## ♦ 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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Tabletalk

Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM at Advent Lutheran Church 16 Telford Avenue West Lawn

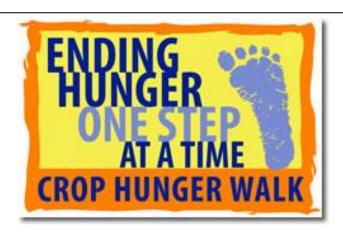
# The Impact of Addiction: HEALING through FAITH

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 indepth 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 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend.



## Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$1,221!



**Cost: \$15** 

All students: FREE with ID

The **Greater Reading Immigration Project** is sponsoring an educational/fundraising event on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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

### WBMD FALL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

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,

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