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"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart" Joel 2:12a

Fall comes in September.

And yet, many years it is the heralding of October 1st that feels like fall.

When the temperatures have evened out.

No longer drastic heat or shocking frost, but the steady decrease of temperature that reminds you that you need socks with your shoes.

No more tiptoeing out in the morning in your barefoot across the cold and dewy grass.

October welcomes fall with festival and festivities, celebrations and culinary.

Foods that welcome you in fall: apples and pumpkins, caramel and soups.

Light jackets and indoor evening activities that remind you fall is here.

No longer surprised by the transition, we now fully embrace the nip and the cool.

Eagerly awaiting the piles to jump in of leaves and the afternoon sun.

Fall in September.

But stays in October.

Welcome.

Each fall, I am reminded of the rituals and traditions of my family and my church family for this season. I anticipate apple picking and pumpkin carving, harvest decorations and simmering soups. Rituals and traditions that fed us and give our lives shape. There is something about this season that invites us all to fall back into comfortable and sustainable rituals. Even at Starbucks, I saw the invitation to fall back into the rituals of autumn with their specialty drinks and treats.

As Christians, we are a people of ritual. We have rituals around life stages and ages. We baptize at times of new birth (whether infants, children, youth, or adults). We offer Bibles at times of natural curiosities and development. We marry persons at ages and stages that lend themselves to love. We bury our loved ones at times of death. We mourn and we laugh. We remember and we forget, putting on the rituals that have fed our communities for generations.

Fall is full of rituals of the church. Many return to worship and Christian Education after times of vacation and travel during the summer. We are beginning Confirmation for our young people as they consider the substance of their faith and the commitment of their lives. Our musical programs are in full swing with Memory Bells, Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and the PraiseWorks Band. Community groups have resumed their schedules and the building is full with the rituals, traditions, and activities of this place.

The prophet Joel calls the people of Israel to return to God, to fall back into their rituals and traditions of worship and devotion to the one God of us all. The prophet Joel calls also to the people of West Grove and Kennett Square, of Oxford and of Lincoln University, return to God – fall back into their rituals and traditions of worship and devotion to the one God of us all. Perhaps, over the summer, you have fallen out of routine. Perhaps, over the last while, you have been busy and engaged in other ways.

I invite you to consider this invitation personal to you – Return to God. Maybe for you this means a return to regular worship. Maybe for you this means a return to Christian Education or small groups. Maybe for you this means a return to reading the Bible and devotional reading. Maybe for you this means a return to regular giving of your time, prayers, gifts, service, and witness. Maybe, you are not sure what exactly this means for you. Join us as we consider a deeper walk of faith, returning to God.

In God's Love,

Pastor Monica



October Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Sermon Series: You are a Part of Puzzle

Stewardship is all of our life and our communal life together.

When we respond to God's gifts, our pennies, our prayers, our moments, our very self are all part of the puzzle which shows the face of God.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost October 5, 2014

World Communion Sunday
Stewardship Sunday II
Bibles for Confirmands

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

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16, Psalm 90: 1-6, 9-12

Sermon: "Puzzling Over the Clock"

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 12, 2014

Stewardship Sunday III
Children's Choir Sings

Scripture: Matthew 6: 19-21, Proverbs 3: 1-10

Sermon: "Missing Pieces"

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 2014

Stewardship Sunday IV
Reception of New Members

Scripture: Matthew 6: 24, Acts 2: 37-47

Sermon: "Join In!"

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 26, 2014

Consecration Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-34, Colossians 2: 6-10

Sermon: "Are You All In?"



Have you been traveling? Away on vacation? Sick on Sunday morning? Want to remember an illustration from a sermon? Did you know? Sermons are now available on the website! You can choose to read them in manuscript form or listen to them in mp3 form.



Coffee and lemonade will be available every Sunday beginning September 14 after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services compliments of our Hospitality Ministries Team and Volunteer Coffee Makers. Please enjoy and have fun while greeting and welcoming friends and guests.



Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, October 19 is hosted by The Finance Team

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

Thank you.

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!





Consecration Sunday and Brunch

You are a Piece of the Puzzle

October 26th, 2014



Are you a puzzle person? Do you like to put together images to uncover fullness of a picture?

Have you consider that God might view humanity as a puzzle being put together piece by piece as the fullness of God's kingdom is known? From September 28th through October 26th, we will be exploring our commitment to God through the lens that we are ALL pieces of the puzzle. Join us in worship! Testimonies, new music, moving worship, and the preached word are all a part of the planning from the worship team for this stewardship emphasis.

Hopefully by now, you have received in the mail a letter complete with a commitment card and puzzle pieces. If not, please contact the church office. Please begin praying about how God is calling you to be part of the puzzle here. The ways in which you serve, pray, witness, give, and are present are essential to the work God is doing through us. Please mark your card with your financial giving as well as the giving of your time, prayers, witness, and presence. You may bring in your card and puzzle pieces anytime between September 28th and October 26th. We will dedicate your commitments on the 26th at both services.

As we make commitments to serve God through prayers, service, gifts, presence, and witness, we will celebrate that each of us is a piece of God's puzzle, the body of Christ. After each service, we will enjoy a brunch together. Our prayer is that during this time you will engage in fellowship with one another, share God's goodness, and witness to our connection with one another and God. We hope you will all join us as the brunch is free. We will take reservations on October 12th and 19th during worship to ensure ample servings for all. We look forward to seeing you all for our Consecration Sunday and Brunch!

BUDGET REPORT



Our stewardship theme this year is *You Are a Piece of the Puzzle*. We are called to be stewards of the bounty that

God has given us and we truly have much to be thankful for! God blesses us with earnings to care for our families and needs. As we know, there are many less fortunate who hurt, be it physically, spiritually, emotionally, or financially. Taking that step of stewardship is a very rewarding experience as we actually help our brothers and sisters in our community and throughout the world.

Expenses for our many ministries continue to be holding on budget. Weekly offerings continue to be below average at \$6,070 per week in contrast to the budget amount of \$6,846 per week. As a result, total year-to-date tithes and offerings are \$29,488 under budget for the first nine months of 2014.

God continues to bless this congregation in so many ways. Please continue to hold the pastor and leadership of this congregation in your prayers as we enter this season of Thanksgiving.

**Do you
pay your
bills
online?**



Many of us pay our bills online. It's fast, convenient and doesn't require a stamp! Consider adding West Grove UMC to your list. There are no fees involved for this service.

If you bank at National Penn Bank, you can set up an automatic transfer to the church's account there at no cost to you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator at 610-869-9334. She will be happy to help you!

From the Pastor's Desk



Our new District Superintendent, The Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm was installed on September 7th. The installation was held at St. Daniel's United Methodist Church in Chester, Pa. With rousing music, beautiful altars, and wonderful preaching, all who were present were indeed blessed. Rev. Taylor-Storm shared a common illustration of putting together a sprinkler for her children. In the installation, she called to her husband asking him to turn on the water at the spicket, only to discover she was standing on the hose – blocking the flow. She called congregations on the district to consider where they might be blocking ministries or the movement

God in their midst.

We also celebrate the installation of The Rev. Bumkoo ('BK') Chung as District Superintendent. The installation was on September 14th at First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. We pray blessings for Pastor BK and his family in this newest part of the adventure of faith.

Let us be in prayer for our District superintendents as they seek to faithfully live out the difficult role of supervision, encouragement, mission strategist, cabinet member, clergyperson, and much more.



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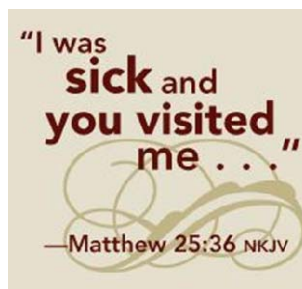


World Communion Sunday October 5

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Creator God, in this season of Fall, open my eyes to the creative canvas that is all around me. Mold my heart to give thanks to you for nature as well as your people. Shape me to sing your praises and love your creation. For like the Psalmist, I know that all comes from you, Creator of us all. I praise you now and all of my days. In Your Name, I Pray, Amen.



Please let Pastor Monica, 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 the loved one is in. Please also let us know of any other pastoral needs. Thank you!



Bishop Johnson reflects on her recent trip to the CONGO

How Beautiful!

Christian vocalist Twila Paris recorded a song entitled "How Beautiful" a number of years ago. In it she describes the body of Christ, not only Christ himself but his body, the church. One line from the song came to mind during my recent visit to the Congo: "How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live."

I saw this happening every day in the Congo during my 10-day tour. Many are sacrificially preaching the gospel there with little or no salary. One of the District Superintendents who just completed six years on the cabinet received \$10 per month as her total compensation. She has had no modern vehicle for transportation. But even with the hardship of walking or riding a bike to visit her churches she also established five new congregations on her district during her tenure.

Our team had dinner with a Congolese pilot, Gaston Ntabamo, from the "Wings of the Morning" aviation ministry one evening. He is one of our United Methodist missionaries who serves in the Congo. He makes numerous flights from the remote villages to the only full-service hospital in the area at no charge to the patients thanks to our United Methodist Mission giving. He has saved hundreds of lives during his years of ministry. In addition he serves as the pilot for many of the United Methodist bishops as they travel to areas where there are no passable roads. During the war in the Congo 10 years ago this pilot risked his life to evacuate stranded missionaries.

You can read the rest of her reflections, including our Conference's partnership, at: <http://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com/2014/08/how-beautiful.html>

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. 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. Our clinic, currently directed by Dr. Rebecca Yohadi provides vital medical services to this community. We also sponsor a nutrition program for children and their families. About 300 children a day come for food, five days a week. The partnership supports the salaries of the doctors, nurses, and nutrition staff, along with the food, 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. ***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.

Currently, the district has received approximately \$6,000 towards our goal of \$50,000.

We will celebrate the gifts given at our District Conference.

Together in Ministry, Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Southeast District Superintendent



THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our church's free
meal ministry

Tuesday, October 28
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can choose how to help: donating your time to serve a meal to friends in our community, wash dishes, help to set up or clean up, or donate a needed food item for the day's fare.

All are invited to join us on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month, for a healthy, delicious meal homemade by the members of our congregation. Reservations are suggested by calling the church office at 610-869-9334, but are not required. (Arrangements can be made to deliver meals to shut-ins.) Walk-ins are welcome.



Have you been attending WGUMC and want to join our family?

Beginning September 28th, we will meet for three weeks to learn more about what it means to become a member of the United Methodist Church, and more specifically, our church here in West Grove.

September 28th: OPEN Join us as we learn about opening our hearts to Jesus. In this class, we will get to know one another a little better and discuss the United Methodist Church structure.

October 5th: GROW In this class, we will discuss spiritual growth and what that means to you as an individual.

October 12th: SERVE We will talk about spiritual gifts and how they can be used for different forms of service.

October 19th: WELCOME On this day, you will be taken into membership during the worship service.

Classes meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor Monica's office.

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

Hope to see you then!

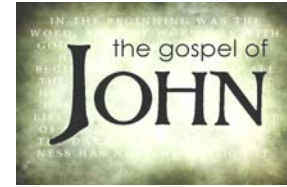


The Church office will close
at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31. Thank you!



Welcome to worship as we move from summer into fall. May we be blessed in one another's presence and in the presence of our Savior.

Coffee for adults and Lemonade is available every Sunday before classes and after both worship services compliments of our Hospitality Ministries Team and Volunteer Coffee Makers. Enjoy and have fun while greeting and welcoming friends and guests.



"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 meets weekly beginning on September 22nd and will be completed by November 24th. We meet in Room 14 in the Christian Education wing. JOIN US!



One of the oldest traditions of the church is the remembrance of those who have died during the last year on All Saints' Day on November 1st. The early church often celebrated the memory of those

who now rest from their labors through the telling of stories, the lighting of candles, the ringing of bells, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the modern day, All Saint's Day has remained one of the most sacred moment of recalling our connection with saints all over the world and across time.

You maybe remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 2nd during both services. Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 27th. We wish to stand with you in honoring your loved one.

Planning for the Future



We plan for the future all the time. We hope to have enough milk, eggs, and bread during a snowstorm. We hope to have enough gas to get to

our destination. We hope to make good life choices to achieve who God has called us to be. We might want to plan for a future beyond ourselves as we consider wills, estate planning, legacies, and even our own funeral or memorial service.

Sometimes, persons are interested in sharing their wishes and desires for funeral and memorial services with loved ones ahead of time. Other times, information is written in places to be discovered upon death. In other circumstances, families wish to respect the wishes of a loved one, but are unsure as to what best honors their loved one. Prayerfully consider, if you might want to record those thoughts with the church. The church can retain and hold those wishes for you, so that information might be shared and available when appropriate.

If you are interested in recording your hopes for your own services, please be in contact with Donna in the office for a guide or Pastor Monica to discuss your thoughts.



Christian Education for all ages

Sundays

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Our Sunday Morning Christian Education is in full swing! The adults were able to review the classes available for them while the children were getting back to class. JAM (Jesus And Me) for children 4 years through 6th grade started off the year with a party and learning about this year's theme: the fruits of the spirit.

It is never too late to join us on a Sunday morning. Feel free to check out a different class each week and find one that works for you. If you have any questions about any of the classes, please contact Melissa Jones.



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®**

Our youth are prepared to serve! We are blessed to provide many activities and service opportunities for our youth in the Church and in our community. Scouting Ministries seeks to touch the lives of youth in our community by promoting morality and spirituality through scouting programs. Such programs provide opportunities for young people to have fun, learn, grow, and serve our community. Partnering with scouting supports our programs and also provides opportunities for unchurched families to connect with Christ through scouting and our Church. At West Grove United Methodist Church, we charter Boy Scout Troop 12 and Venture Crew 12, who both serve as beacons of our Church in ministering to local youth and our community.

Over the past months, the scouts have helped our church with set-up or assisting with various church activities such as the Strawberry Festival and our recent Chicken BBQ. They have shown their support and served our local community through participation in the Memorial Day parade and helping Jenners Pond to decorate for Labor Day celebrations. In addition to service, summer was also full of camping trips. We congratulate Troop 12 for their marching trophy earned while attending summer camp at Camp Horseshoe this year! The scouts have had a busy and exciting summer!

If you are a member of the church, please consider serving the church through participation in our Scouting Ministry. We have need of unit committee members who meet once a month to discuss business of the scouting units and to help keep the scouting program running smoothly. If you are interested, please contact our Scouting Coordinator, Aaron Boyd @ aaron.j.boyd.01@gmail.com or 443-206-0510



Thanks to all of you who have renewed clearances before the start of a new year in Sunday School, the Nursery and Youth Group. Our program, "Protect Your Ministry" speeds up the process and makes it easy for anyone to renew or apply for the clearances needed to work with our children, youth and vulnerable adults. As you know, our conference requires church staff and volunteers to acquire these clearances to adhere to the Safe Sanctuaries policy. Your help in keeping us in compliance is appreciated.

There is one area in which we could use some help. During the Sunday School hour we need a Roamer to help us keep in compliance with the two adult rule. This person does not teach, but is walking by the classrooms from time to time or is available in the lobby should the need arise for an extra pair of adult hands. We have a team of Roamers in place. But most of us are also in the Bell Choir which rehearses on the third Sunday during the Sunday School hour. If you could help us out by filling in one Sunday or joining the team please contact Fran Miller at 610-869-8935 or jmille8698@verizon.net. Clearances are needed, but we can help with those. Thanks for considering being a Roamer.



WGUMC's Annual Trunk or Treat Event! Sunday, October 26th from 4-6 P.M.

We want to see you all there!

This eagerly awaited event is an awesome outreach to the children of our community. It's a fun, safe way for children to experience the joy of trick or treating. We line up cars in part of our parking lot, and children go trunk-to-trunk collecting candy. We'll also have games, crafts, refreshments, and a hay ride. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in on the fun!

We need lots of trunks this year! All you need to do is decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy as the children come around. You can dress in costume if you like! You may decorate with any theme you like, as long as it has nothing scary; remember this is a fun and safe Christian event. There are tons of ideas to be found on the internet!

We will post sign-up sheets in the lobby as we will need lots of volunteers to help out, and you can place candy donations in the bins.

*Candy
Donations
Needed*



If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

What you do:

1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!



Save the Date!!

Annual Christmas Music Celebration

Sunday, December 7th
~ 6:30 p.m. ~



Submit Your Recipes



United Methodist Women Cookbook!

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

Charge Conference
Tuesday,
October 21
at 7:30 p.m.



All members of West Grove UMC are invited to attend as we receive reports on our ministries, hear from our District Superintendent and celebrate our connection as United Methodists around the world.

West Grove UMC

thanks the following businesses for supporting our 2014 Chicken Barbeque!

- Rainbow Dinner Theatre—2 Tickets to Show with Full Meals
- Longwood Gardens of Kennett Square—2 Complimentary Tickets
- Oxford Feed and Lumber Co.—\$100 in Charcoal
- Darlene Murphy Yoga Class—\$100 Donation
- Philips Florist, Inc.—\$35 Gift Card
- Giant Grocery of Jennersville—\$25 Gift Card
- Ruffini's Barber Shop of West Grove—2 Free Haircut
- Country Sign & Woodwork of Oxford—Free Sign
- Dutchway Market of Gap—Bags
- Herr's Foods Inc. of Nottingham—Boxes
- WalMart of Oxford—\$100 Gift Card
- Dave Lapp Life & Health Insurance—\$100 in Donated Tickets
- Brothers Pizza—\$25 Gift Card
- Dansko—\$60 Gift Card
- Serenity Salon and Spa—\$25 Gift Card with Gift Bag
- YMCA of Jennersville—2 Three Month Memberships
- Cameron's Hardware and Supply, Oxford—3 Cases of Water
- Oxford Plumbing and Heating—\$50 Donation
- Corner Café—Discount on BBQ Supplies

A BIG **thank you** to the many, many volunteers who helped make this year's Chicken BBQ a success!!

Linda Shiplet and Gail Bauer worked tirelessly to obtain donations and gifts for the fundraiser, as well as all the many hours dedicated to the "behind the scenes" work. To all the ladies who showed up time and again to fold boxes, wrap potatoes, and perform all of the many tasks associated with preparing the meal, kudos and thank yous to you all! Thank you to Sara Ann Ramberger for disbursing and keeping track of all the tickets. Thank you to Hope Yarbrough for the beautiful table centerpieces (weren't those little grills just perfect?!). Thank you to all the men who "raised the roof" on the tent, including Fred Sullivan who cleaned and prepared the fire pit for the day's cooking.

To all the servers, preparers, greeters, runners — we thank you for your service!

To all those who donated food items, money, and their talents through baking —

you are greatly appreciated for your generosity of heart!

To the set-up and clean-up crews—great job!

To the cooks — hats off to you all for a superb job! The chicken was immensely enjoyed by all.

There are so many who graciously gave of their time, talents, and hard work—you all know who you are—**Thank you and God bless!**

High Ticket Sale Winners!

**Helen Carlin, Linda Shiplet,
Steve May, Hope Yarbrough,
Fran Bryan, and Pat Heist**

Thank you one and all!



Kids Clothes



Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN Thursday, October 16th-3:30-6:30 p.m.

SHOP Friday, October 17th - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **AND**

Saturday, October 18th- 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

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

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



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



Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

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

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

Any questions, please contact the church office at (610) 869-9334



BAKE SALE

**Cookies, cup-
cakes, and
brownies oh my!**

During the Children's Morning Out Clothing Sale on Thursday, October 16th through Saturday, October 18th, a bake sale table will be set up to help raise funds for the CMO scholarship program. Please label your donations CMO and place in the kitchen. Donations will gladly be accepted Thursday through Saturday.

CLOTHING NEEDED

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE ARE ACCEPTED!

If you do not wish to consign, but would like to donate items to the Children's Morning Out Toy & Clothing Sale, donations will be accepted through Wednesday, October 15th. Items must be clean and in good condition. Mark donations CMO Sale and drop off in the coat closet in the church lobby. CMO will then tag the items and all sales go directly to CMO scholarship.



Children's Morning Out and Preschool

What a wonderful start to this school year!!! We are all so very excited to be back in school. The children are doing awesome! They are becoming more comfortable with their teachers and making new friends each day. It is great to see their smiling faces and the joy and excitement that shines from them. I have enjoyed jumping into the classrooms to meet all of the children and get to know them better as well. This is my favorite part of my job, having the opportunity to step into a classroom and

participate in what the children are doing. One day, I stepped into our Turtle classroom and they were busy finger-painting. The children were amazed to see me join in the fun. We talked about how the paint felt, did it smell, and what it looked like. It is so much fun for these little ones to explore and learn.

October is always a busy month for us with lots of fall activities, field trips, and our consignment sale. As you know, our consignment sale is a fundraiser for our program. If you would like to consign this year, packets will be available on the table by the CMO and Preschool Bulletin Board beginning the week of September 29th. If you are not up for consigning but would like to help, I am always looking for volunteers to help during the sale, and with set-up and clean-up. Please feel free to contact me with any questions! As always, thank you for your support of our CMO and Preschool program.

Tracy McLaughlin, CMO Director



CMO Chapel Time with Pastor Monica



Starting on October 1st, Pastor Monica will be doing chapel time with each of the CMO preschool classes. The oldest classes, Butterflies and Leap Frogs will have their chapel time in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays. The Ducks and the Bumblebees will meet together in a classroom for their chapel time on Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, the Funky Frogs and Turtles will meet together in a classroom for their chapel time. Chapel time will include stories of our faith, songs, and prayers. Please celebrate with us and pray for us as we begin

this new endeavor of offering our littlest ones worship time.



Are you asking yourself "What on earth is on their faces?"

That was our youth decked out on September 17 for

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK ULTIMATE FRISBEE!

West Grove UMC Youth Heads to
The PHILADELPHIA PROJECT

October 24 -26th



Join the youth group for a weekend of serving, worshipping, laughing and growing in our faith as we head to Philly to participate in home repair projects.

Cost: \$75 for the weekend (includes accommodations, food and work site supplies)

Depart: Friday at 5:30.

Return: Sunday at 1:30.

Who? All 7th - 12th graders.

Sign up: Fill out the attached registration form and return to Jamie Lindtner with \$75 by Oct 10.

WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

This Parental Consent Form gives permission for my child to participate in an activity sponsored by a local church, cluster, District of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church. (All portions of this form shall be completed for registration).

Name of child _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Grade _____

I give permission for my child _____ to attend and participate in The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend with the WGUMC Youth Group, October 24 – 26, 2014.

My child has the following physical condition(s) that may require special attention:

() Diabetes () Hyperventilation () Convulsions () Seizures () Allergies

() Other (please specify) _____

Does your child require any special accommodations or medications, or have special accessibility needs? Explain:

Medical Treatment Release and Liability Release

I hereby authorize event staff to obtain and give consent for medical treatment for my child for such injury or illness that may occur during the event and hereby hold the event staff and their representatives harmless in the exercise of this authority.

I give permission for my child to be transported in vehicles operated by the adults in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in this event.

It is my understanding that the above named participant will be covered by my personal medical insurance. The event provides limited/supplemental medical payment coverage for injuries arising out of the event activities which is payable **in excess** of any other collectible insurance. Payments of any medical injuries not covered by my insurance or the event limited/supplemental medical insurance will be paid by me.

Name of parent/guardian (Please print) _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Telephone: Home _____ Office _____ Cell _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Group No. _____

This form is made available by the Property Liability Insurance Committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church and may be copied. Approved by Conference Chancellor and Conference.



C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



September kicked off with a tailgating and glow in the dark shindig at the church! All the youth joined together for a lot of food and then some fun games. We played four square and, once it got dark, we played some glow-in-the-dark ultimate Frisbee. We had 17 students join in for our kick-off and a few of them were first timers.

Our theme for this year for youth is, "Light of the World". We are going to spend the year looking at scripture, worshiping God and challenging each other to shine for Jesus in all that we do.

The Youth Ministry at WGUMC is open to all 7th – 12th grade students. Our purpose is to create a safe, fun place for students to gather together and, ultimately, meet Jesus and grow in their faith.



MIDDLE SCHOOL – Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the youth room from 7 – 8:30. October 5 and 19.

HIGH SCHOOL – meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the youth room from 7 – 8:45. October 12. There will not be a meeting on October 26 because of the Philly Project Blitz.



Philadelphia Project Weekend – October 24 – 26th. We will head back down to Philly to participate in a blitz weekend with the Philadelphia Project. We will help with some

home repairs and spend time in worship along with having lots of fun! Register with Jamie Lindtner if interested in attending.



Confirmation Class – Are you in 7th, 8th or 9th grades? Are you interested in learning more about what the Church really is and what it means to become a member of the church? Want to spend time talking about faith and God and the cross and what that all means for us? Then join us this year for our confirmation class. We will meet together on Sundays during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45).



Wanted: Someone who is comfortable around teenagers, is open to having lots of fun, has a passion for seeing young people grow in their faith – then talk to Jamie Lindtner and let's see how we can get you signed up to help with youth!

Jamie Lindtner – Dir. Of Youth Ministry
Jamielindtner@gmail.com
 610-937-7932





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



Friday, October 3

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 4

9 a.m.-Noon

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may "Fill-a-Bag for \$2.00".

How can you help?

Why not weed out unwanted books, gently used clothes, unused kitchen utensils and other household items, box games, puzzles, children's items, the stuff in your basement you've been meaning to go through, and set those "weeds" aside for the church rummage sale? **You can bring your donations to church beginning Sunday, September 29 and throughout that week. The church office is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

We'll be setting up on Thursday, October 2.

So, start cleaning and sorting, and we'll see you at the sale!



Fantasy Football

at West Grove UMC

WGUMC Fantasy Football League Standings

Rank	Team	Team Manager	W-L-T	Pts For	Streak
1	jerry's boys	Reed Smith Sr.	2-0-0	271.31	W-2
2	Jim's Vultures	Pastor Jim	2-0-0	234.51	W-2
3	The Rogue Elephants	Doug Allen	2-0-0	229.26	W-2
4	groves 3 and 2	Jeremy Moore	1-1-0	237.53	W-1
5	Ten Plagues	Tim Bushnell	1-1-0	225.99	L-1
6	Not a Prayer	Matt Hendrickson	0-2-0	234.11	L-2
7	soundcurfew	Lee Arter	0-2-0	228.68	L-2
8	sulli's skins	Fred Sullivan	0-2-0	212.79	L-2

***Updated Sept 20th

Retired Active People



**Retired Active
People (R.A.P.)
FRIDAY, October
10
12:00 p.m.-3:00
p.m.**

Hello All, RAP will be Friday, October 10th. Our guest will be "Tuneful" Terri. He sings all over the area and will be singing hymns and country music for our entertainment! He is 76 years young and his full name is Terri Halvorsen. Please join us for an afternoon of fun, music and fellowship! Bring your bag lunch and we will provide the desert, coffee, tea and lemonade. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor to join us!!! See you there.

Blessings,

Lisa Reoli

RAP Coordinator

Rev. Guepet and
the West Grove
UMC Family:

Thank you for
your kind letter of
August 26th
indicating you
have been lifting

The Lincoln University family up to God
in prayer. We are so grateful to God for
your prayers.

Please keep me lifted up that God would
give me the wisdom to do that for which
He would be pleased. Please keep our
faculty in prayer that they might teach in
a way that others will understand and
ask God to touch our students and have
them learn and give back to help others.

Thanks.

Bob Jennings, President

Lincoln University



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

JULIET...Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

October 11 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.

R.O.M.E.O.

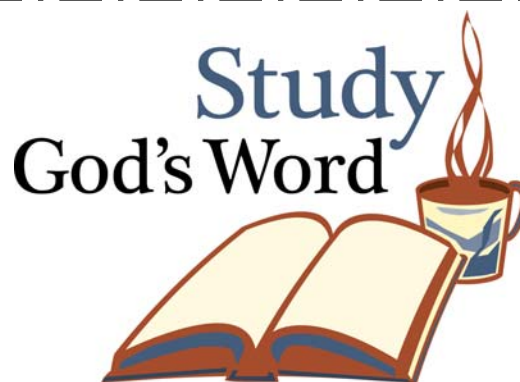
Retired Older Men Eating Out

Thursday, October 30

R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out, will meet, October 30,

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 Class is for men and women who are interested in coming together to learn the stories of the Bible. The Bible Study is open to anyone interested in gathering each Wednesday for a mid-week time of fellowship and bible study. **You do not need to be a resident of Luther House to attend.** All are welcome. We will begin a study on Galatians in September. **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 meet on the **second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on October 8, 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.**





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.



It's free and it's easy! Sign-up, choose West Grove UMC as your local church to support, then just shop online as you normally do. A percentage of your shopping totals will be donated to the church! Read below for details or you can go directly to the website using this link:

<https://www.umcmarket.org/?adCampaign=EBGEN&adId=UMCOMBTS072214>

Shop Online? Make a difference when you do!

There is no better way to take care of that long shopping list than to use UMC Market and have your favorite stores give a percentage to your church.

During the Back To School shopping season, the average family likely spent \$672. For participants in UMCmarket, your favorite stores could easily expect to give 2-5% in donations back to your church. Why not take advantage of this giving opportunity? Nearly 4,000 United Methodist churches are ALREADY receiving donations from UMCmarket today.

The Details!

UMCmarket is presented by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The

United Methodist Church. It takes just a couple of minutes to sign up. With our amazing Easy Give Button, **you don't even have to remember to use UMCmarket when you do your shopping.** The Easy Give Button will make sure that every donation is collected automatically. Once your ministry's donations reach \$100, a check will be mailed out. You Shop. We Give!

Share UMCmarket with your friends & congregation!

We hope you will sign up, try us out, and share with your church friends and congregation.

It's easy and free, so why not rally your fellow members to do the same and see how fast your donations will make a difference?

Our marketing team is here to help you get the word out. Click here for a list of resources to help promote the program. We have provided a basic Media Kit for you to use and will be adding to it in the next few months. If you would like to have customized graphics for your church website or other media applications, we can do that too! Just email Christine, our marketing specialist, at christine@umcmarket.org. We are glad to help!



Crop Walk for Hunger Sunday, October 19 at 1 p.m.



CROPWALK

All are welcome to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk for the Oxford area on Sunday, October 19. Scheduled time is 1:00 p.m. beginning at the Memorial Park in Oxford. **You can participate by walking in the event or by SPONSORING ONE OF OUR WALKERS with your donation.**

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – and right here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference... and you are part of it! Twenty-five percent of the amount raised is returned to support the Neighborhood Service Center located in Oxford.

Sign-up sheets and sponsor sheets will be available at the display in the church lobby by mid-September. **Contact Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 for more information.** REMEMBER - "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" ~ Winston Churchill.



"Planting the Seeds for Minis- try Growth" Workshop Saturday, No- vember 15 2:00-6:30 p.m.

Hopewell UMC, located in Downingtown, PA, will once again host this year's annual "Planting Seeds for Ministry

Growth" workshop on November 15th from 2:00- 6:30. The keynote speaker will discuss Why Young Christians are Leaving church and Rethinking Faith. Workshops include: How to work with Millennials, Wellness Ministry, Restorative Justice: Rebuilding Communities, Toward Radically Inclusive Congregations, and Church/School Partnerships.

We are looking to take a group to this event. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Melissa Jones.



Hopewell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



POVERTY SIMULATION

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014

Time: Check-in at 9:30am, Event from 10:00am-2:00pm

Where: Hopewell United Methodist Church, Family Life Center

Facilitated by: Pocono Alliance

Cost: FREE. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Chester County Food Bank.

Register at: www.hopewellumc.org or 610-269-1545

This event enables participants to "experience" some of the frustrations, obstacles and constraints of living with limited resources, while trying to access services to cover basic needs during a month (four 15-minute weeks).

If your place of work or volunteer service comes alongside people living in poverty, please plan to participate in this experience and engage in conversation with other community members about the challenges and our response.

CEU's are offered through the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church
Lunch included. Childcare available.

For more info: Pastor Amy Banka (amy@hopewellumc.org) or Jen Lisowski (jen@hopewellumc.org) at 610-269-1545

**EVERYONE IS INVITED – COMMUNITY
EVENT**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2014

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

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New London United Methodist Church

10 am – 12 noon

1010 State Road, New London, PA

Food Packaging for the World's Hungry

Food Collection event for the Bridge Food Cupboard



Stop Hunger Now is a mission providing packaged meals that provide the greatest nutritional value in the most efficient shelf-stable package. At this event, you will help make those packaged meals and feed someone who would otherwise go hungry.

Come Join the Fun – Come Make a Difference

***** Bring a non-perishable food item *****

for the local food pantry

- the Bridge in West Grove -

Refreshments available

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Church Mission Connexion
of Southern Chester County**

Need more info? Contact 610-869-8129 newlondonumc@verizon.net



**Special Invitation to Veterans' Expo
& Job Fair**

If you or someone you live is a veteran or active military or family member, please come out to Lancaster's first-ever Veterans' Expo & Job Fair, a free, one-day event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Eden Resort, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster.

Presented by OLP Events, the Veterans' Expo will connect active and retired military members and their families with the benefits and resources available to them through local community-service providers, healthcare professionals, VA benefits counselors, education/training providers, and more.

In addition, the Job Fair is an opportunity for veterans and employers to meet face to face to discuss available positions and take part in workshops and seminars offering valuable information on relevant topics.

Speakers in the opening ceremony include three-star Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Benchoff and Audrey Bergstresser, department service officer at VFW, Department of Pennsylvania.

With patriotic musical performances, a collection for Stockings for Soldiers through Keystone Military Families, and a special ceremony performed by the Red Rose Honor Guard, the Veterans' Expo & Job Fair will honor all branches of service. For more information on the Veterans Expo & Job Fair, call (717) 285-1350 or visit www.veteransexpo.com.



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