net](mailto:yaletchko@zoominternet.net) or 610-932-4984.





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

West Grove UMC is going to be participating once again in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Both Missions and the Youth will be working together to collect boxes from our congregation. Boxes will be distributed for our personal donations.

**We and others in the area will drop-off boxes at the church during National Collection Week which November 12 – 19, 2018.**

ALSO, WGUMC is going to be a drop-off location for other churches and organizations in the Southern Chester County region.

**Calling all volunteers!!!** Operation Christmas Child counts on thousands of volunteers to collect and process millions of shoebox gifts every year. These volunteers take on many roles, all with one wonderful purpose: to bring the Gospel to children in need around the world.

Please contact the church office or Janice Bowers at [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com) or 484-888-6821 to sign-up to help.

Following is some of the help needed during the collection week:

- **Greeters** - welcoming the public to OCC and to our church
- **Paperwork** - counting shoeboxes and cartons, doing the necessary accurate paperwork
- **Food handlers** - organizing snacks and drink for the volunteers (if you choose to have that) as well as having trays of cookies (something small) for people that come into the church during the week
- **Building volunteers** - checking security, keeping doors unlocked, proper lighting on for guests, directional signs in place
- **Runners** - helping people bring their shoeboxes from their cars into the staging area, use of hand trucks, etc
- **Cartonizers** - placing shoeboxes into cartons, getting the correct count, sealing cartons, moving cartons to designated storage area for the week
- **Drivers** - someone to physically drive a 15 foot U-Haul to drive all the shoeboxes in the cartons, along with Janice Bowers, to the Central Drop Off in Newtown Square on Monday, November 19 at the end of the collection.

## BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

WGUMC will be supporting Chester County Women's Services through putting all of our change in baby bottles during the month of October. Keep an eye out for a display in the lobby to pick up a bottle to fill.



A Pregnancy Care Medical Center That Exists To Educate And Empower Individuals And Their Families To Make Life-Affirming Choices



610.383.0930 • [ccwsmedical.org](http://ccwsmedical.org)

## SUKKOT BOOTH

Keep an eye out for the Sukkot Booth in the lobby from November 4 – 25. We will be collecting food for the holiday season to stock our Emergency Food Cupboard.



## MEMORY BELLS HAND BELL CHOIR



The hand bell choir will celebrate their tenth anniversary this year on Christmas Eve. We are called the Memory Bells because our initial two octaves were purchased with money donated to commemorate several members of WGUMC who had passed away. More memorials plus a donation from the Christian Fellowship Class provided the funds to buy our third octave of bells plus our three-octave set of chimes. In 2017 we added our fourth octave of bells/chimes, again in honor of one of our departed spirits.

We rehearse every Monday night from September through June and play for the traditional service on the third Sunday of those months. We also participate in the Advent Music night and during Christmas Eve and Easter services. In past years, we have participated in a community-wide bell choir concert which supports local organizations. Because many of our ringers had previous engagements, we were not able to do this in 2018, but hope to participate again. In past years we have also played at the Twin Pines care facility. This is one of our favorite activities and look forward to playing there

again. Their residents always give us a very warm welcome.

Although plans haven't completely come together yet, I would like to encourage some of our more adventurous ringers to try to participate in special presentation music, including duets or quartets, which we would then incorporate into our usual ringing schedule or special events.

Every year we try to improve our skills by incorporating different techniques and by playing music with different difficulty levels. We try to select music that will make a definite contribution to our worship by celebrating the different seasons of the calendar year and the church year. The dynamics of our bell choir changes occasionally and the past few years we had a father/son as well as a husband/wife combo. This year we will again have a husband/wife combo, a mother/daughter duo, and a mother/son partnership. Once or twice a year we try to add young people and different instrumentation to some of our selections to incorporate an intergenerational and expanded scope to the music we play.

I feel very privileged to be the director of this very special bell choir made up of enthusiastic and committed ringers. We enjoy making "a joyful noise."

Sandy Deckard, Director

## FAITH CIRCLE

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

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'.

Our expected schedule is to meet the first and third Fridays. **Our meetings in October will be on the 5th and 19th from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Please contact Chris Curtiss if you are interested in joining us...or just 'show up'. Sewing skills are not necessary.

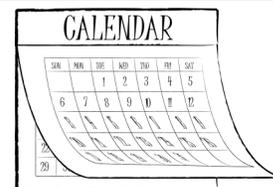


## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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 8:30 am service. If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at [ahass17@hotmail.com](mailto:ahass17@hotmail.com) or 610-468-4321.

## UPCOMING MISSIONS EVENTS



- **Coat and blanket drive**  
November 25 through Christmas
- **Gift Tree**  
November 25 to mid-December
- **Cookie Bake and Craft Make for the Luther House**  
Sunday, December 9 12:30 pm  
including potluck

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



## Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You!

WGUMC's Emergency Pantry has distributed over **283** 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 a utility bill: 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
- House cleaning products
- Shampoo and conditioner

### Also needed are some staple items:

- Juice mix (ice tea, lemonade)
- Juice boxes
- Canned fruit / applesauce cups
- Snacks for kids
- Canned meats and stews
- Canned pastas / spaghetti sauce
- Canned corn, green beans
- Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper
- Noodle and Rice side dishes in boxes and bags
- 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! Any donation is a blessing to those in need.

**Thank You!**



## PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Ministry team meets the **second Tuesday of every month** for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. Our Focus: We pray for the needs of prayer ministry, each other, the congregation, the nation and the world.

We, the Prayer Ministry team are not a perfect people, "saints", but real people who have each been on a journey at various times in our lives. We welcome you to join us, our next meeting is **October 9th at 6:30** in the sanctuary/prayer room.

Personal requests are kept confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary. If you are going through a difficult time and want to stop in just to receive personal prayer during the monthly Tuesday prayer gathering timeframe (6:30-7:30) we welcome you as well.....no need to stay.

If you're curious, but not sure, feel free to visit a couple times to see if this ministry is a good fit for you. No one is expected to pray audibly.

**MONTHLY PRAYER  
GATHERING**

**Our monthly focus for October is GRATITUDE.**

## **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 (\$150 each)*
- *1 Japanese Split Leaf Maple Tree (\$250 each)*
- *10 Green Giant Arbor Vitae (\$200 each)*
- *6 Golden Thread False Cypress (\$175 each)*
- *2 Benches (\$400)*

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. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo. Envelopes are available by the display in the lobby.

Please contact Pastor Monica with questions or concerns.

### **PRAYER BEAD GARDEN**

	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
<b>Tree</b>	\$ _____	_____	<b>Tree type:</b> _____
<b>Bench</b>	\$ _____	_____	
<b>Totals:</b>	\$ _____		

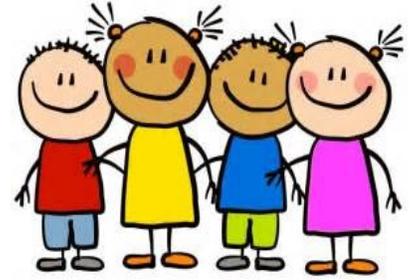
Please designate below how you wish to offer these Trees and benches.

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

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

# CMO PRESCHOOL



## FALL CONSIGNMENT SALE!

CMO and Preschool is off to a terrific start!!! We were so happy to welcome back all of the preschool children and families during the week of September 4th. The children quickly became reacquainted with old friends and met lots of new friends. They spend the first few weeks of preschool getting to know one another and the teachers. Many of our returning friends were thrilled to enjoy the new playground equipment. It is already a big hit!! We are looking forward to an awesome year!!

**Our Children's Consignment Sale is quickly approaching. The sale this year will be October 19th and 20th.** As you know this sale is a huge fundraiser for the preschool program. The success of this sale allows me to provide scholarships as well as much needed items for the preschool. I am always looking for volunteers to help with the sale. If you have some time and

## CMO CHAPEL TIME with Pastor Monica

### September Theme—God & Me

Our theme for Chapel Time in September is "God & Me".  
We will explore who God is and who we are in relation to God.

Song—*"My God Is So Big"*

#### Week 1—God Loves Me

Books:

*How Big is God?* By Lisa Tawn Bergren (younger)

*Just in Case You Wonder* by Max Lucado (older)

#### Week 2—God Loves Us

Books:

*God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu (younger)

*Then I Think of God* by Martha Whitmore Hickman

#### Week 3—Big Love of God

Books:

*God Loves Me More Than That* by Dandi Daley Mackall (younger)



# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

## Youth Program

Fall is finally here! It has been a great start to the new program year and there is a lot of excitement for what is coming up in October!

For information on all children and youth activities, contact Melanie Hartley

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

#### Youth Group

Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All 7-12 grade students are invited. There's games, snacks and great discussion!



#### Youth Group Fall Outing October 26

Time: TBD

Information and details coming soon!



Sunday, October 28th  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

West Grove UMC invites you to a festive, FREE, family event!!

You are invited to join us in this fun-filled, safe way for children ages infant through 4th grade to experience the joy of trick or treating. We will have cars, vans, and trucks lined up in our parking lot with fun, themed decorations and candy for your costumed children.

Invite your friends and family, and get ready for games, crafts, a story, a hay-ride, music, snacks and of course trunks with candy!!! **All activities are FREE.** West Grove United Methodist Church is located at 300 North Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390. We'll move the trick or treating inside if it rains, so whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together!

For more information, call 610-869-9334 or visit [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

We hope to see you there!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

#### Children & Youth Sunday School

Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

In September, we learned about Joshua and the wall of Jericho, and how our faith in God can help us work through our problems!

This month, we will be learning Psalm 46- God is our refuge and strength.

Sunday school is available for children ages Pre-K (3's & 4's) through grade 12.





# FUN & FITNESS



**Reflections in Song: Life, Love, and Faith**  
**A new and original repertoire**  
**by Mel Leaman**

**Mel Leaman and Friends**  
**Sunday, November 4 at West Grove UMC**  
**300 N. Guernsey - 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Suggested \$10 donation to the West Grove**  
**Youth Center: "The Garage"**

Mel Leaman has written an eclectic collection of songs with catchy tunes and thoughtful lyrics about life, love, and faith, The tunes cover various genre and the lyrics stimulate both thought and emotion. You can catch his concert at the West Grove United Methodist Church on November 4.

Mel was a former member of THE GARAGE Youth Center Advisory Board in West Grove, PA. One-hundred percent of your suggested donation of \$10 will go to support this community outreach. Explore the many ways The Garage touches the lives of local teens at <https://www.garageyouthcenter.org/>.

Mel was a United Methodist pastor and a college professor at Lincoln University prior to his recent retirement. Stepping back to his childhood, he remembers traveling to various churches in the York and Lancaster area with his parents and six brothers and sisters to provide an evening in song. His grandfather and father were both ministers, so various members of the family frequently sang at their home church. Mel enjoyed singing during his years as a United Methodist pastor and then performed in a few musical venues at The Lincoln University. Presently, he sings with the West Grove UMC Praise Works team. The free time he finds in retirement allots him the privilege of pursuing the composition of his own music.



# Flu Vaccine Protects You and Your Family



The #1 way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year.

## Flu Vaccine Clinics Open to the Public:

Date	Site	Address	Time
9/27/2018	Great Valley Middle School	225 N Phoenixville Pk, Malvern	2:30 to 6 p.m.
10/4/2018	Unionville High School	750 Unionville Rd, Kennett Sq.	3 to 7 p.m.
10/5/2018	Oxford Union Fire Company #1	315 Market Street, Oxford	5:30 to 8 p.m.
10/11/2018	Octorara Senior High School	226 Highland Rd, Atglen	2:30 to 6 p.m.
10/15/2018	Fugett Middle School	500 Ellis Lane, West Chester	2:30 to 6 p.m.
10/18/2018	Kennett High School	100 E South St, Kennett Sq.	2:30 to 6:30 p.m.
10/25/2018	Avon Grove High School	257 State Rd, West Grove	2:30 to 6:30 p.m.
10/27/2018	Phoenixville Hospital's Fall Festival	Phoenixville Hospital Parking Lot on Nutt Road	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
10/29/2018	Coatesville Senior High School	1445 E Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville	4 to 7 p.m.
11/5/2018	Owen J Roberts Middle School	881 Ridge Road, Pottstown	3 to 6 p.m.

- ✓ Open to everyone aged 6 month and older
- ✓ Bring your insurance card
- ✓ No-charge vaccine for those without insurance



Chester County Health Department  
610-344-6252 or [www.chesco.org/flu](http://www.chesco.org/flu)

Retired Active People



## Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

October 12  
12:00-3:00 PM

RAP's first meeting of the new season held in September was well attended with over 40 in attendance. Thank you Janet and Connie for hosting our gathering. In addition to a very informative presentation on Elder Crime Prevention, Pastor Monica was present to bless and dedicate RAP's 20th Anniversary Garden. When you have a chance, please visit the bench, sit and enjoy the flowers.



**RAP's next meeting will be held Friday, October 12 at noon.** Vernon Ramberger will be our host. If you did not sign up to help or bring a dessert and would like to, please see Vernon. Our program speaker for the day is Ray McKay. His presentation is entitled, "Remembering When," and he will discuss events we have witnessed, and advances in technology and inventions during our lifetime. He will also add some suggestions on how we can be a resource in preserving our history.

Join us on October 12th. Remember to bring your lunch and a friend or two for an afternoon of great fellowship and an interesting topic of discussion. Desserts and drinks are provided.

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

JULIET...Just us Ladies  
Interested in Eating  
Together

Saturday, October 13

9:00-10:30 AM



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

We meet at the **Sunrise Cafe**

### AVON GROVE SENIORS

The Avon Grove Seniors meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the West Grove Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Our RAP Group and our Seniors are invited to their meetings, programs, and activities.

Contact Janet Gregg at 610-255-4477  
with your questions.

#### Upcoming programs and trips:

**Rainbow Comedy Playhouse for  
"Love, Lies, and the Lottery"**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Bus leaves WGUMC at 10:30 a.m.

\$70: Includes bus transportation, meal, and show.

**Bon Worth Fashion Show (Shops at Rockvale)**

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

WGPC Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.

**APPRISE, Chester County Office of Aging  
Medicare and Insurance changes for 2019**

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

WGPC Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.

**American Music Theatre Christmas Show "The First Noel"**

**Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant**

Wednesday, December 10, 2018

Bus leaves WGUMC at 9:30 a.m.

\$70: Includes bus transportation, show, meal.



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

**October 25  
12:00-1:30 p.m.**

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) (Dream in process 1 of 3 purchased)	3	\$1,500

## DARE TO DREAM!

## LEGACY

### What will your Legacy be?

Often I listen to people reflect on their legacy:

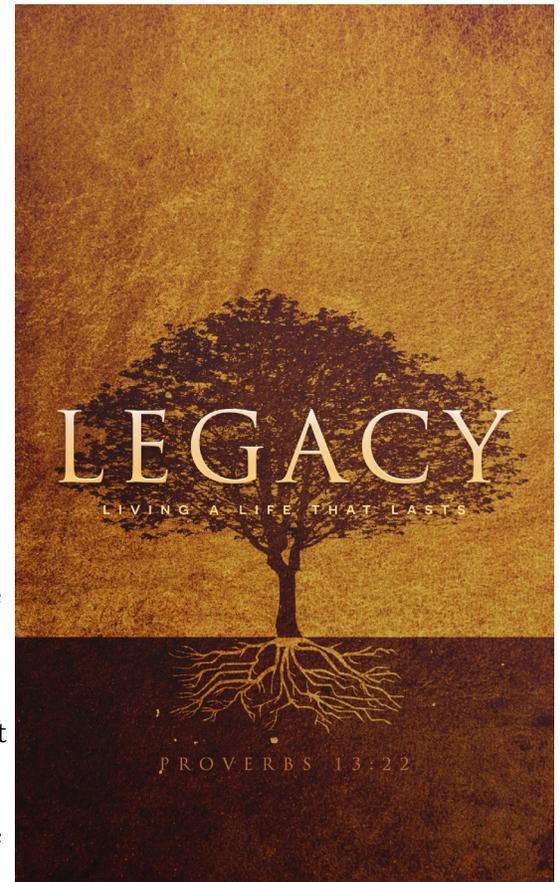
*How have I impacted the world?*

*What will my impact be?*

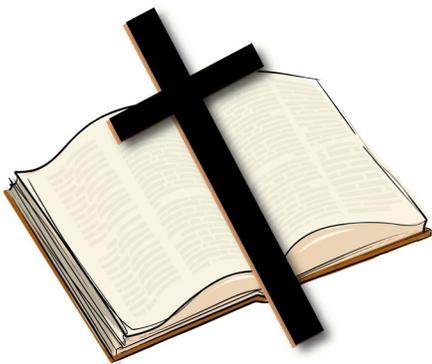
For many of us our impact is in sharing the good news and living faithful lives.

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. This is something you can do now.

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 a part of your legacy will be impacting generations to come to share the good news in this community.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



We plan for the future all the time. 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 make notes for your family, please contact Pastor Monica, Pastor Jim, or Deaconess Yvette to discuss your thoughts.

# World Communion Sunday

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

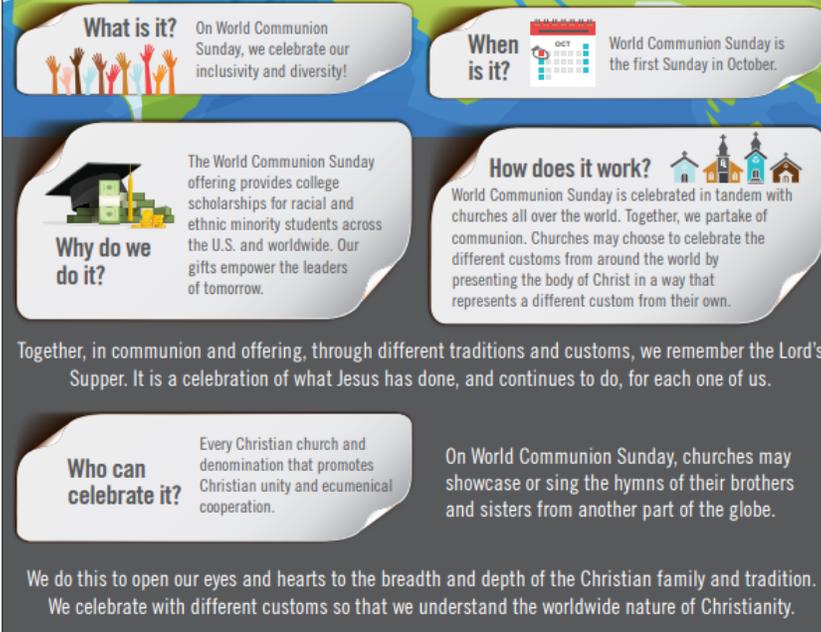
On World Communion Sunday we celebrate our brothers and sisters from around the world with a special communion and offering.

The special communion helps us remember that we are all connected by the blood of Jesus Christ. He didn't die for some of us, He died for all of us. We will take special moments today to reflect that we are one church with one mission. Our mission is to love others and share the Gospel. One of the ways we live out this mission is to empower others to share the Gospel by nurturing their education.

Your offering today helps an international or national student with the cost of their continuing education. These are students who might otherwise be overlooked or forgotten. We believe that we are all called to be a part of the important work of discipleship, and that is one of the many reasons we give on this Special Sunday.

Your generous giving today allows future leaders to be prepared to meet the world with the Gospel.

**TOGETHER, WE DO MORE.**



**What is it?** On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our inclusivity and diversity!

**When is it?** World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October.

**Why do we do it?** The World Communion Sunday offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow.

**How does it work?** World Communion Sunday is celebrated in tandem with churches all over the world. Together, we partake of communion. Churches may choose to celebrate the different customs from around the world by presenting the body of Christ in a way that represents a different custom from their own.

Together, in communion and offering, through different traditions and customs, we remember the Lord's Supper. It is a celebration of what Jesus has done, and continues to do, for each one of us.

**Who can celebrate it?** Every Christian church and denomination that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

On World Communion Sunday, churches may showcase or sing the hymns of their brothers and sisters from another part of the globe.

We do this to open our eyes and hearts to the breadth and depth of the Christian family and tradition. We celebrate with different customs so that we understand the worldwide nature of Christianity.



### MAKE YOUR AMAZON ORDERS COUNT!

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](https://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.

### SCRIP SCRIPTS

**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:

- Go to [shopwithscrip.com](https://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, Scrip Now, or Reload card*

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

Order forms are also in the Narthex. Simply place your order form and a check made payable to WGUMC in Gene Aucott's mailbox in the mailroom.

Questions? Contact Gene Aucott  
[gene.aucott@comcast.net](mailto:gene.aucott@comcast.net) / 610-869-7355.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOUS

## 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.

## 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



## PRAYER ROOM

Need prayer?



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



**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Worship  
at**

**West Grove United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, November 18th  
7:00 p.m.**

Join the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas, as we gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries. Join us for great music, time of fellowship and testimony, and a inspiring message for our community. Our own PraiseWorks band will offer music!

# THE GARAGE

Community & Youth Center

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$500 to support the Garage Community & Youth Center. Supporting the Garage helps students like Vicki stay in school and graduate on time, but also to avoid risky behaviors, increase self-esteem and to pursue post-secondary education.

Vicki started coming to the Garage in 7th grade. She was extremely shy and was often by herself doing homework. In 8th grade, she was paired with her mentor Bev and she truly started to come out of her shell. She and Bev would often meet at Longwood Gardens and take walks or just spend time doing homework or getting coffee. Together, they participated in Girls Program and Community Service opportunities. Over time, Bev became close with Vicki's family. In high school, Vicki enrolled in the Allied Health Program at the Technical College High School, pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse. Bev was alongside her every step of the way. During her senior year, Bev spent time helping Vicki with her scholarship applications and navigating the college application process. She also encourage Vicki to apply for The Garage's Career Compass summer internship program. Vicki was accepted and the summer after graduating from high school, she worked with Dr. Ricky Haug at Core Family Practice in Kennett Square. She is now pursuing a nursing degree at Delaware Community College. She is the first person in her family to go to college! We are so proud of Vicki and the hard work and perseverance that she has shown throughout high school and beyond.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about how you can get involved at the Garage, please visit our web site at [www.garageyouthcenter.org](http://www.garageyouthcenter.org). or call us at 610.444.6464.

Best regards,

Jacquelynn Crego, Development Director

# EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We would like to thank you very much for your prayers and for your supports. Here are some highlights from our Newsletter. May God bless all of you.

Yours,

Ngoy and Umba Kalangwa  
Morogoro UMC, Tanzania



**PASTORS TRAINING:** Soon after the Annual Conference, newly appointed pastors from different regions of Tanzania came to attend the training here in Morogoro. Twelve pastors have attended the training, four of them came with their families. This year we have welcome the third female pastor to come for the training. Throughout the training, the pastors have learned about the history of the UMC in Tanzania and in the world, church management, Bible interpretation, and English. Also, this year we welcomed two part-time teachers from the USA, Rev. Kerry Cox from New Covenant UMC taught about the Pentateuch, and Rev. Wendy Neal from McFarlin UMC, she taught about the life of John Wesley.



Rev. Cox teaching the local pastors. Pic. By Rev. Umba

**WOMEN IN ACTION:** This winter, the Suzannah Wesley Center have received three pastor's wives to also go through the sewing training. These women had no experience to using a sewing machine. They have received adequate skills to use the machine, yet more training will be required for them to perfect what they have learned. Also, they learned how to make beads and handbags. Furthermore, the women in Morogoro had a one day seminar about family planning given by Rev. Neal and Laura, a nurse also from McFarlin UMC.



Women and the volunteer team from McFarlin UMC pausing after the family planning seminar in Morogoro.

**HEALTHCARE:** The Suzannah Wesley Education and Health Center continues to provide healthcare to the community. This Winter we welcomed a guest dental doctor from McFarlin UMC, Dr. Bill . Him and his team offered dental treatments to people of the community for three days. Over a hundred patients came to receive treatment for free, from young kids and older adults. Also, they received dental care education



Dr. Bill, Rev. Linda Harker, and Nancy at the Suzannah Wesley dispensary in Morogoro.

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- The end of the July Missionary Ngoy and I will go to Kigoma for a District conference.
- Suzannah Wesley Education and Healthcare Center: There will be new women joining us for the sewing training. From the month of August until June 2019.
- Completion of the Morogoro Pastors School classrooms, July 2018: By the end of the training in July, the 10 pastors will use the two classes built for the MPS by the support of the mission teams from Oklahoma Annual Conference.
- Deepwater wells in Mtipule Njiapanda and Mangae Mkambarani: Three new wells were dug and are now functional. Over 2000 people will be able to use these wells. There is still great a need of clean water in this area.
- Missionary Allee Gomulka: A volunteer missionary from Texas will be with us in Morogoro for one year, teaching English at Wesley Pre-Primary School.

# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Knit Wits SOS Ladies	2 Trustees Meeting	3	4 Staff Meeting	5 UMW Rummage Sale	6 UMW Rummage Sale Daily Reflections Group
7 World Communion Sunday Communion & Emergency Aid Blessing of the Animals	8 Knit Wits SOS Ladies Full Staff Meeting	9 Prayer Ministry Monthly Gathering Finance Meeting Ad Council Meeting	10	11	12 R.A.P. Youth Group Dodgeball	13 J.U.L.I.E.T Daily Reflections Group
14 Worship at Jenner's Pond Family Promise	15 Family Promise Knit Wits SOS Ladies	16 Family Promise Charge Conference	17 Family Promise R.A.P. Sight & Sound Trip	18 Family Promise	19 CMO Consignment Sale Family Promise UMW Faith Circle	20 CMO Consignment Sale Family Promise Daily Reflections Group
21 Memory Bells Coffee Fellowship Family Promise	22 Knit Wits SOS Ladies UMM Meeting	23 Missions Meeting	24	25 R.O.M.E.O.S Book of the Month	26 Movie Night Youth Group Fall Outing	27 Daily Reflections Group
28 Trunk or Treat	29 Knit Wits SOS Ladies	30	31			



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