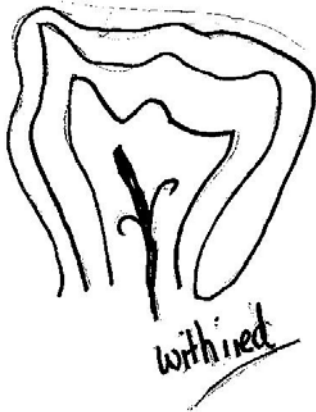
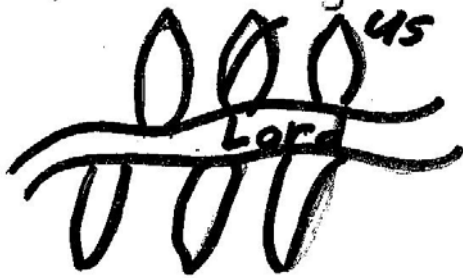


love and growth together / with each other

The Wise Old Gardener  
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The grapes lie on the bunches, the bunches on the vine.  
Some are eaten, some are picked, and some begin to turn to wine.  
The wise old gardener tends the vineyard, needs neither food nor rest.  
Even through the snowy winters, he prunes them to their best.  
The small fruit that other gardeners would quickly discard,  
The wise old gardener knows they will grow, if they just try hard.  
The wise old gardener plants each seed with care, so that it will grow.  
Into something more than any man could possible know.  
Of course there are the sour fruit, or those who fall off.  
Though the wise old gardener continues work, he always mourns the loss.  
As soon as a bunch is harvested, the wise old gardener plants one more.  
Endless work, restless work, but it is a job that he adores.  
A single grape may have no value in another farmer's eye.  
But the wise old gardener truly knows they're all connected to the vine.

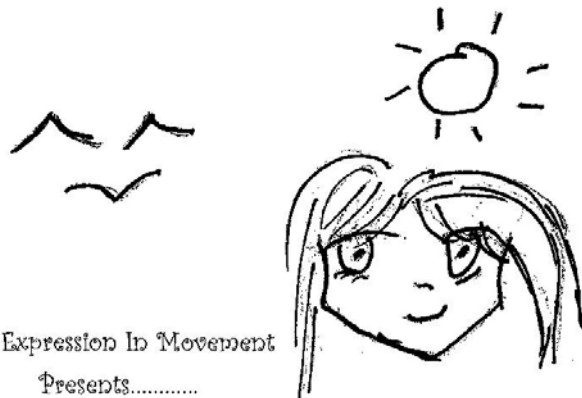
IF YOU LIVE in me, I LIVE in YOU.

Composed and Sung by The Vocal Music Group  
To the tune: You Raise Me Up by Josh Groban  
Verse

- Remain in me and I will remain in you
- No branch can bear fruit by itself
- Nor you bear fruit unless you remain in me
- I am the vine and you are the branches

Chorus:

- You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
- You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
- I am strong when I am on your shoulders
- You raise me up to more than I can be



Expression In Movement  
Presents.....

Interpretive Dance - 'The Vine and the Branches'  
Through our dance movements we will demonstrate life thru  
the vine and branches. The consequences of separation from  
the vine and branches and the choices one makes.

God's Unending Love

Always remember to reach out to those who may have left the  
vine and also to those who want to join our branch.

Enjoy!

Love Jesus w/ all your heart always - and your vine will grow

He removes every branch that bears no fruit  
in me.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS  
APRIL 2010

Submitted by Nancy E. Azar  
BUT  
Created by the Youth of PNEC

What has 180 arms and legs...can sing, dance, draw and play a variety of instruments; can compose music and poetry and create videos; can text message, download, upload; can create prayer using drums; can write liturgy and lead worship and eat a lot of snacks...and are all connected to a vine?

It's the 90 youth, young adults and adults who attended the "R U Plugged In?" Winter Youth Retreat held Friday, Feb.19 through 21. During the retreat we gathered to explore how we find God in our everyday lives thru relationships and technology. That exploration was done via internet scavenger hunts on ucc.org and p nec.org; through praise worship with a "house band" made up of PNEC youth and adults who were in attendance; through the leadership of Rev. Joshua Blakesley, Minister of Youth and Young Adult Discipling, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, who led the Saturday program which included enacted prayers, drama, praise music and worship and through youth creating their own expressions of John 15: 1-8, "The Vine and the Branches", in small groups formed around their spiritual gifts, skills and interests...technology, art and writing, drama and acting, dancing, playing an instrument or vocal music.

My words cannot give a near adequate description of what occurred that glorious weekend SO what follows are but a sample of some of the creative energy of the "blessed branches" who celebrated their connectedness to the True Vine and to one another. Thanks be to God for the team which planned the event, the adults and young adults who acted as group leaders and advisors and for the gift of the presence of the youth!

