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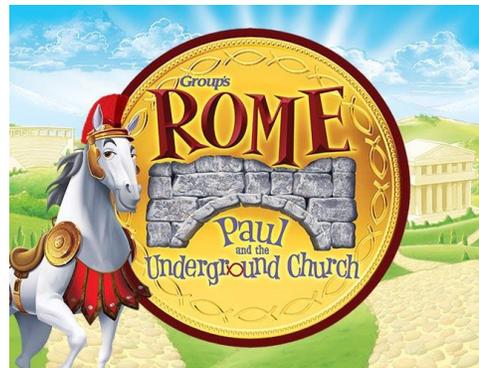
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Get Ready for Vacation Bible School



This summer at **Vacation Bible School** kids will experience the thrill of visiting ancient Rome and meeting Paul in his prison cell! They will be transported to ancient times where they will meet early Christians hiding in a cave, visit a Roman marketplace, race chariots and more.

This five-day VBS encounters Paul and the Underground Church where kids learn God's love is a gift, it changes us, is always with us, saves us, and is worth sharing.

West End's VBS will be held Sunday, July 30 through Thursday, August 3 --- 5:45 – 8:45 PM and is for all ages – children through adult. A lite dinner will be provided for all. We are seeking leaders and helpers to help with this endeavor. If you are available to serve in this thrilling adventure, contact Terry Tynes or Lisa Boettcher.



A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Fewer people today are using cash and checks for their financial transactions. Some people don't even carry checkbooks, and cash in the offering plate is no longer tax-deductible without documentation. As a result, churches have new options to expand their giving opportunities. Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? West End offers **electronic giving** for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Why not embrace technology when it can aid the church in its financial planning and provide an easy way to give and meet your stewardship commitments?

To sign up for electronic giving simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.weumc-pva.org,
- 2) Click on the Donate button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



I WILL WALK
ABOUT IN FREEDOM,
FOR I HAVE SOUGHT
OUT YOUR PRECEPTS.

PSALM 119:45, NIV

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Message From Our Pastor

It's been two days now since the 2017 Virginia Annual Conference ended and I can truly say that this year's Conference was truly a blessing. I want to share with you some of my thoughts about this year's annual gathering:

A Walk Down Memory's Lane

Annual Conference always begins with separate sessions of both clergy and laity; for us clergy there is worship, reports and matters involving clergy that need a vote. As my friend and colleague, Rev. Bobbie Henley and I entered the room where the session was being held, she reminded me that it was three years ago, in that very same room, that we were presented as candidates for ordination and (for me) recognition of my previous ordination. We both praised God for getting us through that process. I also thank God for the members of West End, during that time, for giving me your encouragement, your prayers and your patience as I went through the process. Three years! To God be the glory for the things God has done!

A New Thing

The theme for the 235th Virginia Annual Conference was "**A New Thing**"; based on Isaiah 43:19. That phrase had meaning on so many levels this year: (1) this was the first Annual Conference presided by our new Bishop, Rev. Sharma Lewis; (2) the presence of the Holy Spirit was more pronounced than I have ever experienced since going to Conference; (3) the sense of community was much more heightened this year – we were truly "one in the Spirit, one in the Lord" and (4) a new sense of purpose for our Conference and our church was clearly defined.

I personally walked away from this year's Conference with a renewed energy and focus and direction for Ministry here at West End UMC and beyond the four walls of this church. As I look back on this Annual Conference experience and look forward to this new clergy year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018), I want to share with you some "take-aways" I got from this year's conference:

1. I was truly **inspired** this year. From the first day of Conference to the last day, it was evident to the vast majority of us that the Holy Spirit was in the room. Understand I'm not just talking about in the worship services. God was with us in the business meetings, as well. The Bishop frequently reminded us that even when we disagree on issues, the one thing we should always remember is that we are Christians who serve in the United Methodist Church. Bishop Lewis truly has a pastor's heart and she cares about God's people, both within and without the church. She is an inspiration to me and other clergy and laity that I've spoken to and I am committed to be the kind of servant-leader that West End UMC and this community needs.
2. Speaking of the "business" side of Conference, I am more **informed** not only about the inner workings of our boards and agencies, but about what other churches around the Conference are doing in ministry. The "**Glory Moment**" videos that were shown at different intervals of the meetings showcased samples of the missions and ministries going on in our connection. I confess that I was beaming with pride as our church was showcased right before the Bishop preached. It is interesting that when I got back to Portsmouth and stopped by the grocery store and was in the line paying for my items, that the person behind me (whom I hadn't really noticed) said to me that he "really

enjoyed seeing the video about Cars for Christ". I turned around and noticed that he was wearing a necklace with the United Methodist symbol and I asked about his being at Conference and what church he attended. He told me that he was a member of a UM church in Chesapeake and that he was going to see to it that our Cars for Christ ministry would be printed in their next newsletter. West End family, we never know who is noticing us and what impact our ministries have on others. We are called to continue doing "**new things**" in the community and for the cause of Christ.

3. I was **encouraged** by the words and actions of presenters/facilitators, lay and clergy at Conference. The words of the Bishop to us clergy in particular were **enabling** and has **emboldened** me to do "new things" in this new clergy year as your pastor. Both in the "Chat and Chew" sessions with clergy and in the general meeting at Conference, Bishop Lewis told us pastors (and I'm paraphrasing here) that she was **setting us pastors free to do new things**. She told us that as long as what we did was "biblically correct, theologically sound and in keeping with the Book of Discipline, she was setting us free to be innovative in our ministry settings. West End, I have been set free to be all that I can be as a pastor, in Christ Jesus and with the Bishop's permission. God gave me a vision for this church when I came here and God is still speaking to me about in what direction the Holy Spirit wants me to lead this congregation. I love you all with a pastor's love and I want nothing but the best for this congregation. God continues to speak to me about leading you to another level of ministry in and with the community. I am also encouraged to develop and start new initiatives for ministry within our church family.

I have listened to your concerns and will be working **more** closely with the leadership of this church to carry out a ministry that is biblically sound, theologically correct and in keeping with the Book of Discipline. I plan to have regular leadership team meetings, the dates will be confirmed after I speak with each of the chairpersons. I am a trainer, it's one of my gifts and in this next clergy year I intend to use this gift for the people of West End and in the community. I have been inspired, encouraged and emboldened by the Holy Spirit to look at ways to make the worship experience more spiritual for **all** our members. What this means is that worship will not always **look** the way West End is used to. I watched how clergy and delegates responded to the changes in the worship services at Conference this year and it did my heart a lot of good. God is doing a **new thing!** Bishop Lewis reminded us that everyone will not be on board with doing new things – she talked about those famous seven words: **We've never done it this way before**. She kept repeating that as long as what we do is biblically correct, theologically sound and according to the Book of Discipline, it is ok to do **new things**. West End family, pray with me and pray for me as I lead this church as your pastor to do new things.

Now doing new things is not limited to the work and ministry of the pastor. God doesn't just give the pastor a vision. God speaks to all of us, the question is, are you willing to listen and act on God's word. I encourage all of you to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you and move you to do new things in the church as well. Talk to me about what ministry initiatives you would like to see happening in this church – Leon Jackson did and now we have Cars for Christ; Georgia Garrison did and some of our members are now PTA members of Westhaven Elementary School; Susan Cohen did and we had Camp Christmas; Tricia Bright did and we had the A-Z Summer Camp; Sue Williams did and we have

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Stairways to Success (our A-Z Festival for Youth came out of her vision) and Lisa Boettcher did and our Ballet troupe now has a bathroom and dressing room on the second floor of the Sanctuary Building.

Bishop Lewis had this to say at Conference about vision: from her perspective **"A vision translates a purpose. People who have a vision find new, creative, fresh and innovative ways to do ministry."** She went on to say that **"Leaders passion, plus the congregation, plus the community needs, equals a shared vision"** and she repeated several times that **"When (our shared visions) intersect, [that it is] God speaks"**.

I'm sorry if some of you think that my message is "too long", so I'm going to end it with this: Bishop Lewis introduces us to the new ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference and had us repeat it several times. I am requesting that the vision statement be printed in the bulletin, on all newsletters and posted on our web and face book pages: **"The ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influences others to serve."**

To my beloved West End family, the clergy appointments have been "fixed" and I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve as your pastor for the 2017-2018 clergy year. I'm excited about this congregation doing **new things** for the Kingdom of God.

- *Pastor Lynda*



Food Pantry is Greatly Used

West End's Food Pantry is open on Thursdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Thank You to all who continue to donate items for our **"Food Pantry Sunday"**, the third Sunday of every month. The item being asked for on...

July 16 will be peanut butter and jelly and

August 20 will be spaghetti sauce (with meat is nice)

We are asking each person who reads this to bring an item and place it in the altar basket or put a donation in the plate on the rail that day.

Your donations are a blessing. You don't have to wait until Food Pantry Sunday to bring donations to church. When you go food shopping for yourself, throw a few extra things in your cart and bring them to church on any Sunday. Cash donations are also accepted to purchase additional items as well.

Dinner and a Movie at West End

An evening of fun and fellowship has been planned for **Sunday, July 16, at 5:00 PM**. A light meal will be provided followed by a showing of the movie, **"The Shack"** (popcorn provided). The movie is based on The New York Times best-selling novel which takes us on a father's transformative spiritual journey following a tragedy and crisis of faith, as he questions God's existence and life's purpose. The father's journey will transform audiences of all ages. This movie is one you will want to watch over and over.

Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy the evening with your church family. **Anyone needing transportation to attend, please contact the church office and arrangements will be made to provide a ride.**



Join Us for a Birthday Celebration Covered Dish Luncheon

Save the date of **August 20th** after church. We will have a Birthday Celebration Covered Dish Luncheon. We plan on having 12 tables and everyone is to sit at their Birthday Table. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to decorate your Birthday Table. Please bring a covered dish to add to the fun. Birthday cake and ice cream will be provided. Also drinks and rolls. We will not plan on any particular meat so if you want to bring a casserole that would be great. After lunch plan on staying and playing some Corn Hole or other games. This will be a great time for all of us to get to know something new about our Church Family members. Hope to see you ALL there!

Lancaster Pennsylvania Here We Come

Join us **November 28, 29 and 30, 2017** when we take a **bus trip to the Amish County**. This trip is open to anyone who would like to go. The cost is \$385.00 for 2 per room; \$360.00 for 3 per room; and \$345.00 for 4 per room. The first deposit of \$100.00 is due July 26th, then \$100.00 on August 26th and the remainder on September 25th. Deposit should be given to Nancy Clark and check made payable to "Venture Travels".

There is a Flyer at the church with the itinerary, so pick one up and share it with your friends. The more the merrier. We will have a great time!

UMCOR School Kits to VA Conference

Many thanks to members of our congregation for their generous support of the **UMCOR School Kit** program. Through the collection of the designated supplies since our last United Methodist Annual Conference, West End has prepared 107 school kits which were turned in this year at the Annual Conference in Hampton on June 16th. We will begin collecting items again as stores in our area begin to have sales on the needed supplies prior to school opening in September. The items are collected in the narthex of our sanctuary. Items can contain no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols. Only the following items can be placed in the kits:

- Blunt scissors (no plastic scissors)
- Single subject spiral notebooks, top bound white paper (8 ½ X 11), loose leaf paper (no more than 150 sheets per pack), NO hard back composition books.
- Hand held pencil sharpener (must be 1 ½ inches long)
- Ruler, hard or flexible
- Unsharpened pencils (*6 in each kit)
- 2 ½" eraser
- 24 count box of crayons

These items are placed in cloth bags provided by the United Methodist Women. Only the items listed above can be placed in the bags. However, if other items are collected, they will be donated to Westhaven School for use by their students.



Choir Members Enjoy Health, Spiritual Benefits

By Christopher Fenoglio*

There they are, on the seventh page of the United Methodist Hymnal, "Directions for Singing" from John Wesley, the founder of Methodism: "Sing all... Sing lustily and with good courage... Sing in time... Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing... So shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

Rewards in heaven? Sounds like a good enough reason to sing in a church choir. But what is it about singing that seems to be part of our Wesleyan DNA? How does singing help choir members enjoy a greater understanding of how and why we worship our God, a deeper connection with one's church and community, and even better health?

A common statement about singing in church is "To sing is to pray twice." Although the statement is often attributed to Augustine, the actual author is unknown. Still, the sentiment is true. Music is an art form that lifts up ordinary text to another level that inspires us and nurtures our souls.

"Music is an integral part of how we relate to God," says the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, program director of the United Methodist Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek, Oregon, and leader of the **Great Hymns of Faith Retreat**. "It is how we understand at a deeper level what goes beyond words, what our relationship is with the Divine, and how we are shaped together as a community of faith." Of all the art forms, "music is one of the most easily accessible type of art in worship," says Bartlett. "There's nearly always an opportunity to open your mouth and make music together with the rest of the people in that service. Right there you've got an opportunity to experience the Divine in a different way than just to listen to someone read about God," she says. "By singing in a choir, music becomes the conduit that brings us together in a very safe and equal environment," says Palant. "We come together in worship, in song, in prayer, to learn and to be better citizens of this world."

Better Health

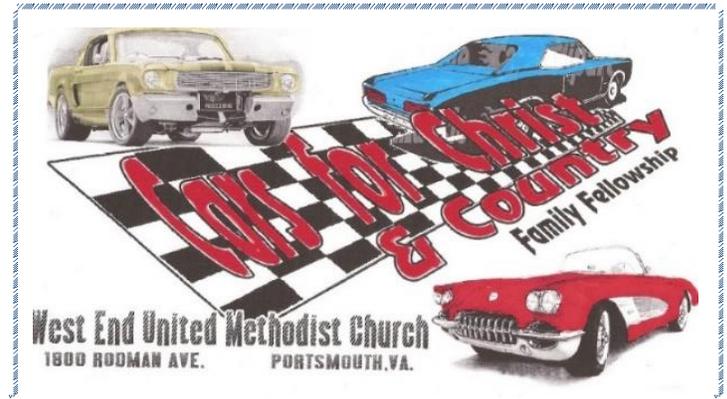
"We believe singing in a choir and other creative arts can promote healthy aging," says Dr. Julene Johnson, a University of California at San Francisco professor and founder and director of the Community of Voices study. "The creative arts do that." A similar study on the health benefits of singing for older adults is being conducted in Finland. Preliminary results suggest that community choral singing does indeed provide a better quality of life for participants. Increased lung capacity and greater oxygenation of the blood resulting in improved alertness are all associated with singing. Singing is also good for the brain, especially when memorization is involved. "Singing is of great interest to neuroscientists as it would seem that there is more of the brain given over to the processing of music than almost any other activity," says Dr. Graham Welch, professor at the Institute of Education in London. So with this evidence that one's health is improved through singing, how important is singing to our faith as United Methodists?

"It all goes back to Wesley's words 'Do all the good you can,'" says Palant. "This is the outlet that singers choose to act upon those words. Choir members find their spirituality and their faith through song and through the choral community."



A huge **Thank You** to the **devoted choir members and praise team members** who selflessly devote their time to rehearsal and performance each Sunday! You are always a blessing to the service! Thank you for your hard work and sharing your lovely voices!

The choir is officially on summer break during July & August. This is an opportunity for those who have special talents to provide summer anthems. We ask for people to sign up to do special music throughout these months. This means that when you sign up you need to meet with our music director to make arrangements for accompaniment. Please see Susan Heely for reserving a date to perform! Also, be considerate of our Church staff and allow advanced planning! Last minute preparation is very difficult. We love having our congregation and friends sharing their talents! Contact Susan at susanheely@gmail.com or 757-650-3052.



Join the fun and fellowship of the West End United Methodist Church Cars for Christ & Country Fellowship

When: The Second Monday – **July 10 & August 14** – 4:30 PM till dusk

Where: West End United Methodist Church
1800 Rodman Avenue, Portsmouth, VA
[at the corner of Greenway Ct W. & Rodman Ave.]

Why: To enjoy a fellowship for lovers of Classic, Modified, Hot Rod and Cruiser automobiles and motorcycles

Light Dinner, Fellowship, & Friendship will be provided for all participants!

For more info contact: Leon Jackson (757) 277-5519 or Roger Everett (757) 729-3459

Brought to you by your friends, enthusiasts & fellow car lovers at West End United Methodist Church

Electronic Giving – With This New Option Available and Trying To Be a Good Steward Of Our Money.

We are asking that our members please let Nancy Clark know their preference for making their Offering to our Church. Please pray about this and answer the following question:

- I would like to continue to receive yearly Offering envelopes
- I would like to sign up for Electronic Giving – you will receive a card that you can put in the Offering plate stating that you give electronically.
- I do not choose to receive envelopes, I will use those provided in the pews, if needed.

There will be slips in the bulletin that you can fill out and return with the Offering or you can mail them to Nancy Clark, 4009 Dartmouth St., Portsmouth, VA 23707 or e-mail her at gran12@cox.net.

Your Response To This Will Be Greatly Appreciated!

“Experiencing God” is Coming to a Close

The West End UMC’s **Bible Study, Experiencing God**, is coming to a close. What a dynamic study it has been. Much has been learned while studying and exploring our faith. All of those who participated have received a deeper understanding of what God has given us and what He wants us to do with what He has taught us.

Anyone who missed out, stay tuned we will have future studies in the fall of 2017. Look out for all the detail of a fun and wonderful summer study that is detailed in the following article.

“Parables from the Fishin’ Hole” will be Beginning in August

You won’t want to miss this. On Thursday evenings at **5:30 PM on August 10, August 17, August 24 and August 31**, we will be watching one of four episodes of **“Parables from the Fishin’ Hole”**. We are all familiar with the parables in the Bible, but that’s not the only place you’ll find them. Actually, parables are just short, simple stories that contain a moral message.

“Parables from the Fishin’ Hole” gives us several biblical principles to consider by inviting us to visit life in Mayberry by way of episodes from “The Andy Griffith Show”. The study provides insights into human nature that are as relevant today as they were in the 50’s---and they are great fun too.

Donations will be received for the meal which will precede the study. So, stay tuned and save the dates for four evenings of fun, fellowship and biblical insights. Each evening is a stand-alone episode so that vacations or other obligations that make it impossible to attend all the episodes will not have an adverse effect on your enjoyment of the study. Plan to attend and enjoy revisiting life in Mayberry and the group time which follows each parable. **Call the church office for transportation.**



Congratulations to all of West End's Graduates

HANNAH LEIGH BRIGHT graduated from Churchland High School in June 2017 and plans to attend Tidewater Community College in the Fall. She is the daughter of Michael Bright and Tiffany Bright, granddaughter of Harvey and Tricia Bright, and great granddaughter of Lila Cox.

MAGGIE COGGSDALE graduated from Churchland High School in June 2017 and plans to attend Old Dominion University in the Fall. She is the daughter of Lorrie Coggsdale.

ASTELL GOODWIN graduated from "Achievable Dreams" in 2017 and will be going into the first grade in the Fall. She is the granddaughter of Stella Johnson.

CHLOE HOUSE graduated from I. C. Norcom High School with honors in 2016 and was accepted into the Apprenticeship Program for Marine Engineering. She is the daughter of Angela House and granddaughter of Bob and Terry Tynes.

ASHLEY REEDER graduated from Waters Junior High School in June 2017 and will be going to high school in the Fall. She is the daughter of Angela House and granddaughter of Bob and Terry Tynes.

BAILEY ZYDRON graduated from Old Dominion University in May 2017, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Mechanical Systems and Design. He is the son of Michael A. and Elizabeth Farless Zydron and grandson of Ann Farless.

Liturgical Dance Team

West End’s Dance Team has weekly practice on Saturdays. They meet in the “karate room” on the 2nd floor of the Education wing at 1:00 PM. The class is open to boys and girls ages of 3 years and up. Mrs. Ellen Clayton is the instructor. Anyone who would like more information or would like to register their child can contact the church office at 397-7815 (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) and give their child’s name, age, and phone number.

They plan to perform on the 5th Sundays during the year. Their first performance was on April 30th and was beautiful. Their next performance should be Sunday, July 30th. This will be such an inspiring ministry at West End.

Joy, Thanks, & News



To my Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for the beautiful cards, your calls and prayers that I received during my last health crisis. God is good and I am feeling a lot better.

Love, Ruth Baker



The **United Methodist Women** met on June 21st. A program about Blessings was given by the Circle of Ruth. Prayers and concerns were solicited especially for our district superintendent Wayne Snead who is having some heart issues. The treasurer's report was given by Georgia Garrison and it was reported that there is \$1,618.50 in the treasury. A vote was taken to increase the pledge to missions from \$1,850.00 to \$1,860.00. The vote was second and unanimously passed.

The Mothers' Day bulletins brought in a profit of \$348.00 and the Father's Day a profit of \$311.00. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The UMW sent 108 school kits to conference. A big Thank You goes out to all who bought scissors, erasers, paper, etc. to fill the school kits and especially those who bagged and boxed them.

Just a reminder that the nominating committee will need to meet soon to fill a couple of positions including President and Secretary. That committee consists of Kelly Brown-chairman: Joyce Geluz, Beverly Collins, Tricia Bright and Lisa Boettcher.

Some upcoming district events include:

- July 28-29th – Mission Encounter at Bon Air UMC in Richmond. The cost is \$99.00. If anyone is interested in attending see Nancy Clark.
- Church Women United Forum August 10th at St. Andrews UMC
- Church Women United Human Rights Celebration on Sept. 1st at St. James Episcopal Church. 10:30 AM gathering with 11:00 AM Celebration.
- District Annual Meeting Sept. 23rd.
- The next West End UMW general meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday instead of the 3rd in September. That is Sept. 27th. Circle of friends will present the program and refreshments.

The UMW hopes everyone enjoys their summer!



FREE MOVIE
 & free popcorn & drink
 for our community
 3rd Saturday of each month
 Begins Saturday, July 15
 2:00 PM

See Sue Williams to volunteer to help out.

We are Recycling Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags

West End has begun a new **recycling program**. If we are successful we will receive a bench made from our recycled efforts. This bench can be placed at the corner of Rodman and Greenway Court for our neighbors who stand there waiting for their school bus each day.

What can be recycled?

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc and other reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags

All plastic must be CLEAN, DRY, and FREE of food residue. Your plastic bags and wraps will become Earth-friendly composite decking and railing and such. There is a recycling bin in our social hall for this project.

This project was presented to us by the Portsmouth Humane Society. They are always looking for volunteers. Training will be provided, just ask Pastor Lynda.

The Wesley Class

The **Wesley Class** held their class meeting/Summer picnic at the home of Vernna and Roger Everett on Saturday, June 18, 2017. Vernna and Roger had a wonderful picnic and the Wesley Class didn't let rain quell our enthusiasm for spending time with each other. We had a wonderful lunch of BBQ, corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, fruit, and delicious desserts.

We started a new Summer Unit in Sunday School learning about the Judges in the Old Testament. We encourage anyone looking for a way to fill your heart with the spirit of Jesus Christ in a special way; the Wesley Class is waiting for you.

We have some exciting times scheduled for the upcoming months, including our trip to the Amish Country just after the Thanksgiving holiday, so please join us and change your life, every Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Our class is located in the Dill Chapel – ask anyone you see, they will point you in the right direction. Please come join us in study and praise, we promise you'll be glad you did.

The Asbury Class

The **Asbury Class** continues their Max Lucado study entitled "In the Grip of Grace". All are welcome to join in this discussion class. Their class is located through the double doors in the front of the Chapel building. They begin at 10:00 AM. The lessons and thought provoking questions are sent out as an email attachment each week. Contact Sidney Goldblatt if you would like to be put on the list to receive this. You don't have to be a member to attend this stimulating series. We've always got a seat on the couch for you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays for July:

- 1 – Mark Goldman
- 5 – Sue Williams
- 5 – Ashley Reeder
- 17 – Georgia Garrison
- 23 – Mallison Bright

Birthdays for August:

- 2 – Tyler Brown
- 3 – Chloe House
- 8 – Donald Garrison
- 18 – Avon Burton

Anniversaries for July:

- 11 – Mark & Donna Goldman - 1981
- 12 – Donald & June Garrison

Anniversaries for August:

- 12 – Peggie & Jerry Gower
- 21 – Alfred & Avon Burton – 1946
- 25 – Harvey & Tricia Bright – 1979
- 27 – Michelle & Joe Becerra



OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Sat. Liturgical Dance practice* – 1:00 PM
[*=every Saturday]
- 2 Sun. Sunday School - Adults* – 9:45 AM
Sunday School - Children* – 11:00 AM
Holy Communion – 11:00 AM
[*=every Sunday]
- 3 Mon. Office closed
WE Praise practice* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Monday]
- 4 Tues. Independence Day
Office closed
- 5 Wed. Men's Bible Study* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Wednesday]
- 9 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
- 10 Mon. Cars for Christ – 4:30 PM
Trustees Meet – 7:00 PM
- 11 Tues. Ministry Team Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 12 Wed. Free piano concert in sanctuary – 2:00 PM
- 15 Sat. Free Movie Matinee – 2:00 PM
- 16 Sun. **Food Pantry Sunday** – peanut butter/jelly
"The Shack" movie and dinner – 5:00 PM
- 18 Tues. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 23 Sun. UMM breakfast and meeting – 8:00 AM
Missionary Support Offering Received
"WE Praise" @ worship
- 26 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
1st Lancaster, PA deposit due
- 27 Thurs. Serve breakfast at Oasis – 6:00 AM
- 30 Sun. VBS – 5:45-8:45 PM
- 31 Mon. VBS – 5:45-8:45 PM

Our Stewardship Corner:

"Whose Job Is It?"

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got mad because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Here's hoping this doesn't sound familiar. Our Nominations and Leadership Committee will be meeting soon to prayerfully discern God's will for the leadership of West End in 2018. Knowing that each of us has the Holy Spirit to guide and enable us in our service, consider saying "yes" to God if you are asked to serve in a leadership position for the coming year. Don't settle for less than all God intends to do through your life and your church as He walks with you.

****The next newsletter deadline is Sunday, August 20.**

At this time all news for our summer months – **September** will be due. You can e-mail your articles to queenbeez@cox.net, give them to Susan Cohen (editor), or put them in the Communication mailbox in the Dill Chapel hallway.



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- 14 Mon. Cars for Christ – 4:30 PM
- 15 Tues. Nominations Comm. Meets – 7:00 PM
- 19 Sat. Free Movie Matinee – 2:00 PM
- 20 Sun. **Food Pantry Sunday** – spaghetti sauce
Newsletter Deadline for September After Church Birthday Luncheon
- 23 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 24 Thurs. Serve breakfast at Oasis – 6:00 AM
- 26 Fri. 2nd Lancaster, PA payment due
- 27 Sun. UMM breakfast and meeting – 8:00 AM
Missionary Support Offering Received
"WE Praise" @ worship

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesdays, July 26 & August 23. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, July 27 & August 24. If you would could help with this, please see Iverson Garrison.

Other Opportunities at West End:

The **2017 Altar Flower calendar** is in the narthex for anyone who would like to place flowers on a particular Sunday morning during the year. If you have questions, please call the church office for assistance.

There is a **2017 Liturgist calendar** in the narthex for anyone who would like to help with the liturgy during a particular worship service during the year. If you have questions, please see William or Ginger Collins, our Liturgist Coordinators.



Portsmouth Community Concerts
presents

Thomas Pandolfi

– international concert pianist –

*Come and experience this live,
educational journey featuring musical
selections from Chopin to Gershwin!*

Wednesday, July 12 @ 2:00 PM
West End United Methodist Church

**All music students/teachers and senior
adults are invited to this free
program! (all are welcome)**

**For more info, please call or text
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Special Music Addition Sunday, June 4



Simon Thurston & Susan Heely

Pentecost Sunday Sunday, June 4



Pastor Lynda Moore in new robe

Cars for Christ - Monday, June 12
-Come to the next ones on Mondays,
July 10 & August 14-



Father's Day Worship
- Sunday, June 18



Iverson Garrison, Shelby, Anna, Julia Maye,
 Missy & Steve Rapp

Circle of Ruth Present Program
on Blessings at UMW General
Meeting - Wednesday, June 21



Georgia Garrison, Joyce Geluz, Ruth Baker



Circle of Friends Compiling
Father's Day Bulletins - June 15



Joe Cohen, Anna & Sidney Goldblatt, Steve & Missy Rapp



Julia Maye - voice of "Table"