



# The Wesleyan Star

## West Grove United Methodist Church

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## July 2019

*"To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews.  
To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law),  
so as to win those under the law.*

*To those not having the law I became like one not having the law  
(though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law),  
so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak.  
I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."  
1 Corinthians 9: 20-22*

Do you remember the first movie that you saw in the movie theater? (share with me. I'm curious!)

There is nothing like the first experience of going to the movie theater! The summer of 1986 was as hot and sticky as it has been some of the past couple of days. Heat waves lingered such that no one even wanted to spend time by the pool. My mother and the neighborhood ladies were looking for something to do with the gaggle of children, aged from 10 to 4 (little me!). And they took us to the air-conditioned movies to see a recently released Care Bears Movie II: A New Generation! There was buttery popcorn, fizzy sodas, and seats that rocked back and forth (even though my feet couldn't reach the floor!). And the movie screen was so large that the Care Bears came out of my imagination and to the rescue of the young orphan camper in need! And of course, I went with them! When we came out of the theater, I was ready to go back! To step back into another story and envision how I, too could be a part of the rescue. All that summer, I saw Jungle Book, Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, and many more.

Since then, like many of you, the my movies tastes and genres have expanded in width and depth. I have come to see themes of faith and opportunities to explore imagery within our films. Movies are a tool to be used to share the message of the gospel with others. The message of the gospel never changes, however the context and the container change regularly. Throughout the month of July, we will have opportunity to explore just a few movies with profound themes. These movies highlight: What Makes a Hero? God calls ordinary people like you and me to do extraordinary things each and every day. What is it that allows some of us to rise to the occasion? In these movies, we will take a look at what biblical qualities we can cultivate: courage, persistence and faith in the midst of challenge, we are stronger together, and justice.

Biblical heroes show us that none of those qualities is easy to achieve, but each quality is one towards which we strive. The courage of David standing against Goliath was not born of waking up with moxie one morning. Rather, the confidence and skill was born over time in the fields as a shepherd as well as reliance on God. David developed courage, and persistence. Additionally, "[The Archbishop] Desmond Tutu has described good leaders as having an uncanny sense of timing. "The real leader," he writes, knows "when to make concessions, when to compromise, when to employ the art of losing the battle in order to win the war." (Harvard Business Review, January 2007). David models this.

Many of us have heard the story of David and Goliath time and time again as a child, a youth, and into our adult years. What if we hear the story of David as told through the movie, the Lion King?

How differently, we would watch the movie (first of all).

Next, we could tell the story of good news differently to our friends and our kids!

The good news of Jesus never changes, however, the ways in which people can hear it may. Are you willing to watch a movie to share the good news with others?

Join us on Wednesday nights to see the whole movie! Then come back on Sunday to hear how you can share the good news through these movies.

*In God's Love,  
Pastor Monica*

# Pastor's Desk

## Celebrating Re-Appointments

*We celebrate the re-appointment of The Reverend Monica B. Guepet by Bishop Peggy Johnson for the sixth year as our Lead Pastor.*

*We give thanks to God for the re-appointment of Pastor S. James Mundell as our Associate Pastor and Chaplain to Jenners Pond for the sixteenth year.*

*Blessings to both as we continue in ministry together!*

*Welcome*

*We welcome Ali Wills as our next sexton. She began on June 17th. Please greet and welcome her as you see her caring well for our facilities.*



Mark your calendars:  
Our Charge  
Conference is  
**October 12, 2019**  
Intentional

Discipleship Systems at Lima UMC

**Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary/CEO of Discipleship Ministries**

A nationally recognized leader, speaker, and author on evangelism and church revitalization, the Rev. Junius B. Dotson is the General Secretary (chief executive officer) of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church with a staff of 135. Dotson launched "See All The People", the highly successful church-wide initiative that helps church leaders concentrate on intentional discipleship, while learning new behaviors around engaging their surrounding community.

Rev. Dotson is the author of *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations*, and *Engaging Your Community: A Guide to Seeing All the People*. Both resources help congregations look beyond their walls, acknowledging that God calls us to have "meaningful relationships in authentic, organic and consistent ways." His newest book, *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness* (Upper Room Books) is set for release in September 2019.

As a leader who responds to challenges and opportunities in new and creative ways, Rev. Dotson believes that effective ministry is about training, developing, and empowering leaders to establish ministries that address the needs of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit.

Agenda:

- 9 am Registration (sign in; breakfast; voting record)
- 9:15 Welcome
- 9:30-10:30 Plenary - (with **Rev. Junius B. Dotson**)
- 10:30-10:45 Q&A
- 10:45 am-11:30 am Charge Conference Business & District Updates
- 11:30 Departure

## Avon Grove Ministerium Scholarships



Three students from Avon Grove High School received Ministerium scholarships last month. These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors within the Avon Grove community who intend to seek careers within helping professions.

We give thanks to God for the generosity of our congregation who value investing in our young people. We are making an impact in our world and our community.

Thank you to UMW - We give thanks to God to the United Methodist Women who have a long history of investing in and contributing to the children and youth in a community.

Their significant contribution to the Ministerium Scholarship allowed for an additional recipient to be awarded a scholarship.

## BOOKS & MOVIES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- *Mary Poppins Returns*, 2018
- *The Confessions* by Augustine
- *Theology of Hope* by Jurgen Moltmann
- *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time* by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu





# July Worship at West Grove UMC



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

*Summer Worship ~ One Blended Service at 9:30 a.m.*

## GOSPEL IN FILM: WHAT MAKES A HERO?

Summer worship in **July and August is at 9:30 a.m.** with movies and music. In July, join us as we explore the gospel in film. In August, you wouldn't want to miss our songs of faith! Come for worship with all of your church family!

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**All Worship Sunday**

**Communion Sunday, \*Emergency Aid**

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

**Scripture: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17,  
Luke 15: 11-32**

**Sermon: What Makes a Hero? Courage**  
**Film: Lion King**

**How is God inviting you on a journey to discover your courage?**

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture: Matthew 9:14-17;  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**Sermon: What Makes a Hero? Persistence and Faith in the Midst of Change**  
**Film: Moana**

**In an ever changing world, God calls us to remain steadfast and faithful which reflects the truest heart of our God.**

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

**VBS Presentation**

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture: Acts 2:44-47 , John 15:12-17**

**Sermon: What Makes a Hero? Stronger Together**

**Film: Toy Story**

**God invites each of us to be in ministry and relationship together. Where are you stronger together with other followers of Jesus?**

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**Christmas in July**

**Scripture: Mark 12:28-34;  
Galatians 3:26-29**

**Sermon: What Makes a Hero? Justice**  
**Film: Hidden Figures**

**God's heroes first seek justice in which all are one in Christ. Where is God calling you to seek justice, so that all might be on in Christ?**



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship is on **July 14** at 11:00 a.m. 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 July 7.**



**July COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Ad Council**

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.

# NEW MEMBERS & CONFIRMANDS



## WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

West Grove UMC was very excited to have the following folks join into the membership of the church! David & Tiffany Bohnsack, Steve & Jill Croft, Mike & Nancy Duvall, Jill Kilmartin, Jay & Carol Schoff. Please be sure to introduce yourself!

## The 2019 Confirmation Class

*Alisabeth Guepet*

*Jonathan LeSturgeon*

*Hannah McCummings*

*Matthew Rinehimer*

*Nate Robinson*

*Sydney P. Simonds*

*Catie Weingarten*



### **CONFIRMATION CREED**

We believe in the One God, Giver of life, Father of all, forgiver of sins; Who created all life on earth, All nations and peoples. God has created and is still creating. God is the head of the Body, The One who gives us all we need. We believe in Jesus, The fulfilled promise, firstborn of all creation; The one and only Son of God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Was born, lived on earth, died and rose again. In Jesus we have the creation of the Church, Forgiveness of sins, and new and fulfilling life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The divine presence of God, experienced but not seen; Who lives in us, and bestows spiritual gifts; Is our guidance, comfort, and strength. We believe in the Word of God, Old and New Testaments together, The Good News. It is a guide to wisdom and for practice in our lives, And gives us assured hope in everlasting life. We believe in the Church, A community of people who come together in the name of the Lord. We come together to teach one another and learn about the living God; To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and serve the needs of God's people.



# GROW



## Vacation Bible School 2019

### To Mars and Beyond!

July 15-19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work in us!"*

*Ephesians 3:20*

Vacation Bible School is coming fast! We are so thrilled to be going To Mars and Beyond!

At To Mars and Beyond VBS, children will enjoy a week of interactive, energizing, activities that will explore the lengths of where God's power can take them. Through activities such as science, art, music, missions and stories, we will learn together how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Our program is open to children Pre K through Grade 6.

Registration is available online at the church website, [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org). For information and questions, contact Melanie Hartley or Joan Leaman. We can't wait to see you there!

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES

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Starting July 7 and 10, Sundays,  
1:30-3:30 p.m. (Room 5),

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

(Room 5) Disciple Bible Study is a 34-week course in which

participants read and study the Bible in committed groups for the purpose of learning and transformation. The studies are for adults of all ages and experience levels and provide an excellent way to build or to build upon a biblical foundation for your faith.

The first class in the Disciple series, Becoming Disciples through Bible Study, surveys both the Old and New Testaments. In this course, participants deepen their awareness of the whole biblical story and have the opportunity to discuss and learn more about how God calls us to respond to that story today.

Each group is led by a trained facilitator who has not only the knowledge and experience to lead Disciple, but the heart to share in a journey of growth with others who want to know more about the Bible and its applications to life.

Disciple is one of the strongest in-depth group Bible studies available and includes daily preparation of about 30-45 minutes, and a weekly group study session of about two hours. Step forward to be informed, transformed, and heart-warmed on your own journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Step out in faith! Classes start on Sunday, July 7th and Wednesday July 10th.

If you would still like to join, please see Pastor Monica. There are a few spots left.

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### New Location and Time!

Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us at **Jenner's Pond on the 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss a recently published book.

This month we are reading *"Workin' Our Way Home: The Incredible True Story of a Homeless Ex-Con and a Grieving Millionaire Thrown Together to Save Each Other"* by Ron Hall. Our lives often change quickly. How will God use you in the lives of others?

We will meet on **July 25 at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss it. Join us! See Pastor Monica for more information.

## 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 Bldg. #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 studying the book of Revelation.** If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071. We hope you can join us!

## FAMILY PROMISE

July 22-29

**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. Here are the areas where your assistance is needed:

**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.

Look for sign up in the lobby with a list of food items needed as well as volunteering to serve during the week our guests are here. Also, we are looking for someone who has truck for transporting the cots.

Please contact **Joan Leaman at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181 for more information.**

### Leadership in the Midst of Conflict

How to lead transformationally when things get tough



Keynote Speaker

Jen Hatmaker

*New York Times* bestseller, author, sought-after speaker, popular blogger and podcaster, Jen brings a combination of humor, relatability, and depth to every event. Among her popular books and Bible studies is *Interrupted: When Jesus Wrecks Your Comfortable Christianity*. Jen and her husband Brandon co-pastor Austin New Church in Austin, Texas.

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Transformative leadership training for lay and clergy designed to empower local congregations

September 21, 2019



#### OFFICE HOURS

**UPDATES: The church office will be closed on July 4th, and all church staff will be on holiday. The week of July 8th - 12th there will be summer hours from 9am - 1pm.**

### 2019 EPA Laity Academy



August 2 - 4 at Eastern University

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The 2019 EPA Laity Academy offers in-depth classes that will help you negotiate those waves and give you direction to Gather disciples and Grow in the faith. Choose the class that best meets your needs, and join us for an exciting weekend of learning that includes terrific fellowship, uplifting worship, awesome entertainment and great food.

We have 18 courses which include 7 new offerings. Eastern University is also making 45 dormitory suites available at an extremely affordable price for the weekend.

- 6 New courses including topics in Bible Study in 21st Century, Conflict in the Church, Disaster Recovery, Evangelism and Church Growth, Creating Bible Games for Adults, Finishing Strong: Maximizing our Aging Congregation
- Special Topic from Bishop and Rev. Johnson on Ministry in the Margin
- Saturday Night concert: Warren Cooper Christian Jazz Ensemble

**REGISTRATION CLOSING - JULY 12th** Registration details [epaumc.org/ministry/lay](http://epaumc.org/ministry/lay)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EPAUMCLaityAcademy/>

Questions? Diana Wrisley, Communications Director, 2019 Laity Academy, 267.992.1020



# SERVE



**PLEASE SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**  
**To Mars and Beyond!**  
**July 15-19**

We are so appreciative of the congregational support for VBS, and there are 2 main ways that you can support this wonderful week for the children of West Grove UMC and the larger West Grove community:

**Volunteer Your Time**

If you would like to give a few hours of your time during VBS week, whether through helping shepherd groups to signing children in and out, your time means so much to us!

Contact Melanie Hartley or Joan Leaman for volunteer opportunities.

**Donate Supplies for Lessons**

The only remaining supplies need are the following: !

- 75 washed empty plastic water bottles with lids
- 8 3/4 inch styrofoam balls

If you are able to supply any of these items, you can bring them to the church office. Contact Melanie or Joan with any questions. Thank you



**WEST GROVE OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
**THE GARAGE YOUTH & COMMUNITY**  
**CENTER**

**1st and 3rd Mondays of Every Month**  
**7:15-9:00 p.m.**



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## To the United Methodist Women

Thank you so much for the donation of \$200 to use towards scholarships. Your donations will help a child attend preschool. I truly appreciate you're always thinking of the preschool and the children in the community.

Tracy  
(CMO Director)

## 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 11:00 a.m. 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.



## USE YOUR GIFT OF HOSPITALITY!

The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on:

- 4th Sunday of the month after the 8:30 service
- 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00 service

Please contact Dick or Caryl Stuhrke at 302.239.1743 if you are able to help.



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED



THANK YOU to everyone for being so generous with your donations to our Emergency Food Pantry!

We have been able to supply 135 bags of food and supplies to many families.

Currently we are low on some supplies. When you donate, please check the "Expires By" date, as we are unable

to distribute those.

Below is a list of items needed. We are especially in need of items that have protein and provide nutrition.

- Soups
- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, beef
- Canned beans & chili
- Nuts
- Nut butters
- Jerky / Beef sticks
- Dish Soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste
- Dryer sheets
- Bath bar soap
- Deodorant
- Adult tooth brushes

## CMO PRESCHOOL

What a fantastic year we had in the CMO and Preschool program. Although the preschool is currently on Summer break, we are still busy gathering ideas and making plans for September. Summer gives us all a time to reflect on the past year and make changes for the future so that we can best meet the needs of the children. We are looking forward to welcoming the children and families back in September feeling rejuvenated from the summer break. We do still have a few openings in some of our classes. If you are interested in learning more about the preschool program, please reach out to me at [tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org). I would be happy to meet with you and show you around our wonderful church preschool. Enjoy the summer!!

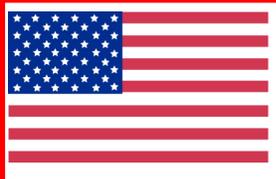
Tracy McLaughlin, Director  
[tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org) or call the church for more information.



### PRAYER MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING

The Prayer Ministry team meets the **second Tuesday of every month** for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. **We welcome you to join us at our next meeting on July 9 at 6:30 p.m.** 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'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.



The office will also be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### PRAYER ROOM

Need prayer?

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



**OPEN MARKET & CRAFT FAIR**  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14**

**9 a.m.~2 p.m.**  
**INDOORS & OUTSIDE**

**VENDORS & FOOD TRUCKS**  
**WANTED!**

### West Grove United Methodist Church 4th Annual Open Market Call For Vendors

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its 4th Annual Open Market. The Open Market will run from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a day of shopping and food. Our goal this year is to host close to 100 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters, etc) as well as food trucks. We are accepting vendors and food trucks, interested please contact the church: (610) 869-9334 or email [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

Interested? Contact West Grove UMC: (610) 869-9334 / [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and al-

lows us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and, in addition, we open our church to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations. Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc. that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.



Have you checked our website recently? Many updates and changes have been undertaken.

[www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

Look for VBS registration, newsletters, bulletins, sermons, our calendar and much more!

We are actively recruiting enthusiastic volunteers to make this amazing event the very best it can be. We will be hosting a **volunteer training on Wednesday, July 24 from 6-8pm at the Oxford Area High School.** Volunteers receive a free t-shirt, a free ticket to the festival and a day of fun!



Visit [www.connectivefestival.org/volunteer](http://www.connectivefestival.org/volunteer) to learn more and to sign up for a shift.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

## YOUTH IN MISSION!



### The West Virginia Mission Team

Alisabeth Guepet

Hannah McCummings

Matt Rinehimer

Nate Robinson

Matt Simonds

Sydney Simonds

Catie Weingarten

Kim Weingarten

Gary Hartley

Melanie Hartley



# FUN & FITNESS



Retired Active People



## RETIRED ACTIVE PEOPLE (R.A.P.)

Mark your calendars for September 13 when we will reconvene for our 2019-2020 program year. Look for more details in the August newsletter for upcoming events and opportunities to help. Thanks for a great year!



R.O.M.E.O.

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

**\*NOTICE\***

**The R.O.M.E.O.s will not be meeting over the summer. Please check your bulletins and newsletters for updates in the fall.**

**Thank you.**



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**The Providence Brass  
Quintet: Wednesday, July  
31, 10:00 a.m. at West Grove  
Presbyterian Church.**

All are invited to attend!

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

**The Juliets will not meet this month due to the closing of the Café.**

**Look for updates in the bulletin and on our website as they search for new place to meet!**

**SUMMER  
FUN!**

**WEDNESDAY NITE FUN!  
June 19-August 21  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

West Grove United Methodist Church celebrates summer for the 5th year with Wednesday night "Summer Fun for Everyone". The weekly event starts on June 19 and will continue through the summer culminating on August 28.

The ENTIRE COMMUNITY is invited to attend from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be hotdogs, games, fellowship and a brief word from Pastor Monica, each week.

The church wants to continue building a relationship with everyone in the community and believes a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where folks of all ages could come and enjoy themselves fits perfectly. Pastor Monica says that it "won't be fancy". Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for hot dogs and whatever

assortment of side dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a bag of chips, some cookies, or side dish, they will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

An assortment of games will be available, the youth plan to have their 9-In-The-Air game up and going, a gated playground (newly updated with new equipment) is open for little ones, and the ample parking lot and grounds will provide lots of space for kids of all ages to play. So bring your bikes, trikes, skateboards, scooters or rollerblades!

It is a Rain or Shine event! Weather permitting, we will have a slip-n-slide for all to enjoy as well! We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors, too!

In July, we will enjoy all the fun of grilling out and eating, but then we will go to the sanctuary (Air Conditioned!!) to enjoy the MOVIE OF THE WEEK, which will also coincide that coming Sunday's sermon. One of the movies will be the newly released "Dumbo".

Bring your lawn chair and take the night off! All are welcome!



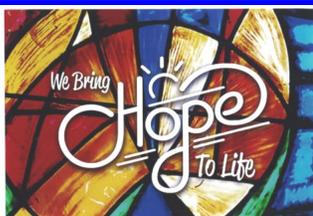
# STEWARDSHIP

## IRA Tax-Free Donations

### REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION: HOW CAN I SERVE?

If you have heard about required minimum distribution from your individual retirement account, and wondered how that might work, consider serving the church through this gift. The criteria is:

- You must be 70 ½ or older when the transfer is made.
- The transfer must go directly from your IRA administrator to your church.
- Rollover gifts are limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. If married, and each spouse has an IRA, then each may gift up to \$100,000.
- The gift counts toward your IRA required minimum distribution.
- The distribution is not reported as income, so there is no adverse income tax effect.
- Gifts must be outright: not to donor advised funds, charitable remainder trusts, or for charitable gift annuities. Gifts can fulfill your local church pledge.



**FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
WEST GROVE UMC  
WEST GROVE, PA



### FEASIBILITY STUDY

We give thanks to God for all of our families who participated in the Sustainability survey with Richie Musser of Kirby Smith Associates. The findings were presented in broad strokes in worship on June 2nd. If you are interested in a copy of the executive summary, they are available in the lobby. If you are interested in additional details, please let Pastor Monica know. A strategic planning team is forming in direct response to

the feedback from the congregation. We heard you!

Additionally, many persons have asked for a status update on our projected deficit against projected expenses. As we end the second quarter, that information will be available soon. We give thanks to God for the generosity of God's people as they response to needs and care for one another.

We give thanks to God for the generosity of many givers. It is your giving that allows us to impact our community and our world. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings give us the resources to share, equip, empower, and advocate for our community.



Consider electronic giving for its ease and discipline. Call the Church office for details on how to set up electronic giving.

Please look for your 6 month giving statements in the mail. If there are questions, please contact our financial secretary, Janice Bowers, at 610-444-8470 or [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com)

## DREAM BIG

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

Item	Qty	Approx 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
Carpet in Room 14	1	\$500
Walkway from Pastor's Office Door to Parking Lot	1	\$7,000

# MISSIONS AND MINISTRY



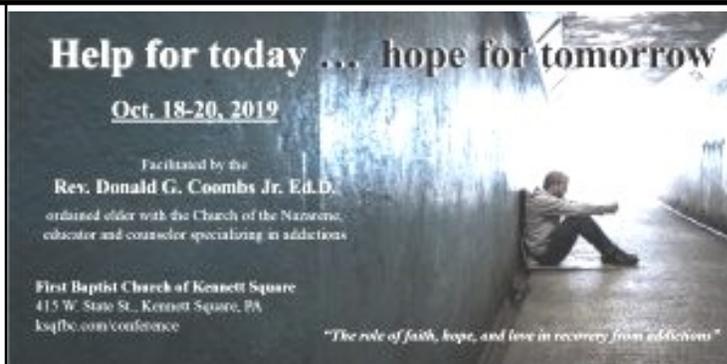
**Mission Central,  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Tuesday, July 23  
1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with twenty-one satellite operations, called “HUBs”, they supply humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies.

**What work will be done?** Volunteers work on a variety of tasks: Assemble, verify, and pack UMCOR Relief Kits; sort donated materials; warehouse labor— stack, move, wrap, etc.; maintain the facility—Sweep, vacuum, mop, wipe, etc.; lawn & yard maintenance; truck loading and unloading; and inventory & data entry.

**If you, as an individual, a family, or a small group, are interested** in visiting and volunteering at Mission Central with the Mission Team this year, **please see Janice Bowers** for more information. A signup sheet will be posted in the lobby.

**Members of the Mission Team will be carpooling and will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. We are scheduled to work from 1-4 pm. If you are interested, please let Janice Bowers or Cindy Haley know. Thank you!**



“Help for today ... hope for tomorrow” Oct. 18-20, 2019

A three-day conference at First Baptist Church of Kennett Square will explore the special role that faith, hope, and love play in recovery from chemical dependency. Addiction is a word that conjures so many images ... none very positive or supportive of the individual. For the one struggling with substance use disorder, there may be feelings of guilt, shame, hopelessness, and failure. No matter how hard you may try, it seems difficult to get ahead and remain free of a chemical substance. For those walking alongside someone struggling with the disease, there may be feelings of fear, anger, and disappointment. Questions of what could or should have been done to prevent the disease are common. Whether you are struggling with substance use disorder yourself or walking alongside someone who does, one thing holds true — there is always hope and help available. Help for today and hope for tomorrow is the message being shared. “Help for today ... hope for tomorrow” will be held at First Baptist Church of Kennett Square, 415 W. State St., Kennett Square. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch and refreshments on Saturday. It is sponsored by Kacie’s Cause and First Baptist Church of Kennett Square. Kacie’s Cause is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization serving those whose loved ones are battling substance use disorder, and was founded by Andy and Donna Rumford after the overdose death of their daughter Kacie. For more information, go online to [ksqfbc.com/conference](http://ksqfbc.com/conference)

## GOOD NEIGHBORS PROJECT ~ SATURDAY, AUGUST 17



Mark your calendars and plan to roll up your sleeves to support Good Neighbors through a work project on Saturday, August 17.

Good Neighbors believes everyone should have a safe place to live. They have made it their mission to do all they can to restore hope for those who have few or no resources to fix their leaking roof, broken windows or the worn out furnace.



**WGUMC Missions Team  
is introducing our First Annual  
Christmas in July!  
Sunday, July 28**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 28th to join us after the service for snacks and for the introduction of the Luther House crafts we will be providing to all of the residents (with home baked cookies) in December. If you want to spend time creating some special gifts between July and the end of November, please join us. We will be offering demonstrations, instructions, and materials as needed for the following:

- Decorative door knob hanger
- Lace angels
- Symbol of the Innkeepers Key
- Candy Cane bead ornaments
- Star ornaments made from felt and burlap

A supply list will be posted in the lobby. Please drop any craft supplies in the Mission bin in the lobby between now and 7/28 that you think can help us complete these gifts.



# GSR 2019

15 CHURCHES

\$12,000 RAISED  
for the Getting Ahead  
workshop



6 TONS OF FOOD  
collected for local  
cupboards



DOZENS OF CHURCH MEMBERS  
learned more about local  
poverty through the Poverty  
Simulation & Bridges Out of  
Poverty workshops



TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT

[TheConstellationNetwork.com/GSR](http://TheConstellationNetwork.com/GSR)



## **Join us for Wednesday Night Fun! 6-8:30p Wednesday nights**

We'll provide dinner and the beverage. Feel free to bring a side

In July, we will show the full screening of the movie that will be featured in worship the following Sunday.

July 3rd - Lion King

July 10 - Moana

July 17—Toy Story

July 24 -Hidden Figures (PG)

July 31—Dumbo

# EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS



The 2019 Eastern PA Annual Conference, meeting June 13-15 in Oaks, Pa., elected eight delegates to represent it at the 2020 General Conference (GC2020), May 5-15, in Minneapolis, and elected eight more delegates to join them at the next Northeastern Jurisdictional (NEJ) Conference in July 2020, and an additional six delegates in reserve. This full delegation reflected here, excepting Rev. Lydia Muñoz and Elizabeth Fisher, has already begun meeting.

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Delegates elected to GC2020 and to the NE Jurisdictional Conference 2020:

Clergy: The Revs. Dawn Taylor-Storm; Andrea Brown; Lydia Muñoz; and Johnson Dodla.

Laity: Judy Ehninger; Krystl Johnson; Ann Jacob; and Lenora Thompson

Delegates elected to the NE Jurisdictional Conference 2020:

Clergy: The Revs. Robin Hynicka; Daniel Lebo; Edward Locke Cameron; Hannah Bonner

Laity: David Koch; Samuel Longmire; Clarita Anderman Krall; Elizabeth Fisher

Alternate delegates elected:

Clergy: The Revs. Christopher J. Kurien; Mandy Miller; Monica Guepet

Laity: Matthew Calderone; Kristine Adams; Susan Grimm

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Please covenant to support the work of our church, our district, our conference, and our general church by praying for each of these persons by name as they prepare for General and Jurisdictional conference. Pray for Pastor Monica as she serves faithfully on the delegation.

We will hear more about Annual Conference in the weeks to come from our delegates.





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**2019**

*~ Open, Grow, Serve ~*

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

**The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor**

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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday**  
**7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

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Maira Tena - Nursery Attendant

### **Christ Servant Ministers**

Janice Bowers  
Cindy Haley  
Karen Hruz  
Peter Mullen

### **Board and Committee Leadership**

Carol Whelan - Administrative Council Chair

Gene Aucott - Trustee Chair

Marc Simmons - Finance Chair

Scott Steele - Treasurer

Janice Bowers - Financial Secretary

Dick Stuhrke - SPRC Interim Chair

Steve May—Tech Team Leader

Dick Stuhrke—Scouting Coordinator

Melanie Hartley - Christian Education

Joan Leaman - Children's Ministry Team Contact

Susan Paisley, RN - Faith Community Nurse

Janice Bowers - Missions Team Chair

Dick and Caryl Stuhrke - Hospitality Committee Chair

Susan Paisley & Janice Bowers -

Delegates to Annual Conference

Pastor Monica - Committee on Lay Leadership

OPEN - U.M.W. President

Susan Paisley - Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Karen Hruz—Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator

Amy Castaldi - Nursery Coordinator

John Gambill, Betty Mundell

—Ad Council Member at Large

Carol Whelan—CMO Advisory Board Chair

Sara Ann Ramberger—R.A.P Coordinator

Janice Bowers - Emergency Aid Team Chair