



The Wesleyan Star

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"Those who give generously receive abundantly,

but those who are stingy with what is appropriate know scarcity." Proverbs 11: 24

The other day, I forgot my phone.

I left early to spend the day at the hospital. Packing my backpack, I put in everything I could need: Bible, extra snacks, a book, a phone charger, my laptop, anointing oil. I checked the weather and put down my phone as I finished my coffee. It was a whole half-hour later until I realized that my appendage (my phone) was missing. For a half-hour, I had been praying in the car. On the way to the hospital, I prayed for our congregation and our community. I prayed for our nation and our world. I listened to God.

And then. I glanced at the clock. Ah, I thought. 6:09. My usual alarm will start in one minute. The birds! My alarm starts quietly with birds chirping until you are sure that they are right next to you in the room. I waited for the alarm to sing the sweet bird song. Nothing. *Where were the birds?*

I waited. *Is my phone under my wallet?* I pulled into a gas station thinking maybe I had just missed the songs, or the phone as buried deep in my backpack... Nope. I forgot my phone!

What would I do? How could I let anyone know where I was? How could I be tracked in case of an emergency? I began to feel a real sense of worry and lack.

For a whole day, I was going to be without my telephone, my email, my address book and contacts, my GPS, my camera, my scanner, my podcasts, my Siri and my google (i.e. instant answers to questions and quandaries) and much more! I considered turning around, but I would be too late. So, on I carried. Later in the day, I did need a phone. I borrowed one (people were delighted to oblige) for my call.

My seeming scarcity of resource ultimately alerted me to a different abundance. At one point, I sat waiting in an overfull waiting room. Usually, I would have been replying to emails on my phone. Today, that was not an option. For a moment, I felt only frustration and lack – if only I had remembered my phone. Then, I began to look around. My eyes were opened to the tenderness and care in the room. I saw sons moving chairs out of the way as fathers maneuvered walkers. I saw friends support one another after receiving challenging news. I saw daughters braiding cornrows lovingly into their mother's hair. I watched grandparents play hide-n-seek with children around chair arms. I would have missed the abundance of God's presence.

I wonder how often the Church is like this. Sometimes, we find ourselves focusing on what we are lacking and miss the abundance of what God has already given us. Stewardship calls us to know the joy of generosity and joy of being faithful disciples of Jesus. I would not have guessed forgetting my phone would have reminded me of God's wisdom about abundance and stewardship in hospital waiting room. Now, there were plenty of calls, emails, texts, and contacts to return. But the insight on God's abundance, when I initially focused on scarcity was worth the additional time.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



October Worship at West Grove UMC

Join us in Worship!



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

Seeking and Following God's Plan: Our Future with Hope

God's way forward is following Jesus towards hope!

Sunday, October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday
All Worship Sunday
Communion Sunday
Emergency Assistance
First Sunday is Food Pantry Day

Sermon: Rooted in Faith
Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14,
Galatians 3:23-29

*Around the world, we share communion in
Jesus. How deep are your roots?*

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday I
Melanie Hartley is preaching

Sermon: Welcoming

*Welcoming is more than being friendly. How is
your heart open to others?*

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday II

Sermon: Intentional Diversity
Scripture: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8,
Proverbs 16: 7-13

*God's people do not all look or think just like
you. Where are you connecting with those
different from you?*

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday III

Sermon: Abundant Generosity
Scripture: Proverbs 11: 24-31,
Matthew 22: 34-46

*Abundance is God's fingerprint.
Does it define you?*



Jenner's Pond Residents:
Join us for worship is on **October 13** 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 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 October 6.



SEPTEMBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: The Finance Team

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

Pastor's Desk

Did you know our Bishop prays for us?

Bishop Peggy Johnson Praying
for South District

Week of Sept. 29 - Oct 5

Joys and concerns can be shared
at pjohnson@epqumc.org



Jesus transformed lives through teaching and the salvific power of resurrection.

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6, we will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education. Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sunday offerings. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.



As we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God's kingdom on earth. Together, we help raise up new leaders around the world, equipping them to be agents of change.

Laity Fall Rally & Assembly - Save the Date (formerly Laity Retreat)

Calling on the North, South East and West Districts. The Conference Board of Laity invites one and all to come to the Laity Fall Rally and Assembly on Saturday, November 2, 10 AM to 2 PM.

Location to be announced.

Our theme: Having a 2020 Vision for Discipleship!

Each District Lay Leader is invited to bring a team of Lay Ministers and Christ Servants—Missioners, Worship Leaders, Youth Ministers, Prayer Warriors, Praise Teams, Musicians, Dancers, Crafters, Artisans, Culinary Teams, Members and Friends—to commune within the connection, putting on full display their work of kingdom building!

Charge Conference Notes

- * Thank you to all of our teams for their forbearance with our new charge conference system. This year all of our forms are electronic and are submitted digitally. You have persevered! Our conference is going paperless!
- * Charge conference packets are also transitioning. Since all reports are digital. We have digital copies, if you wish to see a report. We will be presenting an end of the year annual report in its place!
- * Our Charge Conference has also transitioned to a must-see event! Teaching from in demand speaker compromise the majority of the time with a 15 minute block for efficient charge conference voting.
- * Join us on October 12th for dynamic teaching on Following Jesus!

BOOKS & RESOURCES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

September 1, 2019:

Barber, William, J. ii. And Jonathan Wilson Hartsgrove Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear. 2016.

September 8, 2019

Kohn, Natalia, Quiñones, Noemi Vega, Robinson, Kristy Garza, Heremans: Deepening our Identity and Growing our Influence. Illinois, 2019.

September 15, 2019

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/strangers-kindness-towards-senior-leaves-passengers-wiping-away-happy-tears/>

Evans, Rachel Held. Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again. Thomas Nelson: 2018.

Pope Francis. The Name of God is Mercy. Random House. 2016

Today in the Word. October 8, 1992.

September 22, 2019

Trible, Phyllis. Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives (Overtures to Biblical Theology). 1984.



“Did You Know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month”.

Check on your strong pastor friend

Published on September 11, 2019

I have been exposed to trauma my entire life.

It wasn't that the trauma always happened to me, but it was in and out of my

house a lot. Like a revolving door, the faces of broken people would walk through our front door and sit down on our couch and weep into the long hours of the night. Sometimes they would yell. Sometimes they would sit in silent prayer. Often times they would collapse.

Into the arms of my father. Most times with my mother right beside him.

My dad was a pastor for nearly 30 years. And it was in those 30 years, and even now in his current ministry position, that his heart is to bring hope to the hopeless and comfort for those who are unraveled. So very many of my childhood memories involved the front door creaking open late at night and broken people coming to my dad for wisdom and Biblical counsel. In addition to his full time pastoral job, for eight years he also served as the police chaplain in our city. And night after night, he would be called to scenes of crimes and accidents to, once again, be the bearer of hope and comfort to those who had been blindsided by life.

I am quite sure my dad has seen just about all of it.

My father has sat on our couch and in churches and in funeral homes and on curbsides and in jails. He held the hands of widows as their young husbands took their last breaths. He held couples as their children passed into the arms of Jesus before they ever got to take a breath. He went to accident sites where body parts were covering the streets and into homes where children had been killed. He poured into couples who sat on the brink of divorce and wrestled through their deepest pains with them. He negotiated gunman with hostages and held hostage's family members while they waited in agony for their loved ones to be released. He talked through questions of faith from "How do you know God exists?" to "Why would God let my husband kill himself?" and everything else in between.

He has selflessly walked through the valley of the shadow of death with friends and strangers alike and he has stared brokenness in the face more than one hundred people combined have in his lifetime. And after walking down into all of those valleys and through all of those shadows, he would come home to have very few who checked on him. And at the end of his ministry when he needed to be poured into the most, there were



even fewer at his side. Many times, he was not recognized for his work or seen for the emotion he put into his job... into his God-given calling.

For thirty years, my father was the embodiment of love and he modeled a life of serving others. It

was the clearest calling that he had in his life – to be a fisher of men, and a giver of hope. And while no pastor goes into ministry with the intention of being praised or recognized, the church has often forgotten that they are still human.

That they still bleed. That they still have burdens. That they still have their own valleys and their own shadows.

They have forgotten that no one, not even the pastor, is immune to pain, and a need for hope to be extended to them. When tragedy strikes and no one knows who to call for help, usually the first suggestion is, "Do you have a pastor you can call?" No one ever thinks about who the pastor can call when it's them in the midst of crisis.

There was yet another young pastor who lost his life to suicide this week after struggling with depression and anxiety. I am so broken over it. Church, if this is not a wake-up call to invest in our pastors and their families, I don't know what is. Things like this don't just happen overnight. Mental illness is a real thing among Christian leaders and the weight of trauma in ministry is even more real.

Church, if not us then who?

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Friends, we shouldn't have to need a month that tells us to check in on the shepherd of our flocks. We shouldn't be confined to just one month to pray for the leaders of our churches. Can you please not sit on this a day longer? Reach out to your pastor. Pray for your pastor. The weight that's on their heart is so much more than just Sunday mornings behind the pulpit. Come back to your pastor years after they met you in your brokenness and remind them that they aren't alone in theirs, either.

So who do you need to call today? Check on your strong pastor friend. Your phone call just might be the one they need.

My wish that every church going person would really read the words of this daughter, AND then do everything in their own personal power to let their pastor and pastors know that they are truly loved and appreciated and that they would, will, do everything in their power to love them and lighten their load.

God Bless our Pastors

~ Barbara Peterson



The Rev. Samuel James and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mundell established the first named Fund to benefit Jenner's Pond. It is their dream that distributions from the fund will be used to inform, inspire and involve members of the Jenner's Pond community by supporting holistic programming for the benefit of residents, staff and related family members.

The Mundells established the Fund as an inclusive and nurturing expression of their life-long Christian commitment to thoughtful dialogue, interfaith relations, and building bridges of understanding emphasizing Judeo-Trinitarian Christian faith traditions. Seminars, workshops, conferences or events underwritten by the fund may address complex topics such as, religious traditions and practices, ethics, social justice, peace, emotional health, wellness, grief, death and dying.

Betty, a retired home economics teacher, believes opportunities for learning must be ongoing and available to residents, staff and families. Jim, a retired Mechanical Engineer from Southco, Inc. in Concordville, attended and graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary's summer program. He continues on staff at West Grove United Methodist Church as the Associate Pastor. The Fund is a natural extension of the Mundell's lives, careers and passions.

When Betty and Jim retired and moved to Jenner's Pond in 1995, Betty was inspired to try quilting when she joined a quilting group offered by Beverly Rhoades. Her first project, a table runner, graces a

table in their cottage. Today Betty concentrates on smaller pieces such as twin size quilts, throws, table runners and hangings. She buys fabrics when they travel. One of her favorite places to shop is Alaska. Her quilting studio is bursting with fabrics, patterns, tools and projects. Betty enjoys making pieces that support the Jenner's Pond community and create a handmade treasure.



Jim and Betty Mundell

In addition to his pastoral duties, Jim Chairs the Simpson Foundation Board and Jenner's Pond Philanthropy Committee. He is a member of the Jenner's Pond Benevolent Care Fund Committee, Community Advisory Council, Investment Club, Director of the Jenner's Pond Chorus and was a founding member of the now retired Golf Classic.

Nurturing and enriching the lives of others is a shared passion for Betty and Jim ... The Mundell Fund is just the newest expression of their life of service.



BACK: PHOTO: Betty and Jim in their Jenner's Pond Cottage
LEFT: The Rev. Jim Mundell with the original page, Epistol Chapter 15, from a 1611 edition of the King James Version of the Bible
ABOVE: Betty Mundell in her quilting studio

A Word from Our Trustees

When we think of allergies, pollen, bee stings, and peanut butter may come to mind. However, did you know some people have extreme sensitivities to certain perfumes, fragrances or other aerobic scents?

A recent *Americans With Disabilities* audit of our church brought this to light. While we haven't had any issues so far, please be mindful when wearing perfumes or fragrances that the person next to you may have a reaction if it is overpowering.

Moderation is a good thing!

With thanks for serving, Your Trustees.



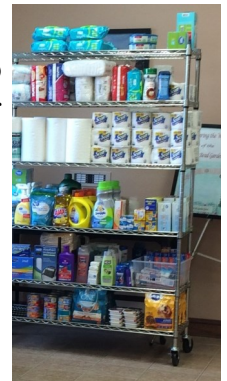
Penn Township Community Picnic

The weather was beautiful and the picnic well attended, and there were many visitors to our booth! We had folks that became informed

about the RAP group, teens who learned about dodgeball and youth group, lots of interest in the rummage and consignment sales as well. Our visitors were touched that we were giving away full sized Bibles. Many asked questions about the version and were happy to have a contemporary version that was easier to read. We had well over a hundred visitors and have already received two calls from that interaction. This is WGUMC's third invitation to have the free tent with table and chairs. Next year, we hope to have a lot more people from our church sharing their enthusiasm for all the different programs we offer.

SUKKOT BOOTH

Keep an eye out for the Sukkot Booth in the lobby in November. We will be collecting food for the holiday season to stock our Food Pantry.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3rd

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services

From the earliest days in the church, community has gathered to remember those who have gone onto the glory. On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished tradition has been important in this congregation for many years.

We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 4th during both services.

Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 30th. It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.





Sunday, October 27th

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Join us for our annual
tradition**

Trunk

- Or -

Treat

You are invited to join us in this fun-filled, safe way for children to experience the joy of trick or treating.

We will have vehicles lined up in our parking lot with fun, themed decorations and treats for children.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors, and get ready for games, crafts, stories, a hay-ride, music, snacks and of course trunks with treats! Sign up to bring your decorated trunk.

We'll move the trick or treating inside if it rains. Whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together! See you there



Save the Date!

Wednesday,

November 13

6:30-8:00 p.m.

More details to follow.

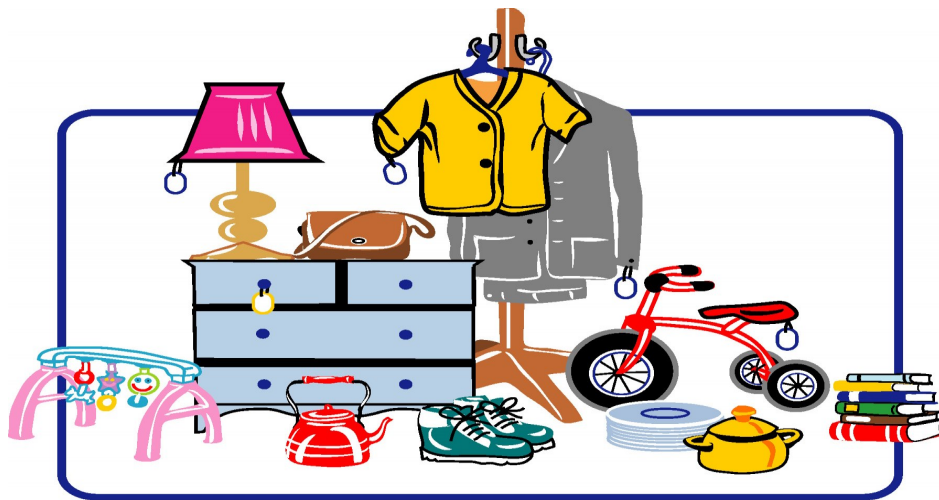
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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



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.**



A family enjoying the Prayer Bead Garden during the Open Market.

The Prayer Bead Garden

Jesus is calling you to come and sit awhile with Him.



A Prayer from Our Prayer Ministry Team

A United Methodist Prayer: Turning to God in Days of Trouble

Life brings good days and bad. From natural and human-made disasters to personal struggles, we all face tough times. God is always there to comfort us. "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15)

On those days that end in "why," this prayer reminds us of God's constant presence in our lives.

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Dear Lord,

When all we have left to do is cry out in the midst of the pain, give us hope.

When our tears feel like the only way to quench our thirst, remind us of your providing presence.

When loneliness seems overwhelming,

Make your presence known.

This world seems so full of death and destruction, but you are a God of life and restoration.

Mold us into an unwavering people of grace, passion and love that cannot ever be ignored.

Amen.

This prayer was written by the Rev. D.G.Hollums.

The video was produced by United Methodist Communications in Nashville, TN.

Media contact is Fran Walsh, 615-742-5458.

This video was first posted on March 9, 2017.

Open Grow Serve



- ⇒ Serve with Family Promise (Joan Leaman: jmleaman@comcast.net)
- ⇒ Give time with Food Pantry (Karen Hruz: khruz@hotmail.com)
- ⇒ Sort clothes at Rummage Sale (Fran Miller: jmille8698@verizon.net)
- ⇒ Attend Discipleship Charge Conference (Pastor Monica: pastor@westgroveumc.org)
- ⇒ Join United Methodist Men (Pastor Jim: sjmundell@comcast.net)
- ⇒ Participate in a Bible study or Adult Sunday School Class (Pastor Monica: pastor@westgroveumc.org)
- ⇒ Open your heart and appetite to Just Us Ladies Interested Eating Together (Juliets) (Margee Michaels: marjm44@comcast.net)
- ⇒ Come for an afternoon of fun at RAP (Retired Active Persons) (Sara Ann Ramberger: sar57ver@verizon.net)
- ⇒ Share joy with Trunk or Treat trunk or treats! (Melanie Hartley: childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org)
- ⇒ Come crochet or knit with the Knit Wits (Margaret Rubincan: margaretrubincan@gmail.com)
- ⇒ Serve those caring for their children at Ronald McDonald House (Nancy Duvall Nancy.duvall@comcast.net)
- ⇒ Share love with our littlest ones in the nursery (Amy Castaldi ahass17@hotmail.com)
- ⇒ Share God's love with a note of caring with college students, homebound, or those recovering from surgery (Pastor Monica pastor@westgroveumc.org)



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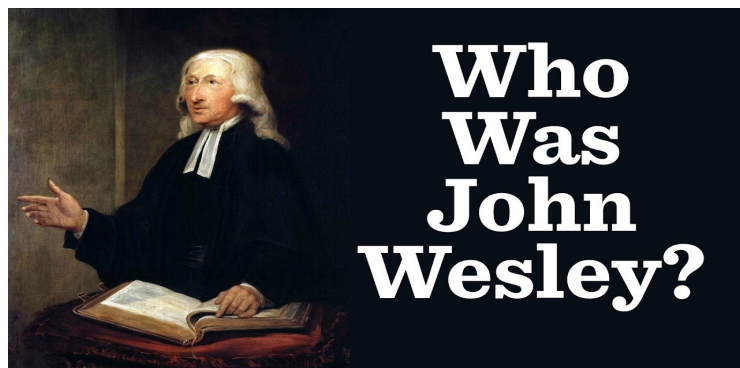


PRAYER MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING

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 October 8 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.



The Life and Times of John Wesley SUNDAYS: OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 3 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. IN ROOM #5.

As the United Methodist Church discerns a way forward as a denomination, it is important that we remember the roots from which we have sprung. John Wesley, the originator of the Methodist Movement, lived in a tumultuous time in English history and also went through many personal crises in his lifetime. Thankfully, we have his Journal to illuminate his spiritual battles and the development of his deep personal faith.

This course will inspire you in your own growth as a Christian, and will give you pride in our Methodist heritage. The course will be taught by Dr. David Frame, retired United Methodist pastor, and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

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 studying 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 meet 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 October 16 @ 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'S MINISTRY



October 13, 8:30 & 11:00 services

Rehearsals will be Sundays, September 22, 29 & October 6 from 10:45-11:00 a.m. in room 3.

Contact Melanie

(childyouthdirecto@westgroveum.org)

or Joan Leaman (jmlehman@comcast.net) with any questions! Children ages 5- grade 6 are invited!

All Worship Sunday

October 6: 8:30 & 11:00 Services

Children are invited to participate in worship on communion Sunday, so that all can partake in the sacrament together.

We provide worship packets and hands on

toys to keep our kids engaged and teach them about worship.



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! **Come play with our friends, especially during the 11:00 a.m. service.**



If you are interested in serving once a month, please contact Amy Castaldi at hass17@hotmail.com or 610-468-4321.

What's happening on Sundays:

Our children have been busy bees in Sunday school!

The children have been learning about Noah and the Ark through building, bubble art, rainbow snacks and imaginative stories about some other characters in the narrative.

Our next unit will be **Jacob and Esau beginning on October 27.**

Our Children's Sunday school program 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.

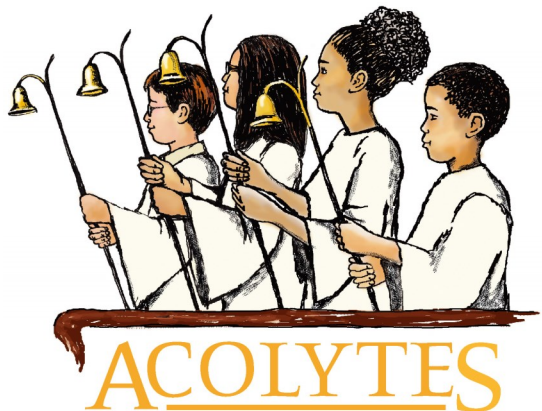
For information or questions , contact Melanie

Calling all third and fourth graders!

We are looking for new Acolytes.

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.

Children generally serve once a month.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth

The program year is off to a great start! We started the year off with gutter ice cream; we've played some new games and are exploring what it means to be made in God's image.

On September 29, we played Laser Tag and we are now getting ready for

Trunk or Treat!

We have a great group of students who have a blast together!

Upcoming Youth Events:

October 27: Trunk or Treat

November 24: Movie Night

December 22: WGUMC Youth Christmas

Youth Group: Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 pm

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 became reacquainted with old friends and met lots of new friends. They spent the first few weeks of preschool getting to know one another and the teachers. We will be heading to **Milburn Orchards** in the beginning of October for our field trip. It is always so much fun to see the children outside of the classrooms and to be able to interact with the families. We are looking forward to a fun day! Be sure to **check out the fun artwork** that is already popping up on the bulletin boards across from the bathrooms.

Our Children's Consignment Sale is quickly approaching. The sale this year will be **October 18th and 19th**. As you know this sale is a huge fundraiser for the preschool program. The success of this sale allows me to provide scholarships as well as much needed items for the preschool. I am

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

C.M.O. Consignment Sale



SAVE THE DATES!

that you aren't using anymore!

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



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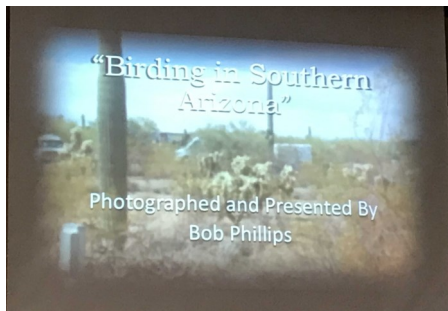


Retired Active People



RETIREED ACTIVE PEOPLE (R.A.P.)

RAP resumed meeting on Friday, September 13 with about 38 in attendance. Thank you to all who provided delicious desserts, and those who helped our leaders, Cindy and Mike Haley, with the setup and cleanup. Thank you Pastor Monica for welcoming us back for a new program year and for offering our prayer. We extend a very special thanks to our members, Bob and Janet Phillips, for a great and interesting program of their experiences of "Birding through Southern Arizona."



Our next gathering will be held Friday, October 11 at 12:00 noon. Sara Ann Ramberger and Paulette Bryan are Co-Leaders for the day, as we **welcome**

Ray McKay to present a program entitled, ***Silly and Archaic Laws Still on the Books.***

Everyone is invited. Please join us for an afternoon of good friends, great fellowship, lunch and a very interesting presentation. Bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided.

We continue this year with members co-leading each monthly gathering. We are still in need of leaders for our March 2020 meeting. If you are interested, please let Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net know of your interest.

United Methodist Men



Join the United
Methodist Men on the
fourth Mondays of the month
around the LanChester Connection.
October 28th at Union UMC
In Nottingham
6:45- 8:30 pm
See Dick Price and Pastor Jim
for more information

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, October 12** 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!

UMW FAITH CIRCLE



FAITH Circle returns after a refreshing summer break! We will meet on **FRIDAY, October 18 - 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



STEWARDSHIP



WEST GROVE UMC FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our church financial status remains stable through August, 2019. For the month of August, we received income of \$27,293 and incurred \$37,696 of expenses resulting in an excess of expenses over cash received in the amount of \$10,403. This was primarily due to prepayments for propane and our mortgage. For the year-to-date eight month period ended August 31, 2019, we received total income of \$261,910 and incurred total expenses of \$258,902 resulting in an excess of cash received over expenses in the amount of \$3,008.



Apportionments have been paid through April leaving an outstanding balance of \$18,008. We will review our apportionments again at the end of the next calendar quarter in October.

Marc Simmons, Chair of the Finance Committee

Seeking and Following God's Plan: Our Future with Hope

Out of Sustainability Assessment with Kirby Smith Associates, our strategic planning team met all summer. Our 2020-2023 strategic plan will be shared as we begin our stewardship campaign, Seeking and Following God's Plan: Our Future with Hope. Thank you for your feedback and interviews to Kirby Smith Associates that help guide our vision along with prayer and discernment.



Look in the mail for a report of how we impact our community for Jesus and stewardship commitment card in mid-October.



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 (FULFILLED)	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

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY



Ronald McDonald House Dinner for Families On Sunday, October 6,

our church is honored to prepare the meal for

families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Delaware. We need approximately 8 volunteers. You can carpool to Delaware arriving at 2:30 p.m. where you will cook and serve a buffet style meal to the families who are staying there due to an illness. Things are done by 6pm and you can return home knowing you gave a hand to someone in need.

Contact Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470 or email her at janicesemail2@gmail.com with questions or your interest in volunteering!

Family Promise

The basic issue is that the demand for affordable housing in Chester County has outpaced the supply, and this has caused costs and rents to rise. A large number of affordable homes and apartments that have been renovated and now demand higher rents than local wages can support.

Not only is it expensive for many families to stay in Chester County, but it's often too expensive to leave, as well. These families have children in the school district, relatives nearby, and jobs in the community. Without access to transportation and no robust bus or subway system to commute, leaving would mean losing all income. This is not to mention the costs of moving and the financial strain of gathering deposits and first and last month's rent for new rental properties.

Contact Joan Leaman jmleaman@comcast.net as we host families **October 20–27th.**

8.4% of our neighbors are Food insecure.

Maybe you are one of them.

Our Food Pantry is now open the second and fourth Thursdays of the month

4-6pm. Starting, October 10th

Help us feed our neighbors:

- Contact Karen Hruz to volunteer for an hour or two a month.
- Pantry Shopper - Shop reimbursed for inventory items on Tuesday or Wednesday
- Day of Shoppers - Shop reimbursed fresh items before 3pm on Thursday.
- Set up Pantry on Thursdays.
- Greeters - Arrive on Thursday at 3:30 pm to greet guests.
- Personal Shopper - Escort guests through pantry.
- Check out Sheet Completer - record shopping trip.
- Contact Janice Bowers to donate coolers for fresh food.
- Giving groceries to the pantry with needed items like pastas, canned chicken, laundry detergent, and jelly.



REACHING OUT MINISTRY/ UMC ~ TANZANIA, MOROGORO UMC

Missionary Newsletter SEPTEMBER/October, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We send our love and greetings to all of you from the beautiful, sunny, and very hot Morogoro! You have been the essential element in our persistence. Your prayers and words of encouragement have been our strength. Your generosity has sustained our mission in Morogoro. We give thanks for you every day and pray the Lord's blessing on you and your family. May He grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers. Psalm 20:4&5 Below is a brief report of our mission



CLEAN WATER: Finding clean water is a daily challenge for Masai people, who start each day walking miles to fetch dirty water from the nearest stream. Your generous financial donation has enabled us to dig two wells: one at Mangaevillage. The impact the well made on the village is immediate and life-changing. When the well brought water, we saw on the faces of the Masai people something quite moving. We could sense and see their joy and happiness - all

because someone cared enough to provide funds enabling tous to dig a well so that they can receive one of the necessities of life: water. Thank you!

SCHOOL DINING HALL: The construction of the dining hall has been completed. Our students can now able to sit on chairs and eat from the table. Your generous donation has enabled us to create The school dining hall provide not only a safe environment for our students to socialize, but also a clean space for the well-being for the health and well-being of our students. We say thank you.



CHILDREN MINISTRY: Teaching and playing with the children is one way we bring joy. "It never ceases me how simple drawing bring enjoyment so very much to the children," said Ngoy. For the past three months children have been learning the parables of Jesus. Each Sunday they would draw a picture or image representing Jesus' parables. Teaching bible stories to these kids has

been a true blessing. I love watching these little ones learn and think as well as express what they learn through drawing.

ELDER MINISTRY: Ministering to local elders is a privilege we hold dear. We are blessed to call many of the elders friends. They humbly accept our prayers and small gifts. Currently we are serving twenty elders. This month each elder received 5 kg of salt and soap. It is heart wrenching to see extreme joy and thankfulness on the face of someone simply because you hand them a packet of salt and soap. Such a simple gift means a lot to someone who has no income. Also, each received a massage, check his/her blood pressure and malaria.



YOUNG WOMEN SEMINAR: We have just completed a seminar on "Trusting and Following Jesus' steps." The seminar started Monday morning and we shared 16 hours of teaching in three days. What amazing hunger and endurance of the young women that sat on chairs in an open sanctuary with temps in the 90's. To see these women with notebooks and pens, making notes like they are back in school, has been heartwarming. The whole study has been very beneficial and refreshing to the church. We can't wait for another seminar as we are



determined to do it once every three months. Please pray for us as we strive showing God's love to these young women.



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN KIGOMA AND MOROGORO DISTRICT: Church constructions are underway. We are teaching on what a biblical church should look like. This is an important step in our church planting process. Please pray that we will be able to finish building these churches soon. Currently two churches in Kigoma district are under construction: Chabutwa UMC and

Kalalangabo UMC. In Morogoro district, two classrooms are under construction. These classrooms will serve as a place of worship on Sundays and as classrooms on weekdays.

MOROGORO PASTORS SCHOOL: Through his church planting ministry, Umba equips lay leaders to become ministers in Morogoro. In July, Umba hosted 10 student pastors for a discipleship training program, challenging each pastor to live into the Great Commission, to go and make disciples and baptize them in the name of Jesus. Our days have been filled with wonderful churches and other ministry services, preparation and outreaches, study and then more study, missionary fellowship, lots and lots of travel...thankfully, God's daily blessing and grace on the kingdom labor in Morogoro and Kigoma districts.



SUSANNAH WESLEY TRAINING CENTER: Our sewing ministry continues to share the love of Jesus throughout the community, both in word and in action. Our aim is to see women and young girls become disciples of Christ. Our approach is holistic in that we minister to both the body and the spirit. With the skill and knowledge given to them, these women are able to earn a living and avoid becoming trapped in life of violence and abuse.

SUSANNAH WESLEY DISPENSARY: Susannah Wesley dispensary is a simple grass-roots solution to identified elders need. We assist them in accessing and receiving needed social and health services through ongoing case management, support and referrals. The number of elders needing our service is increasing rapidly.

JUNIOR AND FRANK: It is a tremendous joy and blessing to have Junior and Frank attending Christian Scholl in Forth Worth, Texas. Again, we say thank to McFarlin UMC, Prosper UMC and New Covenant UMC for making their dreams alive. We pray that God will continue to guide them during their time in the USA.



Prayer requests: Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work and to strengthen us as we continue to be Christ's hands and feet in His kingdom. Please pray that we continue to be faithful witnesses in our communities and in the various ministries in which we are involved.

OUR MISSION NEEDS: **To provide clean water to communities. Anyone who wants to suggest or contribute to this need please send us an email to ukalangwa@umcmmission.org **Dear beloved and friends, assist us to raise salary support for us to continue serving in God's mission. Ngoy's advance number is # 15162Z and Umba's advance number # 14211Z ** We also encourage you to enter in a covenant relationship with us. **To train pastors, we need monetary donations for pastor's food, housing, and transportation from and to Morogoro. **Medical equipment and drugs

Thank you, dear friends, for your faithful support of our ministry at Morogoro. May God return it to you pressed down and overflowing! Many thanks again! Blessings, Ngoy and UmbaKalangwa

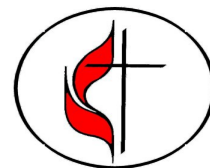
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS



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**



2020 Tools for Ministry

Saturday, March 7, 2019

Eastern University/Palmer Campus

1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087-3696



**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!

Event for

Clergy

Candidates for Ministry

Certified Lay Ministers

Laity

Thursday, October 24

9 am - noon

Berwyn United Methodist
Church

140 Waterloo Avenue

Berwyn, PA 19132

Light Refreshments

Registration Fee: \$20

(scholarships available)

Please let Pastor Monica know if you are interested

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