

FACT SHEET

Church and community groups that rely on the 18 leased parking spaces in lot #5:

- United Methodist Children's Center (65 families have their children in our preschool and 30 employees)
- Large Special Events- Vacation Bible School, concerts, community meetings, Christmas party for families connected with the domestic violence center.
- Sunshine Memory Café- meeting the needs of those with memory issues and their caregivers.
- Wed Dance- A monthly dance for special needs clients at area group homes led by our youth.
- El Buen Samaritano UMC- our Spanish-speaking sister church who shares our building.
- Wednesday Night Out- a dinner program that meets 9 months out of the year. 75 attend weekly. (It used to be 110 until the Borough starting charging for street parking after 5 pm several years ago.) Those who are financially insecure eat for free. The program has been used as a training ground for special needs adults setting up, tearing down, and serving.
- Diane Matthews Dance Company presents a recital every year using those spaces.
- 40 voice choir rehearses weekly.
- Youth group and their leadership.
- Boy Scouts
- Narcotics Anonymous
- United Women of Faith- A large women's group that meets monthly and contributes over \$20,000 to missions work yearly.
- The pastor of our neighboring 2nd Presbyterian Church is allowed to use a space as needed.
- Two local businesses have been granted permission to use our spaces on an as-needed basis.
- The spaces are used for weddings and funerals.
- Daytime Bible studies- with 20 members, many of whom are seniors and wouldn't be able to walk from the parking garage.
- Borough disaster coordinators have used our building during emergencies and make use of those spaces.
- Spaces are used to unload and reload over 50,000 meals during the Rise Against Hunger packing event on Martin Luther King Day of service. 140 community volunteers turn out.
- Spaces are used by those who collect and deliver lunches for Safe Harbor twice a month.

In 2013 Peter Haas, author and commentator on church life, estimated that a church our size generates \$4.2 million dollars in business for a community annually. We have been a center of community in West Chester for over 200 years. If the WC borough council votes to revoke our lease it will be very difficult to sustain and/all of these ministries, resulting in a profound loss for hundreds of people in our community. Please vote to continue our lease relationship.