



The Wesleyan Star

West Grove United Methodist Church

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September 2019



" They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith." Acts 14: 21-22

Sunday morning is not the only time to share the message and peace of Jesus.

Church is not the only place people can hear you talk about Jesus.

Pastors are not the only ones to share their faith.

Knocking on a door is not the only way to give a testimony to the peace you know in Jesus.

Did any of those statements surprise you?

God calls all of us to work for the full peace of community. If we take this seriously, we can't help but talk about God's works outside of the church and Sunday morning with others.

In the book of Acts, what attracted those in the cities to the gospel of Christ? Preaching and living out peace. Paul and Barnabas preached, taught, and built communities of peace.



Let's take a look for a moment at that word, peace. In Hebrew, the word we translate as peace is *shalom*. In Greek, the word for peace is *eirene*. The word means wholeness or completeness,

referring to a stone, that is without cracks, or a wall that has no missing bricks or gaps. *Shalom* refers to something that is complex with lots of parts. Job says that his tents are in *shalom*, because he has counted his flocks and no animals are missing (Job 5:24). We can wish one another *shalom* or ask

about another's wellbeing with question of *shalom*?

Shalom reminds us that life is complex and moving parts. When any part of our life breaks down, is missing or needs to be restored, we *shalom* it. Bringing *shalom* is the act of making complete or to restore. Solomon gets the distinction of bringing *shalom* to the unfinished temple, by completing it (1 Kings 9:25). If your animal has gotten out and wreaked havoc, you bring *shalom* by giving a complete repayment. You take what's missing and restore it to wholeness. This is the same principle in relationships; reconciling is bringing *shalom*. *Shalom* is not just when rival kingdoms stop fighting, but rather, when they actually start working together.

At the prayer walk, peace was our theme. Peace to teachers setting up their classrooms. Peace to staff caring for aging parents. Peace to administrators working on last minute details for our students. Peace for first time students. We prayed with educators for peace in their classrooms and lives.

God's peace is for all God's people. John Wesley reminded us that the "world is my parish." You and I are called to share blessings of peace not just with those who live under our roof, but with others. Sharing peace can include blessing your children, nieces, or nephews as well as reconciliation with those I am at odds.

My peace depends on the peace of my brothers and sisters. When one of my brothers or sisters are lacking peace, I am to work to restore their peace. Where are you working for God's peace? Who are the people in our community that all churches are overlooking as we seek God's peace? May God's peace be yours to share!

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



September Worship at West Grove UMC

Join us in Worship!



8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship ~ 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sermon Series: Game of Judges

The good, the bad and the ugly! An honest look at Israel's Judges.

Israel followed God's law, then turned from it, fell into sin, and then, begged for a deliverer — just like us! Their story is our story.

How can we break the generational cycle of sin? Follow God's true way!

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

All Worship Sunday

Communion Sunday, *Emergency Aid

* First Sunday is Food Pantry Day

Scripture: Judges 2:6-16, Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Give Us a Protector
of the Realm: A Judge!"
Who do you follow?

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

3rd Grade Bibles

Scripture: Judges 4:1-9 and 1
Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: "Hands of a Woman:
Deborah and Barak"

Is there anyone God can not use?

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Judges 6:11-24 and

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "A Judge always pays his debts:
how ruthless must you be, Gideon?"

*If you can be anything, why not reflect God's
mercy?*

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Judges 11:29-40 and
Matthew 5:33-37

Sermon: "Winter is coming:
what promises did you make Jephthah"
What do your promises cost you?

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

5th Sunday Coin Collection

Scripture: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25,
14:10-20 and Galatians 5:22-24

Sermon: "The night is dark and full of
terrors: discover your self control, Samson"
Does self-control really matter?



Jenner's Pond Residents:

Join us for worship is on **August 11** at 11:00 a.m.
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 collection is September 1.**

SEPTEMBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Christian Education Team



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

Pastor's Desk

Has YOUR world been touched by ADDICTION?

Help for today ... hope for tomorrow

Oct. 18-20, 2019

Facilitated by the
Rev. Donald G. Coombs Jr., D.D.

ordained elder with the Church of the Nazarene,
educator and counselor specializing in addictions

First Baptist Church of Kennett Square
415 W. State St.,
Kennett Square, PA
ksqfbc.com/conference

"The role of faith, hope, and love in recovery from addictions"

United Methodist Men Are BACK!

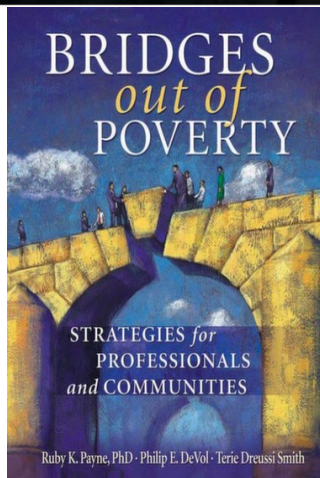
Join the United Methodist Men on
the fourth Mondays of the month
around the LanChester Connection.

September 23rd

6:45– 8:30 pm

Pomeroy UMC

See Dick Price and Pastor
Jim for more information



Thursday, 9/12 9am-12:30pm
Kennett YMCA
101 Race St., Kennett Sq., PA
19348

Don't miss your next opportunity to learn more about poverty and your place in the bigger picture of bringing about change in our community. This dynamic 3-hour workshop will challenge participants to re-examine what they understand about poverty and develop a higher level of empathy for the struggles of the under-resourced

BOOKS & RESOURCES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- Rapt Attention and the Focus Life, by Winnifred Gallagher 2009.
- Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora
- "Fanny Crosby; America's Hymn Queen", *Glimpses of Christian History*, 198.
- 101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns. by Kenneth Osbeck, 1982.
- Hoppin, Ruth. Priscilla's Letter: Finding the Author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. By Ruth Hoppin. 2009.
- The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, By Henri Nouwen. 1999. pp.195-196.
- The Bible Project: Word Study: Shalom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLYORLZOaZE>.
- My Grandfather's Blessings and Kitchen Table Wisdom by Rachel Naomi Remen. Referenced in interview in OnBeing with Krista Tippett <https://onbeing.org/programs/rachel-naomi-remen-the-difference-between-fixing-and-healing-nov2018/#transcript>



COLLEGE STUDENT PRAYER PARTNERS

For our first year college students, as well as those who continue in their studies, we give thanks

to God for those who pray faithfully. Please make sure the office has **current addresses for college students, young adults who are serving in the military, and those in trade school**. We want to pair you up with those who will pray for you and with you and occasionally send a care package. Thank you for committing to this vital ministry!

Open Grow Serve



- ◇ Join the Choir (Betsy Smith: musicmomva@aol.com)
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- ◇ Join the Memory Bells Handbell Choir (Sandy Deckard: davsan5@comcast.net)
- ◇ Join KidSing (Melanie Hartley: childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org)
- ◇ Serve on the Hospitality Team (Dick and Caryl Stuhrke: spikoe@aol.com)
- ◇ Serve on the Sunday Morning Servants Team (Carol Whelan: clwhelan1@verizon.net)
- ◇ Volunteer to help with Family Promise Hosting (Joan Leaman: jmleaman@comcast.net)
- ◇ Volunteer to help with the Open Market & Craft Fair (Darlene Murphy: D123Murphy@aol.com)
- ◇ Volunteer to help with Children's Ministries: Eggstravaganza, Vacation Bible School or Trunk or Treat (Melanie Hartley: childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org)
- ◇ Donate items to the Emergency Food Pantry (Janice Bowers: janicesemail2@gmail.com)
- ◇ Donate food items to the Family Promise hosting week (Joan Leaman: jmleaman@comcast.net)
- ◇ Participate in church sponsored groups: Juliets (Margee Michaels: marjm44@comcast.net)
- ◇ Find fellowship at RAP (Retired Active Persons (Sara Ann Ramberger: sar57ver@verizon.net)
- ◇ Be a part of our Knit Wits Group (Margaret Rubincan: margaretrubincan@gmail.com)
- ◇ Sew with the United Methodist Women's' Faith Circle (Chris Curtiss: curtiss152@yahoo.com)
- ◇ Join into the Luther House Bible Study (Cindy Haley: chaley@zoominternet.net)
- ◇ Participate in United Methodist Men (Pastor Jim: sjmundell@comcast.net)
- ◇ Participate in a Bible study or Adult Sunday School Class (Pastor Monica: pastor@westgroveumc.org)
- ◇ Support the CMO Pre-School Program (Tracy McLaughlin: cmo@westgroveumc.org)



West Grove United Methodist Church 4th Annual Open Market

They say “it takes a village...” well, it takes the whole congregation to make the Open Market a success. This year we will host close to 50 vendors and this requires **many people lending a hand**. West Grove United Methodist Church has been recognized for taking care of their vendors with everyone commenting how they appreciate the help with

move in and move out and the simple hospitality of free coffee in the morning. Please consider how you may contribute your services to this event.

We need volunteers for two-hour intervals during the following time periods:

- ⇒ 6:30 – 8:30 a.m – assisting vendors with move-in and setup
- ⇒ 8:30-2:00 – Traffic and parking direction
- ⇒ 2:00-4:00 p.m. – assisting vendors for breakdown and move-out
- ⇒ 3:00-4:30 p.m. – Clean up, reset church for Sunday service

Sign up in the Lobby to help out!

Donate baked goods for the Trustees table. Contact Linda Shiplet littlered2111@yahoo.com for details.

In addition, please invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to come out and **support our local crafters, artist**, etc. It is only through your patronage to them that their creativity can have an impact on our village.



Save the Date!
Wednesday,
November 13
6:30-8:00 p.m.

More details to follow.

Questions? Please contact Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net

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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



Friday, October 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, September 29
through Thursday, October 3**

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill
a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!!**

Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria.

**The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale,
use the proceeds to fund various missions
in the church and the wider community.**



SAVE THE DATE!

Movie Night at West Grove UMC

"All Saints" (PG)

On the BIG SCREEN

Friday, September 27, at 6:30 pm.

This event is **totally FREE** and refreshments will be offered. Bring your family and friends!

All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

**The big screen viewing is at West Grove United Methodist Church,
300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove, 610-869-9334,
www.westgroveumc.org**

We hope to see you there!

Join the choir!

POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass – no others need apply.
PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see director twenty feet away.
EXPERIENCE: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.
WAGES: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security – we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.
HOURS: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).
VACATION: Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director and other choir members.
RETIREMENT: No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold), or organist unable to play the notes you sing.
REHEARSALS: Once a week except in the summer.
APPLY: By attending next rehearsal.

Cristiano Rizzotto
on Facebook

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:45 p.m. in Room 6.

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them!

We will sing at 11:00 service on September 1. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith, the Choir Director, or any of the choir members. They would be happy to help you! We hope you will join us!

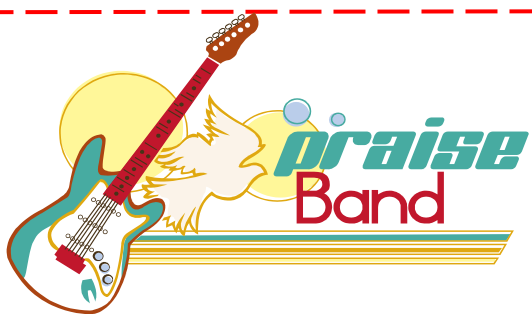


PRAISEWORKS BAND

Rehearsals begin Thursday, August 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Our PraiseWorks Band leads the 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service each week. We always welcome new singers and instrumentalists. If you have a heart for worship and are excited to serve God through leading the

congregation on Sunday mornings, please contact Betsy Smith musicamomva@aol.com or any of the PraiseWorks band members for more information.



Handbells

September is here – Memory Bells are back!!!

Do you like music? Do you think you'd like to try ringing bells? The Memory Bells will start rehearsing on Mondays, beginning September 9 at 6:30. We are in need of two ringers for our smallest bells, and have one position available for our very largest bells, which takes a bit of muscle. Playing bells is a large commitment since the first requirement is that you be present every Monday night, or find a substitute to fill in (we provide a sub list). We play in church the third Sunday of every month, plus a few extra events such as Advent Music Night, Christmas Eve, Easter, and one performance at the Twin Pines Nursing Home. But we can guarantee that it is a very rewarding commitment, in addition to a lot of fellowship and friendship.

If you are interested, but don't feel that you can make a full-time commitment, we could add you to our substitute list. Another option – at this point we are planning two or three pieces that would sound even more glorious with a piano/organ accompanist. If this is your talent, perhaps you could join us on a very short-term basis by doing that.

Sound interesting? Please contact Sandy Deckard at 484-887-0003 (home phone) or call/text her at 610-563-9500. Many bell-essings to you!



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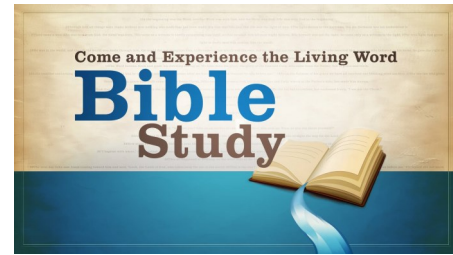


PRAYER MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING

The Prayer Ministry team meets the **second Tuesday of every month** for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. **We welcome you to join us at our next meeting on September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary/prayer room.



Personal requests are kept confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary. If you're curious, but not sure, feel free to visit a couple times to see if this ministry is a good fit for you. No one is expected to pray audibly.



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM MUNDELL

Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Alison Theater beginning September 6, 2019

We will be studying the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, but will look at Old Testament themes of sacrifice, forgiveness and the office of the High Priest.

This study is a lens that will focus our attention on Jesus Christ – who He is in His humanity and in His divinity. Come and join us as we look at these 13 chapters of Hebrews to help strengthen our faith.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:2

BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays
2:00-3:00 PM, Bldg. #1**



The Luther House Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in Bldg. #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 beginning a new study of Isaiah.** If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071. We hope you can join us!

Ladies Sunday School Class



Come join us in the Library as we study Tish Harrison Warren's book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. **We will**

begin meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 A.M. during the Sunday School hour. You can purchase the book from Amazon. We look forward to seeing you! Questions – call Carol Whelan at 484-868-4961.

Care Givers Support Group September 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

To all those, caring for loved ones; spouses, children, grandchildren, significant others, this is a safe place to take time for yourself to voice (vent, if that is your need) those things you feel others do not understand.

We will laugh, we will cry, we will care for each other. **We will meet every third Wednesday of the month in room 4.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



LASER TAG & ARCADE AT MAIN EVENT:

***RESCHEDULED TO
SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00-
9:00 P.M.*** We are
changing the date of our
laser tag night so more
of our friends can join
us! All students grades

7-12 are invited to join us for a night of fun at
Main Event in Newark, DE. We will be meeting
at the church and driving together, if there any
adults or parents who are able to help
drive/chaperone please contact Melanie!

Save the date and invite a friend!



All Worship Sunday

**September 1,
8:30 & 11:00
Services**

Children remain in worship on
communion Sundays so that all can
partake at the Lord's Table together.
We provide worship packets and
hands on toys to keep our kids

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



continue to be
blessed with
wonderful little ones
to spend time and
watch them grow!
**We are in need of
additional
volunteers,
especially during
the 11:00**

a.m. service. If you are interested in
helping in the nursery (once a month),
please contact Amy Castaldi at
hass17@hotmail.com or 610-468-4321.

Third Grade Bible Sunday Sunday, September 8 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Every year, our third grade
students receive their own
bible as a gift from the
church.

If you have a child entering
third grade this year, please
contact Melanie Hartley with
the name that they would like
printed in their Bible!



Calling all third and fourth graders! We are
looking for new Acolytes. What is an Acolyte you
ask? An Acolyte is the person who enters the church
at the beginning of the service, lights the candles on
the altar, assists with offering, and extinguishes the
candles at the end of the service. You would serve
approximately once a month depending on the number

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY CONT'D



Youth Group Kick Off!

September 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m.??

is back!

For information or questions, contact Melanie Hartley at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334

LASER TAG & ARCADE AT MAIN EVENT: *RESCHEDULED TO

SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00-9:00 P.M.* We are changing the date of our laser tag night so more of our friends can join us! All students grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a night of fun at Main Event in Newark, DE. **SIGN-UP BY SEPTEMBER 23!** We will be meeting at the church and driving together, if there any adults or parents who are able to help drive/chaperone please contact Melanie! Save the date and invite a friend!



Children's Ministry News



Sunday School Kick Off

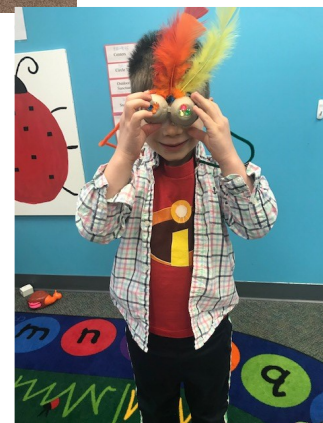
September 8, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday school kick off is September 8! Children will meet leaders, play some games with new friends, and get a preview of what we will be learning in Sunday school this year.

West Grove children's ministries utilizes the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM). This model teaches one story over the course of several weeks using different mediums and activities such as art, storytelling, science, Bible skills and games.

This year, children will explore the stories of Jacob and Esau and Noah and the ark, as well as learn about the fruits of the spirit and the Beatitudes!

For information or questions, contact Melanie Hartley at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334





Children's Morning Out Preschool

CMO and Preschool is off to a terrific start!!! We were so happy to welcome back all of the preschool children and families during the week of September 3rd. The children quickly become reacquainted with old friends and meet lots of new friends. They spend the first few weeks of preschool getting to know one another and the teachers. We are looking forward to a terrific year!!

Our Fall/Winter Consignment Sale is quickly approaching in October. The sale dates for this year are the 18th and 19th. The consignment sales are huge fundraisers for the preschool program. The profits help us provide scholarships

for children in the community, as well as purchase supplies for our classrooms. There are many ways you can participate in the sale; you can consign, shop and volunteer. Consignment instructions, tags, and volunteer signup sheets are available in the hallway by the preschool and also by the church volunteer office.

I am always looking for substitute teachers. If you have an interest in being a sub for the preschool, reach out to me and I can share the details. It is a great way to make a little extra money and support this mission of the church.

Be sure to check out the bulletin boards in the hallway to see all of the beautiful art work !

Tracy McLaughlin, Director

The Children's Morning Out program will be holding the Fall/Winter Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale on **Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19.**

Find the outgrown children's clothes, toys and baby equipment that you aren't using anymore!

This is a great way to make some extra money and support the CMO program.

C.M.O. Consignment Sale



SAVE THE DATES!

More details to come!

We also gladly accepted any donated children's items if you do not want to consign them yourself. The proceeds from the sale of these items go directly to the CMO Scholarship Fund.

Please contact Tracy McLaughlin at Tracy.mclaughlin@westgoveumc.org with questions.



FUN & FITNESS



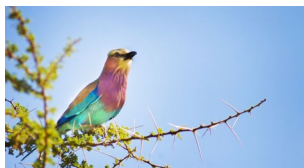
Retired Active People



RETIRE ACTIVE PEOPLE (R.A.P.)

RAP will resume meeting for the 2019-2020 season on Friday, September 13 at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. Come and join us for an afternoon of friends and fellowship. Bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided.

Our September Co-Leaders are Mike and Cindy Haley. Bob and Janet Phillips are our program presenters and will share their experience of "Birding through Southern Arizona."



Please join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, lunch and a very interesting presentation. We invite you to offer to bring a dessert for the next month or volunteer to help with cleanup. Signup sheets will be available for this purpose.

We continue this year with members co-leading each monthly gathering. There are a few months in need of co-leaders. If you are interested, please let Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net know of your interest.

UMW FAITH CIRCLE

FAITH Circle returns after a refreshing summer break! We will meet on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - 9:30 in Youth Room** - followed by lunch.

Plan to continue working on walker bag projects and more.

NEW folks are welcome... Extensive sewing skills are not necessary.

For information - contact Chris Curtiss, 610-345-0374



R.O.M.E.O.

R.O.M.E.O.
Retired Older Men
Eating Out

NOTICE

The R.O.M.E.O.s will not be meeting over the summer. Please check your bulletins and newsletters for updates in the fall. Thank you.

J.U.L.I.E.T. Save the Date!

The Juliets, a group of women who just like eating together, will meet at the Creekside Diner, 717 W. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square on **Saturday, September 14** at 9:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the 2nd Saturday and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship and laughter!

Join us!



**Will Rogers Follies
at the Dutch Apple
Theater
Wednesday,
October 2, 2019**

There are only 14 tickets left and all monies are due by September 8, 2019 to Sara Ann Ramberger.

11:45 a.m. Buffet Begins!

1:15-3:35 p.m. Show Time!

Handicapped: No steps, wheelchair access

Bus at WGUMC ready to leave at 10:15 a.m.

Park cars in parking lot area nearest to Guernsey Road. Bus returns to church at 5 p.m. (depending on traffic)

\$70 Per Person: Includes Buffet, Show, Bus (including Driver Tip), and all taxes and gratuities.



STEWARDSHIP



WEST GROVE UMC FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our church financial status has been stable through July, 2019. For the month of July, we received income of \$52,567 and incurred \$50,018 of expenses resulting in an excess of cash received over expenses in the amount of \$2,549. For the year-to-date seven month period ended July 31, 2019, we received total income of \$234,617 and incurred total expenses of \$221,206 resulting in an excess of cash received over expenses in the amount of \$13,411.



As promised, we reviewed our apportionments quarterly and have paid through April leaving an outstanding balance of \$13,509.

Marc Simmons, Chair of the Finance Committee

SENIORS AND THEIR RMD



The changes in the income tax law now allows Seniors, who have IRA's and are required to take a yearly RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), can make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from their IRA account to a charity like West Grove UMC and still satisfy the RMD. The advantage is the amount of the QCD which is given to the church, is directly taken off your income tax and you can still claim the standard

deduction if you do not itemize.

By doing this, you lower your taxable income and you give a charitable gift to our church. To do this you must ask your IRA custodian for the forms for the QCD. They need to deduct your gift from your RMD and they will send it directly to West Grove UMC and you will get your RMD amount less the charitable gift. Both you and our church are winners.

Pastor Jim

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	Qty	Approx Cost
Monitors- Sanctuary (80") (Dream in Process!)	2	\$4,000
Commercial Grade Shredder	1	\$ 300
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$50,000
Carpet in Room 14	1	\$500
Concrete Walkway from Pastor's Office Door to Parking Lot	1	\$7,000

Thank yous and Gratitude

thank
you

Thank you to Rev. Dr. David Frame for leading worship on Sunday, July 14th, at Jenner's Pond.

Thank you to Carol Whelan and Joan Saller who worked tirelessly to spot clean and then shampoo the sanctuary and administrative wing carpets.

Thank you to Aiden Seltzer for shredding so many documents for the office that he wore out the machine!

Thank to Carol Whelan for weeding and mulching the front garden in intense summer heat.

Thank you to Fred Sullivan who faithfully sets up the sanctuary each week for our Sunday services and also makes sure that the sign out front reflects all that is offered at our church.

Thank you to Jackson May and Gene Aucott who are working on Jackson's Eagle Scout project by building a new corral to house our trash and recycles.

Thank you to Mark Simonds and the Boy Scouts who are doing a great job building the shed on the rear of the property to help our Charter 12 Scouts have a storage space.

Thank you to Linda Shiplet whose flower decorating skills also bless our altar space. Even when no one has signed up for Altar Flowers, she makes sure there is a beautiful arrangement.

There are many unspoken thank yous. You know who you are! The list would be a mile long as is the gratitude of your church. There is always space to recognize and give thanks, so please email Donna in the church office (office@westgroveumc.org) if you feel especially thankful and want to have it told to the congregation in the newsletter!



Avon Grove Ministerium Stages Prayer Walk

See full article in the Daily Local :

https://www.dailylocal.com/news/local/avon-grove-ministerium-stages-prayer-walk/article_aef9484a-c519-11e9-afe0-7b2ee717fc77.html

PRAYING THE STONES OF THE PRAYER BEAD GARDEN

The prayer garden follows the path of praying with prayer beads. Using the "stones" as a set of prayer beads, begin with the Cross-outlined in the concrete. This is your entry into a time of prayer, using whatever you desire to begin: Gracious God, Loving God, call on God/Jesus as you would anytime you enter into prayer.

Next will be the first large "stone" or the invitational bead, (this reminds us that God invites us to a time of prayer). Use this bead to begin your prayer-much like the call to worship in our service.

The next large stone is the resurrection bead-which reminds us that Christ died and rose again and lives today.

As you approach the circle you see 4 large stones-they form a Cross and are called "cruciform" beads. The 4 cruciform beads also reminds us of the four Gospels, the four seasons of the year, the four parts of the day (morning, afternoon, evening and night) and four directions (north, south, east and west).

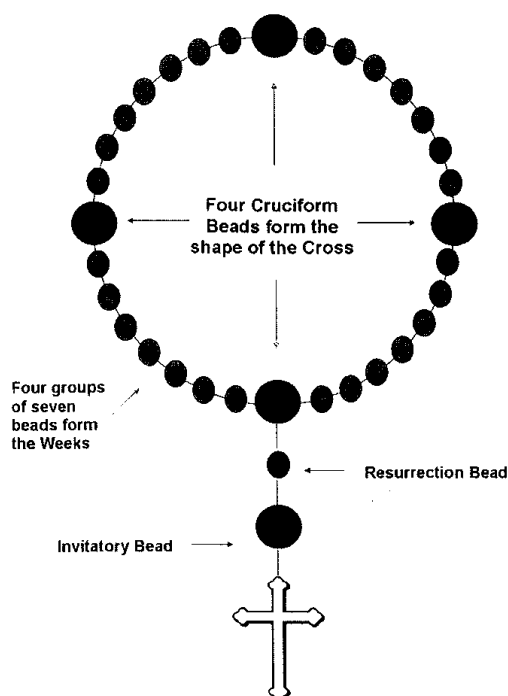
Between each cruciform stone is a set of 7 smaller stones, because a week has 7 days these are called "week" beads. Like the number 4, the number 7 has many meanings for Christians. The church calendar has 7 seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time. Genesis, tells us there were 7 days of Creation and on the 7th day God rested. In John's Gospel, Jesus makes seven "I Am" statements:

1. "I Am the bread of life" (6:35, 48).
2. "I Am the light of the world" (8:12; 9:5).
3. "I Am the gate for the sheep" (10:7).
4. "I Am the good shepherd" (10:11, 14).
5. "I Am the resurrection and the life" (11:25).
6. "I Am the way, and the truth, and the life" (14:6).
7. "I Am the true vine" (15:1, 5).

The number 7 shows up often in the Book of

Introduction

The format looks like this:



Revelation, including John's note that his letter is addressed to the "seven churches"(1:4) and both Jews and Christians believe the number 7 symbolizes spiritual perfection.

When the invitational bead, the resurrection bead, the 4 cruciform beads and the 28 week beads are added together, the number is 34. Thirty-three beads as a representation of Jesus life and ministry on earth-plus one bead to represent his resurrection.

There are no rules as to how you use the prayer bead garden. You may walk the path-stopping to lift up prayer on each stone-you may sit, kneel, stand and pray. Or simply listen. To help with praying the path, I am including:

The Full Circle Prayer

Cross: Loving God

Invitational Stone: you have called me into the time of prayer

Resurrection Stone: to be with you.

1st Cruciform Stone: I praise you, Lord, for...

Week stones, set 1: use each stone to praise God; think of different qualities of God for which you want to give praise.

2nd Cruciform Stone: I ask, Lord, for your forgiveness...

Week stones, set 2: use each stone to confess your sins to God.

3rd Cruciform Stone: I pray, Lord, for...

Week stones, set 3: use each stone to lift up your intercessions-your joys and concerns for yourself and others.

4th Cruciform Stone: I thank you, Lord, for...

Week stones, set 4: use each stone to offer thanks to God for the blessings in your life.

You return to the Resurrection Stone-Christ is alive in me,

Invitational Stone-Thanks be to God.

Cross: Amen

This is but one example. Pray as you are led. God hears. You are His Beloved!

Modified from, A Bead and A Prayer by Kristin E. Vincent

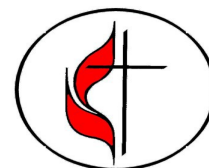
MISSIONS AND MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Intentional Discipleship Systems at Lima UMC



Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary/CEO of Discipleship Ministries

A nationally recognized leader, speaker, and author on evangelism and church revitalization, the Rev. Junius B. Dotson is the General Secretary (chief executive officer) of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church with a staff of 135. Dotson launched “See All The People”, the highly successful church-wide initiative that helps church leaders concentrate on intentional discipleship, while learning new behaviors around engaging their surrounding community.

As a leader who responds to challenges and opportunities in new and creative ways, Rev. Dotson believes that effective ministry is about training, developing, and empowering leaders to establish ministries that address the needs of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit.

**Agenda: 9 am Registration (sign in; breakfast; voting record);
9:15 Welcome; 9:30-10:30 Plenary - (with Rev. Junius B. Dotson);
10:30-10:45 Q&A;
10:45 am-11:30 am Charge Conference Business & District Updates;
11:30 Departure**

Join us for great learning and an engaging Charge Conference.

All team leads and committee heads should confirm their attendance with Pastor Monica, so she can register them for Charge Conference.

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OneRunTogether's 8th Annual Hard to the Core 5K Orchard Mud Run will be

8TH ANNUAL

HARD TO THE CORE

APPLE ORCHARD 5K MUD RUN

at
WEAVER'S ORCHARD

40 Fruit Lane, Morgantown PA 15543

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019**

Race starts at 8:30AM

Race day registration/check-in 7:00AM - 8:20AM

RUN or WALK
through
APPLE & PEACH TREES, A VINEYARD,
MUDHOLES, APPLE PITS, HAY BALES
AND CHRISTMAS TREES
AT
Phantom

Ends at pond with **LIVE ROCK BAND AND Awards Ceremony!**

Apple-Pancake Breakfast available with sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, OJ & Apple Cider!

**REGISTER BY VISITING:
WWW.ONERUNTOGETHER.ORG**

All Proceeds Benefit Local Cancer Patients

Orchard Mud Run
oneruntogether.org

held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday,

September 7th at Weavers Orchard, 40 Fruit Lane in Morgantown. Run through apple and peach trees, a vineyard, a Christmas tree farm, mud holes, hay bale obstacles, and more. The course ends at the pond with a live rock band and an apple-pancake breakfast. Families welcome! The mission of OneRunTogether is to host challenging and exciting races that financially and spiritually benefit local cancer patients in need. In order to lighten their emotional and financial burdens, the group donates 100% of its profits to the cause. For registration information, please refer to the website at www.oneruntogether.org or call 484-844-1249.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS



Connectional Giving

Our offering empowered ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. It also supported the work of our church through United Methodist Communications to establish a new Communications Center for United Methodists in the four conferences in Nigeria.

With a modest grant of \$11,500 from World Service Fund, ten laptops, a projector, copier and printer, smart board, internet connectivity, and a year of staffing were provided. With the size of Nigeria and

the difficulty in traveling from one place to another, this will help Nigerian United Methodists stay better connected to the conference, the bishop, tone another, and tour wider, global church. This ministry happens, thanks to the way the people of The United Methodist Church live and give connectionally. We give thanks for your generosity, as we worship God through sharing our gifts, tithes, and offerings

2019 Annual Conference Report

The 2019 EPAUMC Annual Conference was held June 13-15 in Oaks, Pa. It was again my privilege to represent WGUMC as a Lay Member. This years conference was "Tell to the Coming Generations", from Psalm 78:4 with the focus on our young adult members.

19 resolutions were submitted, including the discontinuance of 2 churches, clergy retirement and health benefits, healing the wounds of racism, motto change, One Church Plan, advocacy for Native Americans, and voting rights as they relate to Licensed Local Pastors, Provisional Deacons, Provisional Elders and student pastors.

Voting for Lay and Clergy delegates to General Conference took place over 6/13 and 14.

Submitted by Susan Paisley



**Bishop Johnson will be
on the South District on
October 2nd at
St. Matthew's UMC,
Valley Forge at 6:30 pm.**

**She will be talking about
General Conference 2020
and Evangelism.**

Plan to join Pastor Monica there!

Have you checked our website recently?

Many updates and changes have been undertaken.

www.westgroveumc.org

Look for Kick Off Events, newsletters, bulletins, sermons, our calendar and much more!

Breaking Out of the Man Box

**Saturday, September 28, 2019,
9 AM to 3 PM**

**Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave,
Philadelphia, PA.**

Keynote: The Rev. Rickie Houston, a domestic violence specialist and trainer with the organization A CALL TO MEN. He has trained groups across the U.S., including religious groups and professional sports teams, and in West Africa, helping them to engage men in efforts to foster respect for, and end violence against, women. Houston, who trains men, women and boys, believes in a developmental, holistic approach in his ministry that includes the “interaction of spiritual and social consciousness.” He is the pastor of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC.

A CALL TO MEN educates men all over the world on healthy, respectful manhood. A CALL TO MEN is a violence prevention organization and respected leader on issues of manhood, male socialization and its intersection with violence, and preventing violence against all women and girls.

The half-day seminar will also feature a panel discussion with Houston, Chester County domestic violence prevention and response specialists, and the Rev. David Piltz, a campus minister, pastor and Eastern PA Conference Coordinator of Young People's Ministries. Piltz is a Marriage and Family Therapist who once trained for and staffed a domestic violence response hotline.

Afternoon workshops

- Healing the Community of the Trauma of Domestic Violence
- Teaching Respect and Helping Men Prevent Domestic Violence
- When Love Hurts: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence



Who should attend this seminar?
All men and boys (and the
women who love them).

The cost is \$20 and includes lunch and resources. 0.5 CEUs offered by request.

For more information contact
the Rev. Jacqueline Hines,
committee chairwoman.

*In psychology, toxic masculinity refers to traditional cultural masculine norms that can be harmful to men, women and society overall; this concept of toxic masculinity is not intended to demonize men or male attributes, but rather to emphasize the harmful effects of conformity to certain traditional masculine ideal behaviors such as dominance, self-reliance, and competition. (Wikipedia)

Read the Domestic Violence Committee's recent article, "Domestic violence is a social epidemic. Help stop it" and visit the committee's webpage to learn more.

SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 AM: Registration, Gathering,
- 9:30 AM: Introductions, Devotions
- 10:00 AM: Keynote Address: Rev. Rickie Houston
- 11:00 AM: Panel Discussion (moderated by Sandy Lewis (retired)—Domestic Violence Center of Chester County). Panelists: Rev. David Piltz, MFT; Joe Henson, Coaching Boys into Men; Rev. Rickie Houston, A CALL TO MEN; Officer Roger Ollis, Chester County Police.
- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Workshops (choose one of three)
- 2:00 PM: Next Steps
- 2:45 PM: Wrap Up

Workshops

Pastoral and Congregational Care, offering ideas for churches learning to understand and respond to the problem of domestic violence, including the needs and concerns of victims.

The AMEND program, designed to help men identify beliefs and attitudes that support abusive behaviors, and help them approach relationships with respect, equality and fairness instead.

Are We Ready for GenZ? about domestic violence affects post-millennial, school-age, Generation Z youth and how we can help them understand, prevent and respond to DV in their social environments? A workshop especially for parents, guardians, youth ministers and teens.



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