



The Wesleyan Star

West Grove United Methodist Church

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"Don't be afraid... take courage. I am here!" Matthew 14: 27

"Whom shall I send, and who will?"
GO FOR US!

THEN I SAID, ISAIAH 6:8
"Here am I! Send me."

All last week music was pumping through the church; little feet were pitter-pattering through the church, and fun was being had by all. Vacation Bible School is a great week in the life of the church and our 2014 Vacation Bible School was no exception. Our halls and walls

were filled with children aged 4 years old through entering 4th grade singing and dancing, creating and learning about God. Their lessons drove them back again and again to the message that *no matter what*, **Jesus loves them**.

There were fun games outside, creative crafts inside, engaging dramas and stories throughout the building, delicious snacks, and memorable movies. Each moment provided another potential learning experience for each one to draw nearer to God. With the songs, intros, and conclusions, even parents and grandparents had a chance to be influenced by God's messages. I bet many of our adults are still humming the catchy songs, even this week! And I hope so. As we sing the songs, we are reminded of the messages of God's word, and we internalize God's way. I hope as the children sing *Give it Away*; we let them lead the way!

It is convenient to say that children are the future of the church. In fact, it has become quite hip to say that is one of the reasons that children's ministries are essential. I think that emphasis is missing something. Children are not just the future of the church; they are the present, as well. Our church, any church, is a clearer reflection of the kingdom of God when represented by the fullness of the diversity of ages. When we, as a church, regularly involve our young people, as well as our senior members, we are reminded that God does not just use us to serve others during particular years of our life, but through the whole of our life span.

I give thanks to God that I do not need to be a certain age or to act a certain way to be available for God to use me for God's purposes. The same is true for you. Whether you are twelve or twenty-two, fifty-six or ninety-six, or anywhere in between, God can use you and your particular gifts for God's purposes. As the program and school year begins, consider where is God calling you anew to serve God. Where is God asking you to move beyond your comfort zone and serve in a different way? The last scripture that the children learned is the one at the top of this page: "Don't be afraid... take courage. I am here!" Jesus reminds our children and the disciples. Jesus also reminds us that Jesus is with us as we step out of our comfort zone and into a new way of serving.

With sounds of pitter-patter through the hallways and sounds of "Jesus loves you" in worship, we are reminded that God's kingdom is for all of us. God's kingdom transforms each of us. Let us work together, not just for the future, but today. Let us help to usher in the kingdom of God!

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



August Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2014

Communion Sunday

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

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "Eat and Be Filled"

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrating Our Youth Mission Trip

August 10, 2014

Jamie Lindtner Preaching

Scripture: Colossians 3:11-17

Sermon: "A D.C. Reflection"

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2014

The Rev. Jim Mundell Preaching

Scripture: Psalm 23 (KJV)

Sermon: "When We Feel Forsaken"

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Campus Ministry Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

August 24, 2014

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8; Isaiah 51:1-6

Sermon: "Listen and Learn"

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection ~ Les Family

August 31, 2014

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28; Romans 12:9-21

Sermon: "Play Fair!"

Pastor Monica will be out of the office August 8-10 serving as an instructor at the Laity Academy. August 10th is one of Pastor Monica's Connectional Sundays serving in the wider church. **Pastor Monica will be on vacation August 11-17** with her family. This is the first of four weeks she is allotted.

If you need pastoral care during that time, please call Pastor Jim Mundell at 610-869-8397.

**PASTOR'S
VACATION
DATES**



Fifth Sunday Coin Collection on August 31 to benefit the Les Family, our sponsored family in Ukraine.

West Grove UMC has sponsored the Les family for many years. Sergie and Galina are the parents; Mary and Vira are their daughters. Sergie works as a church pastor, serves an outreach to prisons, and leads his congregants in rallies to declare God's love. He does not get paid for this position, as the congregants are too poor. The Les Family says that they are blessed to have God connect them with "their church family across the waters." This month, please consider making an additional monetary donation to help meet the needs of the Les Family through the winter months. Thank you for your continued generous support of this very grateful family.



Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, August 17 is hosted by The Youth Group 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 they contain nuts (including coconuts).

Thank you.

**Sunday,
August 24th**

Attention Students and Teachers! Bring your backpacks and school bags to worship for a special time of blessing at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, August 24. A small token of our love will be given to each teacher and child.

**Blessing
of the
Backpacks**





Cottage Fellowship for our New Pastor

Cottage Fellowships

Small groups are forming to meet informally with Pastor Monica to provide an opportunity to get to know one another. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby of the church. Be sure to check your calendars and sign-up to attend! Additional hosting families will be announced in the weekly bulletin and posted in the lobby as their dates become available. You may call the host family directly, or, if you would prefer, you may call the office and advise them of the gathering you would like to attend and we will be sure to add your name to that list.

The following dates and homes will be open:

Monday, August 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Steve and Margee Michaels
102 Knoxlyn Farm Drive
Kennett Square, PA 19348
marjm44@comcast.net
484-732-8331

Wednesday, August 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jeff and Carol Stewart
143 West State Street
Avondale, PA 19311
cstewb@gmail.com
610-268-8525

Sunday, August 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wayne and Pam Howard
17 Sheffield Drive
West Grove, PA 19390
phoward40@comcast.net
610-869-7385

Monday, August 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

John and Jamie Lindtner
128 Myrtle Avenue
West Grove, PA 19390
JamieLindtner@gmail.com
610-869-2008

Wednesday, August 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

Jim and Betty Mundell
Jenners Pond
412 Bayberry Lane
West Grove, PA 19390
sjmundell@comcast.net
610-869-8397

Thursday, August 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jeff and Sue Curtis
124 Owenwood Drive
Lincoln University, PA 19352
jeff_curtis124@comcast.net
610-255-1637

Wednesday, September 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mel and Joan Leaman
14 Woodview Drive
West Grove, PA 19390
jmleaman@comcast.net
484-643-2181

Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Jeff and Carol Whelan
27 Field Stone Drive
Cochranville, PA 19330
clwhelan1@verizon.net
610-345-0964



Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator will be on **vacation the week of August 11-15**. Modified office hours will be in effect. Please call Helen Carlin if you require access to the church during that week.



"Portraits Of Christ"

Bible Study

Led by Pastor Jim Mundell

Mondays,

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

September 22– November 24

Each chapter of John paints a portrait of Christ showing the characteristics of our Lord. There are 21 portraits of Christ that will be explored during the course of this study.

Example: John 1 - Portrait is of Christ as "The Son of God" John 3 - Portrait shows Christ as "The Divine Teacher"

The study will meet weekly beginning on September 22nd and will be completed by November 24th. We will meet in Room 14 in the Christian Education wing.

JOIN US!

GREETING & WELCOMING OUR GUESTS



You may help our Hospitality Ministry

Team to greet and welcome one another, others and especially our guests.....

~ By providing coffee in a reclaimed conversation space in our lobby to enable us to become better acquainted with one another and our guests. To volunteer to setup and/or take down coffee on Sundays, you may contact Linda Pierson 484-340-9413.

~ By simplifying the signing of the Friendship Registry, we give everyone an opportunity to provide pertinent information that enables us to greet, welcome and become better acquainted with one another and our guests. To volunteer to manage our Friendship Registry, you may contact Helen Carlin at 610-869-9334.

~ By wearing *HOST* name tags to greet and welcome guests and introduce them to friends, classes, small groups and to our building. To volunteer to be a HOST, you may contact Fred and Jeannie Sullivan at 610-869-3701.

~ By being hospitable to one another, others and our guests we may entertain angels. Saint Paul encourages us to be hospitable, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby, some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

Team Leader, Don Hurst



Connectional Connections

As United Methodists, your clergy are called not only to serve the local church, but into the community and throughout the world. John Wesley famously said, "The world is my parish." So how are your clergy living up to that commitment?

- July 7th, 2014 – Pastor Monica represented the Wesley Foundation of Drexel University (of which, she is a board member) at the newly formed Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.
- July 10th, 2014 – Pastor Jim offered worship, including Holy Communion, at Jenner's Pond at 11:00am.
- July 17th, 2014 – Pastor Jim provided pulpit supply for Rev. Mercedes Case at Avondale UMC and New London UMC.
- August 8th – 10th, 2014 – Pastor Monica will provide leadership at the Laity Academy as an instructor for Wiggly Giggly Children's Ministry.

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!



Southeast District News



A MINISTRY OF 8800

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SOUTHEAST DISTRICT TO REPRESENT NORTHEAST JURISDICTION

Ashley Thompson from Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church and Lauren Lomas from Lima United Methodist Church will represent the Northeast Jurisdiction as voting delegates at the Global Young Peoples Convocation and Legislative Assembly.

The Division on Ministries with Young People of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship (DMYP) is hosting the Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly (GYPCA) in Tagaytay, Luzon, The Philippines July 16-20, 2014. The GYPCLA is a quadrennial global event designed to celebrate the mission and vitality of young people in The United Methodist Church. Young people from all over the world will come together to worship, share ideas and discuss issues related to the United Methodist Church. They will also be voting on legislation that is submitted by young people. Legislation that is passed will go to General Conference in 2016.

Ann Jacob (Lima UMC), Co-Chair of Division on Ministries with Young People will also be representing the Northeast Jurisdiction.

Please keep Ashley, Lauren, and Ann as well as the entire delegation and the convocation in your prayers. Consider inviting them to share their experience with your church or group.

For more information visit: <http://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/global-young-peoples-gathering-headed-to-the-philippines>

Watch a promotional video featuring Ann Jacob:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=2lko_o47NGo

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR WANTED

Simpson Meadows, a Simpson Senior Services community in Downingtown, creates vibrant lifestyles for senior adults embracing life to the fullest. We take a very homelike approach to our philosophy of retirement living. And our staff is full of caring professionals who truly love what they do.

Simpson Meadows is currently seeking an Activities Coordinator. Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office and enjoy working with the senior population. Previous experience in this type of setting is essential.

Interested candidates should e-mail their resume to cweber@simpsonmeadows.org.



Save the Date! INSTALLATION SERVICE for DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DAWN TAYLOR-STORM

Sunday, September 7

4:00 p.m.

(PLEASE NOTE – THIS WAS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED AS 3 P.M.)

St. Daniel's United Methodist Church
315 Edwards Street, Chester, PA 19013

All are Welcome!

DS DAWN TAYLOR-STORM ANNOUNCES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MISSION PROJECT



Southeast District Global Mission Project:

Building a Pediatric Unit for the Mpasa Medical Clinic in the Congo

Southeast District Goal: \$50,000

Background: Congo is the third largest African Country and is surrounded by nine other nations in which there is often suffering. Much of the troubles of their neighbors pours over the borders into Congo. In the 1990's, there was internal strife which destroyed much of the infrastructure of the coun-

try. There is no postal system, limited banking services, and very limited roadways connecting the whole country. Many suffer in poverty. Yet the church thrives. The church gives hope and support to the people, and many in the country profess faith in Christ. We have resources to share with our Congolese brothers and sisters, but we also have much to learn from them. The building of relationships, though difficult because of distance and challenges of communication, is still one of the most important things we can do. Our primary outreach in the Congo is through the Mpasa Medical and Nutrition Clinic, located about 20 miles from the nation's capital of Kinshasa. Mpasa is a growing community, having begun as a refugee center. Our clinic, currently directed by Dr. Rebecca Yohadi provides vital medical services to this community. We also sponsor a nutrition program for children (and some of this food is also shared with their families). About 300 children a day come for food, five days a week. The partnership supports the salaries of the doctors and nursing and nutrition staff, along with the food needed to feed the children and medical supplies and equipment.

Southeast District Focus: Building a Pediatric Unit (COST: \$50,000)

One of our great hopes is to be able to build a separate Pediatric Wing to the hospital. **There are currently beds for only 25 patients. When children are ill, they must be put in with adults, who often have more serious infections.** Land has been recently purchased that adjoined the property. All that is needed is funding for the building. Can the Southeast District build a pediatric unit in the Congo? The answer is a resounding YES! Think of the ways the love of God could be shared through our connectional system being made manifest through the Southeast District.

***Once the building is in place, we will have a dedication ceremony and will be seeking representatives from the Southeast District to attend and dedicate the building. The hope is that this will be completed in 2016. Please pray about this initiative, educate your congregation about the need and then seek support! Let us do our part and be as generous as possible.

Please participate by contributing toward our 2014-2015 Global Mission Project: Mpasa Pediatric Unit.

Make checks payable to: Southeast District Office (Memo Line: Mpasa Pediatric Unit)

Send to: Southeast District Office, 60 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Deadline for Contributions: March 31, 2015

We will celebrate the gifts given at our District Conference.

Together in Ministry,

Dawn

Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Southeast District Superintendent



Save the Date

BISHOP'S DAY ON THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Thursday, Oct. 23

Morning: **Clergy Session** at Elam UMC
Mission Facilitator Session following Clergy Session
 Evening: **Laity Session** at Willistown UMC
 Details will be announced later.

Save the Date

PLANTING SEEDS FOR MINISTRY GROWTH & CHRIST SERVANT MINISTRY ADVANCED TRAINING

Saturday, November 15, 2014

2:00 PM Opening Session
 5:25 PM Closing Worship Service
 Hopewell UMC



Keynote Speaker: Clint Jenkins, PhD, Vice President of Research for the Barna Group in Ventura, CA. Barna is the leading voice in America today on issues of Young People and their church involvement. His keynote presentation and workshop will address how we can make our local churches increasingly Young Adult friendly.

There will also be advanced training for Christ Servant Ministers.



LEADING FROM THE HEART: REVIVING WORSHIP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Saturday, September 6, 2014

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paoli United Methodist Church, 81 Devon Rd., Paoli PA 19301

Second annual Music and Worship Conference featuring: Mark Miller, Rev. Lydia Muñoz, Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett, Rev. Suzanne Duschene, and Rev. Michael Johnson!

This conference is ideal for pastors, worship leaders, praise team leaders, worship musicians, altar guilds, worship committee chairs, and anyone who is interested in honing worship skills.

Along with experiencing different worship styles, you will have the opportunity to take one of four workshops:

- ☐ Mark Miller and Rev. Lydia Muñoz: "Learning the Worship Role of Choirs and Praise Teams"
- ☐ Rev. Dr. Tanya Bennett: "Worship Models with Millennials"
- ☐ Rev. Suzanne Duschene: "Altering Spaces: Incorporating the Visual Arts in Worship"
- ☐ Rev. Michael Johnson: "Praying the Liturgy: Liturgical Writing for Worship"

Registration is open now: <https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/public/events/leading-from-the-heart-reviving-worship-for-the-21st-century>. **Early Bird Registration is open from now until July 1 at \$35/person.** Standard Registration is open from July 1 until August 31 at \$45/person

We are limited to 200 participants only, so registration will close when we reach 200 participants or on August 31 (whichever one comes first). Registration costs include a light breakfast, lunch and materials.

If you have any questions, please contact the Central District Office: [215-878-4607](tel:215-878-4607) or ddalton@epaumc.org.



New Church Picture Directory

Coming This Fall!

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. It has been quite some time since we have had a picture directory made of all the wonderful people of West Grove United Methodist Church. Not only do we have an opportunity for a new directory, but the portraits could make wonderful gifts for Christmas as well!

Therefore, we have contracted with LifeTouch to make a comprehensive, full-color directory of our church family in late September. **Sitting dates are Thursday September 25, Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27.** Please save a date and time on your calendar! A display with sign-up times and dates and other detailed information will be posted in the lobby in the

coming weeks. In order to be successful, we need everyone to participate.

By participating, each household will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory! There is no obligation to purchase additional photos, nor will you be pressured to do so.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this program, please call Melissa Jones at 610-869-4283.

More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

Thank you.

Fall Worship and Christian Ed Schedule



Sunday School
CELEBRATION

Back-To-School Sunday, September 14! We will kick off the return to **two services and Christian Education on September 14.** The children will meet their teachers and break off into their classrooms, while the adults will have an opportunity to view the different studies available to them and ask questions of the leaders. In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone! So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!

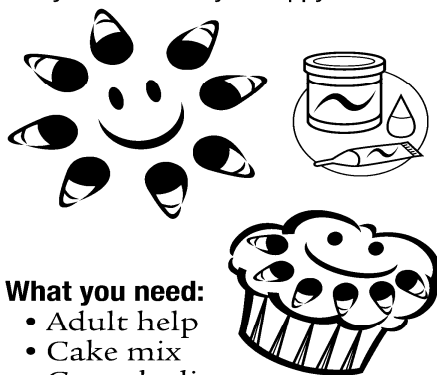
Regular Worship Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 14: We will return to our regular schedule of 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.

Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers and Sunday Morning Servants will be on September 14. Please be sure to mark your calendar. We are so blessed by the men and women who teach. Let us offer them our blessings and receive their promises as they prepare to shape hearts and minds for the next year.



Happy sunshine cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says,
"Blessed [or happy] are the people
whose God is the LORD." Make these
bright cupcakes to remember all the
ways God makes you happy.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!



Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders Sunday, September 7

On **Sunday, September 7**, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at office@westgroveumc.org with the spelling of your child's name so a Bible can be presented to your child. We can't wait to share the Word of God with them!

CALLING ALL THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS!



We are looking for new Acolytes. What is an Acolyte you ask? An Acolyte is the person who enters the church at the beginning of the service and lights the candles on the altar and extinguishes the candles at the end of the service. You would serve approximately once a month depending on the number of Acolytes. No experience is necessary, we will train. If you are interested, please call Carol Whelan at 610-345-0964.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

**Join us on September 14th for a fun
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!)
back to school party!**

Who: Ages 4 - 6th Grade

Where: meet in Room 11 at 9:30 for opening fun!

What: a time of worship and praise, fun and stories, crafts, skits and games- you never know what each week will bring! Join us this year as we learn about God's Armor and how we can use it to fight spiritual battles!



Celebrating Another VBS Success!!

Vacation Bible school was a huge success again this year, thanks to everyone who participated, prepared for, cleaned up, and donated to the event!

There were about **sixty children** roaming from room to room and learning the message of Jesus. We were entertained by some *weird* animals and a few wacky characters who taught us some interesting facts, as well as some fancy dance moves. We also learned some great Bible stories, played some fun games, made some cool crafts, and watched some videos about other children and how God is working in their lives. To top it all off, we ate some delicious snacks, and got to take home some Bible buddies to remind us of our fantastic week!

We chose to sponsor Urban Promise in Wilmington, as our mission focus for the week, and we collected **seven huge bags** full of supplies, and over **two hundred dollars** in donations! The Spirit was alive and present all week, and we pray He will remain in the hearts of those who entered into our doors from the community. God is good!

Bill Jones and the VBS Team



Thank you to all who have volunteered in the nursery over the spring and summer! The little ones are blessed to have such caring adults spending time with them during worship! If you are interested or know someone who is interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Amy Castaldi at ahass17@hotmail.com or 610-468-4321. The volunteers generally are scheduled in a rotation once a month to join Maira, the weekly nursery attendant, as they care for the babies and toddlers during worship or Sunday School. Thank you! Amy Castaldi, Nursery Coordinator

Children's Morning Out

Hooray for school! I say it every year: summer goes by way too fast and here we are ready to begin another exciting school year. I am very excited for this school year because we have been able to add some additional classes to our program. We will now have classes five days a week. I am thrilled to be able to provide more preschool opportunities for our local community. I am also offering enrichment classes for parents to be able to extend their child's day. These will be similar to our already popular Lunch Bunch program. Some of the ideas that we have for the enrichment classes are music and movement, cooking, science, and preschool yoga/zumba. If you have a talent that you would like to share with our children, please contact me and we can try to figure out a way to incorporate it. I look forward to a year filled with fun and excitement as we watch our wonderful children continue to grow.



Tracy McLaughlin, CMO Director

Fantasy Football

at West Grove UMC



START YOUR ENGINES.....oops, wrong sport.... But anyway..... FOOTBALL SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. Last year was the fifth season of the West Grove UMC Fantasy Football League. We are now preparing for the Sixth season. No experience is necessary but some knowledge of the NFL teams/players is helpful. No fee to play; the winner's name will be engraved onto the very honorable West Grove UMC Fantasy Football trophy. Congrats to Reed the Swede for last year's victory; let's get that trophy back to the USA where it belongs!

Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor that may benefit from a church community, but you haven't been sure how to invite them; this could be it. Space is limited; teams will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. To join the league please contact Commissioner Tim Bushnell BEFORE Labor Day at 610-998-0916 or agedarborist@gmail.com

West Grove UMC
Financial Stewardship



**Finance
REPORT**

Caring for God's House and
God's People

Mid-Year Financial Report

Blessings and hope you are having a wonderful summer! God is good all the time, and the church has been a hive of activity: from summer camps to VBS, from youth in mission locally and afar to community outreach programs. We are truly a blessed church family!

According to the latest report, giving from January 2014 through July 20, 2014, has averaged \$6,214.21 per week. As you may note in your

weekly bulletin, our target giving to meet our current annual budget is \$6,846 per week. This has resulted in a year-to-date deficit in giving of \$18,312. Our Finance team has been meeting regularly and exploring options to reduce this deficit. Summer has usually presented, challenges and we encourage you to please keep your pledges and tithes current as our ministries do not take a vacation.

Understanding that the budget and fiscal management is fluid, we are thankful for God's goodness in our midst. We are thankful for God's blessings in our lives, as well as, his work through our church.



Building Maintenance Reserve Fund

We believe that our building is not ours but it is God's. We have the privilege of updating it and maintaining it so that all who enter find it a warm, welcoming and hospitable place to experience the spirit of Christ. Our Building Maintenance Reserve Fund is one way we ensure that we are good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Please consider making donations regularly.



Give thanks. Give life.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "I appeal to you by the mercies of God" on behalf of a young man in our area who needs a new kidney. Fernando Tena is the son of Maira Tena, our Nursery Attendant and a Children's Morning Out Teacher's Assistant. Might the Spirit lead you to step forward to be an organ donor? It is my hope that you will communicate this urgent request to your family and friends through as many means as possible. This young twenty-year-old is a man of great determination. He is a graduate of Avon Grove High School. Presently, he works, attends a community college, and goes for dialysis three days a

week. However, as you know, without a new kidney his health will eventually deteriorate to the point that regardless of his determination, his dreams will not be met. I recently heard of a similar story and appeal in a different area of the country that had a delightful ending. It can happen here. Someone's heart may be touched and this young man will have a new lease on life. The donor must have A-Positive blood type. Any interested person may call the office of the West Grove United Methodist Church at 610-869-9334 and leave necessary contact information. In the Love of Jesus, Mel Leaman



SCRIP PROGRAM

Savings for Church through Rebate and Incentive Program

The SCRIP program allows for the congregation of WGUMC to participate in a savings program which benefits our church. By purchasing prepaid cards for use at business establishments you frequent on a weekly basis, WGUMC will receive a percentage from the businesses. Buy your groceries, pay for your gas, buy gift cards for friends and family, etc. It is a great way to budget your money, too! The possibilities are limitless, and every dollar provides another avenue of stewardship for our church.

Our first order was a great success. We look forward to the whole congregation participating in the program.

There is a table in the lobby with Order Forms. Just choose the cards you wish to purchase, attach your check made payable to "WGUMC" with memo "SCRIP" and put them in the bin below the forms. Envelopes for your privacy and convenience are there as well.

This is an on-going program, so you can order at any time! If you have any questions, please see John Boyd or e-mail him at jwb389@zoominternet.net.

Thank you.



Giant Gift Cards

Giant Gift Cards are a simple and easy way to increase your weekly giving without costing you a cent. The cards are sold for face value, but the church purchases the cards at a 5% discount. To participate in this program, just complete the order form located in the lobby, attach your check, and drop it in the offering plate or Carol Whelan's mailbox. I usually have a supply of gift cards on hand and can give them directly to you as soon as I receive a check.

If you spend \$300 a month, the church will receive \$15. In a year the church will receive \$180! If you shop at Giant, please consider purchasing a Giant Gift Card through the church. The cards come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Questions?? Contact Carol Whelan at 610-345-0964.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT A DAY APART 2014

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, Registration 8:30 am

CAMP INNABAH 712 PUGHTOWN ROAD SPRING CITY, PA, 19475

DANCE IN CELEBRATION LIKE DAVID DANCED

As they were coming home, when David came from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of the city of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. And the women sang to one another as they celebrated.

1 Samuel 18:6-7

You may wear your Biblical costumes if you so choose or wear a colorful head scarf; this will help us to celebrate more authentically!

We will mourn the UMW who have died and served God faithfully, and we will celebrate the good memories that they have left behind!

Please watch for updates and more information.

Submit Your Recipes



United Methodist Women

We would like to publish a new cookbook this fall to include our favorite soup, salad and dessert recipes. If you have a recipe you would like to share with us for inclusion, please send it to me at

" chaley@zoominternet.net or drop it off in the office mailbox.

" Cindy Haley, UMW President



SAVE THE DATE!

The Southeast District United Methodist Women

will be hosting our annual meeting in September, and you are cordially invited to join us for lunch. We are excited about this event and hope you will be also. More details will soon follow.

We hope you will be able to join us for this meeting.

Peace & Love,

Southeast District UMW



What: SE District UMW Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, September 27, 2014 @ 9:30am

Where: Grove UMC, Boot Rd., W. Chester, PA 19380

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

FRIDAY, September 12

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the Apostles. All the believers were together

and had everything in common." Acts 2:42-44

R.A.P. (Retired Active People) have been meeting for many years and has been such a success due to the wonderful ladies and gentlemen that attend not only from our church family, but from the wider community as well. We have been blessed with fellowship, old and new friends, great entertainment and, of course, good food!

Our 2014/2015 season is just around the corner. **We are back to the second FRIDAY of every month September through May.** Our first meeting is 9/12/2014 Friday at noon. Please bring your bag lunch and we will supply iced tea, lemonade, coffee tea and desserts.

To kick off our season, we have one of our own, WGUMC Pastor Don Hurst, author. Yes, he is a published author of a book about where Don grew up, learned the love of the Lord and much more. The book is titled *Living In Harmony*. Don speaks of growing up on Maryland's Eastern shore in the town of Harmony and how his family and many others wrestled with heartrending discordance to maintain Harmony's name. Please join us for Don's presentation and his book will be available for purchase!

Here is to a glorious RAP season! **Don't forget we are back to Fridays!!** I am so grateful to all who help to make each month so special. Praise God.

Blessings,

Lisa Reoli, R.A.P. Coordinator

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

JULIET...Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

August 9 at 9:00 a.m.



Juliet Breakfast

Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship.

Until further notice, we will 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.

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out

Thursday, August 28

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out, will meet, August 28, 2014. 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 610-869-7638,** if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

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 2-3 p.m. 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 Group



Caregivers will meet throughout the summer on the second

Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on August 13, at 7 p.m. in Room #16.

Please join us if you are caring for a loved one, close or from afar. Find love and support from others in your situation. **Thank you.**

"Are you spending your time on the right things? Because time is all you have."

—Randy Pausch



Emergency



Food Shelf

Our emergency food shelf has helped many people. One, in particular, has been able to pay off bills and get on her feet from the benefits of shopping the shelf over the last two years or so. She has been raising her grandnephew alone, is in a scooter chair due to disabilities, but found a job and works hard. She just called last week. She said she always calls when things are hard and she needs help, but wanted to call today

to share good news. Her grandnephew is graduating from high school in 2015 and for school photos, they said they could bring in something they hold special to them. Some kids brought in footballs or other symbols of their school participation. Timmy brought in his Bible. She is anxious to see the proofs and said she will share with us. She said "Even in storms, God is good all the time." She is so proud of her grandnephew, and so thankful to all of you for the support she has received through the church. Just wanted to make sure you knew. We give thanks to God for your generosity.



Save the Date

**West Grove UMC's
Annual Chicken BBQ
Saturday, September 20**

***The trustees sponsor this annual fundraiser
that supports many unbudgeted church projects
and missions in community and wider.***

It is the volunteers who make this huge project a success. There are numerous opportunities to serve: fold boxes, wrap potatoes, serve meals, or donate food items. Sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby in the coming weeks. Please be sure to look them over to find a way you can serve.

If you have any questions, call Linda Shiplet at 610-613-5899.





Karen and John Boyd have had the privilege of singing with the National Christian Choir since April, 2013. The choir recently recorded a new CD, "Called to Worship," and the Boyds were thrilled to sing with the choir on the CD. You can pre-order the CD at a reduced rate on their website: www.nationalchristianchoir.org

**Join The National Christian Choir
For a Worship Concert at
Rawlinsville Camp Meeting
August 3, 2014 - 3:00 PM**

A worship experience for the *entire* family!

Featuring the music from our newest recording, *Called to Worship*. Here are just a few of the long-time favorites "*How Great is our God*", "*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*", and "*Fairest Lord Jesus*". You will be drawn to worship with these *new* favorites as well- "*Song of Worship*", "*Our Great God*", and "*Thou, Oh Lord*",

Rawlinsville Camp Meeting

475 Clearfield Road, Holtwood, PA 17532

**Rawlinsville Camp Meeting is 1 1/4 miles west of Rte. 272, just west of Quarryville near Muddy Run Park,
Lancaster Pike**

This is an outdoor concert held in a large pavilion surrounded by trees.

Seating is available one hour before concert.

Admission is free; a love offering will be received.

C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



Youth Summer Bible Study

Come join in for a youth bible study at Jamie's house on **Wednesday evenings, August 13 and 20, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** We'll be looking at the book of Philippians. Bring a Bible and a journal.

West Grove Project

August 5 -6



For all students in 7 - 12th grades - come join us for 2 days of service in our own community. We will help sort donations at the Bridge, visit with some folks at Chatham Acres and Luther House and help care for animals at the Delaware Humane Society. It will be lots of fun! Sign up with Jamie.



Youth Pool Party!!

August 10

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pool Party @ the Lytle's house.

Confirmation Class

2014 - 2015



Calling all 7th and 8th graders. We'll be starting a new Confirmation Class in the fall. Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. If you are interested in getting confirmed and becoming a member of WGUMC, come to our informational meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 9:45. Students and parents are invited to this meeting. Confirmation will begin on October 6 at 9:45.

Questions, want to help?

**Contact Jamie Lindtner,
Director of Youth Ministry.**

jamielindtner@gmail.com

610-937-7932



T.H.I.N.K.

British evangelist Alan Redpath suggested these five helpful questions to ask yourself before you speak:

- T — Is it True?
- H — Is it Helpful?
- I — Is it Inspiring?
- N — Is it Necessary?
- K — Is it Kind?

Youth Mission Trip to Washington, D.C. Recap!



At the beginning of July, 9 youth and 2 adults spent a week in Washington, D.C. working with an organization called Center for Student Missions. We were challenged as we served at a soup kitchen, with inner city kids, a nursing home and rehab facility. We drove around D.C. praying for the city and its leaders and the ministries that are serving the least of these. Our students were

incredible as they stepped into uncomfortable situations and shared their love and their faith with others. It was a God-filled week. Join us in church on August 10th as students share more about the week; what they did, what they learned and where they saw God. Thank you for all your prayers for us as well. We are looking forward to telling you more.



The 3rd Annual West Grove Project



**August
5th – 6th**

"Being the Hands and Feet of Christ in West Grove"

Who Can Attend? Students who are entering 7th grade through high school graduates are invited to participate in this mission project! You can also bring your friends.

What time does it start and end? We will meet at the church Tuesday, August 5th at 8 a.m. We will finish up at the church on Wednesday, August 6th by 4 p.m.

What will we be doing? We will participate in a variety of service projects in our community, from helping the homeless, to minor home repairs, to maybe visiting the elderly. For fun, we'll have a pool party, play games, watch a movie, and eat lots of yummy food! We will spend the night at the church as well.

Does this cost anything? The cost is \$15 for meals and materials.

What should I bring? Comfy clothes to work in, a bathing suit for the pool party, a beach towel, a sleeping bag, an air mattress or camping mat, bug spray, sun block, sneakers, a Bible, a notebook, and a pen.

What should I leave at home? There is no need for a cell phone or iPod – please leave those home!

How do I sign up? Simple! Tell Jamie you are going! AND.. fill out the registration/permission form and return to Jamie with your \$15.

*****Please sign up by July 30th*****

Questions or to sign up to help – contact Jamie Lindtner

Jamielindtner@gmail.com or 610-937-7932

The 3rd Annual West Grove Project

WGUMC Youth Group
August 5 – 6th

Attention Older Adults who desire help with chores!

The West Grove Project is a two-day, one-night mission project for the youth of West Grove United Methodist Church. The youth and adults will be learning about our community and the needs that exist in it.

We will also be participating in hands-on service for some folks who need a little extra help.

We plan on spending our time focusing on the needs of **The Luther House,**

Ovations, and the Older Adults in our Congregation. If you or someone you

know could benefit from some help from our youth team, we would LOVE to help you!

We do not have the skill level for big projects, but we can help with smaller tasks such as: changing light bulbs, changing batteries in smoke detectors, minor paint projects, yard work, cleaning, moving furniture, accessing items that are out of reach, etc.

Please fill out the form below and put in the offering plate, or give it to Jamie Lindtner or Helen Carlin, and someone will contact you to schedule a time to come help you on either August 5th or 6th.



Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

NEEDS: *Please check all that apply*

Yard Work ____ **Paint** ____ **Cleaning** ____

Moving Furniture/Stuff ____ **Lots of Little Things** ____

Not sure, but would like to talk about someone coming ____

Jamie Lindtner, Director Of Youth @ West Grove UMC

610-937-7932 or **Jamielindtner@gmail.com**

The 3rd Annual West Grove Project

West Grove United Methodist Church

West Grove Project

Registration Form



I give permission for my son/daughter _____ to participate in the West Grove Project on August 5 – 6th, 2014 with the West Grove UMC Youth Ministry.

I, (student name) _____ plan to participate in the West Grove Project on August 5 – 6th, 2014, and I agree to respect and listen to the adults helping and work humbly and obediently alongside of the other students who are attending.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Parents Cell: _____

Any allergies or medical concerns:

Emergency Contact and #: _____

Parents:

I can help as a driver: Yes _____ No _____

I can provide our pool for a pool party on Wed, August 6th: Name: _____

I can be a group leader at one of our service sites: Name: _____

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Summer Mission Opportunities

Mission Central, Mechanicsburg, PA

Friday, August 15.

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 Cindy Haley** for more information. A signup sheet will be posted in the lobby.

Chester County Gleaning Program



Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Every year, Chester County farmers donate fresh produce to help serve the hungry through forty-two local food provider agencies here in Chester County.

This food is the healthiest food provided to those who are experiencing food shortages during these challenging economic times. In Chester County, one person out of every ten people goes without a meal each day, because they cannot afford to pay for food. In order to maintain the supply and distribution of fresh foods, the Chester County Food Bank (CCFB) coordinates with local farmers, CSA's, and gardeners to find the best food they can. These people rely on the kindness and hard work of volunteers to maintain some of the fields, and to pick the food when it is ripe. Throughout the harvest season, volunteers pick various crops and deliver them to the Chester County Food Bank Warehouse in Guthriesville.

Hi Janice---The Towels Arrived and are ready to be Given Out! THANK YOU BUNCHES to all Your Donors and to you for Organizing it all .Rafiki Ghana sends Hugs and Thanks to you all! MM Maggie is labelling the towels in the photo.





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Rev. Jim Mundell - Associate Pastor, Chaplain at Jenner's Pond

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