

✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – October 2019

The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!

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Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM

at Advent Lutheran Church 16 Telford Avenue West Lawn

The Impact of Addiction: **HEALING** through **FAITH**

Please join us for our fourth annual **TableTalk** event! Our speaker this year is the **Rev. Tom Scornavacchi**, co-founder and pastor of Common Ground Recovery Community with a very timely topic. Learn the signs and symptoms of substance abuse; learn about local agencies that help people on their road to recovery; gather resources; hear about the ministry of Common Ground and the role faith plays in recovery. Come join the conversation as we learn how this issue affects our local community and how we can make a difference for those who are struggling with addiction and supporting families who are directly affected.



Where God's grace embraces our brokenness...

Rostered Ministers will be meeting with Pastor Tom at Advent at **4:00** this day for a more in-depth conversation on the topic about how faith leaders can play an integral part in identifying and aiding people/families who may be directly affected by substance abuse. Our discussion will end with a light meal prior to others joining us for TableTalk at 7:00. Please contact Dawn by October 1st if you plan to attend.



**Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 13th at Gring's Mill**

Registration opens at 12:30 PM. Walk starts at 1:30.
Choose from a 1, 3 or 5-mile loop.

Contact Dawn at the WBMD office if you need
CROP Walk materials.

All proceeds benefit Church World Service (75%)
and the Helping Harvest Food Bank (25%).

*Thanks to all who came to our Isaac's fundraiser
on September 5th. We raised \$1,221!*

WBMD FALL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM
at Trinity Lutheran Church
108 S. Robeson Street in Robesonia
Registration opens at 6:15.

Join us for a meal of international foods
which will be followed by the meeting,
where we will hear an update from some
immigrant /DACA students, some of whom
have achieved permanent resident status.
Learn about the work of GRIP and how you
might get involved. We will also be voting
on the **WBMD budget for 2020**.

Each congregation should be represented by
their rostered ministers and 2 lay voting
members. All are welcome!



Cost: \$15

**All students:
FREE with ID**

The **Greater Reading Immigration Project** is
sponsoring an educational/fundraising event on
Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM at Albright's Black
Box Theater.

We invite you to come, listen and learn about the
**Opportunities & Obstacles for Immigrant Youth:
Higher Education and the Job Market**
We will hear from local DACA students regarding
their challenges maneuvering through our higher
education systems and entering the work force.

State Senator Judy Schwank and **Dr. Khalid
Mumin**, superintendent of Reading School District,
have been invited to share their perspectives on this
issue and the ways in which change can be proposed.

Proceeds benefit GRIP Dreamer Scholarship Fund

Your prayers please...

*On Tuesday, October 8, the Johnson-
Agiri family is scheduled for their
asylum hearing in Philadelphia. Please
pray they are granted asylum to stay
safely here in America.*

WBMD Calendar of Events

- October 6 NEPS ice cream tour @WayHar 7pm
- October 8 Rostered ministers at Advent 4:00
TableTalk at Advent at 7:00
Johnson-Agiri asylum hearing
- October 10 Retired leaders luncheon
- October 13 Annual CROP Hunger Walk
- October 15 GRIP education event at Albright
- October 22 WBMD Council meeting at Advent
- Nov. 5-6 NEPS Bishop's Conference
- Nov. 14 **WBMD Fall Assembly** at Trinity,
Robesonia