



In a nutshell...

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

WHO WE ARE: Christian homeschooling families that seek community and shared learning experiences as a supplement to their home-based schooling. We are a co-operative rooted in faith in Jesus and the truths in His Word. We desire this group to help homeschooling families abide in Jesus, bringing Him glory and bearing good fruit.

WHERE WE MEET: Dove Westgate Church, Ephrata PA.

WHEN: Wednesdays: We currently offer 2 learning periods for preschool through high school: 1 classroom-based period and 1 period for physical education. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers while parents are serving. There is also a short group devotion time and shared lunch together. We meet approximately 10 weeks in Autumn and Spring.

REQUIREMENTS: All families who apply for membership must affirm our Biblically based Statement of Faith as well as our Code of Honor. Each family must be homeschooling at least one child with 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. Once accepted, families pay annual and bi-annual dues.

WE VALUE:

- 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.
- Bible rooted group learning for children grouped by age and learning levels. Physical Education will be offered for elementary and up each semester.
- Class options hinging on what our team of families can contribute each semester. We may also seek to welcome guest teachers for specialized learning.
- High School level classes providing units of study applicable towards graduation. We aim to offer electives initially, and some core content studies as we grow.
- Group field trips as well as 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! Fellowship, community involvement, patterns of learning options and friendships will blossom. We want to provide a strong base of support to families training up their children in their own homeschools.