



# The Wesleyan Star

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## August 2016



For in six days the  
Lord made the  
heavens and the  
earth

*"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it." Exodus 20:11*

There is truly something that happens as one ages where time seems to change duration. When you are in elementary school, summer seems long and full. There is even time for boredom in the midst of July days. Christmas seems like it will never come, and the next year's birthday is beyond far away. As time passes, the speed appears to quicken. As time passes, days

and weeks pile upon one another. We may begin to imagine that this is a modern phenomenon and blame sports, technology, and all of the usual suspects. However, I am convinced that this perception of time and how we interact with it, predates many of those usual suspects. I have been reading Walter Brueggemann's Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to a culture of NOW. He centers the understanding of Sabbath in response to who God is and who humanity is. Without Sabbath, we begin to imagine we don't need God. Without Sabbath, we begin to imagine we are God.

Brueggemann leans not on the modern day busy, but rather pulls us back into the biblical model. He recalls the Sabbath command of Exodus 20:11 to rest on Sabbath as God rested. Brueggemann goes on to say this teaches us that "[God] is not a workaholic, [God] is not anxious about the full functioning of creation, and that the well-being of creation does not depend on endless work." (page 6). If God is not concerned about the full functioning of creation or needing of our endless work, why do you and I wrap ourselves up in that hurry and scurry? We need to be reminded that God already has a plan, and God already has a way, long before we started to solve and figure it out. Sabbath reminds us of our role in God's world. "Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes; it is the pause that transforms... Sabbath is an invitation to receptivity, and acknowledgement that what is need is given and need to be seized." (page 45) We need Sabbath to be open to how God is calling us.

As I continue to read, I hear the invitation to take Sabbath. To each and every week, take time that is not bound by expectations and production. Take time that is about refreshment and re-creation. It is easy to say that there is always something else to complete. I struggle with that each and every week. And yet, I find the time that I take most commonly on Fridays, the most important time for my relationship with God and with other people. I am a better pastor when I am reminded of my dependence on God. I am a better wife and mother when I am reminded that God loved my family first. I am a better friend, neighbor, and human being, when I rest in the presence of God.

As August comes and the dog days of summer are in full swing, I invite you to make time for Sabbath. Whether you take vacation time away with exotic surroundings or you set aside a few hours on a Sunday afternoon at home, take time to rest. Take time to depend on God. Take time to let God be God.

As for me, I am heading away on vacation. May my days and your days be filled with rest and restoration, hope and 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.

## Music and God Sightings

Based on requests and recommendations from the congregation, we will explore sung theology, musical conversations about God and God's world.

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**August 7, 2016**

#### Communion Sunday

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

**Scripture:** Psalm 90:1-12 and Lamentations 3:22-23

**Sermon:** "One Day At A Time"

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### Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### Native American Sunday

**August 14, 2016**

**Jamie Lindtner, Preaching**

### Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**August 21, 2016**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11:1-9 and Luke 8:1-2, 16-18

**Sermon:** "I Want To Live"

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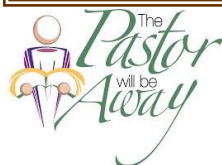
### Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

**August 28, 2016**

**Scripture:** Romans 8:35-39 and Isaiah 41:10-14

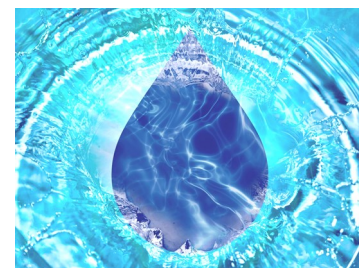
**Sermon:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



**Pastor Monica will be out of the office August 8th -14th with her family. This is the second of four weeks she is allotted. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact the church office, Pastor Shirley.**

## Baptism

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



### Gluten Free Communion

Our Communion bread is now gluten free, so that all can receive from

the same loaf. In our church, we have at least 10% of congregation who have Celiac's disease or gluten intolerance or sensitivity. This radical hospitality allows us to live our theology that ALL are welcome at the Communion table.



Coffee Fellowship

### Hosted by the Youth Group Team On Sunday, August 21

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



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

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

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



## Summer Worship July and August

9:30 a.m.

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

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

## Job Posting:



## Engagement Specialist

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

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

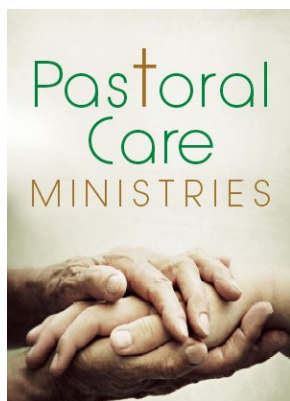
Please let Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Our pastoral team shares pastoral care.

We would love to support you and your family with a visit. We depend

on you to share the information of which hospital your loved one is in.

Please also let us know of any other pastoral needs.

Thank you!



## Twin Pines Worship



It is our joy to be able to offer worship at Twin Pines rehabilitation facility a few times a year. We will be offering worship

on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us. Also, if you have a musical offering that you think would enhance worship, please consider talking to Pastor Monica about offering it at one of those services.



*House Blessings "And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever." 2 Samuel 7: 28-29 From biblical times, when someone moved into a new dwelling, words of blessing were offered over the new home. Home blessings involve prayers, scripture reading, and movement throughout the house.*

*If you are interested in a home blessing, please contact Pastor Monica.*





## OPERATION OASIS FREE STAY

### FAMILIES RECONNECTED MARRIAGES STRENGTHENED SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT

**Sandy Cove Ministries created Operation Oasis shortly after 9/11 as a way to say THANK YOU for the sacrifices made by our military. Any service man or woman in uniform, including those in the Reserve and National Guard, returning home from an overseas deployment that separated them from their family within the last 12 months, may come to Sandy Cove with their immediate family for FREE! One time opportunity.**

<http://www.sandycove.org/getaways/free-military-stays>

**Sandy Cove Ministries, 60 Sandy Cove Road, North East, MD 21901**

Email: [info@sandycove.org](mailto:info@sandycove.org) Toll Free: 800.234.COVE (2683) Local Phone: 410.287.5433  
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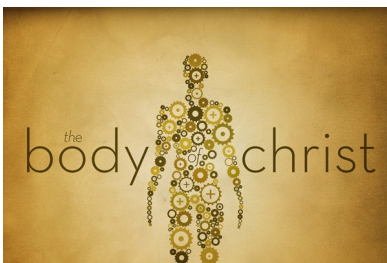
### Bishop Johnson returns to Philadelphia Area

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is returning to the Philadelphia Episcopal Area to lead the Eastern PA and Peninsula-Delaware conferences for another four years. Her reassignment was announced Friday morning in the closing session of the UMC's Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference by members of the jurisdiction's Episcopacy Committee.

The announcements of where all nine NEJ bishops would be invited to serve for the 2017-2020 quadrennium were made after a week of suspense and following the historic election of two new bishops who are both African American clergywomen. Most bishops serving in their first terms will return for another four years. Bishop Johnson is the only one to return to an area for a third consecutive term.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, elected first on Wednesday night, will serve the Pittsburgh Area, as current Bishop Thomas Bickerton moves to the New York Area after eight years in the Western PA Conference. Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, elected Thursday morning, will serve the Washington DC Area (Baltimore-Washington Conference), following the retirement of Bishop Marcus Matthews.

Bishops Jeremiah Park (Harrisburg Area-Susquehanna Conference), John R. Schol (Greater New Jersey Area), Mark Webb (Upper New York Area), Sandra Steiner Ball (West Virginia Area), and Sudarshana Devadhar (Boston Area-New England Conference) will all return to serve their current areas. Bishop Jane Middleton, retired, will leave her post as interim-Bishop of the New York Area.



### WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Our Church is strongest and healthiest when we are all working together.

We need your help!

Would you like to serve as a greeter, an usher, in the nursery, a Sunday School teacher, Children's Worship leader, counter, acolyte, sanctuary set-up, church sign changer, office volunteer?

**Sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex on Sunday morning.**

You have gifts and talent that can support the body of Christ!



We are still in great need of more **Sunday school teachers and Children's Worship leaders.** CW leaders only need to show up and teach the lesson that is already provided.

Anyone can volunteer for as few as one Sunday a year, up to every Sunday of the year. We would love to have people who are just willing to be an extra pair of hands with no leadership requirement.

# Wednesday Nite Fun



**The fun starts at 6 p.m. and stops when everyone has had their fill of hot dogs, home-made and store bought goodies and, of course, fun!**



**So, whether your idea of Fun is sitting and talking to friends, playing 9-in-**

**The-air, or getting wet under a sprinkler, join in on the fun on Wednesday nights!**

*Our  
Emer-  
gency  
Food  
Bank*



*Depends on You*

*We are blessed to be able support others in difficult times with our emergency food pantry. It is your generous donations that allow us to do that. Providing a family with food also allows a family the flexibility to put those funds towards paying rent or utility: to eat and keep on the lights.*

*Don't forget the food pantry during the summer. Summer is one of the hungriest times. During the summertime, children who receive breakfast and lunch at school, no longer have that option.*

*Check out our updated lists of the most needed items on the grocery cart in the Lobby.*



## Save the Date Sunday School Reboot!

Plan on joining us on September 11th as we reboot our Sunday School experiences for adults.

All Sunday School classes will begin on September 11th!

More details on offerings for adults to follow.

Can't wait to see you then!





## GREAT NEWS!

A Prayer Ministry Team has been formed! Our first “to-do” is offering the well-known movie, War Room, to you and your friends. Be sure to read the details in the article titled “*You Are Invited.*”

We have so much to be thankful for and to give praises to God. We press forward without hesitation and remain open to where He will be leading us.

### Our Team:

**Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, Cindy Haley, Pam Howard, Carol McGinley, MA Spiritual Director, Susan Paisley, Faith Community Nurse, and Joan Saller, SPRC member, Advisory Board**

*“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God .”*  
Colossians 3:17

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MOVIES!

WAR ROOM is  
playing at West  
Grove United Methodist Church

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 7pm**

**Admission is FREE!** Invite your friends and family.

War Room (rated PG) is a movie which has been seen in 76 countries, and in 40 languages, directed by award-winning creators of Fireproof and Courageous. This is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area in one’s life. This story is an amazing reminder that prayer is a powerful weapon.

Child Care will be provided. Please call the church office at 610-869-9334 by September 2, if you are in need of child care.

We hope to see you there!

### The Prayer Ministry Team

*Rev. Monica Guepet*

*Rev. Shirley Daddario*

*Cindy Haley*

*Pam Howard*

*Carol McGinley MA Spiritual Director*

*Susan Paisley, Faith Community Nurse*

*Joan Saller, SPRC member, CMO Advisory Board*



## YOU ARE INVITED TO A WAR ROOM

### BIBLE STUDY!

Starting **Sunday, September 11**, at 9:45 a.m. sharp, in room #3. We will meet for 5 weeks through Sunday, October 9.

This class is offered, as well, on **Mondays**, starting on **September 12** at 7 p.m. in room #3 through Monday, October 10.

The directors of the movie, War Room are the designers of the study. The study calls believers to trust in our God and to find their relationship with our Savior. This five week study reminds us that prayer is powerful.

You don’t have to see the movie to attend the class.

*“But you, when you pray, go into your inner room. Close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:6*

## Opportunity List

The list below comes from the dreams and visions of various teams in the church. We encourage all giving to be above and beyond your regular tithe and offering.



Item	Quantity	Approximate Total Cost
Monitors- Sanctuary (80")	2	\$ 4,000
Monitors- Narthex (42" - 46")	3	\$ 4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$ 15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$ 50,000
Wireless microphones	2	\$ 900
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms	25	\$ 500
United Methodist Hymnals for Jenners' Pond	30	\$ 600
Wawa cards for Emergency Gas	10	\$ 100
HVAC Unit for the Lobby	1	\$ 12,500
HVAC Unit for the Kitchen	1	\$ 12,500
Podium Microphone	1	\$ 100

Please see Pastor Monica with questions, interest, or ideas.

If your team has ideas or contributions to the opportunity list, please submit them for review to the Administrative Council chair, Carol Whelan.

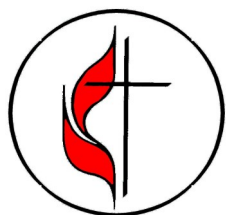


### Hopewell's Planting Seeds event set for October 22

Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth, presented by Hopewell UMC, Downingtown, PA, is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2:00 to 6:30 P.M.** This year's focus is Kingdom Building, with keynote speaker and workshop presenter Reggie McNeal.

Dr. McNeal, a widely respected author and speaker on the church and its future, will address "Why We Must Give Up Our Obsession with Fixing the Church-and What We Should Do Instead." Additional workshops will be led by the Rev. David Woolverton (St. Mark's UMC, Mount Joy), and Dr. Peter Loedel (West Chester University). Online registration for the event will open in August at [www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org). For more information, contact Deb Boyd at [boyd@hopewellumc.org](mailto:boyd@hopewellumc.org).

## Save the Dates



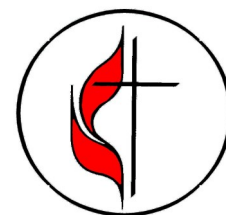
### Charge Conference

**Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 am**

### Adjourned Session of Annual Conference

Bethany UMC Wescosville, **October 1**

**Bishop's day on the District, Monday, October 3rd**





### Celebrating an Author

Have you picked up your July-August Upper Room? If you read August 1st devotion, you might recognize the words of our Jake Schneider's reflections. Pick up your copy today and read about how a neglected trombone teaches us about our faith! Congratulations Jake! Thanks for sharing your faith.



### Memorial Service at Jenners Pond



A CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

We give thanks to God for the ministry at Jenners Pond. There was a Memorial Service held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The service went very well with an attendance of about 80 / 85 family and friends plus 21 Jenner's Pond Chorus members. The service was simulcast throughout the community, so often others watch and listen.

Persons who are part of Jenners Pond or who have been to Rustin or Preston Residence are remembered.

After the service, participants went outside the theater and as we all walked outside we had two bagpipers playing.

After everyone was outside Pastor Jim called for a moment of silence - and then, we released two white doves.

They flew around us a couple of times before heading to their home in Middletown, Delaware. The bagpipers played Amazing Grace as the service concluded.



### Children's Morning Out Program

Our summer days are quickly slipping away. It seems like each summer goes by quicker and quicker. I love summer and being home with my own children, but I do look forward to September so

I can see all of our preschool children again. We are especially excited about being in our new space in the Education Wing. If you haven't seen the classrooms, please take a walk down and check them out. The preschool staff has spent many hours moving not only the items in their rooms, but also all of the items in the office/supply space. I am so grateful to everyone, preschool staff and church members who volunteered their time to help with the swap of all of the rooms. I truly believe that the new rooms will be wonderful shared spaces that all of the children will enjoy.

Our new preschool year will begin September 12<sup>th</sup>. At this point, we do still have a few openings in some of our classes. I would love to have all of our classes full, so please share our information about our wonderful preschool with your friends and families. We look forward to a year filled with learning, fun, and lots of smiles.

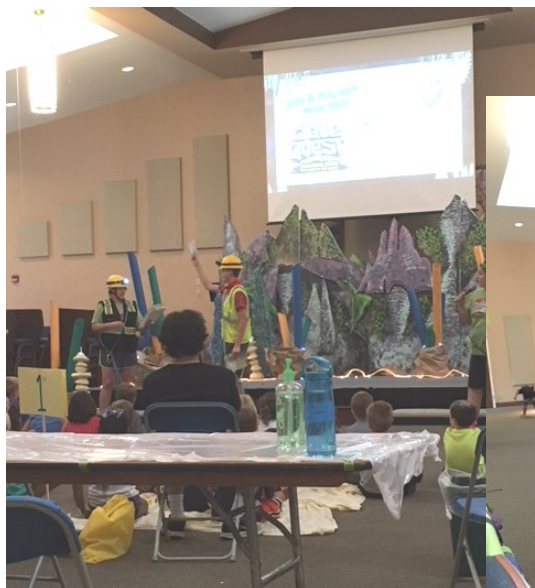
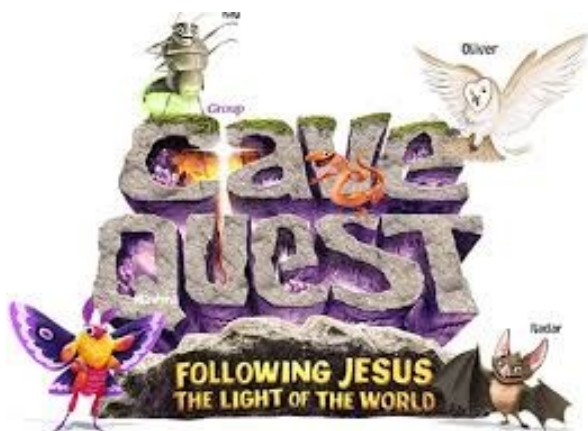
Tracy McLaughlin, Director



## VBS Rocked!!!

Celebrate 116 children 65 volunteers youth and adults  
Over 20 backpacks packed with items still filling  
backpacks as comfort bags for children entering  
family promise.

Give thanks to God  
for all of the  
volunteers and  
parents who shared  
their children!



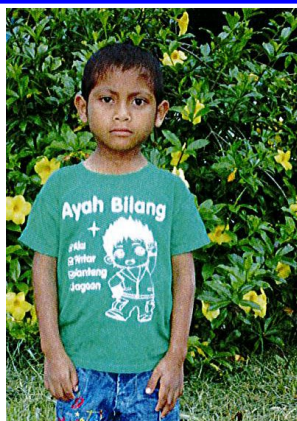
A big thank you  
to all the folks  
who helped make  
this year's VBS  
such a success!!



## Compassion Sponsored Child—Efrasius Umbu Lado

Get to know Efra! Efra is a child who is supported by generosity through our Sponsored Child Missions Ministry. He is 8 years old and was born on April 18, 2008 in Indonesia. Efra lives with his father and mother. He runs errands for his responsibility to the family and has 4 other siblings. He loves soccer, singing and playing marbles. He is an average student in school and regularly attends church activities. Please remember Efra in your prayers. Your love and support will help him to receive the assistance he needs to grow and develop. At the Compassion development center he is involved in activities to promote his development, provided with nutritious meals and snacks, health habits and the Gospel.

**If you would like to write Efra a letter, be sure to include the sponsor number 1467453-1 and his number 10-732-0423. Mail your letter to Compassion International, Colorado Springs, CO 80997**







## ***From the Board of Trustees:***

In last month's newsletter, we discussed the status of our building and a few of the efforts underway to try to address the aging HVAC system. The good news is, we have been able to secure several estimates for alternative systems that are not only more efficient than the current units, but are less costly and less disruptive to the church to install. However, the cost to replace the two units (Narthex and Kitchen) could exceed \$25,000. Looking forward, we know it is only a matter of time before the other units begin to fail. This is certainly a financial burden not to take lightly.

How can you help? By now, hopefully everyone knows the annual Chicken Barbecue will be replaced by a new fundraiser, the "Open Market" coming September 17. If you know of a vendor who would like to sell their wares, or even an individual interested in renting space, please refer them to [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org). As always, your help with this event is greatly appreciated.

Another way is offering your labor to help control expenses. A handyperson's skills are most valuable. If you have experience in plumbing, electrical or light carpentry, your talents are in need. Landscaping? Sure! General cleanup? Absolutely! Painting? Most definitely! The work need not be a major undertaking. In fact, there are many small odd jobs that can be completed in an hour or two that can have a big impact on our budget.

Many of the odd jobs in the church have been done by John Boyd, Vernon Ramberger, Fred Sullivan, Dave Talley and others. They cannot do it alone!

Consider this month's update to be a call for volunteers. If you have that special (or not so special) talent and would like to help, please contact Gene Aucott at 610-869-7355 or [gene.aucott@comcast.net](mailto:gene.aucott@comcast.net).



On Sunday, September 11th, 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](mailto: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 them!



***West Grove United Methodist Church  
Inaugural Open Market  
Saturday, September 17, 2016***

***Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00  
(tickets \$6.00 in advance)***

***Open Market  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm***

***Eat, Shop, Socialize  
Vendors, Artists, Food Trucks***

***300 N. Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390***

***For additional information or vendor inquiries please call  
(610) 869-9334 or email  
office@westgrovesumc.org***



Please check with Gene Aucott, our Chair of Trustees for other areas that trustees need help in preparing for the Open Market.

610-869-7355

## Pancake



## Breakfast

Linda Shiplet and Kim Smith are organizing the Pancake Breakfast portion of the Open Market on Saturday, September 17. Lots of help in the kitchen, volunteers to help serve breakfast, set up the tables and chairs, break down the tables and chairs after breakfast for Sunday worship and many other opportunities to be of service are available. It takes our entire congregation's participation to make this event a success! Buying tickets is also a way to help! Donations of food items are appreciated as well, and a list for signing up can be found in the church lobby. Please see if you can donate an item or two!

Thank you for your generous hearts!





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

**JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together**  
**Saturday, August 13 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.

## Care Givers and Grief Support Group



**On a summer hiatus.**  
**The group will not meet in August, but will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #1**

Questions? Contact Susan Paisley,  
 610-268-3305



## Hear the Stories!

**Luther House Bible Study**

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

## CONNECTING CHILDREN WITH CHRIST

**Saturday, September 10 @ 8:45 am - 3:15 pm** (Lunch Included)  
 West Lawn United Methodist Church, 15 Woodside Avenue, Reading, PA

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Inviting all Children Ministries Leaders, Teachers, Staff, Volunteers and Helpers. Come learn and share strategies, best practices and great ideas for Connecting Children with Christ while nurturing their faith. We welcome individuals and teams from your church!

Come hear our dynamic keynote speaker: Melanie C. Gordon. Melanie C. Gordon is the Director of Ministry with Children at Discipleship Ministries, an agency of The United Methodist Church. She provides training and resourcing nationwide, but she also provides research and networking opportunities for leaders and teachers engaged in ministry with children. Melanie holds degrees from Clemson University and Duke Divinity School. She wrote, *What Every Child Should Experience: A Guide for Teachers and Leaders in United Methodist Congregations*, and she blogs regularly at [ministrywithchildren.com](http://ministrywithchildren.com), exploring issues that impact how children of millennials grow in faith. "I love to connect congregations and conferences with resources that will support them," Melanie says, "as we share with children our Christian faith through developmentally appropriate and enriching experiences!"

Watch for further details, including workshops, etc.! This is the first event planned by our Eastern PA Conference's new Children's Ministry Team. Don't miss it! Lucy Heisey, 717-601-1690





# C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



July has  
we have had  
We played  
ball, enjoyed  
silliness,  
and sang  
served at  
School!



thankful for these youth and their willingness to  
come love on our youngest members during  
Vacation Bible School. We had so much fun!

flown by and  
loads of fun!  
baby pool kick  
some karaoke  
and.... danced  
and played and  
Vacation Bible  
Phew.. So



**Urban Promise**  
believe. become. belong. be promise.

## August Dates

**August 2:** Urban Promise Service Day! We will  
head into Wilmington for the day to serve with  
Urban Promise and learn more about the ministry  
they do with inner-city kids. We will meet (early) at  
7:15 and plan to return to church by 4:00. Sign up  
with Jamie Lindtner If you are interested in  
attending. Parents/Adults – we will need some  
adults to join us as well! Whose in?

**August 7** – Twin Pines worship  
service! We will spend about  
an hour at Twin Pines Nursing  
Home that Sunday afternoon  
visiting with the residents and  
helping to lead a worship  
service. Time TBA. Sign up with Jamie



**August 8 & 22 – YOUTH  
GROUP @ Church.** 7 –  
8:30. Watch for more  
specific details in emails  
and the bulletin.



## August 21 – Youth Ministry Stock Holders Dessert.

If you have purchased stock with us (or would like  
to purchase stock with the youth) you are invited to  
a Dessert that afternoon to hear about the many  
ways the youth have served this summer. 2:00 in  
the Youth Room.

*Youth - please plan on attending and sharing  
about the ways you have served and the  
moments you have learned more about God.*

## Youth Ministry Sunday School & Confirmation Fall 2016.

We will have a **High  
School Sunday School  
class** that will begin  
on **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Our **Confirmation Program** for  
our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** will begin **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.  
Looking forward to being with our students on  
Sunday mornings as together we grow in our faith.



Questions about our Youth Ministry –  
[JamieLindtner@gmail.com](mailto:JamieLindtner@gmail.com)



## SCRIP Scripts

We are slowly getting more individuals and families to participate. Even one card can net additional income for the church as we count our pennies.

### This month tip(s):

**August:** Back to school mode. Pick up gift cards for clothes, supplies, and all your back to school needs. Besides Walmart, Staples and Target remember there are gift cards for Lands End, Dick's sporting goods, American Eagle, and Barnes & Noble.

Additionally, as we prepare to make the last month of summer the best it can be, stay within your budget for travel with gas cards, restaurants, movies, etc.

*Proverbs 13:16 A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!*



### The West Chester Group Mission

**ConneXion** will be hosting a program about prevention of gun violence on Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of

West Chester. Mr. Bill Seybold Grove UMC Church and Society Chairperson and Mr. Tom Buglio from the Chester County Coalition for the Prevention of Gun Violence will be the speakers. They will not spend a lot of time speaking on any particular shooting, but focus on what we can do to help stop gun violence. Southeast District clergy and laity are invited to this event. The speaking will be about a half and hour with time then for

**STOP** Gun  
Violence

imagine a future free of gun violence

questions and discussion. We will have light refreshments.

A flyer is attached to this email for your convenience. Please feel free to post them, forward them by email or include in your Sunday bulletins.

If you need additional information or have questions please contact Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley from United Methodist Church of West Chester at 610-692-5190 Church, 484-574-7110 Cell, 484-732-8210 Home.



## Campus Ministry Sunday, Aug. 21

The Eastern PA Conference **Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry** invites congregations to celebrate **Campus Ministry Sunday Aug. 21** by highlighting the importance of church and campus ministries that involve and impact college and university students. The board works with campus ministers primarily at four

schools in its bounds: Drexel, Millersville, Lebanon Valley Christian College and Albright College. But it is exploring relationships with other institutions also. Please plan to receive a Campus Ministry Sunday special offering on or near Aug. 21. and remit at least half of it to the Conference Treasurer's Office to help in our supportive outreach to college and university students. More information will be forthcoming.





POCONO PLATEAU

## Pocono Plateau Receives Recognition

We are pleased that the Plateau was one of eight camps in Pennsylvania recognized by *The Center for Faith and Service* in its Class of 2016 **Camps That Change The World**.

CHICAGO, June 9, 2016 - The Center for Faith and Service ("The Center"), based out of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, announced today the 2016 list of Summer Camps that Change the World. Summer Camps that Change the World is published annually, and features both faith-based and secular camps from around the country.

"Summer camps have a defining place in our culture," says Wayne Meisel, Executive Director of the Center for Faith and Service. "Summer Camps that Change the World seeks to lift up, celebrate, and support these transformative institutions. The 2016 list includes camps that embody the joy, hope and power of the summer camp experience."

The complete list of Summer Camps that Change the World, Class of 2016 can be found on The Center's website at <http://www.faith3.org/2016-camps-that-change-the-world/>



## United Methodist Church of the Open Door is hosting a monthly series of TED Talks on racism with time for discussion following.

UM Church of the Open Door in Kennett Square invites the community to join in monthly discussions on the reality of racism in our communities. We will be viewing a TED Talk video followed by discussion of the topic. Come learn with us. Let's grow together as we strive to understand each other better and break down the barriers. Each gathering is on the **second Thursday of the month, 5:30-7:00 pm at UM Church of the Open Door, 210 South Broad Street, Kennett Square. Ph: 610-444-2400.**

### August 11 - How we're priming some kids for college — and others for prison

In the United States, two institutions guide teenagers on the journey to adulthood: college and prison. Sociologist Alice Goffman spent six years in a troubled Philadelphia neighborhood and saw firsthand how teenagers of African-American and Latino backgrounds are funneled down the path to prison — sometimes starting with relatively minor infractions. In an impassioned talk she asks, "Why are we offering only handcuffs and jail time?"

### September 8 - Does Racism Affect How You Vote? - Nate Silver

### October 13 - We need to talk about an injustice - Bryan Stevenson



## Have You Remembered To Include West Grove UMC In Your Will?

One inescapable reality in Life is that we all must pass someday... sometimes with anticipation, sometimes unexpectedly. An important consideration for those of us who have been generous to our church throughout all our lives is, "How can I continue to support its ministry even after my death?" Making a provision to West Grove UMC in your estate planning is as simple as a couple of lines included into your will - but don't wait to make those plans. For assistance with this important feature of your own discipline of stewardship, talk with your financial planner or just call the church office. More elaborate gift bequests can be brokered through the church professionals at the Mid-Atlantic Foundation. Consider leaving a tithe (10%) of your estate to West Grove UMC at your death...or even a flat gift amount which you specify...and then enjoy the length of your days knowing that you have made this faithful choice!

## Be a Good Steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

## Family Promise

### Executive Director Update

Life has been good at Family Promise of Southern Chester County! Since we opened in late 2015, we have served 12 families representing 16 adults and 26 children.

We have worked with families to find stable employment. We have worked with families to create a sustainable monthly budget. We have worked with families to find affordable housing in very expensive Southern Chester County.

To date, the average stay for our families is 47 days, under the national average of 63 days. When families move into permanent housing, we try to provide them with all of the household goods and furniture that they need. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to accomplish that.

Please keep your donations coming, whether they are toiletries, paper products, or cleaning supplies. The summer is also a slow time for monetary donations, so please think of us while you are enjoying the wonderful weather. We're kicking off our "Every Child Needs a Home" campaign this month ... watch your mail!

We now have 8 families in sustainable housing and we are keeping touch with them through our Family Promise AfterCare Program. All families are doing very well and we are providing them with any additional help they need.

My thanks to all of you for what you do to serve our families! It will take a team effort to alleviate homelessness in Southern Chester County and our team is on the right track!



## WGUMC next Family Host Week: August 7 -14

We need your help!!

We need volunteers in all of the following areas:

- Breakfast, lunch and dessert supplies
- Evening Hosts to set-up for dinner, greet guests, have dinner and fellowship (5:45 – 8:30 pm)
- Overnight Host to get everything wrapped up for the evening, stay overnight and set-out pack and go breakfast in the morning (8:15 pm - ~6:15 am)
- Set-up and take down of rooms
- Linen laundry

Please contact to volunteer:

the church office, [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com) or [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

We will also be posting sign-up sheets in the church lobby starting in July.



## Family Promise And PetSmart Partnership

It's very important for our families to know that their pets will be well taken care of while they are working to find stable employment and sustainable housing. PetSmart has worked with Family Promise affiliates across the county to keep pets safe and sound while their families are at Family Promise.

There is a Banfield Pet Hospital in many PetSmart locations. All vaccinations & deworming needs are brought up to date by Banfield Pet Hospital, free of charge. It's important that pets are healthy and happy before going to the PetsHotel. The closest Pets Hotel to Southern Chester County is in Springfield, Delaware County. PetsHotel stays are also provided at no charge to the family.

Pets are kept active during their stay and families are able to visit their pet while they are at the PetsHotel or take their pet out for the day. When the family is ready to move into their new home, their pet is able to rejoin the family!

This happy pet just moved into her new home. She has even come to visit Family Promise at our Resource Center. The other families loved her!



## A Letter from the Les Family in the Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters of West Grove United Methodical Church!

First of all, I want to thank you all for your prayer and financial support for my ministry and my family. May God bless you all abundantly. That's a great blessing to know that someone in a far away country prays for you and supports you in different ways. Our God is so good.

If to tell you about my ministry, I can tell you that God keeps working in our lives. We try to share the Gospel in our town and surround villages in different ways.

During Christmas holidays we had Christmas services in the church and we also went to different state organizations with Christmas songs, we gave The Bibles as Christmas gifts to all people we met. Me and my wife keep going to Seretets village with sharing the Gospel. We are working on making a church there. It's a long process to do it so we need more prayers. We pray for this village every time we meet.

In winter me and our evangelistic band went to the house for elders to visit them, to give them some gifts and to share the Gospel. Many elder people could hear about the salvation. Our youth also went to one orphanage in our region. They had a special program for kids. They gave gifts to orphans and told them about Jesus. Kids are our

future so we must tell them about salvation.

There is a special team in our church which is responsible for giving Christian newspapers to unbelievers. They go to the market and give newspapers to people who go by.

In winter and early spring our church and the citizens of our town had a chance to get a free medicine check. People could check their health in such doctors as therapist, they could make blood test and they could talk with counselors to share their problems with them. Doctors gave free medicines to people who needed it. More than 80 people have been checked in doctors and they could hear about Jesus.

Every month our evangelistic band goes to different villages for sharing the Gospel. They give The Bibles to students at schools. Recently we could reach 5 villages.

In May and June, there was a special school in our church for converted people and for those who wanted to be baptized. Three young people decided to accept Jesus as their Savior and to be baptized. We had a baptism on July 3.

There is a special team in our church which is responsible for making kids camps in our town. We are going to have 5 days camp for unbeliever kids in the end of July. We pray for this a lot.

So again thank you for your help very much! You are a great blessing for us! May God keep blessing you with everything you need. We keep all of you in our prayers. With love in Christ, pastor Sergiy Les.





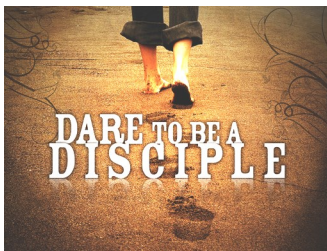


## Conference Laity Retreat, Sept. 17

Save the date and get ready for the 2016 Eastern PA Conference Laity Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Jarretstown UMC in Dresher, PA, from 9 AM to 1:30 PM, including lunch. The registration fee will be \$25 and includes retreat materials and meals. Come for the blessing of great speakers, spirit-filled worship and fellowship, relaxation, revival and renewal. The theme: "Perceiving, Believing and Receiving Our Blessedness." Sponsored by the Board of Laity.

## Radical Disciple-Making Seminar, Oct. 8

Bishop Peggy Johnson encourages churches to take advantage of a dynamic discipleship training opportunity, the Radical Disciple-Making Seminar, hosted by Thorndale UMC on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM.



The seminar will be led by the [Effective Church Group](#), directed by renowned church growth author, coach and discipleship development expert Bill Easum. It will offer practical strategies and profound insights to teach participants how every church can grow to become a radical disciple-making force for Jesus Christ. Read [Bishop Johnson's letter](#) and visit the [seminar website](#) to find out more. If you have any further questions contact the Rev. Mark Moore of Thorndale Church at [mark.moore@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:mark.moore@thorndaleumc.org).



**UMW FAITH CIRCLE** will **not meet in August**. In September they will resume their schedule of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings in the Youth Room. Sewing skills are not necessary. If you are interested in our projects or want to

confirm that we are meeting on a particular Friday, contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374) or Karen Boyd (443-553-4900).

## West Grove Fantasy Football League Join Today!



Hey, Hay, haaayyyy-  
FOOTBALL SEASON  
IS JUST AROUND

THE CORNER. Last year was the 7th season of the West Grove UMC Fantasy Football League. We are now preparing for the 8th 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 Ken Rinehimer, last year's Champion.

**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 right away at 610-998-0916 or [agedarborist@gmail.com](mailto:agedarborist@gmail.com)**

## Laity Academy ~ August 13 -14, 2016

There will be a number of Advanced Courses at the Reading Motor Inn as part of the Laity Academy. A "Registration Form" and additional information is expected to be available by the end of May. For more information about the 2016 Laity Academy contact the Dean of the Academy, Aubrey Bates - [aubreybates@verizon.net](mailto:aubreybates@verizon.net).



Matthew 13:8: Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.



## Crisfield Maryland Hands on Service Weekend!

### September 9—11

Who: Anyone 16 years and older can join in on this service weekend.

Where: Basic bunk house with kitchen and showers. We provide our own meals in the kitchen.

What: We will be doing home repair work on houses that were damaged during hurricane Sandy several years ago. We will work all day Saturday and Sunday morning for a few hours. If you have a skill—that is great, If you don't—that is great too! No need to have any skills in order to come. We can always learn.

When: We will meet to carpool down to Crisfield, Friday, Sept 9 @ 5:30. If you can't leave that early—feel free to meet us there! We will return Sunday afternoon, Sept 11.

Cost: The cost is \$40 which will cover the cost of our meals as well as provide a donation for where we are staying.

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### SIGN UP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Particular Skill? \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions—contact Jamie Lindtner  
610-937-7932/jamielindtner@gmail.com



In just a few weeks, we will join thousands of other United Methodists to celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. Native American Ministries Sunday is the United Methodist family's way to support our Native American congregations and ministries so they can serve and worship with their communities as only they can. The Special Sunday offering allows us to continue to support Native American pastors and communities through scholarships and funds.

God's church is amazing! Our ministry here can tangibly be a part of bringing the gospel to diverse communities across the United States.





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

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