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*"To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God." Colossians 1: 2-6*

I am delighted to be starting the second year of our ministry together, this month. In the United Methodist Church, clergy are appointed year to year by our bishops. I give thanks to God that Bishop Johnson saw fit to re-appoint me to West Grove for our second year of ministry together. In our first year together, we did a lot of listening and getting to know one another. From the first video of names and welcomes that you all offered to me, to our cottage chats, we have been learning about one another. At the end of a year together, I am celebrating with you the gifts and possibilities for the ushering in of God's kingdom here in this place. Like Paul's letter to the Colossians, I find myself eager for the places where fruit is already being born and where possibilities are springing up.

This summer, we took a leap of faith. Starting on June 3rd, we opened our space and our hearts to whoever might show up for Wednesday Night Faith, Food, and Fun. Averaging about 50 persons,



we have already touched over 150 persons. People have eaten and played games. They have heard a brief word from me about the question: Is there room for me? (tonight, at the church, in God's love?) And telling the stories of David, the Syro-Phoenician woman, Abraham and Sarah and many more, the answer has always been YES! There is ROOM FOR YOU!



I have, over and over again, been told that people are so glad that there are more opportunities to connect. I have listened as people have met folks from a different service. There have been those from the community who have come by because we had it up on the outdoor sign at the end of our drive. I have even heard questions about what comes next after the summer.

In the fall, we will be gathering to vision about that very question. I hope you will save the date for **Saturday September 12th**. We will gather with leadership and interested persons to dream and vision about how God is calling us to the future. I will have vision to share, and I imagine you might as well. Please begin praying now for how God is moving. I look forward to our next years together.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



July Worship at West Grove UMC

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



Sermon Series: Radical Forgiveness **How do we forgive those who trespass against us?**

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost ~ July 5

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:5-10 and John 20:19-23

Sermon: Forgiving and Remembering

We are NOT called to forgive and FORGET. Instead, we are called to forgive and REMEMBER.

We will be looking at wisdom of the Truth Reconciliation of South Africa.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost ~ July 12

Scripture: Isaiah 43:15-28 and Luke 17:1-4

Sermon: Doing and Redoing: The Choice to Forgive Again

Forgiving is a life-time and life-style choice. We will be looking at the wisdom of The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal, survivor of the Nazi concentration camps.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost ~ July 19

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 and Ephesians 4:31-32

Sermon: The Amish Way

Forgiveness in the midst of tragedy challenges our good theology. We will be looking at forgiveness by the Lancaster Amish Community after Nickels Mine shooting.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost ~ July 26

Scripture: John 8:1-11 and Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: Your Turn

Each of us is being called to forgiveness in some way. We will offer opportunities for concrete actions and symbols of forgiveness.

July and August Worship are blended services beginning at 9:30 a.m.

BAPTISM



Are you thinking about baptism?

Perhaps you have a little one.

Perhaps you are a youth or adult.

In the United Methodist Church, we celebrate baptism at any age. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, please see Pastor Monica to set up a Baptismal Conference. At that time, Pastor Monica will give baptismal instruction, and a date for the sacrament will be chosen.

Thanks be to God for a community that commits to being a community of love and forgiveness to help one another grow in Christian hope, faith, and love.

Coffee Fellowship this month is hosted by Administrative Council

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



Coffee Fellowship

New Baptism Coordinator

We are grateful that Shannon Hargreaves will be our new Baptism Coordinator. Shannon will work with the family of the one being baptized and coordinate the details related to the service. Thank you, Shannon for serving in this way.



Vision Retreat
Saturday, September 12th
At Camp Innabah, near Pottstown

All leadership and persons interested in how mission and ministry in our congregation and community is lived out, should plan to join us for the day.



Sabbath

is not simply about keeping rules, but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Importantly, Walter

Brueggemann, scholar, speaks to a 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess. We want more, own more, use more, eat more, and drink more. Keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life. Sabbath is a transformative vision of the wholeness God intends, giving world-weary Christians a glimpse of a more fulfilling and simpler life through Sabbath observance.

Friday is Pastor Monica's Sabbath day.

Help her model the observance of this time. She invites everyone into a time of Sabbath for the renewal of their own souls and transformative way to observe time living. She will return all contacts in the coming day.

**Summer
 Worship
 Begins
 Sunday,
 July 5 at
 9:30 a.m.**



For Summer 2015, we will have a blended worship service with both traditional and contemporary elements.

The **single service will run from July 5th through August 30**, with a return to 8:30 a.m. Contemporary service and 11:00 a.m. Traditional service on **September 6**.

J.A.M. and Adult Sunday School Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us during the summer at 9:30 a.m.!

Financial Update:

Coming soon, you will receive a letter with your generous giving so far this year, as well as information about how we, at West Grove UMC are impacting our community and changing lives. There are many opportunities to give. We hope you, too, will impact the lives of others.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register Now!
3 years old through 6th Grade

July 13-17
9 a.m. to Noon

Group's

EVEREST

**Conquering Challenges with
 God's Mighty Power**

**Sign up now in the
 Narthex or on our website:
www.westgroveumc.org
 (click on the top VBS tab)**

Our Mission Project will be school supplies for our local districts for those in need.

We are particularly looking for:



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| * Pencils | * Tissues | * Backpacks |
| * Crayons | * Hand sanitizer | * new underwear (sizes 4T- 16, girls and boys) |
| * Markers | * Clorox wipes | * new socks (sizes 4T- adult large, boys and girls) |
| * Dry erase markers | * Glue sticks | |
| * Dry erasers | * Scissors | |



Wednesday Faith. Food and Fun Nights

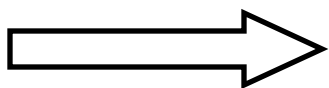
West Grove United Methodist Church has launched a new Wednesday night **“Summer Fun for Everyone”**. The weekly event started on **June 3 and will continue through the summer culminating on August 26.**

The entire community is invited to attend from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** There are hotdogs, games, fellowship and a brief word from the Lead Pastor, Rev. Monica B. Guepet, each week. The church wants to continue building a relationship with everyone in the community and believe a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where folks of all ages could come and enjoy themselves would fit perfectly. Pastor Monica says that it “won’t be fancy”. Families can get

a night off of cooking by coming to the church for hot dogs and whatever assortment of side dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you’d like to bring a bag of chips, some cookies, or side dish, they will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

A box of games will be available, the youth plan to have their new 9-In-The-Air game up and going, a gated playground is open for little ones, and the ample parking lot and grounds will provide lots of space for kids of all ages to play. Bring your lawn chair and take the night off! All are welcome! The church is located at 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove. For more information you may call the church at 610-869-9334, or visit their website: www.westgroveumc.org.

Overheard on a Wednesday!



This picture was featured in the Daily Local News’ Religion Notes section of the newspaper on Friday, June 19! The caption read:

Summer Fun evenings at West Grove United Methodist Church run every Wednesday through Aug. 26.





THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Our church's free meal ministry

Thank you to all of the volunteers, dessert makers, servers, cooks, delivery men and women and all who donate their time to this wonderful free meal ministry. Thank you to all the folks who stay after worship on Sunday to help set up the tables and chairs and, again, those who stay after the meal to re-set the church for Sunday. Their efforts are crucial to the success of this monthly meal. Due to everyone's vacation schedules, it was decided to give these folks some well deserved time off! Therefore, we will not offer a meal in July, August or September.

On Saturday, September 19, we will have our Annual Chicken Barbeque and are unable to do both meals in such close proximity.

**We invite you to please return on
Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

Our mission is to serve you a great meal, provide a time to share fellowship with others and to feel God's love all around you! When you come to West Grove UMC, you are with friends.

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**A Note from Linda Shiplet: I want to thank everyone for all of their help with the Café and hope you have a great summer! God bless each one of you. See you in October!**



## 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. We look forward to the whole congregation participating in the program.

Order Forms are available in the lobby (counter behind the welcome center). 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](mailto:jwb389@zoominternet.net).

Thank you.



### NURSERY WORKERS

**Thank you to all who have spent time on Sunday mornings volunteering in the nursery!**

We continue to be blessed with wonderful little ones to spend time with on Sundays and watch them grow! We could use additional volunteers, especially during the 11am service. If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at [ahass17@hotmail.com](mailto:ahass17@hotmail.com) or 610-468-4321.



**R.O.M.E.O.  
Retired Older  
Men Eating Out  
Thursday,  
September 24**

R.O.M.E.O.s (Retired Older Men Eating Out) are taking a break over the summer. Please join them in September at Perkins on Route 41 in Avondale at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and fellowship.

### 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)



*Juliet  
Breakfast*

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

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

**July 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.

**Care Givers Group  
July 8 @  
7 p.m.**



**Caregivers meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on June 10 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.**



**Retired Active  
People  
R.A.P.  
On summer hiatus!**

**Retired Active People** has been gathering monthly for over 15 years. We come together for fun, fellowship, and food. Each month, we have a guest speaker or entertainment. The committee has already been hard at work planning next year's events.



We give thanks to Lisa Reoli, our coordinator who is moving to Ohio, for all of her work.

We are taking a break for the summer, but look forward to gathering back together with you all in September!

# C.I.A. Youth Ministry News

## Calendar Dates for

(for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)



**Saturday, July 4** – return from Mission trip

**Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23** – Youth Bible Study  
@ Jamie's house (7:30 – 8:45)

**Sunday, July 12** – POOL PARTY @ the Wolfe's  
House (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

Bring a Snack  
or Drink.



**Sunday, July 26**

– POOL PARTY

@ the Lytle's House (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.) Bring a  
Snack or Drink.

**Thursday, July 30** – Day trip to Lake Gretna.  
Details to come.

**Welcome to ALL our incoming  
7<sup>th</sup> graders!!**



Please come join us for youth  
activities! We are excited to have  
you.

## College/Young Adult July Get Together!

Let's join together for some  
coffee and fellowship on  
**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**. We'll meet  
at Starbucks in Jennersville at  
**7:30p.m.!** Feel free to invite a friend.



## LOOKING Towards



### West Grove Project! August 4 – 5.

Join us for the West Grove Project! We will  
spend two days participating in some service  
projects in our own community along with  
having loads of fun and finishing off with a pool  
party. Forms will be sent out soon with more  
information. Mark the date!

**Sunday, August 9** – Youth  
@ Church/6 – 7:30

**Thursdays, August 13, 20<sup>th</sup>**  
– Youth Bible Study @  
Jamie's house.



**Sunday, August 23** – Youth Slip n Slide/End of  
Summer Celebration @ Church. 6 – 7:30 p.m.



Any questions about the program or how you  
can be more involved, contact Jamie  
Lindtner at [Jamielindtner@gmail.com](mailto:Jamielindtner@gmail.com) or  
610-937-7932







We got word that some of our students have recently been recognized by their schools: Dylan Curtis—outstanding physical education award, Lianne Covington, Emily Lytle, Alyssa Lytle, and Ben LeSturgeon.

The recent art shows included work by Alisabeth Guepet, Madeline Jones, Cora Boyd, Alyssa Lytle, Sara White, Lianne Covington, and Mya Ditzel.

Want to celebrate an achievement going on in your family?

Share it with the Office!

Thank you to all who served  
Urban Promise



## MOMENT OF IMPACT



Sometimes it is the littlest things we do as a church in this community, that mean so very much to someone...

*I want to express my deepest gratitude to the church for borrowing the tables for the Relay for Life yard sale again this year. Although I was not as involved with the pricing and organizing prior to the sale due to family circumstances, this critical component was my way of contributing to its success. The sale brought in \$1,809.00 so far and there are still some pending purchases. Every year there are more and more people who lose their battle with Cancer while others lives are turned upside down with the horrible news that Cancer is present in one form or another in their bodies and their battle is just beginning. All of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.*

*With Sincere & Heartfelt Thanks, Sandy Carmichael*



**Girl Scouts®**  
Where Girls Grow Strong™

As the 2014-15 school year comes to an end, the Girl Scouts of the Machaloha Service Unit want to thank West Grove UMC for the blessing of your hospitality over the past year. We have had about 150 meetings of troops and leaders, a recruitment event and a Mother-Daughter Tea over the past 10 months and we cannot thank you enough.

So when the opportunity to adopt flower beds arose, we chose the front flower beds as a small way to say thanks. We had 4 troops come to spread mulch in over 2 nights in May and various troops have volunteered to come in on a weekly basis to weed the beds over the summer and into the early fall. It's so very true, the old saying that many hands make light work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the girls of the Avon Grove School District, aka the Machaloha Service Unit.

Blessings to you all, Bonnie Wolff

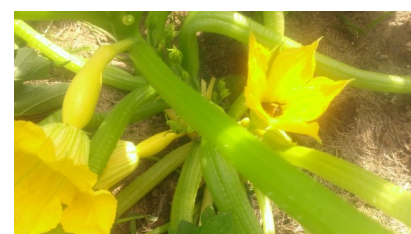
Machaloha Service Unit Manager



## Community Garden

Our community garden is home to individual beds, as well as beds grown to feed the food insecure in our community. We give thanks to God for those who are watering, pulling weeds, repairing beds, and attending to our Community Garden.

You can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa8a72ca7fd0-garden> to impact food insecurity here in our Community.



Please contact Kate Black at  
610-869-2231 or  
[kateblack@gmail.com](mailto:kateblack@gmail.com) for more  
information.





## ***A Letter from Helen Carlin to her Church Family***

*June 12, 2015*

*Dear Friends,*

*This is to inform you that I will not be in the church office in the near future. Exact times and date are not available right now.*

*I have enjoyed working with all of you. I greatly appreciate all the help you gave me, especially to have the Sunday morning services run smoothly.*

*Everyone was cooperative, except the four "hecklers"!*

*I'm thankful for a great church family. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God bless each and every one of you. In God's Love, Helen Carlin*

We give thanks to God for Miss Helen. She has served faithfully for many years in this church and the 'old church' on Prospect Avenue.

We have been blessed beyond blessing of the many ways she has and continues to touch our lives.

We imagine she will continue to find ways to serve God's people in this new chapter of life, and we will be blessed by it.

**Miss Helen, we give thanks to God for you!**

### **Serving One Another**



Did you know that we have a changing table in the bathroom by the Pastor's office? Under

the changing table are extra diapers, in case you need them.

Help us to keep it stocked. Do you have **extra diapers** you don't need? See diapers on sale at the grocery store? Bring them in and put them under the changing table. Also, helpful are wipes! One size fits all for **wipes!**

### **THANK YOU!**



We are so grateful for those who serve in office. Some serve each week and others on special projects. We are so grateful to you all!

Thank you to  
Bonnie Wolff, Karen Schneider,  
Wanda Kreutzfeldt, Joan Saller,  
Sara White, Margee Michaels,  
Edie Mears, Jeannie Sullivan,  
and Sara Ann Ramberger.

It is through the gift of your time that we can serve the church and the community.





## A Letter from our Sponsored Child, Hasan

April 17, 2015

"Greetings in the love of God! I am happy to send my letter to you! How are you doing now? I am also doing healthy here. My mother works to make a racket and my father is a driver. I am not going to school anymore because I will get dizzy and sick whenever I am thinking about my subjects at school. That's why I decided not to go to school for now.

My older sibling has been working now. I pray that God will always bless you. Thank you for all of your kindness and supports to me all this time.

Please pray for me as well and I would like to wish Happy Easter for you. God bless!

With love, Hasan

## Let's feed our Neighbors

In June 24th edition of Christian Century, the editors noted that 5 million Americans experience food insecurity (from Bread for the World publications). Many of these, they noted, are senior adults. Seniors who experience food insecurity are sixty percent more likely to experience clinical depression.

Let's help our neighbors by bringing in food for our emergency food pantry, as well as for The Bridge.

**Fresh produce** from your garden is welcome, as are protein sources like **tuna and canned chicken, peanut butter and chickpeas**. Also, consider donating **toilet paper**, a needed commodity.

Thank you for your hands in serving our community.



## CMO SUMMER EXCITEMENT

Summer is here!! The children had such a wonderful time at summer camp this year. Camp had a Hawaiian Luau theme. The children were greeted each day with a smile and an "Aloha" as they entered their room. The children got to make many fun crafts, lei's, pineapples, tiki statues, and so much more. The children also got to eat some yummy themed snacks; starfish

krispy treats and "sand" to just name a couple. The week ended with the children having a luau and learning Hawaiian dancing and doing the limbo. Unfortunately, the weather was chilly and rainy during the week of camp, but the teachers made sure the classroom atmospheres were bright and sunny. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the teachers for turning our classrooms into tropical places.

The CMO and Preschool is now finished until September, but I am always thinking ahead. We do still have a few openings in our classes for next school year. If you are interested in learning more about our program or know someone who may be interested, please reach out to me. I am available for tours or just to answer questions all summer long.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer!!! Tracy McLaughlin, CMO Director



## Sunday Morning Breakfast Mission

On Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, an additional offering envelope was in the bulletin. This envelope was to receive donations for the Sunday Morning Breakfast Mission to honor and remember men of faith in our lives.

### Thanks to all who gave!

Want to know a little bit about the Sunday breakfast Mission in Philadelphia?

The founders of the Sunday Breakfast Association have a simple goal: to provide a breakfast every Sunday for the poor and to bring them under Christian influence. Founded in 1878 by well known businessmen John Wanamaker (Wanamaker's Department Store), John B. Stetson (Stetson Hat Co.), W. Atlee Burpee (Burpee Seed Co.), and former governor James Pollock served as the original trustees.

In the formative years, meals consisted of a roll and coffee. Since then, Sunday Breakfast has grown into a safe haven for the homeless in Philadelphia by ministering to the mind, body, and spirit of those who walk in their doors. Meals, emergency shelter, furniture, and clothing are provided to those in need.



*Susan Paisley, RN*  
*Parish Nurse*



## HEALTHY GRILLING AND BARBEQUE TIPS

### Meat, Poultry and Fish

- Grill fish more often--salmon, trout and herring are the healthiest choices since these are high in omega three fatty acids.
- Grill chicken breast and remember to remove the skin before eating. Consider grilling ground chicken or turkey burgers using breast meat for a healthier option. Adding diced onions and mushrooms can add a layer of flavor.
- Use "loin" or "round" cuts of meat and pork. Buy "select" or "choice" grade beef rather than prime. These tend to have less fat, but still remember to trim the fat off.
- During grilling, be sure to use a rack for the drippings to be kept away from the food.



saturated and trans fats, as well as salt.

- Drink water or diet sodas--regular soda is filled with sugar and is high in calories.
- Smoothies or slices of fresh fruit are healthy alternatives for dessert rather than serving store baked goods which can be loaded with butter, egg yolks, and shortening.
- Grilling fruits like pineapple, nectarines, peaches or plums can be delicious and lower in calories. Fruits are also packed with many vitamins, minerals and fiber.

### Oil, Dressings, Seasonings and More...

- Use reduced-fat, low-fat, light or no-fat salad dressings (if you need to lower calories) for salads, dips or marinades.
- Cut back on the salt that is found in soy, teriyaki and barbeque sauces.
- Choose whole grain breads, high-fiber breads and rolls like whole-wheat, oats, oatmeal, whole rye, whole-grain corn and buckwheat.

(source: [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org))

### Side Dishes, Drinks and Desserts

- Add color--use green, yellow, purple and orange to make colorful, nutrient-rich salads. Serve green, leafy salads adding sliced fruits like strawberries and oranges. Add toasted almonds or walnuts rather than croutons. Create fruit salads, too.
- Serve raw veggies with a low-fat dip instead of potato chips. Potato chips can be high in



## Mission Central, Mechanicsburg, PA

**Tuesday, August 18.**

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with twenty-one

satellite operations, called "HUBs", they supply humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies.

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

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

## Chester County Gleaning Program



### Wednesday, August 19 — Picking Corn for the Chester County Food Bank

Please consider joining us on August 19th as we travel to the **Gibbs Farm**

in Cochranville to pick corn for the Chester County Food Bank. This will be the fifth year we send a gleaning team to the farm at Route 10 and Gum Tree Road! **We will start picking at 5:30 p.m.**, but feel free to come later, if necessary. We generally pick for about 2 - 2 1/2 hours. As the time gets closer you will have access to a Chester County Food Bank link where you can go to sign-up to volunteer. In the meantime, please sign the sheet in the church lobby if you plan on going. Please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181) with questions about this mission opportunity



## West Grove UMC is going to the Chester County Food Bank

**Wednesday, July 8th**

Volunteers are an integral part to the operation of the Chester County Food Bank. From individuals to corporations, each person and every volunteered hour makes an impact on their mission to feed and nourish our community. A group from our church will travel to Exton to process and repackage food and produce. **We will be working at the food bank from 9:00 a.m.-Noon.** If you want to travel together from our church, please meet there at 8:00 a.m.. You could also meet us at the Food Bank at 8:55 am. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. To volunteer, please sign the sheet in the church lobby.

Please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181) with questions about this mission opportunity



Thank you Wesley singers from Grace UMC in Manassas Virginia for sharing with us your talent and love on Monday, June 22nd. It was a beautiful concert. Thanks for visiting West Grove PA.





**West Grove United Methodist Church will  
be partnering with  
Good Works, a Christian nonprofit based  
in Coatesville,  
on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

This full day service opportunity will focus on home repair for one low-income homeowner in the greater Coatesville area. Good Works' vision is to eliminate substandard housing and replace hopeless with hope as people experience warmer, safer and drier homes. They provide a framework for those who wish to serve community members in the Coatesville, West Chester and Phoenixville areas. Good Works is the largest nonprofit in Chester County whose sole focus is to utilize volunteers to perform extensive repairs at no cost to the homeowners. Contact Melissa Jones at [melissa.jones@westgroveumc.org](mailto:melissa.jones@westgroveumc.org) to sign up!

**It's not a handout –  
it's a hand up!**

# ★Veterans'★ Expo & Job Fair★

**Aug. 20, 2015**

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Radisson Hotel Harrisburg**

1150 Camp Hill Bypass  
Camp Hill

**Nov. 13, 2015**

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Spooky Nook Sports**

2913 Spooky Nook Road, Manheim  
(Just off Rt. 283 at the Salunga exit)

**These events are in support of veterans of all ages,  
active military, and their families.**

## **A Prayer for Veterans**

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



*The Academy for Laity*

## CSM – CHRIST SERVANT MINISTRY

**Basic Course Training**

**(All are welcome)**

**August 14 -16, 2015** – There will be a Basic Course 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 2015 Laity Academy contact the Dean of the Academy, Aubrey Bates – [aubreybates@verizon.net](mailto:aubreybates@verizon.net).



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