



## *Vine & Branches Homeschoolers*

*LANCASTER COUNTY, PA*

*"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine, you are the Branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ~ John 15:4-5*

*In a nutshell...*

**WHO IS THE GROUP FOR:** Christian homeschooling families that seek community and shared learning experiences as a supplement to their home-based schooling. This is a cooperative rooted in faith in Jesus and the truths in His Word. We desire this group to help homeschooling families abide in Jesus, to bring Him glory and bear good fruit as faithful parents. All families who apply for membership must affirm our Biblically based Statement of Faith. Each family must have an affidavit on record with their school district here in PA confirming home schooling status OR that their children are under the private tutor provision with the child's parent(s) as the primary tutor(s).

**WHERE:** Northwestern Lancaster County meeting in Ephrata at [Dove Westgate Church!](#)

**WHEN:** Main gatherings will be on **Wednesdays** starting at **9:00 AM**. We aim to offer 3 learning sessions including 2 classroom based and 1 session for physical education, sports, fitness and play for preschool through 8th grade. For High Schoolers we aim to offer 3 learning sessions plus sports and fitness time just following lunch. There will also be a short group devotion time and a shared lunch together. We will meet approximately 10 weeks in Autumn and Spring..

### **WHAT WE AIM FOR:**

- Fellowship, faith and friendship building for parents and children, devotion time as a whole group, prayer for one another, offering encouragement and support to one another and various optional fellowship and sharing events.
- Nursery care for infants and toddlers up to age 2 for parents while they are serving.
- Bible rooted group learning, play and snack time for preschoolers ages 3 to 4.
- Bible rooted group learning for students ages 5 through High School grouped by age and learning levels. Some courses will be offered for different age groupings depending on content and activity.
- Class options will hinge on what our team of families can contribute each term. We may also seek to welcome guest teachers for specialized learning.
- Some High School level classes will provide units of study applicable towards graduation. We aim to offer both elective and some core content studies, knowing core studies will require additional hours monitored by the parent beyond the 1 day a week coop meeting. Some classes may require additional meet ups (some virtual) outside of co-op days beyond the 10 weeks per term.
- Group field trips around learning themes and some group events and activities to enjoy together.

**DESTINATION:** **We believe God is calling this group together to grow and flourish for years down the road so fellowship, community involvement, patterns of learning options and friendships can blossom. We want to encourage both fellowship and skillfully prepared group learning that can be a strong base of support to families educating and training up their children in their own homeschools.**