



# The Wesleyan Star

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*"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies." Psalm 18: 1-3*

Music can change the atmosphere of any room. Walk from the grocery store with music you know and can sing along to, to a store with music you have never heard, and your apprehension grows. Your shoulders begin to creep up and you are less likely to purchase anything.



We can praise God, hear God, listen for God - all through music. We can fall in love, discern new steps in relationships, break out of unhealthy relationships - all through music. Elton John famously,

"music has a healing power. It has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hours." Music can call us back to reflect on God and God's praise when we have been reflecting on ourselves. It is so easy to focused on one idea or problem to the exclusion of seeing where God is moving. Music opens our ability to use different centers of the brain, when we may otherwise feel constrained. Listening to, playing, reading, and creating music involves practically every part of the brain. In the book "This Is Your Brain on Music," Daniel J. Levitin explains that listening to music first involves subcortical structures like cochlear nuclei, the brain stem, and the cerebellum. It then moves up to auditory cortices on both sides of the brain. And when you hear music, listening also involves the memory centers in the brain, such as the hippocampus and lowest parts of the frontal lobe. Tapping along with the music gets your cerebellum involved. Reading music involves the visual cortex, and listening to or recalling lyrics will involve language centers in the temporal and frontal lobes.(3)

Steve Bell, a noted Christian singer-songwriter, leaves it to others to parse the theological implications of his art. But of this he is certain: "I just know that when I sing and I play, things happen for folks that I can't really control. They seem to be good for the most part, but I do see that there's a tilling of soil." 1

Music touches our brains and souls in ways that sermons and speeches do not.

### WHAT MUSIC IS THE BEST?

Musical notes Turns out, whether it's rock 'n' roll, jazz, hip-hop or classical, your gray matter prefers the same music you do. "It depends on your personal background," Yonetani says. For a while, researchers believed that classical music increased brain activity and made its listeners smarter, a phenomenon called the Mozart effect. Not necessarily true, say Sugaya and Yonetani. In recent studies, they've found that people with dementia respond better to the music they grew up listening to. "If you play someone's favorite music, different parts of the brain light up," Sugaya explains. "That means memories associated with music are emotional memories, which never fade out — even in Alzheimer's patients."

### MUSIC CAN...

- CHANGE YOUR ABILITY TO PERCEIVE TIME
- TAP INTO PRIMAL FEAR
- REDUCE SEIZURES
- MAKE YOU A BETTER COMMUNICATOR
- MAKE YOU STRONGER
- BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM
- ASSIST IN REPAIRING BRAIN DAMAGE
- MAKE YOU SMARTER
- EVOKE MEMORIES
- HELP PARKINSON'S PATIENTS (2)

Whether you prefer organ or guitars, drums or flutes, meditative volumes or amplified sounds, music provides an opportunity for theological reflection and connection with community and God. A whole body connection that takes you beyond yourself, uniting you with a larger community, and like the psalmist singing the transcendent *praise of God*.

*May you find the language of praise, question, witness, testimony, and joy that speaks to your soul and let music bring joy and praise!*

*In God's Love, Pastor Monica*

1. [https://www.faithandleadership.com/jazz-belongs-church?utm\\_source=NI\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=content&utm\\_campaign=NI\\_feature](https://www.faithandleadership.com/jazz-belongs-church?utm_source=NI_newsletter&utm_medium=content&utm_campaign=NI_feature)
2. <https://www.ucf.edu/pegasus/your-brain-on-music/>
3. <https://brainworldmagazine.com/music-rhythm-brain/>



# August Worship at West Grove UMC



Please join us in our worship service to be blessed by the Word of God.

*Summer Worship ~ One Blended Service at 9:30 a.m.*

## Sermon Series: Singing our Stories

Music reaches our brains and touches our souls.  
Some familiar songs and new ones to tell the stories of our lives of faith.

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**All Worship Sunday**

**Communion Sunday, \*Emergency Aid**

*\* Food Pantry Day is  
the first Sunday of each month*

**Scripture:** Psalm 63,  
1 Corinthians 13:  
1-3, 8-12

**Sermon:** "Still Haven't Found What I'm  
Looking For" (U2)

*Each one of us has a longing within us know  
God and God's world. Pascal originated the  
concept of the God-sized vacuum within the  
heart of each that can only be satisfied by God.*

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

**Native American Ministry Sunday**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Melanie Hartley preaching**

**Sermon:** "Share the Well" (Caedmon's Call)

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 11: 1-3, Psalm 46

**Sermon:** "Blessed Assurance"

*Fanny Crosby wrote over 8,000 hymn  
texts! This was just one of them. Our  
assurance of faith gives us the courage to  
proclaim our faith to others!*

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**Backpack Blessing**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Matthew 10: 5-13,  
Numbers 6: 22-26

**Sermon:** "Peace" (HillSong)

*As our children, youth, and teachers return to  
school, let us pray God's peace upon them.  
Shalom, God's peace, is wholeness for all  
God's people. Peace is a promise God keeps.*



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship is on **August 11** at 11:00 a.m.  
in the Alison Theater.  
Led by Pastor Jim

Join us or tune in on the Closed Circuit TV  
at Jenner's Pond.

**First  
Sunday**

Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. **An Emergency Aid donation envelope can be found in your bulletin on First Sundays as well.** The funds collected help others in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity!  
**Our next collection is August 4.**



## August COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: Youth Ministry

Due to the increase in food allergies among the general population, as well as our own congregants, we request that any items brought for the fellowship hour have a note attached if there are nuts in them (including coconuts). Thank you.

# Pastor's Desk

## Mission Central

We had a great time today serving at Mission Central in Mechanisburg, PA. West Grove UMC delivered \$391 in coins, 45 school kits, and a large box of supplies for school kits that were collected during our Vacation Bible School week. In addition, we assembled 211 activity kits and sorted books for distribution.



## COLLEGE STUDENT PRAYER PARTNERS



For our first year college students, as well as those who continue in their studies, we give thanks to God for those who pray faithfully. Please make sure the office has **current addresses for college students, young adults who are serving in the military, and those in trade school**. We want to pair you up with those who will pray for you and with you and occasionally send a care package. Thank you for committing to this vital ministry!

## BOOKS & MOVIES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- The Lion King
- "Strength to Love" Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Moana
- "Saint Paul at the Movies" by Robert Jewett
- "Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcom Gladwell
- "What Saint Paul Really Said: Was Paul of Tarsus the Real Founder of Christianity?" by N. T. Wright
- Toy Story
- Hidden Figures



# Pastor's Desk, cont.

## Prayers for the New School Year

*(Adapted from The Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent)*

***Holy God, source of wisdom and grace, as the summer ends, we thank you for the gifts of summer. For endless popsicles and swings, and as the school year begins, we pray.***

### **For the students.**

For the students who are beginning a new school year. May they have curious minds, develop critical thinking skills, the ability to tell right from wrong and the courage to act with integrity. Along with the reading and math, help them to learn deep truths about this world and about people so that they may be good citizens for the good of the whole.

For the students who struggle with learning, grant them patience, confidence, and grace. Help them to discover the ways that you've gifted them, even if science, reading, or math doesn't come easily. For the students for whom learning does come easily, let them embrace the gift of humility. May each student know enough challenges to keep them sharp, strong, and grateful and enough successes to keep them engaged, confident, and proud of themselves.

For the students who are lonely, hurt, unsafe, unwell, anxious or depressed. Breathe your peace and health into them; may they be supported by people who understand them and love them.

### **For the teachers.**

Thank you, God, for our teachers!

For the brave souls who wake each morning to educate children and love them like their own. It's a tough job, God, please keep them from growing weary and cynical. Wrap them in your love, your peace, your wisdom, and your goodness. Help them to see the many ways that their gifts inspire learning, creativity, and compassion. And, please make sure they get enough good coffee, chocolate, and support from parents and administrators to keep 'em going.

### **For those who support learning.**

For the bus drivers, crossing guards, school safety officers, administrators and aides. Bless those who keep our children safe. For cafeteria workers, nurses, and helpers. Bless those who help our children stay healthy. For librarians, music and art teachers, counselors, therapists, chaplains, volunteers and administrators. Bless those who tend to our

children's hearts and souls.

### **This is a new school year.**

This is a new school year. May we all meet this time of year with renewed commitment to our individual callings. May we all continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge, curiosity, humility, confidence, and compassion, even when we are not in school. Help us to look toward the outskirts, toward the margins for people in need of compassion and generosity. May we never stop including those who sit on the edge of the playground. May we never stop sharing our pencils and sandwiches with those in need. May we never cease to see your Spirit and goodness in each person we meet.

I pray in the name of Jesus, our great teacher, prophet and Savior. Amen.

### **Prayers for Caregivers**

Caring and Compassionate God, we bless your Holy Name for all who are called to reach out in love, concern, and prayer for the sick and distressed.

Sustain them by your Holy Spirit, that they may bring your loving-kindness to those in pain, fear, and confusion; that in bearing one another's burdens they may follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ.

May they not grow weary or faint-hearted, for your mercy's sake as loved ones, walk oh-so-slowly across the room. Grant patience as they answer a repeated question, just one more time. May a moment of laughter appear as reminiscing of the good old days comes.

As caregivers get to know their loved ones in a new way, seeing both his or her strength and frailty, give them joy.

In their acts of compassion, may they know that they are your instruments. In their concerns and fears may they know your peace. In their prayer may they know your steadfast love. Amen.



## West Grove United Methodist Church 4th Annual Open Market

**On Saturday, September 14, 2019**, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its 4th Annual Open Market. The Open Market will run from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. for a day of shopping and food. Our goal this year is to host close to 100 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters,

etc) as well as food trucks. We are accepting vendors and food trucks, if interested please contact the church: (610) 869-9334 or email [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and allows us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and, in addition, we open our church to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations. Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc. that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.

### PRAYER MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING



The Prayer Ministry team meets the **second Tuesday of every month** for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. **We welcome you to join us at our**

**next meeting on August 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary/prayer room.

Personal requests are kept confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary.

If you're curious, but not sure, feel free to visit a couple times to see if this ministry is a good fit for you. No one is expected to pray audibly.



Have you checked our website recently?  
Many updates and changes have been undertaken.

[www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

Look for VBS registration, newsletters, bulletins, sermons, our calendar and much more!



VBS  
Was  
Out  
Of  
This  
World  
!!!





Our adventure in the To Mars and Beyond! Vacation Bible School has now come to an end. We leave with great memories and grateful hearts – because this week was made possible due to the tireless work of many volunteers. Thank you to everyone who served through story telling, game playing, craft making, snack-preparing, praying, showing love, and sharing the gospel to our community of children.

**Registration and Sign-in/Sign-out:**

Tracey Williams, Sharon Nesbitt, Esther Culbertson, Jeanette Stryewski, Joan Saller

**Opening and Closing Assembly**

**Leader:** Melanie Hartley

**Puppeteer (EP 320):** Mel Leaman (T-F), Peter Mullen (M)

**Sound Booth:** Bob Castaldi, Matt Simonds

**Photography:** Melanie Hartley, Ian Ditzel

**Crew Leaders:**

**K** – Laura Herrera, Nancy Simmons, Lindsay Anderson, Alex Smith

**1st** – Scott Steele, Lauren O’Neill, Ketzia Luna

**2nd** – Eileen Bushnell, Matt McLaughlin, Tracey Williams

**3rd/4th** - Amy Castaldi, Catie Weingarten, Emily Lytle

**4th-6th** - Priscilla Barkman

**Craft Leaders** - Valerie Kapp-Benner, Jean Kilmartin, Gina Cerrato,

**Recreation Leaders** - Carol Whelan,

Matt Simonds, Eddie Palecko, Parker Featherston

**Science Leader:-** Andrew Herman, Wes Boyd

**Bible Story Leader:-** Janice Bowers

**Snack Leaders:** Cindy Hailey, Linda Peirson, Coby Van Snik, Marilyn Street, Nancy Duvall

**Mission Leader:** Pastor Monica, Melanie Hartley

**Preschool Leader:** Amy Simonds

**Preschool Assistants:** Hannah McCummings, Cecily Page, Alisabeth Guepet, Sydney Simonds, Peyton O’Neill, Bridget Keegan, Julia Pagnotto, Jilly DeStephano, Roann Schneider

**Preschool Science:** Reed Smith, Joyce Smith

**Preschool Music:** Joan Leaman

**Preschool Recreation:** Tracy McLaughlin, Riley McLaughlin

**Preschool Story:** Karen Hruz, Lexi Weingarten, Kelly Hruz

In the words of Paul to the Philippians: “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”



# GROW



## Blessing of the Backpacks



**Join us on August 25th** as we send our children and youth to school with backpacks full of blessings. We pray blessings and peace upon on

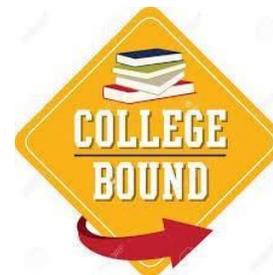
students and teachers as they begin school on August 26th. Bring your backpacks to receive a blessing and tag. This year's blessings come from Illustrated Children's Ministry who have created our images for our Lord's Prayer curriculum. Invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to join us.

## Prayer Partners For our College Students

Have you ever been away from home or started a new adventure? Has someone encouraged you and prayed for you?

As our college students start a new year or their first time at school, we are committed to be in prayer for them.

Please make sure Melanie Hartley has current addresses for college students, young adults who are serving in the military, and those in trade school. We want to pair you up with those who will pray for you and with you and occasionally send a care package. Also, let her know if you will pray for one of our students. Thank you for committing to this vital ministry!



## BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays  
2:00-3:00 PM, Building #1**



The Luther House Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in Bldg. #1.

Everyone is invited to join us as we delve deeper into God's Word and share love and support for one another. **We are beginning a new study of Isaiah.** If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071. We hope you can join us!

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who have spent time on Sunday mornings volunteering in the nursery! We continue to be blessed with wonderful little ones to spend time with on Sundays and watch them grow!

**We are in need of additional volunteers, especially during the 11:00 a.m. service.**

If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at [ahass17@hotmail.com](mailto:ahass17@hotmail.com) or 610-468-4321.



Dear West Grove UMC,  
Thank you for the beautiful blankets your group called the **"Knit Wits"** donated to us. Bethesda has an active ministry with the homeless in Camden, NJ. We deliver blankets, clothing and food on a regular basis. The blankets are in high demand over the winter months and go quickly. We appreciate your very generous donation immensely!

Thank you again. God bless you!  
Bethesda UMC  
Swedesboro, NJ 08085



Dear Rev. Guepet and West Grove Family,  
On behalf of Church of the Open Door and the Ogunde Family we want to thank you for your generosity and your quick response in our time of loss and need. Your staff was amazing, so full of hospitality and generosity from the kitchen volunteer to the gentleman at the sound who had a personal story about his wife which touched us so much. We are glad to be in a system that connects us together like the United Methodist Church. This is just one more reason to continue to work towards unity in our church for such a time as this.

Peace, Rev. Lydia Muñoz, Church of the Open Door

# Open Grow Serve



- ◇ Join the Choir (Betsy Smith: [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com))
- ◇ Join Praiseworks Band Betsy Smith: [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com))
- ◇ Join the Memory Bells Handbell Choir (Sandy Deckard: [davsan5@comcast.net](mailto:davsan5@comcast.net))
- ◇ Join KidSing (Melanie Hartley: [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org))
- ◇ Serve on the Hospitality Team (Dick and Caryl Stuhrke: [spikoe@aol.com](mailto:spikoe@aol.com))
- ◇ Serve on the Sunday Morning Servants Team (Carol Whelan: [clwhelan1@verizon.net](mailto:clwhelan1@verizon.net))
- ◇ Volunteer to help with Family Promise Hosting (Joan Leaman: [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net))
- ◇ Volunteer to help with the Open Market & Craft Fair (Darlene Murphy: [D123Murphy@aol.com](mailto:D123Murphy@aol.com))
- ◇ Volunteer to help with Children's Ministries: Eggstravaganza, Vacation Bible School or Trunk or Treat (Melanie Hartley: [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org))
- ◇ Donate items to the Emergency Food Pantry (Janice Bowers: [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com))
- ◇ Donate food items to the Family Promise hosting week (Joan Leaman: [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net))
- ◇ Participate in church sponsored groups: Juliets (Margee Michaels: [marjm44@comcast.net](mailto:marjm44@comcast.net)), RAP (Sara Ann Ramberger: [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net)), Knit Wits (Margaret Rubincan: [margaretrubincan@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrubincan@gmail.com)), UMW Faith Circle (Chris Curtiss: [curtiss152@yahoo.com](mailto:curtiss152@yahoo.com)), Luther House Bible Study (Cindy Haley: [chaley@zoominternet.net](mailto:chaley@zoominternet.net)), United Methodist Men (Pastor Jim: [jim.mundell@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jim.mundell@westgroveumc.org))
- ◇ Participate in a Bible/Small Group study or Adult Sunday School Class (Pastor Monica: [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org))
- ◇ Support the CMO Pre-School Program by attending their Art Show (Tracy McLaughlin: [cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org))
- ◇ Support the Prayer Walk for our Schools by attending or praying at home (Pastor Monica: [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org))

# Prayer Walk

## FOR OUR SCHOOLS



### A PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Penn London Elementary School  
Avon Grove Intermediate School  
Fred S. Engle Middle School  
Avon Grove High School  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School  
Avon Grove Charter School  
Nazarene Academy

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

We will meet at in the lobby of Avon Grove High School  
at 9:30 a.m. to pray, receive ID tags & select schools.

**Bring your children to pray for their schools.**

**Questions?**

**E-Mail Pastor Monica: [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org)**

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



## YOUTH LASER TAG: AUGUST 22, 6-9:30 P.M.

Be sure to check with Melanie for details!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Big thank you to all of our children and youth who either attended VBS or Volunteered their time helping!

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUMMER SERIES:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER JULY 14-28; AUGUST 11-25

This summer children will be taking a deeper dive into the Lord's Prayer, learning not just to memorize the words, but beginning to understand what those words mean and why they have carried the church for over 2,000 years.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF:

Our program year is starting again soon!



Sunday school kick off is September 8! We are looking forward to more opportunities of growing and experiencing God together. This year, children will explore the stories of Jacob and Esau and Noah and the ark, as well as learn about the fruits of the spirit and the Beatitudes!

Our youth will spend their time on Sunday mornings sharing food and growing in faith.

## WEDNESDAY NITE FUN! Through August 21 6:00-8:00 p.m.



We have been celebrating our Fifth year of Wednesday Nite Fun with movies connected to our sermon series "What Makes a Hero?" We have seen The Lion King, Moana, Toy Story, Hidden Figures and Dumbo throughout July. In August, in addition to all the fun and games (and don't forget the slip and slide!), we will have Music!

Hot dogs and beverages are provided. If you would like to bring a dish to share, it is always appreciated but not expected. Make sure to bring your trikes, skates, skateboard or favorite game with you.

The ENTIRE COMMUNITY is invited to attend from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and it is TOTALLY FREE! It is a Rain or Shine event! Weather permitting, we will have a slip-n-slide for all to enjoy as well! We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors, too!

## Children's Morning Out Preschool



Summer is our time to reflect on and rejuvenate for the new preschool year. Although we are closed for the summer, the teachers and I are always brainstorming and coming up with new ideas and ways to improve the preschool program for the children in the community. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces and welcoming our new families at our Sneak-a-Peek that will be held the end of August. The children will then be welcomed to their first class beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day. I do still have just a **few openings** in some of our classes, so please share the preschool information and my email with anyone you know who may be interested in joining. I am also searching for **substitute teachers**. If you enjoy working with children and want to be a part of our preschool program reach out to me and I can tell you more about becoming a substitute teacher for us. Enjoy the rest of the summer!!

Tracy McLaughlin, Director  
Tracy.mclaughlin@westgoveumc.org



# FUN & FITNESS



Retired Active People



## RETIREED ACTIVE PEOPLE (R.A.P.)

**RAP** will resume meeting on  
**Friday, September 13** at

12:00 noon. We look forward to another year of wonderful programs. Join us for good fellowship and lots of fun. Bring a bagged lunch; desserts and beverages are provided. The Haley's will greet and lead our gathering. We look forward to Janet and Bob Phillips' presentation of "Birding through Southern Arizona."

The following is a brief outline of next year's programs:

**October 11th** - Ray McKay will present "Silly/ Archaic Laws Still on the Books"

**November 8th** - Joyce and Reed Smith will share their experiences in Sweden and different European cities and the beautiful churches which they visited.

**December 13th -- COVERED DISH LUNCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** - We welcome back the Provident Quintet Plus One.

**January 10th** - Harold Hague will provide information regarding future planning for seniors.

**February 14th** - Jeanette Stryjewski will talk about Egypt.

**March 13th** - Matt Genereaux will talk about Funerals.

**April 17th** - Scott Steele will present our program TBD.

**May 8th - COVERED DISH LUNCH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** - and we welcome back the Paisley Family Bluegrass Music.

**We still need some leaders/co-leaders for several of our months.** If you would like to help in this way, please let Sara Ann Ramberger know. **Sign-up sheets** will be available each month to sign up to bring **desserts** or to help with **cleanup**.

Plan to join us for these special programs and a great afternoon of good food and fellowship. Hope to see you in September!



**R.O.M.E.O.**

**R.O.M.E.O.  
Retired Older Men  
Eating Out**

**\*NOTICE\***

The R.O.M.E.O.s will not be meeting over the summer. Please check your bulletins and newsletters for updates in the fall. Thank you.

## J.U.L.I.E.T. Save the Date!

The Juliets, a group of women who just like eating together, will meet at the Creekside Diner, 717 W. Baltimore Pike, Kennett

Square on **Saturday, August 10** at 9:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the 2nd Saturday and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship and laughter!

Join us!



**Will Rogers Follies  
at the Dutch Apple  
Theater**

**Wednesday,  
October 2, 2019**

**There are only 14 tickets left and all monies are due by September 8, 2019 to Sara Ann Ramberger.**

11:45 a.m. Buffet Begins!

1:15-3:35 p.m. Show Time!

Handicapped: No steps, wheelchair access

Bus at WGUMC ready to leave at 10:15 a.m.

Park cars in parking lot area nearest to Guernsey Road. Bus returns to church at 5 p.m. (depending on traffic)

\$70 Per Person: Includes Buffet, Show, Bus (including Driver Tip), and all taxes and gratuities.



# STEWARDSHIP



## Moments of Impact— why do we have them?

West Grove United Methodist Church is committed to opening our hearts to Jesus, growing in our faith, and serving the world in God's name. God works through our hands, giving, and gifts. God is already changing lives and transforming hearts among us. In our Moments of Impact, we share the impact that together we have through the power of the Holy Spirit! We praise God and testify to God's power among us! God moves through us as children open up to God at Vacation Bible School, youth grow in confirmation class and adults serve at Mission Central. Our giving undergirds all of these ministries!

Together, we are the hands, feet and heart of Christ impacting the world!



Have you seen God at work in your life?

Have you experienced moments where God has shown up in miraculous ways?

Share your story!

- Write it down
- Record it
- Tell Pastor Monica

Submit stories to Pastor Monica for an upcoming series!

## Stewardship & Generosity

The Bible is filled with examples of faithful responses to God's grace and blessings. The Bible also teaches about our personal responsibility to share with others and warns against selfishness and misuse of God's economic resources. The Apostle Paul encouraged generosity at all times: "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." [2 Corinthians 8:2]

Being good stewards of God's gifts is not just a means for the church to raise money. It is a way of life that recognizes that everything we have is God's and we are simply managing those resources while here on earth.

"A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water."

Proverbs 11:25



Our opportunity list gives you a chance to give beyond your regular tithe. Consider how you might impact our congregation and community.

Item	Qty	Approx Cost
Monitors- Sanctuary (80") (Dream in Process!)	2	\$4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$50,000
Carpet in Room 14	1	\$500
Walkway from Pastor's Office Door to Parking Lot	1	\$7,000



## Shining a Light on Sunscreen

In recent years, skin cancer has been on the rise, and it has become more important for us to protect our bodies from the sun's harmful rays. But how much do you know about sunscreen and sun protection? While the use of sunscreen on exposed skin as protection is common knowledge, the details sometimes get fuzzy. Learn more about how you can protect your skin, and spread the knowledge to your church and faith community!



Summer 2016: Ecology and the Outdoors

This article was featured in the Summer 2016: Ecology and the Outdoors print issue. Click [here](#) to see the complete table of contents.

## Sunscreen Know-how for Your Church

The sun's rays include ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Sunscreen Sun Protection Factor (SPF) measures the lotion's ability to block UVB rays only. To make sure your sunscreen blocks UVA rays, as well, look

for the words "broad spectrum" on your lotion bottle.

Sunscreens with zinc oxide are recommended because they block both UVA and UVB rays.



Seek shade where available. Keep in mind the sun's rays are usually strongest between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Water and sand both reflect the sun's damaging rays, so use extra caution when out at the beach.

An SPF number does not constitute how many minutes you can be out in the sun. The number designates the length of time you can be out in the sun before you get sunburned. For example, an SPF of 30 means you can be out in the sun 30 times longer than if you had no sunscreen on without getting burned.



For the sunscreen to be effective, you need to use an ounce for exposed areas.

Use sunscreen every day you're outside, year-round. Even on cloudy days, the sun's rays can pierce through with up to 80 percent efficacy.

Typically, an adult should use a water-resistant, broad spectrum, SPF 30 or higher sunscreen and reapply every two hours or so.

Learn more about sunscreen and skin care at the American Academy of Dermatology's website, [aad.org](http://aad.org).

Source: American Academy of Dermatology

# MISSIONS AND MINISTRY



## *Emergency Aid and Food Cupboard*

The Moment of Impact on 7/14/19 provided an overview of the Emergency Aid Process and Team. Please contact Janice Bowers ([janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com)) if you would like a copy of the information presented. The purpose of the Emergency Aid Fund at WGUMC is:

“To help individuals or families who are experiencing a temporary life crisis that prohibits them from being able to meet their basic needs.”

We have a team in place that follows a thorough process in evaluating each situation that we are presented with. Please, if you know of anyone who is in a dire circumstance and could use temporary financial assistance, direct them to call the church office and a member of our team will contact the individual.

The Food Cupboard is going to undergo some positive changes beginning after Labor Day. The following will be put in place:

- An assembled team of volunteers to help manage and distribute the food
- Open hours of Thursdays from 3-6 pm will begin in our lobby
- Fresh foods will be provided during these hours based on the excess of our local grocers
- A standard inventory of items will be held that can provide complete meal ingredients, snacks, and essential personal and home care items that are not supported by welfare programs.
- The first of each month, a list of items in shortage will be provided for the congregation to help fill.
- Upgrades to our storage system will continue over time

If you are interested in volunteering to help with our food cupboard in any capacity (distributing in open hours, assisting with inventory, shopping, simple recipe and prep instructions...) please contact Donna Fackler in the church office.

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

THANK YOU to everyone for being so generous with your donations to our Emergency Food Pantry!

We have been able to supply 135 bags of food and supplies to many families.

Currently we are low on some supplies. When you donate, please check the "Expires By" date, as we are unable to distribute those.

Below is a list of items needed. We are especially in need of items that have protein and provide nutrition.

- Soups

- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, beef
- Fruit
- Powdered Milk
- Canned beans
- Nuts
- Nut butters
- Jerky / Beef sticks
- Dish Soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste
- Dryer sheets
- Bath bar soap
- Deodorant
- Adult tooth brushes



## TANZANIA— MOROGORO UMC JULY 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ ,

Greetings from Morogoro-Tanzania. We thank very much for your prayers and for your supports. We would like to share with you what is going on in our ministry, Attached document is our Newsletter. We pray this newsletter finds you well and experiencing the Grace of God. We are grateful to celebrate and give thanks to God for the ministry of the Mission team from New Covenant UMC, McFarlin UMC, Oklahoma and Prosper UMC, Texas. who have served and inspired us during their time with us here in Morogoro. Mission team spent hours to the building site to help work and share their friendship. You all have been an important part of starting this initiative, funding it, encouraging it, expanding it, and keeping it going. We offer thanks and blessings. Blessings, Yours Mrs Ngoy and Umba Kalangwa

### Morogoro Pastors Training School



Seeing Morogoro **Pastors Training School** continues to train and equip church leaders is a real joy! This year we had ten students. It is exciting to know that these men will soon be teaching many others in local United Methodist churches in Tanzania. Thanks be to God.

To God be the glory for the seeds that are planted in the hearts of students. Thank you to our teachers who are able to lead and teach our students. We want to say a BIG thank you again for your service and partnership in helping train the future pastors and leaders of the church in Tanzania!! Please pray for our student pastors. Also, pray for the teachers as we invest in the lives of some awesome people.

### SUSANNAH WESLEY TRAINING CENTER

Susannah Wesley dispensary continues to provide basic health care to elders in the neighborhood. Lately we demand has so high for we now receive eight to ten elders a day who come for massage, malaria and typhoid exams, eyes problem and take advantage of free health prevention lessons. **Elders receiving soap at Susannah Wesley Dispensary** We are in need of medical equipment such as syringes, malaria drugs, reading and vision glasses, mosquitoes nets, bandages, first aid kits, crutches and microscope. Your continuous financial support and prayers bring love and hope to elders. Ngoy launched a three days seminar on "Be Obedient and Self-conscious" The seminar was only for women and it



was successful. As we live in the community where poverty and domestic violence create brokenness and deny women the peace for which they hope, Ngoy led this seminar with hope that it is opening the opportunity to housewife and unemployed young girls to generating funds for themselves and an exposure to business. Ngoy is planning to launch another seminar



for men next month. **Ngoy leading a seminar Women at Susannah Wesley Training Center** are using their hands to show the love of Christ to people who are suffering and in need. A little girl receiving her very own dress, a new mother given a blanket...these are the blessings

being delivered because of the work of wonderful people committed to making a difference in the world. **Ngoy showing how to cut pattern** Early July we hosted sewing workshops in to share how items have been used and worked on projects that were needed. It was a wonderful week of sharing tips and creative ways to use material-not to mention great fellowship and food!



### WESLEY PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL

A total of 54 students have sponsors so far. Sponsoring a child is a tangible way to show God's love to a child in need as sponsorships reach the vulnerable children by giving them the opportunity to be educated, learn about God's love, and to grow up health. We thank all sponsors who continue to show God's love and bring hope to these children. Wesley primary school strives to feed not only its students, but desires to be a blessing to its community and the missions it has the means to support. The community appreciates the excellent academic and social environment for its students, but also the availability of the buildings for example, the **dining hall which is currently under construction.**

We are so thankful to the many of you who pray and support our mission. We could not do this without the Lord giving us strength and health and providing through you, our faithful partners in this work. Thank you all. Rev. Umba and Mrs. Ngoy



**Mrs. Ngoy is our covenant missionary. We support her ministry through our prayers and our financial gifts.**

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

## Annual Conference 2019 ~Janice Bowers Report

I had the great privilege of being a delegate for WGUMC at Annual Conference June 13-15, 2019. Pastor Monica, Susan Paisley, and Pastor Shirley were wonderful at helping me navigate this first time experience.

We assembled each day at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center with hundreds of other church's pastors and laity delegates. We experienced praise, worship, speakers, Holy conferencing, retirements, ordinations, and so much more. It was fascinating watching the business of the UMC in action.

The process of electing clergy and laity delegates for General Conference took place throughout the days. In order to be elected, 50% or more of the delegates must cast their votes for the individual. This protocol leads to many iterations of voting until the final cast of delegates is identified. Fortunately, voting for delegates this year was electronic so the process was able to be expedited.

Voting on resolutions brought to the Annual Conference was also a significant part of the gathering. The resolutions are published in advance and provided for in writing at the conference. Each resolution is presented by the person(s) responsible prior to being voted on. After the presentation, debate is opened to the floor with pros and cons being accepted in equal amounts. Finally, a majority vote by hand is taken. In the case that the votes are too close to call, then ushers take a physical count of hands.

Most resolutions were easily passed with visible majority votes. But, as we are in a year coming off of a heated General Conference and preparing to go into another, some of the resolutions took significant time and many voices were heard from. Two particular resolutions received considerable debate on the floor and required a physical count of hands. The first resolution was to change our motto from "Open Heart", "Open Minds", and "Open Doors" to add "Open Bibles" for completion. This resolution was not passed.

The second resolution that garnered much debate and shows of allegiance was the proposal to affirm in SPIRIT (not in discipline) that our conference wanted to support the "One Church Plan". People rose in great numbers to support both sides of this issue. By an ultimate count of hands, the resolution was passed. I look forward to seeing the direction our new delegates and all of the newly elected delegates to the General Conference ultimately lead the United Methodist Church turns in.

I thank everyone in the church for the opportunity to represent you and the voice of West Grove UMC at Annual Conference.

Blessings, Janice

# EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS



Christ UMC received the NAMS offering, one of six Special Sunday offerings in the UMC, to support scholarships for Native American United Methodist seminarians, provide funding for Native American

ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and aid Native American outreach at the annual conference level. Learn more at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>.

We celebrate churches in our annual conference that regularly support this important United Methodist ministry, and we recognized at Annual Conference in June those churches that did so in 2018. We especially celebrate churches that plan special worship services and other activities and that use resources provided by UM Communications and the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM).

## SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Be an ally—Create a Red Dress Display to raise awareness about violence against women and indigenous women in particular. An exhibit, “The REDress Project,” created by Jaime Black, a Metis Canadian artist, will give you a start. Do an online search for more information. Contact your legislatures

to ask them to pass laws that will protect women and girls against violence. A liturgy for “Remember Their Names,” created by the Rev. Suzanne Duchesne (Ph.D), is available here: [CONAM-Liturgy-MissingMurderedIndigenousWomen.pdf](#)

Research local geography for precolonial inhabitants, those who were removed, where and what happened to them, what place names remain. Search for historical markers or plaques for your county or local area. Go to the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission website. For Historical Marker search, use “Indians” as your keyword.

Research the Doctrine of Discovery. Learn the history not taught in schools and share it with your small group or congregation. A good website: [www.dofdmemo.org](http://www.dofdmemo.org).

Storytelling—Find stories of Native peoples and their origins. Coyote Places the Stars by Harriet Taylor is a good example. Tell your own stories of how your ancestors came to settle on the land. Reflect on how your stories intersect with those of Native peoples. Note the impact of this intersection on both your settler ancestors and Native inhabitants. Incorporate these stories into a worship service.

Share stories about the impact you are making with your gifts to Native American Ministries Special Sunday Offering. Find them on the website at [umcsgiving.org](http://umcsgiving.org). Rev. Terry Wildman’s story, “The Fall of Man,” can also be found there.

Finally, you may have your own story to tell about what your church has done or is planning to do for Native American Ministries Sunday on the designated Sunday or at another time during the year. Let us know at [epaconam@gmail.com](mailto:epaconam@gmail.com).

Our Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM) is grateful for your contributions to the NAMS special offering. It shows your love and concern for our Native American brothers and sisters in the UMC and throughout our communities.

Verna Colliver

Our faith calls us to act with justice. Both of these come through Conference for our action. May the wind of the Holy Spirit move between us to call us to act.

## A Statement and Call to Respond to Racism in Our Current Political Discourse

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? I do.*

“The Renunciation of Sin” is a fundamental promise in The United Methodist Church’s covenant of baptism and membership vows.

Stoking racist fears and slandering sisters and brothers of color are indeed evil sins that we are called to resist. Are we, as a nation, not better than this? Are we, who profess to be disciples of Jesus Christ and followers of his teachings, not better than this? And should we not demand more civility and fair-minded integrity of our elected leaders—especially of one whose responsibility is to represent the cherished values of our nation on behalf of all Americans?

It is dishonest, hypocritical and repugnant to claim that four racial-ethnic women who were elected to represent their diverse constituents in Congress “hate America” and are “incapable of loving America,” merely because they criticize administration policies, priorities and actions. Such a claim is itself un-American.

Watching our highest elected official revel in hate-filled chants of “Send her back!” and then condone those chants as patriotic should chill all of us to the core. These intemperate sentiments are deplorable, and they are proving to be dangerous.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Commission on Religion and Race stands in solidarity with all those who

condemn our U.S. President’s racist tweets and racist policies, practices and public statements. We stand in solidarity particularly with the combined statement of protest issued last week by leaders of three of our denomination’s general agencies.

“As Christians and general secretaries of United Methodist Women, the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race, we call on United Methodists to live out our faith by speaking out against the racist ideas and language in our political discourse.”

— Harriett Olson, General Secretary, United Methodist Women

— The Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary, Church and Society

— Erin Hawkins, General Secretary, General Commission on Religion and Race

With urgent concern for the health and wholeness of our nation, we challenge all persons, churches and communities of faith to do likewise. May we be reminded of our United Methodist Book of Resolutions statement #3371: A Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community\*:

Because we believe:



**“Stoking racist fears and slandering sisters and brothers of color are indeed evil sins that we are called to resist.”**

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
Commission on Religion and Race

That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;

That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures, and practices of both church and state

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

In other words, we must speak out!

The Commission on Religion and Race (CORR) Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, The United Methodist Church Rev. Susan Worrell and Rev. Alicia Julia-Stanley, Co-chairpersons

CORR Members: Rev. Olivet Brown, Rev. Tracy Ann Duncan, Rev. Diana Esposito, Mr. Dennis Fisher, Ms. Gladys Hubbard, Rev. Robert Johnson, Rev. Hun Ju Lee, Ms. Marsena Mungin, Rev. David Piltz, Rev. Dr. Deborah Tanksley-Brown, Ms. Susan Kepner, Rev. Dr. Anita Adams Powell (Ex-officio), Mr. John W. Coleman (Ex-officio), Rev. Alicia Julia-Stanley and Rev. Susan L. Worrell

(\*To learn about our definitive understanding of and position on racism, see the UMC Social Principles, para. 162A, "The Social Community: Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons.")

## ***A Call to Action for United Methodists in Response to the Plight of Migrants***

July 9, 2019

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus.

On behalf of the United Methodist Immigration Task Force we share with you a deep concern for migrants. You have seen the deplorable conditions under which migrant children and families are being detained in the US right now. We cannot be silent in this hour. The voice and actions of The United Methodist Church must be heard and experienced in this moment. We give God thanks for United Methodists who are providing compassionate care to migrants at the border. Border Conferences have established relief centers for migrants. United Methodists from other regions of the country continue to support migrants seeking asylum with their time, talent and treasures. United Methodist congregations across the country have opened their doors to provide sanctuary for those immigrants whose lives would be endangered if they were to be deported to their home countries. UMCOR has been a partner in assisting this connectional work. The General Board of Church and Society has led us faithfully in our advocacy work in support of justice for the migrant and the immigrant. United Methodist Women have also been a strong voice in advocating for the rights of immigrant children and families. Let's continue to do this good and faithful work. Join us in these actions: Give to the Advance # 3022144 for Migration. Go to UMCOR – Global Migration for further information. Join the General Board of Church and Society in our United Methodist advocacy work alongside migrants. Speak out to end child detention by sending drawings and letters from United Methodists of all ages to Congress and the White House. Encourage

### **BECAUSE WE BELIEVE...**

That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured; [and]

That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures, and practices of both church and state.

### **WE SPEAK OUT...**

Resolution #337  
The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church



your UMW unit to join the action plan set forth at the United Methodist Women website. We ask that you also speak up in support of persons in Sanctuary and the churches supporting them. In the past week, we have become aware of the Trump Administration's most recent attack on immigrants who are living in Sanctuary in congregations, among them United Methodist congregations, as they seek to fight for justice in their deportation cases. The federal government is issuing fines of up to \$500,000 to these immigrants in Sanctuary. This is an egregiously punitive tactic causing great fear and anxiety to immigrant brothers and sisters who are already deeply burdened by the stress of their circumstances. Support United Methodist Sanctuary congregations and the immigrants in Sanctuary by praying for them and by sending them a postcard expressing such support. At the end of this letter is the list of multiple United Methodist Sanctuary churches and those immigrant friends whom they are hosting. Take this moment to act. It will make a difference in these challenging times in the lives of suffering immigrants and the brave churches who are ministering to them. May the words of Paul to Timothy strengthen us all..... For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. II Timothy 2:7

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, Chair

Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary UM Immigration Task Force General Board of Church and Society

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary

Harriett J. Olson, General Secretary/CEO General Board of Global Ministries

United Methodist Women United Methodist Sanctuary Churches

Person in Sanctuary (For formatting of table  
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Name of Faith Congregation	Address	Phone	Faith Leader	Annual Conference	Date of Entry Into Sanctuary
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Debora Barrios-Vasquez	St. Paul and St. Andrew United Methodist Church	263 West 86th Street	New York, NY 10024 (212) 362- 3179	Rev. K Karpen	New York 6/4/18
Maria Chavalan Sut Wesley Memorial	United Methodist Church	1901 Thomson Road	Charlottesville, VA 22903 (434) 296- 6976	Pastor Isaac Collins	Virginia 10/1/18
Francisca Lino Adalberto Memorial	United Methodist Church	2716 West Division Street	Chicago IL 60622 (773) 782- 8464	Pastor Jacobita Cortes	Northern Illinois 8/23/17
Nelson Pinos First and Summerfield	United Methodist Church	425 College Street	New Haven CT 06511 (203) 624- 2521	Pastor Vicki Flippin	New York 11/30/17

Suyapa Reyes and 4 Children, Jennifer, Yeimi, Jeison, & Junior	First United Methodist Church of Germantown	6001 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia	PA 19144 (215) 438- 3677	Rev. Bob Coombe	Eastern Pennsylvania 8/28/18
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Avelina Romero Adalberto Memorial	United Methodist Church	2716 West Division Street	Chicago IL 60622 (773) 782- 8464	Pastor Jacobita Cortes	Northern Illinois 7/5/19
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Rosa Sabido Mancos United Methodist Church	470 West Grand Ave.	Mancos, CO 81328 (970) 533- 7460	Pastor Craig Paschal	Mountain Sky	6/2/17
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Clive & Oneita Thompson and 2 Children, Christine & Timmy	First United Methodist Church of Germantown	6001 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia	PA 19144 (215) 438- 3677	Rev. Bob Coombe	Eastern Pennsylvania 8/28/18
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Araceli Velasquez Park Hill United Methodist Church and Temple Micah Synagogue	5209 Montview Blvd.	Denver, CO 80207 (303) 322- 1867	Rev. Nathan Adams and Rabbi Adam Morris	Mountain Sky	8/8/17
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## SAVE THE DATE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Intentional Discipleship Systems at Lima UMC

**Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary/CEO of Discipleship Ministries**

A nationally recognized leader, speaker, and author on evangelism and church revitalization, the Rev. Junius B. Dotson is the General Secretary (chief executive officer) of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church with a staff of 135. Dotson launched "See All The People", the highly successful church-wide initiative that helps church leaders concentrate on intentional discipleship, while learning new behaviors around engaging their surrounding community.

As a leader who responds to challenges and opportunities in new and creative ways, Rev. Dotson believes that effective ministry is about training, developing, and empowering leaders to establish ministries that address the needs of the whole person – body, mind, and spirit.

**Agenda: 9 am Registration (sign in; breakfast; voting record); 9:15 Welcome; 9:30-10:30 Plenary - (with Rev. Junius B. Dotson); 10:30-10:45 Q&A; 10:45 am-11:30 am Charge Conference Business & District Updates; 11:30 Departure**



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*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.*

**The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor**

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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday**  
**7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

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Janice Bowers - Missions Team Chair  
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Pastor Monica - Committee on Lay Leadership  
Open—Lay Leader  
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