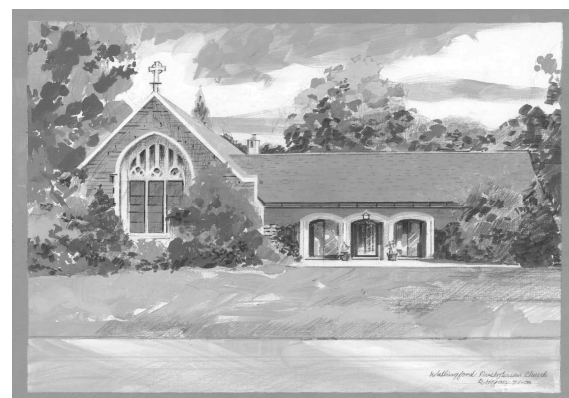


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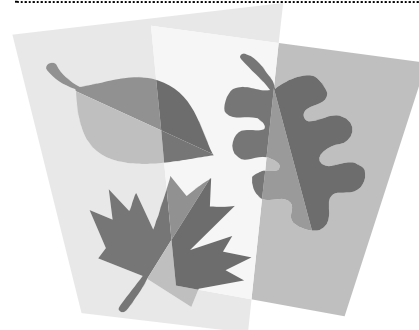
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Spirit Song—October

Interim Pastor's thoughts...

Greetings to you my new brothers and sisters in Christ at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. As I write these Interim Thoughts I am enjoying the last few days of my break between interim positions, saying my last farewells to my colleagues in New Brunswick Presbytery, and beginning to make the transition to serving as your Interim Pastor. I look forward to working with you through the months ahead, and to sharing in the pastoral care and leadership of your congregation with Rob Ross and the officers of your church.

Over the coming months, I will use this "Interim Thoughts" column as a way of communicating the unique tasks we have ahead of us as we move through this Interim Time. I will talk about things like Coming to Terms with History; Exploring a New Identity; Allowing for New Leadership; Exploring Denominational Ties; Strengthening Spirituality; and Transitioning to New Pastoral Leadership. These are the tasks that all congregations face as they move through the transition from one called pastor to the next. It is a time of looking at our Christian faith as it has been, and as it will be. It is a time of exploring together what it is Christ is calling this

congregation to become, and how you will witness to your calling in the community that surrounds you.

This is an exciting time, a challenging time. It is not a complacent time, or a time of holding in place. I look forward to sharing this time with you, to learning more about you, and to sharing more of myself with you. I will be with you for the first time in worship on October 2nd, and preaching for the first time on October 9th, but I am already with you in my thoughts and prayers. We are in the process of planning three opportunities for you all to gather to meet me and join in conversations about our time in ministry together. These "Meet and Greets" are scheduled for:

- ◆ Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 PM
- ◆ Sunday, October 16th at 12:15 PM
- ◆ Monday, October 24th at 7:30 PM.

I hope you will join me for one of these opportunities for you to learn a bit about me, and me about you.

In Christ's service,
Paul Rhebergen

World Communion and Peacemaking Offering October 2

9:30AM-Sunday School
9:30AM-Worship Service
10:30AM-Fellowship Hour
11AM-Worship Service
Nursery Childcare all morning!

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down walls that divide. Our congregation will receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, when Christians around the world celebrate our unity in Christ. As we receive bread and cup, we celebrate Christ, our peace, and are renewed to pass Christ's peace to those around us and across the world!

- ♥ 25% is retained by congregations
- ♥ 25% is used by presbyteries and synods
- ♥ 50% is allocated to General Assembly ministries

Caregivers Support Group First Tuesdays, 7:00 PM October 4

This small group is a gathering of folks who have found support in sharing the journey of caregiving together. A time to check in, shared readings and wisdom, and an occasional speaker highlight the informal conversation each month. Drop in when you are able and find encouragement, friendship and partners in prayer. Why not give yourself a place and a people to gather and give strength? First Tuesdays, 7PM Questions? Contact Barb Demos 610-565-2696, barb.demos@gmail.com

Book Look: Book Discussion Group Meets every other month Third Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Come take a look at the Book Look discussion group! **Nov. 15—Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese** Each session, participants pick up their own copy of the book from bookstore or library, read, and come with questions and comments. A good way to stir your thoughts and get to know folks. If you have any questions about the Book Look group, please contact Chris Darr 610-874-2415, Walt Kaminski 610-565-5644, Russ Kinder 610-521-2784 or Dolores Thomas 610-566-9360. Join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD UNITED

For the past more than 40 years our Circles have offered the Women of Wallingford a chance to journey together and follow where Christ has led us in worship, fellowship, and service to our world. This year **ALL** of the women of our Church family are invited to join in new opportunities for Christian fellowship.

The new united **WOW Circle** will be meeting at the Church on **Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will include a light dessert, a fellowship time, and a time to share in a Bible study that relates to our busy and varied lives. All women of the Church are invited and encouraged to join this new group.

You'll see Stars at the Fall WOW Breakfast – Saturday, October 15th at 9:00 am.

Get in the holiday spirit early and have fun learning a new craft. We'll begin with a continental breakfast and then Barbara Demos will teach us how to make Moravian Stars. No experience necessary and all supplies will be provided. Bring a friend and we hope to see you there.

Genuardi's Electronic Scrip Rebate Program – We encourage everyone to join this program to have a portion of their grocery purchases go to the Church for Mission projects. Please stop by the Customer Service Desk at a Genuardi's and ask to sign up for the eScrip Rebate program. You will need to provide the Church's group number which is **1024046**. After you sign up for the program, the amount of the rebate will automatically be calculated each time you shop at the store and swipe your Genuardi's Club card. The funds are then sent to PWW by Genuardi's. Please note that if you have signed up for the program in the past, please check at the store to see if you may need to renew your sign-up. Please contact Susan Schwarz at the Church Office if you have questions.

Donate Extra Paper Products – Do you find that you have left-over unused paper plates, napkins, or cups after a party? Don't know what to do with these odd numbered items? Why not donate them to the Church. We can use these for Coffee Hour or other social events at the Church. Please drop them off in the Kitchen marked for PWW.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF WPC?

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND CLASSES SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 2 AND 9 AT 12:00NOON

Gather with other seekers for lunch and to talk about what God is up to in your life, how the church might fit in, ask questions you've always wanted to ask, and to be challenged to grow in the life of faith. In three sessions, you'll get a broad view of what it means to make the commitment of church membership and take the leap into the adventure of Christian discipleship. Childcare provided by reservation. Please call the church office 610-566-1644, ext. 0 to register!

Weekdays

WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE COMMUNITY CLASSES Gentle Hatha Yoga

8 wks.-tuition \$40
Tuesdays beginning 10/4
Beginning class 8:30-9:45am
Intermediate class 9:45-11:10am
In our own Fellowship Hall

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McAdoo, Barbara Meahl,
Kenneth Rose

Class of 2014: Judy
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Winton

From the Clerk of Session

At the August 29th meeting session:

- ◆ Approved Reverend Paul Rhebergen as the interim Head of Staff pastor for one year starting October 1, 2011.
- ◆ Approved the baptism of Matthew Ryan Abate, son of Laurie and Daniel Abate. This sacrament will be on September 25, 2011.
- ◆ Approved the baptism of Kayla Ryan Hartley, daughter of Jennifer and Ryan Hartley. This baptism will be on October 23, 2011.
- ◆ Gave permission for Pastor Rob to baptize the child of friends on October 16, 2011 at the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, VA.
- ◆ Learned our income to date is less than projected budget.
- ◆ Approved the hiring of Paul Cato and Brent Stanfield, both students at Swarthmore College, as part time youth interns.
- ◆ Members are reminded the next meeting of the Philadelphia Presbytery is on September 27 at the Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church starting at 10:00AM. We are permitted 3 elder/commissioners. Anyone who has been ordained as an elder may be a commissioner. If you would like to be a commissioner please tell Barbara Meahl of your interest.

Barbara Meahl, Clerk



It is amazing to believe, but summer is over and the Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School has begun its 56th year! So much has changed since the nursery school began, but what is still the same is the wonderful children and families that the school attracts year after year.

The first event of the 2011-2012 school year was Parent's Night, which was held on Wednesday, September 7th. It was here that the parents had a chance to meet each other as well as their child's teacher. They learnt about the philosophy of the Co-op and got to spend some time in their child's class learning about what the goals and expectations for the year will be. On Friday, September 9th, the children got to meet their teacher and their classmates for the first time as they attended the Drop In Day and Back to School Picnic. Then, finally, on Monday, September 13th, the school year finally began. For some, there were tears, and for some there were smiles (these from both adults and children alike!) but by the end of the first week, there were more smiles than tears as both the adults and children realized what a happy, loving place they were in.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled and rich school year. As always, we at the Co-op truly appreciate the wonderful support that WPC provides us!

The Fellowship Team of the Care Council Invites YOU To celebrate with us aboard the Wilmington & Western Railroad Autumn Leaves Excursion

Join us for a memorable and moving celebration as we travel by train through Delaware's historic Red Clay Valley. We'll pass grazing horses, wooded forests, 18th Century mills and even a covered bridge!



Date: Saturday, October 29 **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Departure time: 2:30pm (arrive 30 minutes prior to departure)

We can meet @ WPC for carpooling at 1:30pm or meet you there

Location: Wilmington & Western Railroad Greenbank Station,
2201 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, DE 19808

Cost: \$20 per person (includes the train fare and a light lunch)

Check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church—note: train ride

RSVP: to Kristine Rafter (krisrafter@verizon.net or 610-565-1988)

Deadline for response is: OCTOBER 12

For more information about the W&W Railroad visit the website at www.wvrr.com

SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, November 12
“A social extravaganza to be announced”

Concerns/Celebrations of our Church Family & Church News

We are one body in Christ...related to each other by the love of God between us. One of the ways that we celebrate our unity is by continuing to hold each other, especially those of us struggling, in daily prayer.

This month we prayed for:

- ♥ Holly Renegar's nephew, Josh Conley
- ♥ Beryl Kubik
- ♥ Ed Donahue
- ♥ Joe Hawkinson
- ♥ Cliff Seglem
- ♥ Eileen Berges
- ♥ Max Switala
- ♥ Those undergoing tests and awaiting procedures
- ♥ Walt Kaminski
- ♥ Don and Joan Heneberry
- ♥ Muffie Kelk's mom and dad



Our sympathy as a church family goes to:

- Dale Hastings and family on the loss of her husband, Berk Hastings on 8/27.
- Ken and Mary Rose and family on the loss of Mary's uncle in September.
- Bill and Louise Heilig on the loss of Bill's father, Ollie Heilig on 8/25 at the age of 103.



- Jeff and Dottie Celebre on the loss of Dottie's father, James Petric on 6/28.

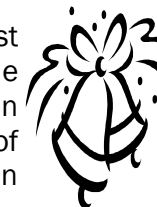
Blessings of love and joy on the birth of:

- J a v i e r Celebre to Ben and Lisa Celebre on 3/14. Jeff and Dottie Celebre are the proud grandparents.
- Justin Matthew Yost to Derek and Ann Yost on 8/25. Andy and Kay Yost are the proud grandparents.



We celebrate:

With Evan Ernest and Sallie Anderson on their covenant of marriage on September 10.



With Jon Emmons and Kristin Ginanni on their covenant of marriage on August 19. Jon is the son of Jeff and Karen Emmons.

With Rocky (Bob) and Jean Rock on their 65th wedding anniversary on October 23.

SUNDAYS

OCTOBER 2, 9 & 16
9:30AM ADULT FORUM
WHO, WHAT ARE WE WILLING TO FORGIVE?

In the Reception Room on Sundays Oct. 2, 9, 16 in 9:30am Adult Forum, Ken Wells will facilitate discussion on this topic, using a sheet of questions each Sunday on separate themes related to 3 scriptures from the Gospels. We'll look at

- ♦ *Crime & Punishment* John 8:2-11
- ♦ *Sacred Things & Not-Necessarily Sacred People* Mark 2:23-28
- ♦ *Reflecting on Why We Gather as Christians* Mark 2:13-17.

This Bible Study arose from clergy of 14 Frankford churches in N.E. Philadelphia which 24 year old drug addict Sean McCullum burglarized within 2 weeks (Ken's church twice)

to support his habit. The Ministerium pondered, "Are we satisfied to have him locked up, see that he gets rehabilitation, with his sentence to include restitution? Maybe we could visit him in prison? And how central to our faith and practice is the loss of our computers, audio systems, and desecration of our sanctuary by the loss of our altarware?"

How would you respond to Sean if he stole Wallingford's chancel wall cross and had it melted down? What guidance does Jesus counsel in our scripture passages?

MISSION & SERVICE

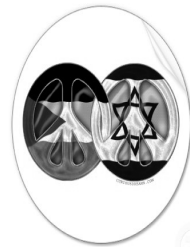
The Pantry Brigade
Thanksgiving foods

The WPC Pantry Brigade is collecting foods associated with Thanksgiving—stuffing, sweet potatoes, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, etc.—during the months of October and November.

One Sandwich Makes A Difference

Since June, the Outreach Council has delivered 35 Sandwiches every other Monday to Chester Eastside.

We will be collecting food on the following Sundays: 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18.



WHY IS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ELUSIVE?

CAN MUSLIMS, JEWS AND CHRISTIANS SHARE THE HOLY LAND?

WHAT CAN I DO?

STEADFAST HOPE: A CHRISTIAN-JEWISH EXPLORATION OF THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Challenges common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, presents a compelling snapshot of the present situation on the ground, and offers a guide to the challenges that lie ahead in the quest for peace.

Steadfast Hope offers an inspiring view of the activities currently being undertaken by Muslim, Jewish, and Christian peacemakers working for justice and reconciliation.

“Steadfast Hope: A Christian-Jewish Exploration of the Struggle for Justice in Israel-Palestine” will be offered at Wallingford Presbyterian Church for eight weeks beginning Wednesday Sept. 21st from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. until November 9th.

Wallingford Presbyterian Church
110 East Brookhaven Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

Questions or to register: www.wallingfordpres.org

Wednesdays, September 21-November 9
7:30-9:00PM

OUTREACH COUNCIL

The Outreach Council continues to look for ways to spread the word of God through activities that reach out beyond the borders of our church.

Steadfast Hope, an 8 week study of the situation in Israel and Palestine

- Shepherding, to assist new members in the process of joining the church
• Sandwich making to feed the hungry at Chester Eastside
• Movie night
• Cupcake decorating (II)
• Pie Making (with Deacons)
• Healthy cooking
• Single parenting
• Divorced and separated support
• Maintenance and repair support (possibly with Trustees)

If you want more information, or are interested in helping, contact one of the council members: Teresa Ahern-Sawyer, Dwight DeWerth-Pallmeyer, Walt Kaminski, Liv Mansfield, Lise Meloy and Jen Nicholas.

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14. Our Position in the Kingdom of God

Aliens and Strangers on earth (Hebrews 11:13 NIV)
Ambassadors for Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20)
Believers (1 Timothy 4:12, Acts 5:14)
Born Again (John 3:3, 7)
Brethren (Romans 8:29 KJV)
Brothers (Romans 8:29 NIV)
Children of God (Romans 8:16)
Chosen and Ordained (John 15:16, 19)
Citizens of Heaven (Philippians 3:20 NIV; Luke 10:20 TLB)
Co-Heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17 NIV)
Friends (John 15:14-15)
Heirs of God (Romans 8:17)
His Workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
Joint Heirs (Romans 8:17 KJV)
More Than Conquerors (Romans 8:37)
New Creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17)
Saints (1 Corinthians 1:2)
Saved (John 3:17)
Soldiers of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
Sons of God (Romans 8:23 NIV)
Souls (1 Peter 3:20)
Spiritual (Galatians 6:1)
Strangers and Pilgrims on earth (Hebrews 11:13 KJV)
Vessels unto Honor (2 Timothy 2:20-21)
Victors (1 Corinthians 15:57)
Workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)

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AMBASSADOR HEAVEN SOLDIER
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BORNAGAIN HONOR SOUL
BRETHERN JOINT SPIRITUAL
CHILDREN MORE STRANGER
CHOSEN NEW THAN
CITIZEN ORDAINED VESSEL
COHEIR PILGRIM VICTOR
CONQUEROR SAINT WORKMANSHIP

Welcome two staff people

Welcome Paul!

Paul Rhebergen was raised in upstate New York. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1973 with an A.B. in Religion, and from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1976 with a Master of Divinity. Paul has served the church as a pastor for more than thirty years, in a variety of settings and church cultures, from small yoked-congregations to head of staff in larger congregations; in rural, urban and suburban communities. He has served for 22 years as an intentional interim pastor, and has worked with the Committee on Ministry or Congregational Development Committee in six different presbyteries.



With training and experience in conflict resolution, ministry following clergy misconduct, and ministry following long term pastors, Paul has served as a "tethered interim" in New Jersey since 1993. Paul is part of the IMET/Consortium which provides training in interim ministry for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Paul is married to the Rev Marianne Okkema Rhebergen, who is currently serving as the Transitional Executive Presbyter of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery. They are the parents of three adult daughters: Deborah, Kristin and Rebecca. In his free time, Paul is an avid reader of mysteries and suspense, enjoys walking and hiking, has become proficient at home repair and enjoys traveling with Marianne.

Welcome Jeni!

We are excited to welcome Jeni Pedzinski to WPC's staff as our new youth director! She is 26 years old and has two older sisters. She was raised in Michigan (and has a different idea than I do about what "a lot of snow" means). Her parents are active in the Christian Motorcyclists Association which reaches out to bikers (the motorcycle kind). She attended college in Minneapolis, MN and majored in Cross-Cultural Communication.

After college Jeni worked as a campus minister at the University of Wisconsin and as a banker while leading worship at her church in La Crosse, WI (playing guitar and singing). Jeni has spent significant time overseas and is now attending seminary to prepare for a career in international missions. She is passionate about living for Jesus and eager to get to know the students!

Jeni's first day was September 19th. She met with the HS Youth Group, starting Sunday, September 25th, and will be starting with MS LIVE Time Thursday, October 6th. If you have questions about youth programming or would like to speak with Jeni, you can reach her via e-mail at jpiedzins@eastern.edu.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Bell Choir is looking for two new members for this year. No experience required! While being able to read music is helpful, it is not required. We will train you! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM, and we play about one Sunday per month in worship. WPC owns three octaves of hand bells, but right now we only have enough people to use two octaves. Please consider coming and joining us. If you have any questions or interest, please contact Music Director Liz Braden by email at music@wallingfordpres.org or by phone at 215-738-2227, or speak with any of our Bell Choir members: Lise Meloy, Diane Gerlach, Lisa Baxter, Helene Wastler, Joanne Callahan, Tony Wastler, and Clark Kendus.

Christmas Eve Pageant is coming up soon! Each year at the 6:00 PM service on Christmas Eve, the children of the congregation help lead worship in song and story as we celebrate the birth of Christ. This year children and families of all ages are invited to participate! More information will be available by mid-October, so check the bulletin and website to learn more and to sign-up to participate or help out.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
Sunday November 20, 3 PM - Joint Ecumenical Thanksgiving

Service at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, with a joint choir featuring members of the WPC Chancel Choir and conducted by WPC Music Director Liz Braden.

Wednesday November 23, 7:30 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Taize Prayer Service in the WPC Sanctuary. Come and join us for an evening of song, prayer and silent meditation as we offer thanks and prayer. Rehearsal for singers and instrumentalists wishing to be part of the choir is at 6:30 PM, and the service begins at 7:30 PM.

Sunday December 11, 7:00 PM - Messiah Sing. Join us for this exciting annual event which not only offers the extraordinary music of Handel's Messiah, but also helps prepare us for the Advent and Christmas Season. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Would you like to get involved in the Music Ministry? Would you like to join the choir for the Christmas Season? Would you like to help out with the Christmas Pageant? Would you like to be involved in helping to grow the visual arts used in worship? Contact Liz Braden - we'd love to have you be part of the Music Ministry Team! You can reach Liz by email at music@wallingfordpres.org or by phone at 215-738-2227 (cell) or 610-566-1644 x15 (church).

BLOODMOBILE WEDS. OCT 19 2:00-8:00PM

- Please sign up NOW for the fall blood drive at the church on Wednesday, October 19, either by calling Tom Erickson at 610-565-8458 or online as follows:
- ♥ -- Go to www.pleasegiveblood.org
- ♥ Click blue box in upper right: "Make a Blood Donation Appointment"
- ♥ Enter Sponsor Code "2076" and click "find"
- ♥ Click blue entry on right: "Click here to schedule an appointment to donate"
- ♥ Enter personal information and follow menu"

KIDS IN CHURCH

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!'

Christian Education & Thanks

THANK YOU FOR THE SHOE BOX DONATIONS!

Thanks go to all congregation members who donated their old shoe boxes to the HS Youth Group in September. The youth group used them to make care packages for each of our graduated seniors who are attending a college or university. Using donated boxes helps us keep our costs down so that we can spend more on what goes inside the boxes :-). Thanks so much!



MS LIVE Time Thursdays, 3:00-6:00 PM

MS LIVE Time begins Thursday, October 6th LIVE Time is an after school program for Middle School students that takes place every Thursday 3-6 pm. At LIVE Time, Middle School students have the opportunity to play, study, laugh and learn together. They have a snack and finish their homework first. Then, they burn off some energy with a game, before settling in to study their faith. All Middle School students are welcome, and we are always excited to have newcomers!

HS Youth Group Sunday nights, 6:00-8:00 PM

High School Youth Group is a gathering of High School students that takes place every Sunday evening, 6-8 pm. It is open to all High School students. We spend our time having interesting discussions, playing games, and serving others in need. If you are looking for a place to think in a new way or to find some

new friends, why don't you come on over one Sunday night this month!

Calling all Grandparents: HS Youth Group's Grandparents Day is coming!

Two years ago, we began inviting congregation members in their 60s, 70s, 80s, and even 90s to one High School youth group each semester. "Grandparent's Day" quickly became one of the youth's favorite events of the year. We play some get-to-know-you games, and then settle in for a time of conversation on various topics. The exact date for Grandparent's Day has not been finalized, but we know it will be soon. Be watching the bulletin (and next month's newsletter) for the final date, because we'd love to have you with us!



MEN'S RETREAT NOVEMBER 5-6

The WPC Men's Retreat is only one month away! This will be an amazing opportunity to get to know the other men of WPC, explore the great outdoors and discuss what it means to be a Christian man in today's world. The cost is \$75 per person, and if money is a problem, let us know and we can help! We will leave from the church around 8:00 am on Saturday, November 5 and will return around noon on Sunday, November 6. We'll spend the night at Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center in Stroudsburg, PA. To sign up, just add your name to the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact one of the organizers: Bob Foley, Frank Grunseich, Tom Halley, Jerry Rafter or Pastor Rob Ross.

Weekly CE

Learning Through Scripture Tuesdays, 9:30-11AM-Room 1

A Study of the Book of Proverbs
"Making Life Work: Putting God's Wisdom into Action"

This course will be self-led by the group, guided by the Book of Proverbs and the book by Bill Hybels titled above. Do you need the help of God's wisdom in your life? Have you been meaning to turn to the Scripture? Come join this group to try one taste at a time in this study of bits of wisdom from the Book of Proverbs. Beginners and seasoned students welcome!

Adult Bible Class

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM-Library

Leader: Walter Heindl

Join this group on Wednesday evenings this year for a journey through the Gospels that will inform your understanding of the story of Jesus and renew your faith. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, all Christian evangelists who lived with the church in the first hundred years after the resurrection have unique perspectives on this amazing salvation story. Get to know each of them, and gather a fuller picture of all that God revealed in the incarnation!



Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:30AM-Room 5
Beginning September 11

Leader: Frank Noyes

Beginning with a session looking back at 9/11 and the aftermath The class will discuss our reactions to the attack and consider a Christian perspective on how we as individuals and as a nation responded, with the benefit of 10 years' hindsight. This class will make its way through the year keeping current events in one hand and the Bible in another. Come "do theology" with us as we invest in cultivating faith that thinks and believes.

Christian Education

Volunteers Needed in Children's Ministry

This fall, we are looking for three volunteers to help out with children's education at WPC. If you think you might be interested in serving and shaping the next generation of Christians, please take a look! If you want to learn more, please contact Pastor Rob at 610-566-1644 ext 13.

Children's Ministry Team

We are looking for two volunteers to join the CMT. The CMT is a sub-group of the Education Council. As such, people on CMT have two important roles. First, they oversee and review the ministry that we are doing with children birth through 5th grade. Second, they plan and help carry out various events related to children's ministry, such as the Advent Festival, Sunday School Teacher Appreciation, Rally Day, and Vacation Bible Camp. This is a great way to get started, if you have never served on a committee before.

SPROUTS

We are looking for one volunteer to join the Sprouts Team. This team of fun-loving adults plans and carries out one elementary fellowship/education event each month. This fall, the Sprouts team will welcome a former zoo keeper (and his alligator!), run a cafeteria-style dinner that teaches kids about budgeting, go bowling at Sproul Lanes, and light about a million candles to teach kids about light and its history as a metaphor for God.

Realignment of children's Sunday School classes:

This year, we are expanding and shifting our children's Sunday School classes. This year's classes will be:

- 1) pre-K/Kindergarten,
- 2) 1st-3rd grade,
- 3) 4th-6th grade.

More information on each of the classes is below.

Fall information for Pre-school and Kindergarten Students

Sunday School for children over the age of 2 through Kindergarten continues every Sunday. Our pre-K/K class begins at 9:30, downstairs, in our pre-K/K room. Each week, children will practice sharing and taking turns during play time, sing together, learn a bible story, and create art in response to the story. Children can be picked up at the end of the 9:30 worship service.

Fall information for 1st-6th grade Sunday School

At 9:30, children join their parents in the sanctuary worship service. After singing the first hymn, participating in a few prayers, hearing a scripture passage, and joining in the time for young disciples, children will be dismissed with their teachers to Sunday School. The children spend the first 10 minutes in large group time. There, all the children will sing together, hear the scripture for the day, pray the Lord's Prayer, and dedicate their offering, before being dismissed to their individual classrooms. There are separate classrooms for 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grades. Once in their separate classrooms, children will act in plays, make crafts, participate in group activities, and create crafts which explain, elaborate and apply the scripture lesson they heard in large group in a way that is tailored to their

age group. All children can be picked up in their classrooms at the end of the 9:30 worship service.

If you have any questions about Sunday School, contact Michelle Grunseich (610-892-5282 or medgrunseich@yahoo.com).

Sprouts



Sprouts is a monthly fellowship group for 1st-5th grade students. All students are welcome to attend. There is no charge for Sprouts, and dinner is included in the evening.

October 1st, 6-7:45 PM

In October, our Sprouts will learn about some of the amazing animals that God created, and think about our job to care for and protect them. We will be visited by Jungle John, a former zoo-keeper, who will introduce us to some of his animal friends, including "Wally Gator," a 5-1/2 foot American alligator, and "Julius Squeezer," a 12-foot albino Burmese python. He will share interesting facts and stories about the animal kingdom, and even let the kids touch some of the animals. Afterwards, Pastor Rob will talk with the kids about what it means to be stewards of God's creations - even the ones that look a little strange. At the beginning of our evening, we will make Halloween Bags for the kids who are served by Chester East Side Ministries. The bags will be delivered by our High School students later in the month, when at the CES Halloween Party.

To RSVP or ask questions, call or e-mail Pastor Rob at 610-566-1644 ext 13 or rob@wallingfordpres.org.