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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. " Isaiah 43: 19

It has been the vision of the CMO advisory team, the Trustees and the Administrative Council to reallocate our rooms to their fullest purposes. Over the last 14 months, we have listened and discerned what those needs are currently, as well as looking towards the future. In response, the Administrative Council determined last fall to transition our CMO Preschool program to the education wing and the majority of our adult education and meeting rooms to the administrative wing.

Our CMO Preschool has been growing each year. We are delighted to announce that this year we are growing to more classes. We will now have 5 classrooms. Two classrooms will house 4 day prekindergarten programs with one extended day, including lunch. This is a growing need in our community for our young families. Two classrooms will house two and three day programs for our traditional preschool age. One classroom will house 2 classes of our youngest children (beginning at age 18 months). This classroom will also be our nursery on Sunday and for programs. An additional room will be the preschool office and Sunday School resource room. All of these classrooms will be shared with our children's Sunday school program, Children's ministry, and Children's worship.

Additionally, we are delighted to share our facility with the community. We open our doors to community groups like Daily Reflections and SOS Ladies. We host scouting for boys, girls, and the Venture Crew (a co-ed adventure group). Other groups inside the church and in the community also meet in our building. Our need for board style and team building rooms has changed. As a result, the rooms in the administrative wings will be transitioned to adult education rooms as well as meeting rooms. The music room will retain its function and purpose for music.

Painting has already begun in the education wing and will soon follow in the administrative wing. Moving rooms is close behind. We need your help in that process. Moving will happen the week of May 30th. We give thanks to God for a vision of growth and possibilities for all of our ministries. Join me in prayer as we expand and reinvigorate these ministries. Please see me or any member of the CMO Advisory Team, Trustees or Ad Council with questions!

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



May Worship at West Grove UMC

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



Citizens of Heaven, Residents of Earth:

We look towards heaven and keep living on earth. We are called to take our Christian worldview into all of our lives, including the political arena. How does our faith shape our understanding of politics?

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016

Communion Sunday

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

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:19 and Acts 16:9-15

Sermon: "God's Welcome"

How do we live out God's radical and universal welcome?

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 8, 2016

Scripture: Luke 24:36-53 and Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: "Jesus for President: Not Just Your Mother's Niceties"

How do we move beyond niceties into the justice that Jesus call us to live?

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

Scripture: Acts 2

Sermon: "Holy Spirit Inspires"

Where is the Holy Spirit calling us to change?

First Sunday After Pentecost

May 22, 2016

Pastor Shirley Daddario Preaching

Scripture: Psalm 104:33-34 & Esther 4:12-17

Sermon: "For Such A Time as This"

What is our purpose? Are we here for a time such as this?

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Baptism Sunday ~ Erik Henrickson

5th Sunday Coin Collection

To benefit the Community Cafe

May 29, 2016

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10 and 1Kings 18:20-39

Sermon: "Miracle of Presence"

Missed this weekend's message?
Listen to past sermons online.



On our website,

www.westgroveumc.org, we have
three ways you can do this:

Read the manuscript .

Listen to the Audio .

Listen and Watch

Don't miss a single Sunday! Catch each one online.

Did you miss a sermon? Want to check a resource? Hear it again?



Hosted by the Faith Links Class

**On Sunday,
April 17**

after both services

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.



Job Posting: **Engagement Specialist**

West Grove UMC is seeking a dynamic person to join our team as an engagement specialist. The Engagement Specialist will lead in engaging connections with community and congregation through social and traditional media, as well as providing administrative support in the office. This is part-time position with potential to grow.

Please email inquiries, resumes, and questions to pastor @westgroveumc. See David Delaney, our SPRC chair or Pastor Monica for more details.



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

www.westgroveumc.org

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

Are you looking for a mission opportunity? A way to serve others? Do you want to put your hands to work?

In Crisfield, Maryland on the Eastern shore, Hurricanes have hit hard over the last number of years. Repairs and preventive measures are under way. Mark your calendar for the weekend of September 9th—11th and look for more information. Share your interest with Jamie Lindtner or Pastor Monica

DID YOU KNOW?

PASTOR MONICA IS IN THE 18TH MONTH OF A TWO YEAR COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY.

FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IS AN ELITE TRAINING PROGRAM BY THE MID-ATLANTIC FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO EQUIP CLERGY IN LEADING FINANCIALLY INTO THE FUTURE.

SHE ATTENDS CONFERENCES AND ENGAGES WITH COACH AND PEER COACHING AROUND FINANCIAL GROWTH AREAS IN THE CHURCH. HER LAST CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISING WITH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS FROM LYCOMING COLLEGE AND JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. OTHER TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED CHURCH FINANCES, PERSONAL FINANCES, STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION, AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP.

ASK HER ABOUT IT.



Daily Meditations

We hope you have had a chance to catch the new meditations in the bulletin. They are written one for each day of the week as a short meditation and question with which you might begin your day.

Don't forget to take your bulletin home and place the meditations and scripture reading in a place you can use each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!



Summer Worship

Please note that during July and August our worship will be at 9:30 am. This will be a blended service with elements from our contemporary worship and traditional worship.

We hope you will take advantage of this time for worshipping with persons in our congregation who you may not see during the rest of the year.



Ready to Take the Next Step? **Become a Member**

Saturday, May 7th at 9am : SERVE Over breakfast, we will talk about our spiritual gifts and learn about different ways to serve from leaders at West Grove. Children welcome!

Sunday, May 15th: WELCOME On this day, you will be taken into membership during the worship services. We will welcome people at both services!

Please contact Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, or Melissa Jones if you are interested in learning more about membership.

Baptism

- Through baptism we are joined with the church and with Christians everywhere.
- Baptism is a symbol of new life and a sign of God's love and forgiveness of our sins.
- Persons of any age can be baptized. We baptize by sprinkling, immersion or pouring.
- A person receives the sacrament of baptism only once in his or her life.
- See One of our Pastors or the Church Office for information about Baptism for you or your children.



Church Family,

Thank you for faithfully giving of your tithes and offerings. We are making progress in closing the gap to meet our 2016 Budget. Our mission/ministry leaders and staff continue to underspend to help us meet our goals for the year. The finance committee asks for your prayers for our church to be blessed financially so that we may meet the ongoing needs of our church family and community.

Barbara Delaney, Finance Chair

	March	1 st Quarter
Income (Includes \$1,722 Easter Offering)	\$38,049	\$89,620
Expenses	\$36,059	\$88,820
Ending Balance	\$ 1,990	\$ 800



Visitation Ministry

"I was sick and you visited me . . ." (Matthew 25, 36)

Visitors bring joy to the homebound and those who are lonely or isolated.

Did you know visiting has been a part of the Church's practices since our beginnings?

Visiting is the works of mercy. Jesus speaks of them, *"I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink . . . I was sick, and you visited me . . ."*

Visiting the homebound is not only 'a good deed;' it's a privilege that the Lord bestows on each and every one of us, if we choose to accept it. With this ministry, we are called to sacrifice a little bit of time and we become representatives of the larger Church.

I know it can be daunting to go into a stranger's home for the first time, but in general I have found that they are so grateful-- for a chance to chat and visit with someone. It brings us close together as children of God and as members of the Body of Christ.

This is a rewarding ministry, meeting others, getting to know the people and their families. Many times the visitor finds they were getting as much out of the visit as the other person.

If you are interested in visiting the homebound and the lonely, please contact me, Pastor Shirley Daddario at Shirleydad@verizon.net. Or call 302-420-4032.



Peace With Justice Sunday is May 22, 2016

In border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The UMC is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Your giving is vital to continue global ministries of reconciliation. Peace with Justice Sunday offering makes a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. Thanks be to God!

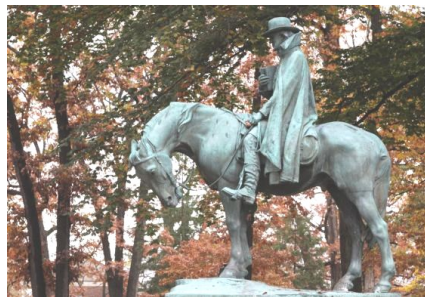


2016 Annual Conference
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

Open Wide Your Hearts!

Embracing that expansive theme, borrowed from 2 Corinthians 6:13, the Eastern PA Annual Conference will seek to open hearts, minds and doors of welcome and witnessing during its 230th annual session, June 16-18, at the Lancaster (Pa.) Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in historic Penn Square.

Indeed, the conference's packed agenda will have members looking both ways—to the past and future. They will learn and repent for the historic oppression of Native American peoples, but also prepare to embark on a new quadrennium, challenged by defining decisions made at the denomination's 2016 General Conference in May.



To Be United Methodist Who was Francis Asbury?

The United Methodist Church does not designate saints – and teaches that all faithful Christians are saints. However, if we did – Francis Asbury would be likely to be among the canonized. March 31 this year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of Asbury.

The Rev. Alfred T. Day III, says he “has been called ‘The American Saint,’ ‘The Prophet of the Long Road.’” Day is general secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH). In the United States, there are towns and cities, churches, hospitals, homes, and schools, from Maine to south Georgia and beyond, named for Francis Asbury, the man who brought Methodism to America in 1771.

Over the next 45 years, he covered some 265,000 miles on horseback, bringing the Good News to the most remote corners of the New World. “The Methodist message that he brought was that God’s love can be experienced by everyone, and that, once it’s experienced by everyone, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in your life and makes a difference,” Day said.

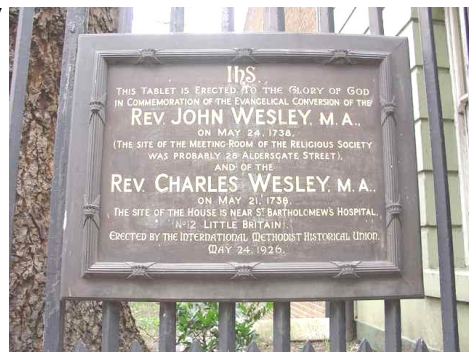
The son of working class parents in England, Asbury received little formal education. He apprenticed as a metalworker and became a local lay preacher. At age 22, John Wesley appointed him to serve as a missionary among the American settlements. His became a life on the road. Asbury never married. Asbury experienced the lonely life of a circuit rider, but there were more challenges in the new mission field.

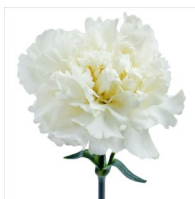
No one in America was ordained at that point, says Dale Patterson, archivist at GCAH. “(John) Wesley struggled with that. So he set apart (Thomas) Coke to ordain Asbury as one of the other leaders of the Methodist Movement, especially to establish a denomination, which was called the Methodist Episcopal Church.” Under Asbury’s direction, the Methodist Episcopal Church grew from 1,200 to 214,000 members and more than 700 ordained preachers. Fifty to 75 years after his death, the Methodist Church was the largest Protestant church body in the United States.

Adapted from the transcript for “Methodism’s American Saint: Bishop Francis Asbury” produced by United Methodist Videos/United Methodist Communications. Watch the video at www.umc.org/who-we-are/methodism

Aldersgate Day on May 24th

Aldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from





Mother's Day

From the earliest days of the Methodist Church, Mother's Day has been less about honoring your specific mother and more about addressing the challenges in our world for mothers and children.

Anna Marie Jarvis, a Methodist from West Chester, was the founder of Mother's Day in 1914. She wanted to memorialize her mother and all those mothers who cared for soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. She wanted to commemorate and urge others to seek peace, even in the midst of conflict. Jarvis believed the conditions of the least among us deserved the attention and care of the church.

This Mother's Day let us join in recognizing all those who seek peace as well as turn our attention to conditions of the least.

Imagine No Malaria

On Mother's Day, we will be offering an opportunity for you to honor your mother, grandmother, and all mothering figures in your life.

Honor special women in your life by giving \$10 to save the life of a child from Malaria. \$10 provides a bed net and changes the future of child in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Give on May 8th to honor those you hold dear.



Pentecost is May 15th!

On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Join us in Worship as we celebrate the church by receiving new members. Wear red on this day to celebrate the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is represented in colors of flames and in the image of a dove. The Holy Spirit inspires, comforts, challenges, convicts, and empowers us.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Memorial Day Prayer

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story. For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth. For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows. For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service. O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

(One-time permission to print and use this litany in congregational worship has been granted by The Armed Forces Chaplains' Board, Washington, D.C.)

Our Knit Wits Outreach to St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore

Prayer Shawls Give Comfort to AICU Patients and Families



Nurse Ashley Fackler shows off several prayer shawls.

Over the past four years, associates in the AICU have adopted the Amaryllis Program for the families of patients at the end of life. A new

partnership with one nurse's church will help to provide even more comfort to the patients and their families on the unit through gifts of Prayer Shawls.

The Amaryllis program provides the families of patients at the end of life with a bag that includes a blanket which is laid on the patient and a care manual with prayers in numerous faiths. The successful program provides an element of comfort for families during the difficult period of grief that can accompany withdrawal care.

The Prayer Shawl program will extend this comfort to more families, like those in hospice or anyone in need of our support and comfort.

The prayer shawls are donated by West Grove United Methodist in West Grove, Pennsylvania, where Ashley Fackler, Clinical Nurse II, AICU is a member. The shawls are knitted while the knitter meditates, focuses or prays for the recipient. They are made with the intention of giving comfort and can be given to any patient or family member in need of comfort, love and support.

In one such instance, a prayer shawl was recently given to the wife of a patient in the AICU that had to make difficult decisions concerning her husband's future. He was by no means at the end of his life, but was in the midst of life changing events. A prayer blanket was given to the patient's wife from two nurses in the unit who hoped that the lap blanket would bring her comfort and support. The patient's wife was overwhelmed with gratitude by the simple message of love for another.

Karen Stumpf, AICU, will be posting phrases with the Amaryllis bags, and the prayer shawls and lap blankets that will help the nurse in presenting these items to patients or family members.

If your church or organization makes blankets or prayer shawls and would like to donate to this program please contact Karen at karen.stumpf@stagnes.org.

Thank you so much for these beautiful blankets, Mary

This is just beautiful! Thank you so much! We appreciate it! God Bless! Katie

Thank you for your wonderful donation of blankets. Our patients and families will love them! Marylou

This is so very kind, I love these & appreciate you so much! Britiane

Thank you so much! We really appreciate your efforts and this is very thoughtful. Amy

Thank you so much for your kindness! Your blankets are always appreciated! Scott

Dear knit wits,

Thanks for all you do! Nocket

Thank you for your time and generosity! Ashley

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND GENEROSITY. THIS MEANS A LOT TO THE PATIENTS AND FAMILIES. WENDY

I can't describe how important your work is to these families. These blankets are so meaningful and are a visible sign of human caring in the sterile hospital environment. Thank you. Alana

Thank you so much for spending the time to knit these blankets. They help people immensely in difficult times, we really appreciate all you do! Shantel

Thank you for your hard work - God Bless you all!! Donna





Last year, we started Wednesday Night Fun in the summer. It is a casual evening for people to come for food, short devotion, fun, and fellowship.

We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able.

People enjoy food. Hear a short devotional thought. Games are available for children and adults.

We are outside, when the weather cooperates.

Join us one week or every week!
Can't wait to see you there!

AVON GROVE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN AT WGUMC

Gardening season is upon us again! For several years, the Avon Grove Community Garden has been used by community members who garden for themselves and are asked to donate some of the produce to local food banks. Some gardeners have managed this quite well



We are continuing with the model from last year. A half dozen or so faithful gardeners will continue to use their beds as they have done over the past few years. The rest of the beds to grow food for the The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. We hear from the staff at the Bridge that their greatest need is fresh food.

We're asking church members here and at the Church of the Nazarene, along with other community groups, to commit to caring for the garden beds for just one week during the summer.

Groups of volunteers might be families, Sunday school classes, youth groups, women's groups or any other combination of people you might imagine. Each family/group/organization will weed, water and care for the entire garden for just one week.

We are also still looking for a Garden Coordinator.

Please consider signing up for a week. For more information or to sign-up for a week, please contact the Church Office at this time, 610-869- 9334, office@westgroveumc.org. Thank you!

One Generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.

~ Chinese proverb



Please remember West Grove in your will

THE WEST GROVE UMC ENDOWMENT FUND

The West Grove UMC Endowment Fund is funded by bequests, memorials and gifts made to the fund. Contribute to the fund with a check made out to "West Grove UMC – Endowment Fund" and send it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. Bequests or memorials may be designated for the Endowment Fund.

Your giving allows us to continue our ministries into the future!

SCRIP Scripts

Last month WGUMC received an additional \$100.00 from rebates of gift card purchases. We are encouraging all our congregants to help increase this additional funding, so please consider the purchase of a gift card.



This month tip: Are you planning a few DIY projects this year or starting your lawn and garden soon? Work these into your budgets over the next few months by purchasing gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, etc.



Also, don't forget that graduations will be here soon. Help a college graduate with furnishing their new apartments. Provide resources for a high school graduate to transition to college. Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Bed Bath and Beyond would be a welcomed gift to help purchase furnishings. Cards to Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Dominoes Pizza, TGIF, Unos, etc. would be a welcome treat from a meal in the dining halls.

Corinthians 9: (NIV) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to Benefit the Community Café



Community Café is transitioning to consider what is the best match of our gifts and the needs of the community. Give generously to equip us to serve those needs.



THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our church's free
meal ministry

Tuesday, May 17

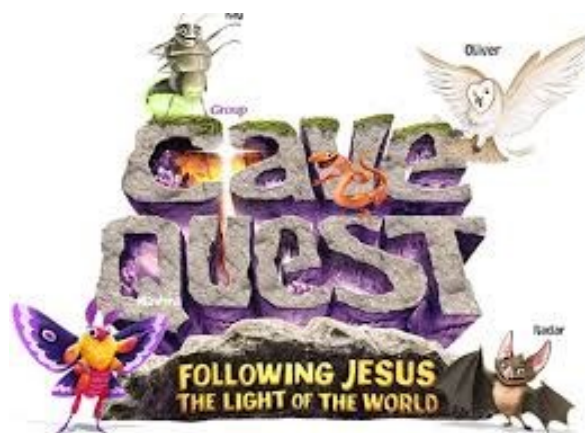
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the
farewell luncheon for
Community Café!

It has been a wonderful
journey and the many
volunteers are looking
forward to their next
ministry adventure.

Our luncheon for this
day will be picnic fare!

We look forward to
seeing you there!



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

JULY 18-22, 2016

Join us as we teach and serve our
Children!

Register at our website:

www.westgroveumc.org

Do you want to share the good news of
Jesus and impact children?

Join us on the VBS team.

See Pastor Monica for more
information.

HELP WANTED

Job Opportunity at Oxford UMC

Oxford United Methodist Church is seeking a college student who would like to serve alongside our pastor this summer to help develop and redevelop our children and youth programming.

Goals for our summer intern: To lead summer Sunday School for children, with assistance from the pastor and other church members. To develop a high school youth program that can be easily taken over and led by church volunteers at the end of the internship.

Responsibilities: Meet with the pastor weekly. Be present in worship most Sundays. Participate in worship as asked. (There can be an opportunity to preach, if the intern so desires). Plan and lead Summer Sunday School. Help with Vacation Bible School. Meet with high school youth of the church and community, to develop a program that will potentially meet their interests. Hold 2 youth "events" over the summer (these may be outings, gatherings at the church or in the community, service project, etc.). Please contact Pastor Mark Terry at Oxford UMC with your questions and/or interest.



CMO Preschool News

It is hard to believe it is April already. We are happy to be back after our Easter break and looking forward to our last two months of preschool. In April we will have our first, hopefully, annual Art Show. On April 26th beginning at 5:30, all are welcome to come and see the beautiful art work of our preschool children. Many different pieces of art will be on display as well as class projects that will be auctioned off. The class projects are truly amazing!! From 6:00-6:30 all are welcome to bid on these class projects during a silent auction. Here is how it will work. There will be a bid sheet by each project and you simply write down your bid for that project. At the end of the time the person with the highest bid on that project wins that beautiful piece of art work. The money raised will come directly back to our CMO and Preschool program and you will have a beautiful piece of artwork to display. I hope you will be able to join us for this event.

As I begin to look ahead to next school year, I am excited to be able to say that we will be able to add an additional class to our preschool program. I am happy that we can serve even more children in our community and provide them with a terrific preschool experience. With the addition of a new class, I will need to add additional teachers to our awesome staff. If anyone is interested in learning more about the teaching positions available or would like an application, please feel free to email, call or stop by the office and I can give you more details about the positions available for next school year. I will be accepting applications through May 2nd.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

MAY 15, 2016

6:00-7:30 PM

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING FOR THIS
SCHOOL YEAR!

WE WILL BE PLAYING A GAME AND ANSWERING
SOME BIBLE QUESTIONS! WE WILL ALSO TALK
ABOUT PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR AND HAVE A
VISIT FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR.

BRING \$2 FOR PIZZA

Chapel Time With CMO



Stories:

- Because of You by B.G. Hennessy
- Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson
- Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier
- "Captain of the Storm" in the Jesus Storybook Bible

Song of the Month: Jesus
Loves the Little Children



Thank you to Ralph Curtiss who faithfully takes care of our cross out front ensuring that it is draped properly throughout the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

Unbound Prayer Program

Freedom in Christ: Peace in Letting Go

Are you familiar with feelings of:
self-doubt, anxiety, insecurity, betrayal, shame, guilt, anger,
unforgiveness, or hurt?

Do you feel burdened by past experiences?

Do you want to truly know and feel that you are a beloved
child of God?

West Grove United Methodist Church is offering this exciting unique workshop on Friday May 20th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. as well as an optional private prayer session with our prayer team on Saturday morning May 21st, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

During our time together you will learn the five keys to experience Freedom in Christ and to experience peace by letting go and moving forward with your life.

This special program will include moving testimonies of individuals who have come to experience the peace in letting go that only Christ can provide.



John McGinley, Pastor Monica,
Carol McGinley and Pam Howard

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To register call the church office 610-869-9334 (Donna Fackler)

email registration to: cmcginley@zoominternet.net

questions contact Carol McGinley (spiritual director) 610-453-4114

This program is for adults only and child care is not provided.

Looking for a Summer Camp? Try out one of our United Methodist camps

Gretna Glen host 10,000 summer campers, volunteers, school group students and retreat guests to grow closer to nature, build relationships, and grow in their faith. Gretna Glen is a Christian Camp and Retreat Center located just east of Hershey, PA amidst the beautiful forest and stream of Mt. Gretna, PA. <http://www.gretnaglen.org/>

Camp Innabah, along French Creek in Chester County, PA, is the perfect place for guests young and old to explore their faith in a beautiful setting. Their mission is to provide an environment where campers can make new friends, challenge themselves, and have meaningful experiences that last a lifetime. <http://www.innabah.org/>



Save the date
**June 6th at 7PM at the West
Grove Garage**

All Graduating Seniors, their families,
and community members are invited
to come!

The Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

will be offering a number of Grants to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2015-2016 school year. The application is being forwarded to individual churches and is also available on the Conference website. It can be accessed under "Education Society Grants to Defray Higher Education Costs" at the following website address:

<http://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships>

All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) May 1 to May 16 will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications will be considered. Unless there is some disqualification, grant recipients will be randomly selected.

It is important that this information be provided to church members who plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2016. Please communicate this grant opportunity to your congregation as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact the Education Society Chairperson, Al Adey at ahadey@verizon.net.



RAP AND FRIENDS will be carpooling to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** to attend the world premiere of **SAMSON** on **Wednesday, October 26th**. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations must be paid in full before best available seats may be chosen. Group rate price: **\$51 for Adults** and **\$21 for Children (3-12)**. The show begins at **11 a.m.** The suggested time of arrival is 10:15 a.m. **Contact Sara Ann Ramberger** for reservations and questions at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net. Reservations for those wanting a meal following the show will be arranged at a later date.

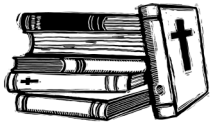


J.U.L.I.E.T.

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

Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Call Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.



Hear the Stories!

**Luther House
Bible Study**

Luther Class is for men and women who are interested in coming together to learn the stories of the Bible. All are welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 pm at Luther Building #1 in the parlor, right inside the door. Come join us! Bring your friends. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Haley at: chaley@zoominternet.net

Care Givers and Grief Support Group "Dinner Out" Wednesday, May 11 @ 6:30 p.m.



We meet to address the needs of those who do not want to eat alone and suffer from loneliness. This month, we will meet at **Mi Cochina Restaurant in the Jennersville shopping center** By meeting for a dinner out, we continue to share our support with one another. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Susan Paisley, 610-268-3305

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out



We will meet on Thursday, May 26 If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our **ROMEOLUNCH**. 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 610-869-7638**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Active People



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

RAP will meet at noon on Friday, May 13th. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. After our meeting and enjoying our meal together at the church, we are invited by Scott Steele to take a tour of his West Grove museum.

Scott is a long-time collector of West Grove memorabilia. Learn about the history of West Grove through old photographs, newspapers, invoices, signs, and much more!

The museum is located at Scott's house, 201 Paschall Mill Road, West Grove--about a three minute drive from WGUMC.

Be sure to join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Our church family and our community friends are always welcome!

Ron Ritter, Master Gardener





C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



April Review:

It was so nice to see the sun come out in April and to experience the warmer weather! It allowed us to have some of our activities outside, which is always a nice change! During the month of April, the youth had fellowship together, hosted a Parents Nite Out (with 26 kids!), enjoyed some dodgeball and fellowshipped with other youth groups at Hopewell UMC for a Youth Rally!



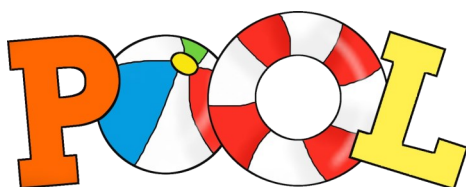
MAY FELLOWSHIP:

Youth Fellowship will meet on **Sunday, May 1st and 15th from 6 – 7:30!** Bring a friend, we will hang out, play games and engage in

some intentional quiet and reflection on Scripture and our Savior.

MAY DODGEBALL/9 IN THE AIR:

Join us on **May 13th** for a fun night of games! We'll set up 9 in the Air or play some dodge ball. There is always pizza – bring \$2 for that. This is a great night to invite some friends too! **7 – 9:00 p.m.**



SUMMER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

Summer is around the corner and

we like to mix things up during the summer for youth fellowship! **If you have a pool or a great backyard** and would like to host the youth for an evening – email Jamielindtner@gmail.com We'd love to come grill and hang out/swim and fellowship together at a different place. We'll provide the food and we are open to any day of the week except Wednesday!



Mt HOPE MISSION TRIP – Team Meetings!

We have 14 students signed up for our summer mission trip to West Virginia!

And we have some

preparation and planning to do to get ready as a team for that trip! We will plan on meeting together as a team a few times prior to leaving! Please make every effort to be a part of these meetings.

June 5: 7 :00—8:30 in the youth room

June 12: 7:00 – 8:30 in the youth room

June 21: 6:30 – 8:30 at Jamie's house for a BBQ.



FAMILY DODGE BALL

Kids and Adults are all invited to join in for some fun together **on Friday, May 27th from 6:00 – 8:00.** We will begin with a potluck dinner – so bring something yummy to share and then we'll have fun with some dodge ball! We can have some separate activities for younger kids who aren't up for dodge ball as well!

Questions or to see how you can volunteer – contact Jamielindtner@gmail.com

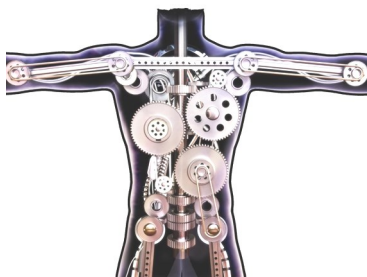


Spotlight on: Body, Mind, and Spirit Wellness

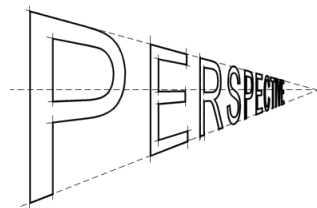
An illness or injury naturally impacts physical well-being first. But it seldom stays that way, and soon pain or sickness may begin to show its presence in an individual's emotional or spiritual life. On the one hand, it might seem discouraging to realize that physical pain or disease cannot be confined only to your body. On the other, it's encouraging to know that, because your various dimensions are connected, you can call upon all your resources—body, mind, and spirit—to find healing at times of brokenness.

4 Steps to Healing Your Body, Mind, and Spirit Together

1. **See yourself as more than a machine.** In the view of Dr. Larry Dossey, author of *Meaning and Medicine*, your body is more like music than a machine. It is a harmony of movements and patterns that flows in and out of the harmonies emitted by those around you, including plants and animals. This condition of harmony is often called "wellness" or, simply, "health." Health is not static like a machine but is rather a constant and continuous process, like an unfinished symphony, absorbing what is happening so that it can shape the next movement.



2. **Get your problem into perspective.** A serious illness or emotional problem or spiritual dilemma tends to dominate your awareness. Often people even identify themselves or others in terms of their condition: "a heart patient," "a diabetic," "a widow," "a recovering alcoholic." The ability to deal with a crisis by putting it within the context of your whole life is part of holistic healing. The problem takes its proper place in the framework of your entire life, with no greater and no less importance than it realistically deserves.



3. **Develop an image of your life.** One of the first steps toward holistic healing is simply to depict your life through some kind of an image. An image captures your feelings as a whole, all at once. It gives you a picture of yourself and your situation. How does it feel to be the person you are now, including the illness or problem that is now part of your life?



Reframe your image. The image which emerges from a situation of stress or pain is usually not very appealing. It describes how you actually feel, not how you would like to feel. To move toward healing, you need to reframe your image, to look at it from a different angle. Prayer is a powerful resource for reframing your situation. Prayer enlarges your perspective by enabling you to open yourself to God's influence, so that God's encompassing vision can enter. In prayer, you can let God stimulate and shape your

imagination so you can look at yourself from God's point of view.



Every four years, our General Conference gathers to speak for the United Methodist Church. The General Conference is the only body that can officially set policy and speak for the church.

“Go, therefore” will be the theme for the

May 10-20 General Conference in Portland

that will draw 864 delegates elected by annual conferences around the world and another

3,500 visitors, guests and staff to the Oregon Convention Center. Making decisions on church law, mission emphases and adopting a budget during its quadrennial session, General Conference is the only body that can speak as The United Methodist Church.

Resolutions before the General Conference range from changes to social issues like human sexuality and divestment in Israel/ Palestine to changes in guaranteed appointment, Bishop’s elections and constitutional restructuring of how conferences relate to one another.

BE PART OF G2016

The official General Conference website, GC2016.umc.org, is your on-line space to keep up with General Conference 2016 – before, during and after the May10- 20 event in Portland, Oregon.

Offered there now are news stories about General Conference, videos from the Pre-General Conference Briefing and a wealth of other information. It is a place to learn about General Conference and to meet some of the people leading and planning the quadrennial event.

During General Conference, all worship services and plenary sessions will be streamed live. Among the scheduled highlights:

- » Opening Worship and Holy Communion: Tuesday, May 10, 2 p.m. PDT
- » Morning Worship: Daily, May 11-14 and May 16-20, 8 a.m. PDT
- » Young People’s Address: Saturday, May 14, 8:45 a.m. PDT
- » 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women: Monday, May 16, 3:50 p.m. PDT
- » 200th Anniversary of the AME Church: Tuesday, May 17, 10:20 a.m. PDT
- » Commissioning of Missionaries: Thursday, May 19, 8 a.m. PDT
- » Closing Worship: Friday, May 20, 6 p.m. (approx.) PDT All times are subject to change.

The General Conference App is available for both Android and iOS devices. Get the Android app at the Google Play store and use it on devices running Android 2.3.3 or above. The apps will include maps, schedules and petition-tracking options. The United Methodist News Service Daily Digest will have links to stories and other reports from General Conference. Subscribe to receive it free by email.



HOPE TOTES

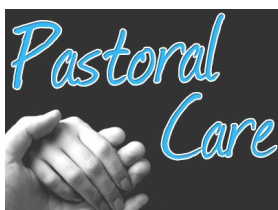
The Sunday Breakfast Mission will receive 8 Hope Totes from West Grove UMC! Thank you to all who lovingly filled a tote and know that your donation will make a big difference in the lives of the homeless.

Join us helping others at Good Neighbors
May 14

At Good Neighbors Home Repair, we make a difference in the lives of elderly and low-income homeowners by restoring their homes – and their hopes. In many cases our homeowners have exhausted all other resources, and look to Good Neighbors as their last resort to deal with difficult circumstances.

Please contact Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470 or janicesemail2@gmail.com for more information.

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



Ronald McDonald House

Save the Date!

November 13, 2016

2:30-6:00 p.m.



A team from West Grove UMC will travel to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington to prepare and serve a meal for the residents. This is an incredible opportunity to serve those who are in distress with loved ones in the hospital. Please share your interest with Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470 or janicesemail12@gmail.com



WGUMC hosts Sunday, May 22
through Sunday, May 29

Family Promise
Building communities,
strengthening lives.

Our third set of families will be arriving Sunday, May 22. Our guest families arrive on Sunday evening and stay each of the evenings through May 29th.

We need your help to make this as successful as our previous hosting! If you would like to help, we will need volunteers in the following areas:

- evening setting up / breaking down
- hosting of dinner/evening time (This is a great match for families)
- overnight volunteers
- folks to bake deserts and breakfast sweets

Please contact Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470 or janicesemail2@gmail.com for more information.

Our community has deep needs with which we can help! Thank you to everyone who responded to our calls for specific needs for our pantry. Thank you to Karen Hruz who has begun coordinating our Emergency Food Pantry. Thank you to Gene Aucott for the rolling shelves donation to organize our pantry.

How can you help?

There are copies of a shopping list of our current needs clipped to the shopping card in the Narthex. Pick up the list and include one, some, or all of the items with your shopping to serve those in need in our community.





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~ Open, Grow, Serve ~

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