



# The Wesleyan Star

## July 2018

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*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."*  
Ephesians 2: 8-9

If my initial plan had come to be, I would have been writing you this letter from London. Perhaps, even from Epworth or Oxford. I was scheduled to be on a study leave the last portion of June 2018 as all ordained clergy shall take after six years of full time ministry (paragraph 351 of Book of Discipline 2016). The leave was scheduled to tour Wesley sites, write about them, teach and preach about them in July. However, there were many changes in my own life, the life of the church, the life of the conference, and the life of the denomination that have changed the timing of said leave. We are discerning the best time for the leave to now come.

This month, we find ourselves pausing in the Methodist distinctives. What is it that led John Wesley and his brother, Charles, both Anglican priests all of their lives, to lead a reforming movement derisively called methodical? Both Wesleys wanted to see the people of their time experience the grace of God, the assurance of salvation, and then partner with God to change the world though social holiness both here and now and then and there.

Two years ago, when our youth mission trip went to West Virginia, I visited family. During that visit, my aunt gifted me a rare Methodist Conference journal dating 18th century. Living history! In addition to the incredible work that John Wesley and his brother did in reforming the Church of England, the work spread across the ocean into the burgeoning colonies. This American experiment, which the Wesleys only visited once, was the place where the Methodist movement took hold like wildfire. Circuit riders and class leaders working hand in hand spread the gospel and modeled a life that others wanted to live. This well preserved book my aunt gifted me was passed from generation to generation of good church folk who loved just that. Those who knew the grace of neighbors whose land disputes



From a scarce print by Bland, published in year 1765 and approved by Mr. Wesley  
JOHN WESLEY, AGED SIXTY-THREE

could have ended in a gun battle or the pastor's office, the social holiness of immigrants who didn't have the right accent but plenty of hard work.

The people called Methodists have always been about living out the two greatest commandment:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

John Wesley wrote on Thursday May 7th of 1741: "I reminded the United Society that many of our brethren and sister had not needful food; many were destitute of convenient clothing, many of out business and that without their own fault, and many were sick and ready to perish, that I has in me lay to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to employ the poor, and to visit the sick, but was not alone sufficient for these things, and therefore desired all whose heart were as my heart:

1. To bring what clothes each could spare to be distributed among those that wanted most.
2. To give weekly a penny or what they could afford for the relief of the poor or sick .

My design I told them for the present all the women who are out of business and desire it in knitting."

The heart of Methodism continues today as we clothe and care for those in need through Family Promise and Emergency Aid programs. Our Food Pantry has already fed many with 195 bags of groceries this year in comparison to 211 for all of 2017. June has seen a significant increase with 48 bags alone! Our Emergency Food Pantry is not intended to take the place of SNAP, WIC, or other programs that support sustainably folks who are food insecure. We fill the gap in between programs. In the our Wesleyan heritage, I encourage you to watch the specific needs that our Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Hruz lets us knows of, so that we might share with our neighbors.

Join us in worship and in service as we love God and love our neighbors.

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.



## SUMMER BLENDED WORSHIP ~ One Service at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, July 1, 2018**

**Communion Sunday**

**\*Emergency Aid**

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

**Scripture:** 2Timothy 3:10-16 and  
Psalm 119:105-112

**Sermon:** DO John and Charles Wesley  
and the Quadrilateral

This July, we remember our Wesleyan roots. We kick off this Methodist month as Pastor Jim looks at John and Charles Wesley and the Quadrilateral. Scripture, Reason, Tradition, and Experience together inform our decisions.

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Mark 5:1-20 and Malachi 3:1-7

**Sermon:** DO Prevenient Grace

God is always inviting us into relationship. As we prepare with our children to go down the rapids, let us see how God has been preparing our hearts in relationship.

**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 and  
Isaiah 43:1-2

**Sermon:** DO Justifying Grace

Rolling rapids, filled halls, and holy hands - God is moving! You need to come and hear the stories of how God is moving among God's people at VBS! God's justifying grace.

**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Mark 5:25-34 and Ephesians  
2:1-10

**Sermon:** DO Sanctifying Grace

As a clergyperson is ordained, the bishop asks, "do you believe that you that you will be made perfect in this life?" Sanctification is the process of grace making us more and more like Christ. How is God calling you to be more Christ like?

**Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday Coin Collection**

**Scripture:** Mark 6:1-13 and  
Matthew 3:13-16

**Sermon:** DO Social Holiness

Social holiness means that my life is necessarily connected to yours. When I eat, I think about whether and what you are eating. When I go to rest my head, I wonder about where you rest. We are called to live a life of social holiness. How are you living it out?



Join us for worship is on  
**August 12th at 11 am**  
in the **Alison Theater**.  
Led by Pastor Jim.

Join us or tune in on the Closed Circuit TV  
at Jenner's Pond.

**First  
Sunday**

Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. An Emergency Aid donation envelope can be found in your bulletin on First Sundays as well. The funds collected help others in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity!  
**Our next First Sunday is August 5.**

## JULY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Ad 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).



# Pastor's Desk

**On this Father's Day, we think of all those fathers and men in the faith who have led by example, implicit and explicit.**

- For each and every man of faith whose fish stories have given us the moxie to tell our own stories, we give thanks to God.
- For each and every man of faith who has led quietly by example, we give thanks to God.
- For each and every man of faith who has taught Sunday School or confirmation, wrangled youth group, corralled Nursery, or led Children's Worship, we give thanks to God.
- For each and every man of faith who has stopped a running toilet, climbed on scaffolding, pulled weeds, changed light bulbs, hung pictures, or set up wifi, we give thanks to God.
- For each and every man of faith who has led with conviction, told groaner dad jokes, worked on budgets and strategic plans and evacuation models, we give thanks to God.
- For each and every man of faith who has worked out his own faith with fear and trembling, we give thanks to God.

## MINISTERIUM SCHOLARSHIPS

Four students from Avon Grove High School and Avon Grove Charter school received Ministerium scholarships this past month. These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors within the Avon Grove community who intend to seek careers within helping professions.

We give thanks to God for the generosity of our congregation who value investing in our young people. We are making an impact in our world and our community.

Thank you to UMW - We give thanks to God to the United Methodist Women who have a long history of investing in and contributing to the children and youth in a community. Their significant contribution to the Ministerium Scholarship allowed for an additional recipient to be awarded a scholarship.



## Books Mentioned In Sermons

- "The Power of the Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus" by John Dominic Crossan
- "Faith: A Journey for All" by Jimmy Carter
- Puccini's opera Turandot
- The Poems of Emily Dickinson by Emily Dickinson



## Celebrating Re-Appointments

We celebrate the re-appointment of The Reverend Monica B. Guepet by Bishop Peggy Johnson for the fifth year as our Lead Pastor.

We give thanks to God for the re-appointment of Pastor S. James Mundell as our Associate Pastor and Chaplain to Jenners Pond for the fifteenth year.

Blessings to both for continuing ministries!

## Pastor Jim Memorial Service

We celebrate the ways in which "All the world is my parish."

Pastor Jim offered the benediction and invocation at the West Grove Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration as well as in Ken-



## Pastor's Desk, cont.

### WHY DO UNITED METHODIST PASTORS CHANGE CHURCHES?

*(Excerpt from UMNS Daily Digest)*

Our unique system of deploying clergy has its roots in the earliest days of Methodism. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, was an "itinerant" preacher, traveling from town to town in England.

"John Wesley believed that itinerant preachers who moved from place to place were more effective than those who settled in, grew comfortable, and wore out what they had to say," says the Rev. Belton Joyner.

In a letter to the Rev. Samuel Walker in 1756, Wesley wrote, "We have found by long and consistent experience that a frequent exchange of preachers is best. This preacher has one talent, that another; no one whom I ever yet knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing, and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation."

In the early days of Methodism in America, a pastor — most often a circuit rider — might be appointed to half of a state or more. His

appointment might be for only three months, after which he moved to another circuit. Thousands of the oldest United Methodist congregations today trace their history to a circuit rider.

United Methodist pastors are sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them. "Appointment" is the action taken by bishops. These are different, yet related. Clergy in The United Methodist Church commit to serve where their bishop appoints them. Appointments are typically for one year at a time, though the bishop may move any itinerant pastor at any time. The goal of the appointment process is to match as much as possible the gifts and graces of the particular pastor or deacon with the ministry needs of a particular congregation or ministry setting. In this "serial leadership" of consecutive pastors and deacons — no two are alike — over time, the combination of skills blends to form a broad base of developed ministries.

While bishops make appointments, they incorporate a consultative process outlined in The Book of Discipline that includes district superintendents, clergy and pastor/staff parish relations committees. The needs and desires of clergy are considered, but the mission of the church comes first.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

We are very excited to welcome our two new hires, Yvette Diaz and Melanie Hartley, who join our staff on July 1. Please introduce yourselves so they can begin learning the names and friendly faces of our congregation.



**Yvette Diaz will be the part-time Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries.** Yvette is a Deaconess with the United Methodist Church and most recently has been a Chaplain at Tower Health in Reading PA. She brings significant hospital experience together with clinical pastoral certification that includes a Master of Divinity, making her a wonderful addition to lead our Visitation Ministry. Yvette joined Pastor Monica this week as a delegate to the 2018 Eastern PA Annual Conference and already busy getting to know our church family.

**Melanie Hartley will be the full-time Director of Children's and Youth Ministries.**

Melanie joins us from her most recent post as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Newark United Methodist Church in Delaware. Melanie has a Bachelor's in Youth Ministry from Eastern University and has also worked with school-aged children as the Assistant Director of after school programs for the YMCA. Melanie has lots of exciting new ideas for growing this brand new role at West Grove UMC to foster Christian Education and community-building from childhood through young adulthood. Be on the lookout for Melanie at VBS the week of July 9th.





## What is a Deaconess?

So, I heard you say that Deaconess Yvette is our Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, are you confused? What is a Deaconess and how can she be our Associate pastor for caring ministries?

First, what is a deaconess? Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laywomen and laymen who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together we form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

The Deaconess and Home Missioner call to ministries of love, justice, and service is defined in Paragraph 1913.1 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, which states: *Deaconesses and home missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers: Alleviate suffering;*

*Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth;*

*Facilitate the development of full human potential; and*

*Share in building global community through the church universal.*

Core studies may be taken at United Methodist institutions of higher learning or at colleges, universities, and/or seminaries that are approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church. Intensive courses (one-to two-week) and other alternative program options are available. Prior coursework may be reviewed for approval of the core studies. Limited financial assistance based on need is available for core study coursework.

At the time of consecration and commissioning, position (compensated or noncompensated) in an approved appointment of love, justice and service. Appointments may be in a church-related vocation or helping profession. A deaconess or home missioner must hold local church membership in the annual conference in which she or he will be serving.

Continuation of the practice of discernment

Ability to serve no less than 10 years of creditable service at the time of consecration

Upon successful completion of all requirements and approval of appointment, candidate is consecrated to the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner and commissioned by a bishop at settings approved by the board of directors of United Methodist Women. Deaconesses and home missioners have a continuing relationship to The United Methodist Church through United Methodist Women.

The approved appointment is fixed by the appointing bishop.

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### BOOK OF THE MONTH

Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a newer title. We'll meet in Room 3. See Pastor Monica for more information.

**June 28:** *"Faith: A Journey for All"* by Jimmy Carter

**July 26:** *"Searching for Sunday"* by Rachel Held Evans

**August 23:** *"Sin of Certainty"* by Peter Enns

**September 27:** *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque



# GROW



## **The 35th Laity Academy**

**Save the Date—August 3-5, 2018**

**‘Pass It On– Spreading God’s Word  
Through Action!’**

As members of Christ’s Church we all have a role to play—no matter how small or large—Paul says it very directly in Corinthians 12 where he tells us that every part of the body of Christ has a role and that the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.”

**Registration is now open for the 2018 Laity Academy, August 3-5**, at Quakertown UMC, opens Thursday, June 14. The 35th academy's theme is Pass It On - Spreading God's Word Through Action! Courses include:

- Basic Christ Servant Ministry ("The Journey Begins")
- Preaching to be Heard and Preaching by Number (Speaking 1 & 2)
- Hablando 1: Predicando para ser Escuchado (In Spanish: Speaking 1, Preaching to be Heard)
- Emotional Intelligence: A Blueprint for Your Spiritual Path
- Let Your Light So Shine: Maximize your message and ministry through media and marketing
- Timeless Spiritual Gifts in a 21st Century Context
- Making Every Prayer Count: Moving from ME to WE
- Pastoral Care: What to Say To People Who Are Hurting
- Disability Ministry and the Body of Christ
- Addiction Caring Ministry: Addiction Recovery through the Power of Prayer
- Creating Stations of Hope

The cost of the 2018 Academy is \$110. There will be an additional \$5 for the Basic course and an additional \$10 for Making Every Prayer Count. These additional fees will cover the cost of needed materials.

To review Course Descriptions and Register, visit the web site at:

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/342120/741964/>



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

**Join us as we pray specifically throughout the year for our church and community:**

- God will move us from hearers of the word, to doers.
- Each person of the community will be welcomed here as a child of God.
- God will strengthen and grow leadership in our faith community for the next ways God is calling us to DO Faith.



## PRAYER ROOM

Our newly updated prayer room will be open each Sunday after worship for anyone seeking prayer.



## Daily Meditations

They are written one for each day of the week as a short meditation and question to begin your day. Take your bulletin home and read each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!



## CHRIST SERVANT MINISTERS Classes on October 26, 7-9 p.m. And October 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

We will be offering the basic course for Christ Servant Ministers on **October 26-27** at West Grove UMC. We will need a minimum of 12 students.

A Christ Servant Minister is...

**An active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation;**

**Eager to serve through the church**

**Well-informed on Scripture, and on the doctrine, heritage, and the life of the United Methodist Church**

**Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, caregiving ministries, and spoken communication**

**Willing to improve his or her skills by training for service.**

Talk to Pastor Monica if you would like to know more.



## LUTHER HOUSE NEW BIBLE STUDY

We continue to meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 PM in Building #1. Everyone is invited to join us as we delve deeper into God's Word and share love and support for one another.

We are starting a new study on **The Fruit of the Spirit**. This study will take us through the month of July.

If you have any questions about joining us, please contact Cindy Haley at 484-702-7071.

We hope you can join us!



## GOD IS GOOD!

We've all prayed for God to hear our prayers, whatever they might be. So we have created a jar for "Answered Prayers".

It is located on the Information Desk in the lobby.

Please leave a note and place it in the jar so people can see that God does answer prayers.

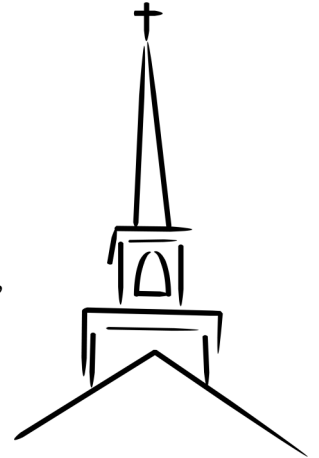


## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

### Interested in becoming a member?

Have you been thinking about joining the church? Have you been wanting to learn more about how you could get plugged in here at West Grove UMC?

Join us on **Sunday, July 29th** after the blended worship service at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and more information. No obligation. Enjoy breakfast, have a cup of coffee, drink some tea, hear about the church.



## Hearing Assistive Devices

Do you sometimes miss what's been said in worship?

Do you want to make sure you get every word?

We give thanks to God the technology we have in the sanctuary that can help everyone hear.

Head back to sound booth in the sanctuary and ask one of sound booth technicians about our hearing assistive devices. They can go right over your ear and amplify the sounds for you.

We want you to HEAR the word of God when you come to church to hear the word of God.



## ARE YOU ALREADY A NEW MEMBER?

If you are a member that has recently joined our church and were unable to attend the New Member Breakfast, **please join us on Sunday, July 29 from 10:30 a.m.-noon to meet other new members and those who are interested in becoming a member.**

This is a wonderful way to get to know our staff and each other!



# SERVE

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### Serve the Church with Your Gifts and Time

A church is one body made of many parts. This month we are kicking off a new series of articles that will put a spotlight on the many different volunteer opportunities at the church.

**Please consider how you can help to serve our body with your gifts.**

**A Sign-Up Genius link is on the church web site.**

### Children's Worship

Our children ages 4- 4th grade are invited before the sermon into children's worship. Have you heard the excitement with which they run to join their children's worship leaders? We offer multi-sensory experiences for our preschool and elementary students as they expand upon themes in worship.

Thematic lesson plans guides experiences, conversations, and interactive explorations. Children love discovering scriptural applications to their lives and understandings. **For more information and to sign up for this vital ministry, please contact Kristin Boyd by email at [kristin.boyd.01@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.boyd.01@gmail.com)**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2018 at West Grove UMC is will be held July 9-13 from 9:00-noon for children age 3 through those entering grade 6.

The theme is "Rolling River Rampage"- Experience the Adventure of a Lifetime

with God! Registration is now open! Check the church web site for more details and to register.

**TO REGISTER:** [www.westgroveumc.org/events/vbs-save-the-date/](http://www.westgroveumc.org/events/vbs-save-the-date/)

We need lots of volunteers, both adults and youth. We also need donations for snacks and supplies are needed. Please see the sign-up on Sign-Up Genius.

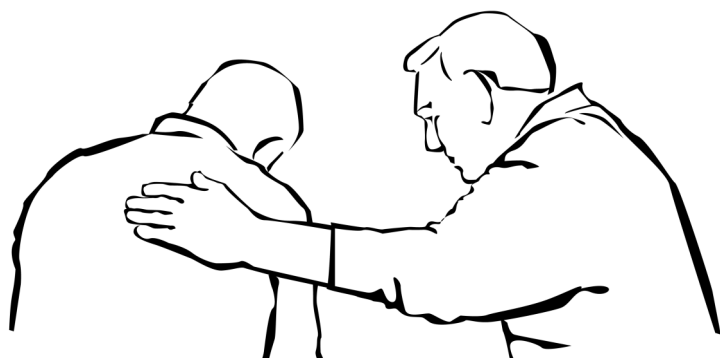
**TO DONATE:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084dada72ea6fa7-vacation>

## VISITATION MINISTRY

The Visitation Ministry continues to keep in touch with those homebound and those lonely.

Each week our brothers and sisters in Christ receive the bulletin and each month they receive our monthly newsletter in the mail, (thanks to the workers in the office.) When we visit, we may come with altar flowers, a back scratcher, Karen Underwood's home baked cookies, or devotionals. Cards on birthdays, or cards for no reason is a ministry in itself. Phone calls have been a faithful outreach with stories of reminiscing or updates of the month with a listening ear.

The Visitation Ministry is reaching out to the caregiver's of those we visit, as they need support in doing God's work for their loved one.



West Grove UMC is blessed to have such caring souls on the Visitation Ministry. Each serve with gentle hearts and are witnesses of their love for Christ. I praise God!

Singing His Praises,

Pastor Shirley

## PRAYER MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW..... The members of prayer ministry pray intentionally for 1 hour every Tuesday for the ministry, for each other and for the congregation?

DID YOU KNOW..... The members of prayer ministry meet once a month, on Tuesdays in the prayer room and pray together.

DID YOU KNOW.... The members of prayer ministry pray for you!



# FAMILY PROMISE

July 15-22

## Volunteers needed!

Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Here are the areas where your assistance is needed:

**Set-up and break-down** of the Guest and Family/Dining Rooms,

**Meal Preparation**-at the church,

**Evening hosting**-enjoying a meal and relax time with the families,

**Transporting cots**-on the final morning to Scott Steel's home for storage,

**Breakfast and dessert baked goods**-can be prepared at home.

Look for sign up in the lobby with a list of food items needed as well as volunteering to serve during the week our guests are here. Also, we are looking for someone who has truck for transporting the cots. Please contact **Joan Leaman** at **jmleaman@comcast.net** or **484-643-2181** for more information.



Family Promise®  
of Southern Chester County

## Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You!



WGUMC's Emergency Pantry has distributed over **189** bags of food so far in 2018! 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 as many in our community are

struggling this winter.

The most needed items currently are: **Laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner.**

Also needed are some staple items: **Juice mix (ice tea, lemondade), cereals, tea bags, juice boxes, coffee, canned fruit, applesauce cups, snacks for kids, canned meats and stews, canned pastas, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, ramen noodle soup packages, canned soup (especially chicken noodle), ketchup, mustard and mayo.**

Any donation is a blessing to those in need.

**Thank You!**



### 2017 HOLIDAY TOY, CLOTHING, PERSONAL CARE, LINENS & GIFT CARD DRIVE



## PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PAVERS

The Prayer Bead Garden team is offering an opportunity to purchase a *Bead* (paver) in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names of those Honored or Memorialized will be listed in a laminated book and displayed. A full Bead (paver) is \$100.00 or a quarter Bead for \$25.00. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo.



	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
<b>Full Bead Paver</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Quarter Bead Paver</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Totals:</b>		_____	\$ _____

Please designate below how you wish to offer these Pavers, so it can be recognized in the Dedication Book. Please contact Pastor Monica, Susan Paisley, or the Prayer Bead Garden Team with questions or concerns .

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER BEAD GARDEN INSTALLATION



The Prayer Bead Garden is entering a very exciting time! Installation of **Phase I** begins on **July 16** with the laying of stones, pathways and the main outline of the garden. The vision will become a reality!

**Funding for Phase II is now open!** The second phase will include the planting of flowers, hedges, and other foliage, as well as benches to sit on as we reflect, meditate and pray.

**Phase III** will include the installation of a water feature that will enhance the garden and its serenity.

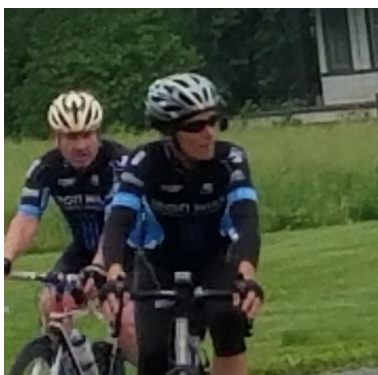
Funding for Phase I is secured. We will continue our fundraising efforts for Phases II and III.

Thank you to all have helped and continue to help in making this vision come to fruition!



## FAMILY PROMISE BIKE RIDE

100 PARTICIPANTS



**Raised \$4,010.00**



## Our Community Garden To Feed the Hungry!



We are planting our Community Garden to grow produce for our neighbors. Everything we grows benefits either our familiar from the Garage or the Bridge.

Please consider signing up for a week or more this summer to weed, water, and harvest our community garden.

**A sign-up sheet is posted on the lobby bulletin board.**

It takes a community to feed a community. Help us feed ours.

Our Sunday School culminated their learnings of

Pentecost  
with a

**ROCKET  
LAUNCH.**



The church is powered by the Holy Spirit as  
the rocket is powered by the engine.



# A PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Penn London Elementary School  
Avon Grove Intermediate School  
Fred S. Engle Middle School  
Avon Grove High School  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School  
Avon Grove Charter School  
Nazarene Academy

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

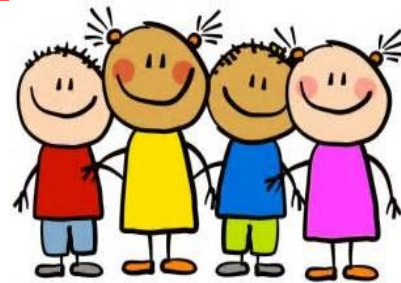
We will meet at in the lobby of  
Avon Grove High School  
at 9:30 AM to receive ID tag  
& to choose a school.

**Bring your children to pray for their schools.**

**FOR INFORMATION,  
Call Pastor Monica or the  
West Grove United Methodist Church office  
At 610-869-9334**



# CMO PRESCHOOL



What a fantastic year we had in the CMO and Preschool program.

Our End of the Year Celebration was a huge success as the children sang their hearts out for their families to hear. We ended our celebration with a sweet treat from Rita's Ice. During the first week of June our new play set was installed and our entire playground was mulched. If you haven't had a chance to see it please check it out. The new playground was dedicated after the 11:00 service on June 10th. A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us and donated their time and food donations to make this event a success.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our returning families back and getting to know our new families in September. I hope you have a wonderful summer!!

Tracy McLaughlin, Director

## PLAYGROUND DEDICATION & PICNIC

On June 10th, we dedicated and consecrated the playground, the fruition of the vision of the preschool and the church to have a permanently installed playground. To dedicate means to set something aside for particular purpose.

What is the purpose of this playground?



**PLAY! And joy!**

We blessed this space with bubbles, slid down the first slides, and enjoyed a picnic. Make sure to get test it out for yourself!



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



**Join us as we welcome Melanie Hartley as our new Director of Youth and Children Ministries.** She comes to us from Newark UMC most recently as their youth and young adult ministries director.

It has been a part of our prayer and vision to develop this position for children and youth together.

We give thanks to God that it has been your prayer, giving, dependence on God, steadfastness, and patience that is seeing vision into fruition.

Let us join together as we walk into this vision of building a future for generations to come.

**On June 8th, Youth celebrated and sent Pastor Kevin off with blessings with a rousing game of kickball. Many blessings to Pastor Kevin, Mrs. Regina, Quincy, and James as they head to Swarthmore UMC.**



## Kickball!





# FUN & FITNESS



**THE MOVIE The Greatest Showman (PG) will be at West Grove UMC**

**Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 pm.**

Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical filled with show stopping performances that will bring you to your feet time and time again.

Inspired by the true story of P.T. Barnum, the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle. This movie focuses on those casted out in the 1800's. It is a timeless movie that defends those who are "different," then and now in the 21 century. It's a story that shouts equality for all! Is not this Jesus' message?

This evening is FREE and refreshments will be offered. Bring your friends!

We hope to see you there!

Pastor Shirley Daddario  
Cindy Haley  
Sandi Hampton  
Nancy Howard

Pam Howard  
Carol McGinley  
Jean Kilmartin  
Susan Paisley



## Wednesday Nite Fun

All are invited to join in on the weekly fun of fellowship and games beginning June 20th and continuing through August 29th at the church, 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is a Rain or Shine event! Weather permitting, we will have a slip-n-slide for all to enjoy, the new playground for children of all ages, a parking lot to skateboard, ride bikes or play other games. Hot dogs and beverages are provided. If you are able, bring a dish to share. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors, too!



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOUS!

We give thanks to God for the occasion to serve the community through pancakes, sausage, and fellowship. This fundraiser is also a friend raising and fellowship opportunity for our community to enjoy food, conversation, time

together with those in our wider community. Relationships are built and strengthened. We thank all who helped in waiting tables, serving pancakes, preparing, and the behind the scenes work.





## TICKING TIME BOMB



The tick problem has gradually grown over the past decade, and this summer may be the worst yet

If you live in an area with a considerable deer population—chances are you're familiar with the concept of tick season.

They're not quite insects, not quite spiders—but they certainly are a nuisance. They feed only on blood, and if infected with bacteria or viruses, they can pose a risk to human health.

Unfortunately, the months of May, June, and July are the most fruitful to the tick population, which thrives in humid, forested areas. Here's some background information and suggestions for avoiding problems this summer.

### Where are Ticks found?

Ticks can be found anywhere, but as mentioned they thrive in humid areas with lots of trees, fallen leaves or other natural debris. You're unlikely to find a tick in an open field with lots of sun.

There are many species of ticks, three of which are most plentiful in the United States:

- Black-legged, or deer ticks, found in the Midwest and the Northeast
- Dog ticks, common in the Midwest and Eastern U.S.
- Lone star ticks, most commonly found in Southeastern states

If you are not sure how to classify or identify a tick and want more information, you may want to visit the resources center at [tickencounter.org](http://tickencounter.org).

### Disease Dangers

Ticks can be responsible for serious, but increasingly rare diseases, the most well-known of which may be Powassan virus. Only discovered about 60 years ago, about 75 cases of the disease have been reported across the Northeastern U.S., the Great Lakes region and Canada in the past decade.

Many infected people never show symptoms, but there is the potential for long-term neurological issues and even death with Powassan virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mosquito, tick, and flea-borne illnesses doubled across the United States between 2004–2016—and Lyme disease is primarily to blame.

Experts confirm that Lyme disease is by far the most common tick-borne disease, with the CDC receiving about 30,000 reports of new cases annually. Fever, headache, fatigue, and a bullseye rash called erythema migrans are among the most common symptoms. Infection can eventually affect joints, the heart, and the nervous system. Again, the vast majority of cases are concentrated in the Northeastern and upper Midwestern states.

### What to Do if You Find a Tick?

A bite itself from a tick is usually painless, but much like mosquito bites, can quickly become itchy. Lately, the emphasis has turned to finding ticks on someone and discarding them before they have the chance to bite.

When checking yourself, or others, for ticks, be aware that they tend to gravitate toward the warmer parts of the body—the groin, scalp and armpit cited as the three most common locations. The ears, behind the knees, and waist area are also mentioned as possible landing places.

If you find a tick, the CDC's recommendation is to remove it with a pair of tweezers, then thoroughly clean the bite area with alcohol, soap, and water. They also recommend saving the tick, rather than panicking and squishing it like you would an ant. Doctors are increasingly interested in identification of ticks to further their knowledge of the subject.

Above all—don't panic. There's no need to go to an emergency room or to the doctor unless symptoms appear. If fever or a rash develop, that's the sign that a healthcare professional should be involved.

### How can people Avoid Ticks?

The truth is that environmental factors play the biggest role. People are unlikely to encounter many ticks if they live in an open, urban area; while living near the woods makes it almost impossible to suggest any foolproof avoidance strategies.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends looking for an ingredient called Deet in any insect repellents you might use.

Pets—dogs in particular—can carry some of the same ticks that affect human. A tick collar can be effective, but won't destroy all potential parasites. While dogs can carry the Lyme disease tick, they don't transmit the disease to humans.

SOURCES: CDC, statistics from CNN

*(This article was authored by Rob Senior and came from the Advance Healthcare Network web site.)*

Retired Active People



## Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

### RAP AND FRIENDS OUTING TO SIGHT & SOUND FOR THE SHOW: JESUS



JESUS is the musical stage adventure about the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever.

Date: **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

Time: **Show begins at 11 a.m.**  
(Suggested arrival time is 10:15 a.m.)

Cost: **\$56 for Adult, \$26 for Child.**  
Sara Ann Ramberger will collect the money for the outing. Please make checks out to Sara Ann Ramberger. Payment to Sight & Sound and to Miller's Smorgasbord will be made with her VISA.

Seats: Main Floor Seating, Right Center, no steps, Rows H, J, K

#### *After the Show*

Meal: **Miller's Smorgasbord, 2:30 p.m.**  
(70 minute feast). Reservations will be made for those desiring a meal following the show.

Cost: **\$28.50 for Adult, \$14.50 for Child**  
Includes Smorgasbord, Beverage, Taxes, and Gratuities.

Shop: After the meal—short walk to the Quilt Shop, Ruthie's, and Locally Made (food, olive oil, wine).

Drive: **We are carpooling.**  
Inform Sara Ann Ramberger if you are willing to transport additional passengers or if you need transportation.

**Reservations and payments are due before or on September 14.**

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

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

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**



Juliets meet for breakfast and fun... second Saturdays at 9:00! Join us!

We meet at **Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348.** (They have free park-

### SAVE THE DATE!

**SECOND ANNUAL OPEN MARKET  
AT WEST GROVE U.M.C.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Artists, woodworkers, etched glass, embroidery, potters, wood carvers, crochet items, handmade cards, wreath makers, alpaca items, etc.

And lots of delicious food from local food trucks!

### LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Our Facebook page is a great resource for keeping up-to-date on what is going on here at church.

Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook.

And when you are at church, check-in on Facebook to let us know you are here!



**R.O.M.E.O.**

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**Retired Older Men Eating  
Out**

**July 26, 2018**

If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEIO 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 610-724-0477**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

# STEWARDSHIP

## DREAM BIG

Our opportunity list gives you a chance to give beyond your regular tithe.

Consider how you might impact our congregation and community.

Item	Quantity	Approximate Cost
Monitors- Sanctuary (80") ( <b>Dream in Process!</b> )	2	\$ 4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$ 15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$ 50,000
<b>PA System—Dream Fulfilled</b>		
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms ( <b>Dream in process...7 out of 25</b> )	25	\$ 500

## SCRIP Scripts

With over 750 retailers to choose from, Shop With Scrip is an easy way to patronize your favorite merchants and raise money for WGUMC. For every dollar you spend, merchants will rebate WGUMC from 1% to 20% (and sometimes even more during special promotions). Here's how it works:

There are several ways to participate in the program. First, go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and click on the "Shop" tab for a listing of the participating merchants. Next, select a merchant by clicking on their logo and the rebate to WGUMC will be displayed. Delivery options are also displayed, with many of them offering three different methods. A "Physical" is an actual plastic card that is shipped once a month to WGUMC. "Scrip Now" is an email with a barcode that is sent directly to you. You can print it out and present it to the cashier at checkout or save the image on your smart phone. A "Reload" card is a traditional plastic card, but instead of having to reorder a new card when it is exhausted, you can create your

own account online, register your card and reload it any time you like.

Payments for the purchases are linked to your bank account in a secure environment making this one of the fastest and most convenient methods.

Another method is to pick up one of the order forms in the Narthex. Simply place your order form and a check made payable to WGUMC in Gene Aucott's mailbox in the mailroom.

With retailers from Amazon to Zappos, you are bound to find many options to buy groceries, gasoline, merchandise, vacations, restaurant services and even other gift cards while supporting WGUMC

If you would like to participate or have questions, you can



## STATISTICAL REPORT



The United Methodist Church offers specific missional opportunities for men and women. **United Methodist Men** partners with scouting organizations: Boys Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Society of St. Andrews, Strength for Service, Upper Room, and others in extending the mission To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ. West Grove does not have a chartered United Methodist Men organization, but does have many active men. Prayerfully consider if God might be calling or nudging you towards this ministry.

Our **United Methodist Women** has remained steady in membership at approximately 25. However, we continue to seek a president. Even without a president, the membership and other women achieve the purpose of UMW to "know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." With \$3,750 expended for local church and community work, the women of UMW support many efforts locally and globally.



As a church, the congregation has focused on twelve outreach, justice and mercy including Family Promise, Rise Against Hunger, Emergency Aid and our Coat Drive. Our Emergency Food Pantry which cooperates with The Bridge for long term needs, has seen an increase of needs. We give thanks to God for the generosity of community for feeding one another.

The number of persons serving in compassion, justice, and mercy ministries is 231, increasing 2% over the previous year. We are blessed to serve 2,526 persons! An increase of 200%. We give thanks to God for the opportunity and resources. May God bless us all.



**Next month, we will finish our look at the statistical report - how we share our blessings in giving, time as volunteers and our staff. Thank you for reading along.**



Graduations, weddings, showers, birthdays. So many gifts to give this time of year! Make your giving go further by shopping on Amazon Smile! Every purchase you make earns the church a donation.

And it is EASY! It doesn't cost you anything and earns the church a donation! Type in [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in your browser, choose West Grove United Methodist Church as your charity and then shop away! It is all the same stuff, no fees. Tell your family and friends too! It's that easy.

A percentage of your spending dollars will be credited to the church.

## FIFTH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION

### Mpsa



On **July 29th**, we will be collecting our 5th Sunday coin collection during worship. We invite you to gather your coins as well as your other offerings for the Mpsa Pediatric Clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This is the **5th year** that we have joined our district in strengthening the infrastructure with the Congo Partnership. We have helped to build the **Pediatric Clinic**, as well as supplied **equipment**. We have provided **solar power** and helped bring **water** to the area through a well. We give thanks to God for how

God works in partnerships to bring health and wholeness to all God's people. Please give generously on July 29th.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLEASE NOTE

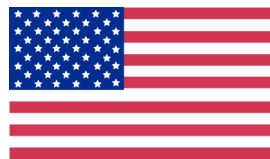
The Church office will be tentatively closed on July 2 due to a planned power outage by PECO.

The office will also be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



Thank you very much for hosting the Advanced Sexual Ethics workshop on May 31. Your facility is well-suited for it, but your hospitality was even more welcoming! Everyone did a terrific job to make the day run smoothly. I hope our paths cross again!

David Garrett



## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

## INTERESTED IN ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS?

The church is happy to order altar flowers in memory, honor or in celebration of someone special for you and acknowledge them in the weekly bulletin. Sweet Peas of Jennersville or Linda Shiplet are happy to supply the flowers.

The fee for altar flowers is \$25 and your check should be made payable to "WGUMC", or if ordering from Linda, you may pay her directly if you wish. If your flowers are donated, you will want to pay through the church as it is tax deductible. You have the option to take your flowers home after the service or donate them to the church to be delivered to the sick or homebound.

To order, use the **Flower Chart** in the administrative wing or email your order to the church office

at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

Be sure to indicate who you are honoring, who the flowers are from, and if you would like to order from Sweet Peas or Linda Shiplet.



## WEST GROVE UMC IS HIRING!

West Grove UMC is hiring a part-time Sexton. We are looking for a motivated, independent, mechanically-minded individual to join our staff to be responsible for janitorial and repair duties. This position is 12 hours per week on a flexible schedule. Please send resumes to [staffing@westgroveumc.org](mailto:staffing@westgroveumc.org).



# EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS

## UNITED NATIONS' WORLD REFUGEE DAY

*(Except from an article written by Bishop Peggy Johnson  
in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference web site.)*

June 20th was THE United Nations' World Refugee Day, It is a day set aside to encourage people to think about the lives of refugees and the human right to a secure place to that one can see as "home".

There are more than 65 million displaced people living in our world today; and we, the people of God, have a mandate to show them love and hospitality:

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)*

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35*

*"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:33-34*

The mandate is clear. To live out these commands in this day and time, with immigration being a highly controversial issue, is far more difficult but also far more crucial.

The resettlement program for legal immigrants in the U.S. is an important part of our national value system. For the Christian, it is part of our commitment to Jesus.

Help people find ways to get involved and offer help, even just a little bit. We have a United Methodist Advanced Special fund for donations: National Justice for Our Neighbors Advance #901285 (Creating a welcoming community by providing immigration legal services, education and advocacy.) And we can communicate in many ways to our lawmakers that we support humane immigration policies.

Years ago, when I was serving in a local congregation in Baltimore, a man from Ethiopia came to my church. He was seeking asylum in the U.S. due to political unrest in his home country, where he was a respected educator. He narrowly escaped with his life after being kidnapped and tortured.

The church afforded him many helpful support systems during his long journey through the immigration process. This was because he had a face and a story; and it was because the common humanity they shared was compelling. This talented and personable man eventually received asylum status and a green card, and it was partly due to the advocacy and support of this little church.

Today he is a productive member of society. I saw a picture of him on Facebook recently standing next to his son who just graduated from high school. His story taught me that every church can do one thing, help one person, raise one voice for advocacy.

Compassion for the stranger does not have to spin into partisan political controversy. Respond only as the Lord lays it on your heart, as the "Lord loves a cheerful giver." Remember always that we are all sojourners on this earth, living a common life under the watchful eyes of a loving, merciful, welcoming God, who bids us to be loving and merciful and welcoming as well. *Written*

*and merciful and  
by Bishop Peggy Johnson*





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**2018**

*~ Open, Grow, Serve ~*

*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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