

# The Light



## WOMEN OF WORSHIP WOW

### We Made Some Plans

Several of the ladies of WOW met recently to discuss future planning. First on the agenda was a decision on which book to read this summer. A summer book has been a WOW tradition for several years. This year's book looks especially tasty. It's *The Potluck Club* by Linda Evans Shepherd. This is the first in a series of three books about a group of women who meet, share a meal and prayer. Sound familiar?? This book is available through Amazon.com and through the Chester County Library System. At the WOW September meeting, we will share some dessert and discuss the book. Here's a customer review from Amazon to whet your appetite:

This is the way Christian fiction should be written. No cardboard Christian cut-outs of sweet angelic women none of us can relate to. These women are real, just the kind of women I find in my own community. We/they are real, they struggle with their faith and how to live it out in the real world with real life problems and in real life situations. After reading this book you will be affirmed as I was not only as a woman, but as an authentic Christian woman. This book does not hit you over the head with a preachy message, but through the lives of these women you will see real faith, lived out in the real world, from real women. No cardboard Christian cut-outs here.

In October the women of WOW will center around the series "With All Your Heart" by Ray Vander Laan. This series includes DVD segments and a study guide. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

The *With All Your Heart Discovery Guide* (300 pages) includes six sessions. Each lesson...

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- Focuses on passages of Scripture explored in the DVD
- Includes sidebars, maps, photos and other study tools
- Features questions that facilitate discussion and inspire personal reflection
- Includes 30 personal Bible studies to help you deepen your learning experience between sessions, and turn lessons from the past into applications that impact how you live out your faith today.

The companion DVD for With All Your Heart was filmed on location in Timnah, Negev, and Jerusalem.

These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. Individual believers and families will gain vital insights from long-ago times and cultures through this innovative approach to Bible study.

Lessons include:

1. Build Me a Sanctuary – Filmed in Timnah
2. Making Space for God – Filmed in Timnah
3. He Led Them Like a Shepherd – Filmed in Negev
4. By Every Word – Striking the Rock – Filmed in Negev
5. With All Your Might: The Final Test – Filmed in Jerusalem
6. A Well-Watered Garden – Filmed in Jerusalem

The study guide is \$8.57 and is available from Amazon. Please see Jackie Plystak if you'd like to order a copy.

WOW is also planning some "field trips" this year including one to Biblical Tabernacle reproduction at the Mennonite Information Center in Lancaster. This trip will also include some retail therapy at the nearby outlets.

WOW welcomes all women of COL and their friends. We meet the first Thursday of every month. We hope you can find time in your schedule to join us.

## Sharing God's Abundant Love

Katiey Hipkins is recovering nicely. Thanks to all who have been praying for her and her family. Many have asked what else they can do to help Katiey and her family during this difficult time. The Hipkins have set up a website that will provide up-to-date information on their particular needs - especially meals.

There is also a post on the website for a beef and beer event that Katiey's sister has organized for July 11th.

All are welcome to join the website and attend the beef and beer.

Click on the link below, and enter your email address under "Interested in becoming a member of this Community?"

<https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/729307/>



VBS is our summer Christian Education program for children from grades K through 4. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 the week of Monday June 22 through Friday June 26. Registration is on Monday, June 22 and starts at 6:00. Activities include games, crafts, music and of course Bible stories. Oh yes, we do have a snack every night!

Please join us and tell your friends and neighbors.

**Volunteers are welcome.**

## Service to Others Update

Congratulations to the Service to Others team for spearheading a special collection for the Wounded Warriors. The initial goal was to collect \$200.00 which would then be matched by funds from the Service to Others budget. That goal was exceeded for a total of \$570 PLUS the \$200. Well done!

## Are You a POWER Powerpoint User?

If so, the Music and Worship team could use your expertise in developing our weekly worship presentations. The team's goal is to have a group of Powerpoint users to make our worship meaningful and easy to follow using



the screens. Ultimately, we'd like to have a Powerpoint library to use to create the presentations. If you are creative and would like to share this talent, please see Melanie Lohr.

This is NOT a commitment to create a presentation for EVERY week. We're looking to fill the bench. (There we go again!)

# Birthdays *June & July*

I'm a summer baby, so I usually have my birthday as a good summer memory.  
- Sloane Crosley

**Happy Birthday to our Summer Babies! May they make a good summer memory!**

Erik Pollich	06/01	Robert Milley	06/13	Julie Santinelli	07/12
Don Hettinger	06/08	Loren Luke Jr.	06/21	Sue Troyan	07/14
Linda Hettinger	06/08	Morgan Mattson	06/23	Brandon Robinson	07/26
Gretchen Hoffert	06/09	Caroline Marra	06/29	Vincent Craven	07/29
David Graham	06/11	Dylan Heffner	07/08	Chuck Gradowski	07/29
				Jennifer Hoffert	07/31



## Let's Root, Root, Root for the Blue Rocks!

A COL tradition is back! We will have an outing to see the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Saturday August 22. Thanks to those who signed up expressing interest and thanks to Tom Plystak who is the organizer of another great event from the Congregational Life Ministry.



The Blue Rocks may not be major league in playing (although this year could be an exception), but they are major league in FUN! Enjoy the old-time feel of summer baseball complete with between inning antics, hot dogs, popcorn and the great Mr. Celery! We have behind home plate seats for a great view of the action. In addition there will be fireworks after the game.

Sign-up information will be posted soon in the narthex. So save the date and see you at the ballpark!

→ Mr. Celery has been included purely for Tina Sauk's pleasure.

## Welcome to Council!

Church Council welcomes two new members -- **Amy Luke and Sue Troyan**. Thank you ladies for stepping up to the plate (oh no, not another baseball metaphor!). We're glad you're part of the team and we look forward to working with you. In case you didn't know who's on council, here's a list: Brad Petersen (President), Bob Milley (Vice-President), Debbie Bradley (Secretary), Tom Plystak, Karen Pattinson, Melanie Lohr, Dave Graham, Sue Troyan, Amy Luke. Birian Coe is our illustrious Treasurer who attends council meetings, but is not a voting member. Now you may update your scorecard (sorry, but we have baseball fever).

## Be a Part of YOUR Team

Did you know that each of us is a member of a team? No, not a baseball team. Not a bowling league. But a worship team. Weekly worship is at the heart of a Christian's life. Yes, I know that you could stay home, read your Bible, sing a song and say a prayer. That's very nice, but it's not true worship. On Sunday mornings we worship as a group of Christians and the whole is indeed greater than the sum of its parts. There is something very special about being part of a church family who worships together. My dear mother used to say that her week just didn't go right if she didn't go to church.

As you know, worship just doesn't happen. There are roles to be filled to make the experience joyful and complete. We need musicians, readers, communion helpers, ushers, and computer operators. Afterwards we like to enjoy some fellowship with coffee and a snack. If you haven't been part of your team, please join in. Do your part and become an active helper. When your worship team leader requests your help, either in person or via email, be a willing worker in the vineyard. Being a part of worship makes it a more meaningful experience. There are many opportunities and one (or more) of them is within your comfort zone.

# Congratulations to Erica and Katherine



## on their Confirmation

See more photos on our Facebook page.

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### Some words of wisdom about the nature of giving:

Gratitude is an ascending reflection of a descending grace. --Beverly Novak

The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the rose. -- Heda Bejar

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