



# The Wesleyan Star

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## October 2021



*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."*

James 4:8a

Before the virus hit, Julie and I had the practice of going to the gym every day. We had built up good workouts that helped us stay in good shape and bring energy to our lives. It all changed when life went on lockdown. We still exercised, we walked over 2 miles every day and our walks kept us close during unusual times. Yet it just wasn't the same as a work out at the gym; it wasn't as complete for me. I've been feeling the same way about a lot of areas of our lives, like relationships and friendships in faith, and reminded that faith and living in God's love require various forms of exercise of heart, mind, and spirit too.

Julie and I have worked hard to stay close and we are very blessed. I notice that many of the things I enjoy doing take longer, seem to require more energy, and after engaging in them, I'm more in need of rest and recovery. During the lockdown, we continued an active lifestyle the best we could, yet we still were isolated in many ways. What is true of our physical lives, is true of our relationships, our emotional, spiritual lives and how we share our hearts. We are all reestablishing emotional, spiritual muscles and abilities we had taken time to build in the past, ways of sharing friendships that helped us and our faith thrive, but were diminished or lost in the isolation of the last year and a half in the precautions. It will take time and intentional effort and exercise of our hearts and minds to thrive together again. It is well worth it, and God's mercy and grace provide the foundation and encouragement we need to living life fully.

I pray we all continue to be patient with each other and our fellowship, and intentionally seek ways to help encourage and empower one another. We look forward to new opportunities to deepen our friendships in faith. As I shared in a recent message, the Bible seems to send us a lot of prohibitions for us. As a faithful disciple, I pray and seek to understand from those prohibitions the positive, assertive ways we are then called to live life faithfully. Being patient and understanding means affirming and exercising our compassion and empathy, persisting in our friendships with each other in Christ. I continue to look forward to getting to know you all and the larger community in new ways, and pray you will hear the invitation to draw closer to God, for God is ready to draw near to us, to the deepest parts of our "inner being," II Peter writes how we are called to stay focused:

*For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

II Peter 1:5-8

- Pastor Tim



## October Worship at West Grove UMC

Join us as we worship together by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing in God's way, and serving God's world.



*9:30 a.m Fully Open Worship. Live Streaming on You Tube.*

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**World Wide Communion Sunday**

**Scripture:** Mark 10:2-16  
and Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture:** Mark 10:7-31  
and Hebrews 4:12-16

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**

**Laity Sunday**

**Scripture:** Mark 10:35-45  
and Hebrews 5:1-10

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. David Frame Preaching**

**Scripture:** Mark 10:46-52  
and Hebrews 7:23-28

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Reformation Sunday**

**Scripture:** Mark 10:35-45  
and Hebrews 5:1-10



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship on  
**October 10th at 11 am**

On your closed circuit TV and in-person  
in Alison Theater, Led by Pastor Jim



We look forward to seeing you in worship! Our children will be returning to Sunday School, Children's Worship and the Nursery on September 12th. In order to protect our children and others who cannot yet be vaccinated, we ask that you wear masks at church. If you don't have one, or forget, we will be happy to give you one.

### Welcome Janice Bowers!!



Hello West Grove UMC! I am blessed to be returning in service to you for the months of October 21 to the beginning of April 22. While I am serving as pastor at New London UMC, I am also attending full-time seminary at Palmer Theological Seminary. I am halfway through my Master of Divinity program and am now working on my Theological Field Education requirements. I am grateful to Pastor Tim for agreeing to be my Pastor Mentor. In this position, he will work with me to further develop my pastoral and ministry skills. Donna Fackler has graciously agreed to be my Site Team chair and I look forward to seeing how this team develops. As my service times conflict with your

service times, I may not see you on Sundays. But, I will be working with you behind the scenes on technology and financial projects. I look forward to ways in which we can be in service together serving the Lord and the Kingdom of God. Janice Bowers

# Pastor's Desk

## Do You Want To Be a Member of West Grove UMC?

Several people have expressed a great interest in joining the church as members. Six people are prepared to join us in the next month. During the service, we remember our baptisms and recommit ourselves to God and make room at the table of Christ for those who join us to share in our ministries together. It is important that every Sunday we are together in fellowship that supports one another in our journey of faith, so that we might grow and mature to the best of God's abilities in us. We know worship is vital to our hearts and it is more than just entertainment in our faith journey.

Several years ago, I was leading a confirmation group of teenagers in saying yes to Christ and confirming their baptism in joining the church. I put together a questionnaire to help them reflect on their lives in faith and why God had led them to faith, and where God was leading them to live and share it. I'll share more in the time ahead about why I chose to be a United Methodist pastor and the vision God has lifted up for us in Christ. Take a look and consider answering the questionnaire yourselves, and I invite you, as part of your devotions, to reflect on how you are responding. I continue to look forward to getting to know you all, and if there are ways we can meet and share fellowship, insights, devotions, please let me know. Pastor Tim

## New Member Questionnaire 2021

This is a questionnaire I've used with youth & adults to begin our time together as we prepare for joining the church fellowship as professing members. I invite you to look over it and be prayerful about your answers.

Why do you feel called to join the church?

What does it mean to you right now?

When were you baptized?

Who was there?

How did they feel? (How do you think they felt?)

What were their hopes?

What hopes & dreams did they have for you?

What was their relationship with God like?

What promises did they make?

## Your Faith

What is your favorite passage (or passages) in the Bible?

When have you felt closest to God? What is your favorite part of being a Christian?

What are some of the difficult parts of our faith for you to believe in?

What questions do you have about our faith?

What don't you understand?

How often do you pray?

How often do you read the Bible?

Who is the Holy Spirit? Have you ever felt the presence of the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

What is the purpose of the church?

What responsibilities do its members have?

What would you like to share with others to tell them about Jesus Christ?

How has your life changed, or what would your life be like without Jesus?

What is most rewarding for you about being a Christian?

What is most challenging?

In what areas would you like to grow?

What would you like to see our church do?

(What ministries would you like to see us participate in?)

(What ministries are we doing that you are excited about?)

### **Expectations (of us all when we join)**

- ◇ That we all want to grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- ◇ We want to grow in our ability to love others, understand what love is, especially God's love. The covenant in membership is like the covenant in marriage. We teach each other about love, show each other, and help one another grow. We are not perfect
- ◇ We will be here and fully participate as often as we are able.
- ◇ Agree to work through & work out our disagreements and stand in appreciation of our diversity (our differences).
- ◇ Participate in personal acts of piety (Bible reading, prayer, reading of related authors, shared fellowship in openness, candor and love; seek to reach out & include others.)
- ◇ Support the church's fellowship by our prayers, presence, gifts & service, & witness.

# ICE CREAM Meet & Mingle SOCIAL!



## Ice Cream Social

It was a great blessing to have so many people join us for ice cream. It was a great joy to see so many

people of all ages stay and enjoy fellowship together (I'm almost always up for a game of 9-square). We hope we had enough flavors. Fellowship in our faith can be fun and I pray and trust that God will lead us to increase our quality time together. His grace and love provide the foundation for all of our relationships; it is vital we place God at the center of who we are and what we are doing.

## Mighty Writers Thank You

This past year, we've been so blessed to help the Mighty Writers with their food distribution. Our special thanks to Peggy & John Watkins who have



helped most weeks, and Donna who has made sure schedules line up to ensure accessibility. Many of the clients of the food distribution have expressed their gratitude for all the help, and they've shared over a dozen written thank you notes that will be posted in the Narthex/Lobby; here are a few of them:

#9 Gracias! Thank you to everyone for the food that you give! To the volunteers thank you! God bless you and take care of you! Teresa N. Thank you to all! United Methodist Church Volunteers: Thank you!

#11 Thank you for so much for helping us that God and the Virgin of Guadalupe. Bless each of those who participate in such a beautiful work. Thank you! The Castaneda Mireles Family. Thank you for helping our community. Your love and kindness are never wasted. God bless you always, you are amazing, Sincerely Jayden Mireles

#12 I want to thank the pastor and the Church for allowing and lending their church for the distribution of provisions. Thank you very much. God bless you without his help it could not be achieved. This is a Blessing for my family, we know that despite the situation of the pandemic God never leaves us alone, Praise my God! for all the people that he puts in our lives thanks! Isela U

#13 Thank you for letting us use the church so that we can receive food in these difficult moments, thanks to the work that everyone does after receiving food, thank you very much and God bless you have a wonderful day. Anna Zavala

#14 Many thanks to the pastor and the Future Kennett Organization for all they do for the community. Thank you for the food you put on our table. Thank you for your time and effort, dedication to all of us. My Family and I are very grateful to you with all the help that you give us in this time, a thousand thanks and God bless you! The Espinoza Bernal Family



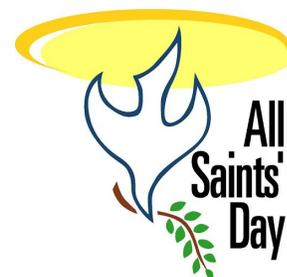
## October 17 – Laity Sunday

It is called Laity Sunday because in the UMC we celebrate the vital ways lay people are pastors and serve Christ. It is a Sunday for the lay members, you the people of our fellowship, to lead the service. We have several people taking part in leading.

If you are interested in serving this way in the future, please talk to Pastor Tim.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

### November 7th



From the earliest days in the church, community has gathered to remember those who have gone onto the glory. On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished tradition has been important in this congregation for many years.

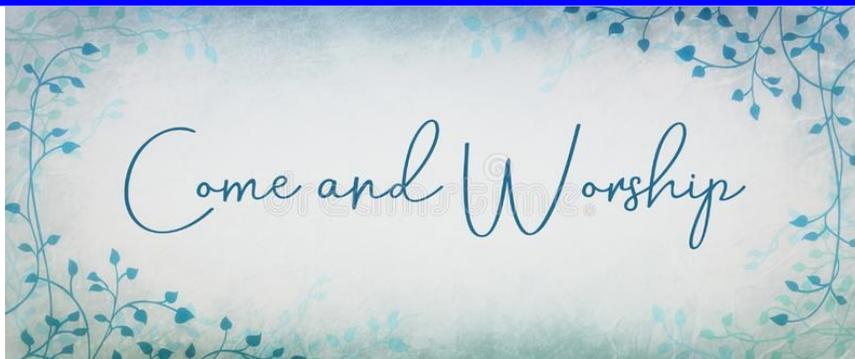
We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 7th .

**Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 31st . It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.**

## Worship Plans –

There are a lot of great scripture passages to build upon as a foundation for our lives, Here are some of the plans we are working on for worship in the coming month:



Christ

Hebrews 5:1-10  
Responding to Our  
Calling to Full  
Stature – Maturity  
in Faith

Our hymns are  
#399 Take My Life  
& Let It Be & #496  
Sweet Hour of  
Prayer

### October 3 – World-wide Communion Sunday

Christians throughout the world are celebrating communion on this Sunday; we join them in an incredible fellowship and celebrate diversity. Our scripture is from:

Mark 10:2-16 Jesus seeks to transform hardened hearts, help us have faith as open, trusting of God like a child's; we strive to be careful care of "Children" of faith

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 We have direct Access with God; a permanent priest and open salvation in Christ. Our hymns are #558 We Are the Church & #359 At Last & Did My Savior Bleed, At the Cross (vs 1, 2, & 5)

### October 10 – New Member Sunday

New Members Join – The first step is not the last step. We have a great group of people who have expressed their desire to join our fellowship and live in the friendship that Jesus Christ shares. Please pray for them, for all of us to welcome and make room for them in our hearts and in our ministries together.

Mark 10:7-31 God's promises and Covenant and offer of eternal life are not based on a business transaction, nor are they to be focused on ourselves. The focus is on God!

Hebrews 4:12-16 God's Word is a Surgeon; Says More about Access to God

Our hymns are #365 Grace Greater Than Our Sin & #57 O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Mark 10:35-45 It is a High Honor to Serve God in

### October 24 - Rev. Dr. David Frame Preaching

Tim & Julie are on vacation, and Rev. Dr. David Frame will the offer message

Mark 10:46-52 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

Psalm 34:1-8(19-22) Parts or all of the Psalm will be used as a responsive reading

### October 31 Halloween; Blessing of CMO & Children.

Because of Jesus Christ, we are not so afraid of Death. We are even free to make fun of our fears, because of Jesus; we are free to fulfill God's joy

Mark 12:46-52 God's First Commandment requires balance from us

Hebrews 9:11-14 Faith & Relationships take priority over enterprise; central to our faith and fellowship is for us to be taking time to really connect, empathize, and show care.

We plan on sharing the hymns #703 Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot & #512 Stand By Me

### November 7 - All Saints Sunday

We celebrate people "who have gone on before us" in life.

Mark 12:38-44 Real caring, love take priority over robes and status; the story of the widow's offering; we remember what it means to say lives have been lived well, faithfully.

We look forward to singing #377 It Is Well with My Soul & #364 Because He Lives

We'll have more in November's Newsletter about worship in November and December, including our plans for special music for Christmas. Is it really October already? We look forward to being in person and sharing fellowship together.

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## Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



**Friday, October 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.**

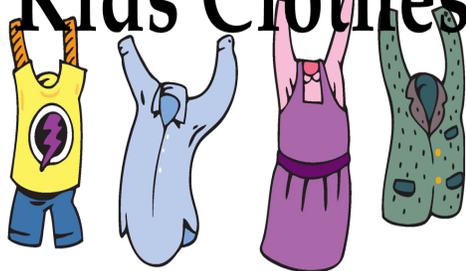
**Donations accepted at the church beginning Sunday, September 26**

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!!**

**Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria.**

**The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale,  
use the proceeds to fund various missions  
in the church and the wider community.**

# Kids Clothes



## CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

**CONSIGN Thursday, October 14 - 3:30-  
6:00 p.m.**

**SHOP Friday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m.-  
4:00 p.m. and**

**Saturday October 16 - 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at good prices. There will be a large selection of Fall and Winter children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, books, baby items and equipment. Shopping hours are Friday, October 15th from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, October 16th from 9:00am-12 noon. Come on Friday for the best selection. On Saturday, many items will be half price. This sale benefits the early childhood and scholarship programs at the Children's Morning Out and Preschool Program of WGUMC.

**Profit Sharing:** Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.

**Items to be consigned:** Fall/Winter children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**



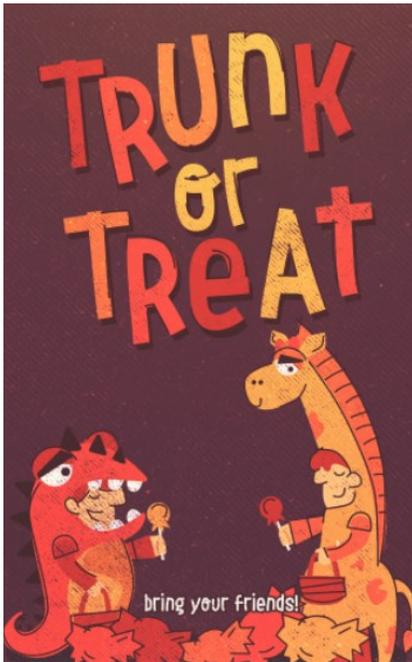
**Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.**

### **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**Volunteers are needed!** Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

\*\*Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed.

**Any questions, please contact Heather Smalley at [\(610\) 806-5393](tel:6108065393).**



## **Trunk or Treat**

**October 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

The annual Trunk or Treat tradition is continuing this year! This year there will be outdoor trick or treating for family and friends.

All participants and attendees are required to wear a mask (it is Halloween, after all!)

Contact Melanie Hartley for more information!

### **Trunk or Treat: Trunk hosts**

Trunk or Treat is a fun day for all involved, including our volunteers!

This year we want to make sure we have a variety of fun trunks for children to visit.

***Can you offer an afternoon of fun to our church family and community?***

***You can contact Melanie Hartley to sign up, for information and help with setting up your trunk!***



# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## Middle school youth group

**Sundays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**October 3, 10, 17**

We are so excited to have a middle school youth group program this year! We play games, discuss how faith fits in our lives and share a few snacks as well. Our kick off week will be full of games and getting to know one another.

Middle school youth group open to any students in grades 6-8.

Contact Melanie Hartley with any questions!

## High school youth group

**Sundays, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

High school youth group is kicking off a new school year! All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us weekly for games, discussion and service projects.

If you have any questions or would like detailed information, please contact Melanie Hartley

## All Worship Sunday

**October 3, 9:30 a.m. service**



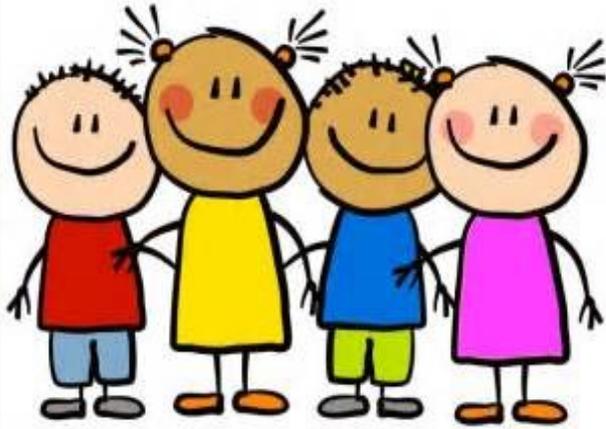
Children remain in worship on communion Sundays so that all can partake at the Lord's Table together. We provide worship packets and hands on toys to keep our kids engaged while they learn about our practices and worship with the congregation.

## Children's Worship

**9:30 a.m. service**

Children's worship is offered during the worship service for children in grades K-4. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson of the day as well as worship practices of the church, and the church seasons.

Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be dismissed by the pastor to children's worship. The children will be brought back to the worship service before the children's message.



## Children's Morning Out Preschool

CMO and Preschool are off to a terrific start!!! We were thrilled to welcome back preschool children and families during the week of September 7th. The children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of new friends. They spend the first few weeks of preschool getting to know one another and their teachers. We will be heading to Milburn Orchards in mid- October for our Fall field trip. It is always so much fun to see the children on the hayride, visiting the packing house and the cold storage and of course seeing the animals. We are looking forward to a fun day! Be sure to check out the fun artwork that is already popping up on the bulletin boards across from the bathrooms. Our Children's Consignment Sale is quickly approaching. The sale this year will be October 15th and 16th. As you know this sale is a huge fundraiser for the preschool program. The success of this sale allows me to provide scholarships as well as much needed items for the preschool. I am always looking for volunteers to help with the sale. If you have some time and would be willing to help on Friday or Saturday, please reach out to me at [cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org). Thank you!!

### PLANTATION JESUS

RACE, FAITH,  
& A NEW WAY  
FORWARD

### Next Book Study on *Plantation Jesus*

The Eastern PA Conference's Congregational Development Team (CDT) and Commission on Religion & Race (CORR) will collaborate again in October on a second conference-wide book study that focuses on racism in America. **The weekly study, via Zoom, will gather readers for lively discussion on Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 11 AM to 12 noon,** to explore the racially conscious 2018 book ***Plantation Jesus***.

Writer Ande Cumbo-Floyd co-wrote the book with Rick Wilson, an Emmy Award-winning media producer and writer who died in 2014, and Skot Welch, founder of Global Bridgebuilders, a consulting firm focusing on cultural transformation and inclusion. Wilson and Welch co-hosted the popular radio program *Radio in Black and White*.

Cumbo-Floyd will lead sessions of the study, which, like the book, will cover challenging topics related to race, ethnicity, American Christianity and cultural competence. Cumbo-Floyd led CORR members in a deeply insightful, candid study and discussion of *Plantation Jesus* this summer, leading the commission to recommend it to the entire conference.

CORR members will facilitate the study, which will include breakout rooms for small-group discussion. CORR and CDT together will offer free e-books to the **first 50 study registrants**.

The book is available for purchase in paperback, Kindle and Audible formats.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Note: Mel Leaman will be facilitating one of the small groups.**

Thank  
you

To my Church and CMO family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, concerns, and cards. I have been deeply comforted by them.

You are never prepared to lose a loved one, and I have been a part of 7 against the world all my life, with my brothers and sisters and I always taking care of one another.

I am so blessed to have you all as my church family and I never feel alone. We all hold each other up.

Thank you with much love in my heart,  
Donna



**All Worship  
Sunday**  
October 3rd,  
9:30 a.m.  
Service

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## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our Nursery has not been open for a very long time due to Covid. Plans are underway to reopen in September with all safety protocols in place. We are in need of additional volunteers. If we have enough, serving as an attendant would only be

once every several weeks!

If you are interested in helping in the nursery (please contact Amy Castaldi at [hass17@hotmail.com](mailto:hass17@hotmail.com) or 610-468-4321.

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**Peg Kent Memorial Service**  
**Saturday, October 9**  
**Service at 11 a.m.**  
**Luncheon follows at 12 p.m.**

All are invited to attend this celebration of life for our sister, Peg Kent. Please let the office know of your intent to come to the service and luncheon so that the family can plan accordingly.

Thank you!



Generous God,

I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me -my life, my family, my friends – time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your goodness.

Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and beyond.

Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me hear the call to "Come, Follow Me."

I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer



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## PRAYER MINISTRY

### MONTHLY GATHERING

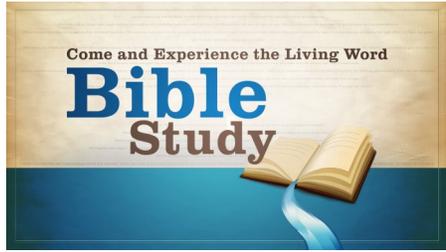


The Prayer Ministry team had been meeting the second Tuesday of every month, prior to the pandemic for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. At a time yet to be determined, we will again gather for prayer. We continue with daily prayer text at 7 pm and ask you to join us in spirit from wherever you may be.

Focus: We pray for the needs of prayer ministry, each other, the congregation, the nation and the world.

We, the Prayer Ministry team, are not a perfect people, "saints", but real people who have each been on a journey at various times in our lives.

Personal requests are **kept** confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary or you may place a request on the prayer board in the prayer room.



## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM MUNDELL

**Mondays, September 13th through November 29th**

Pastor Jim will lead a Bible study on the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. It will be held on Mondays beginning September 13 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

This book of only 5 chapters holds helpful information to help us live as Christians in a secular world. 1 Peter was written during the reign of Nero in Rome, in which Christians were persecuted. It has a theme of "victory over suffering" as experienced by Christ.

Peter addresses the doctrines of Christianity to the newly converted Jews, persuading them to live a holy life, and a faithful live, and prepares them for possible suffering by encouraging them to be patient and persevere in their faith in Christ.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Stay tuned for more information about Adult Sunday School classes.**

**Things are shaking and moving and we will keep you informed!**

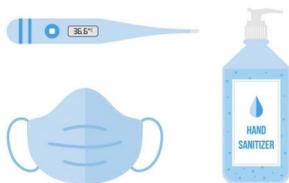
**Come in to learn... Go out to LIVE!**

## Bus Trip to Museum of the Bible - Washington DC

November 6 – 7 am meet at New London UMC Parking Lot  
1010 State Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352

Reserve spot by October 3 – 610-869-8129 or [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org)

Pay cost of \$53 pp by October 10 – New London UMC, PO Box 8050, West Grove, PA 19390



### American Music Theater 2021 Christmas Show

The Avon Grove seniors would like to invite you to join them for a bus trip to the American Music Theatre on **Tuesday, November 30th.**

Spectacular Christmas Show @ 10:30,

lunch to follow @ Bird In Hand @ 2:00.

More details to follow...

If you'd like to kick off the Christmas season with this magical show, please call: Connie

**Do you feel like you don't know what's going on at the church? Well, if you are not receiving the weekly Constant Contact emails from the church, you very well may be missing out on a lot!** We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition and a Sunday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including a link to the week's bulletin. If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash. **A lot of information is shared in these two weekly emails and we often publish special editions of timely information you may be interested in.** This monthly newsletter is also shared via CC. If you are missing out and would like to be on the list, **email Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator, at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or call the office at 610-869-9334.** I will be happy to add you to the list!



# Open Grow Serve



## OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

As summer is coming to an end and fall is quickly approaching, the church has been busier than ever! Here are a few people you might not have seen around the church, but work quietly behind the scenes. If you would like a “shout out” about someone/something you saw that should be recognized, email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

### A Big Thank You to:

- ◇ **Maira Tena** for her hard work around the church to keep it looking beautiful!
- ◇ Tim and Julie Anderman for hosting such a wonderful Ice Cream Social
- ◇ Joan Saller for purchasing a clock for the lobby.
- ◇ The Prayer Chain who cover the hurting and suffering with prayer
- ◇ The United Methodist Women for the Rummage Sale whose proceeds support the community and the wider world
- ◇ The CMO staff for the playground clean-up and re-mulching.
- ◇ Griffin for the great job greeting and bringing smiles to people’s faces.
- ◇ Michael and Nancy Duvall for delivering apples to the Chester County Food Bank for distribution.
- ◇ All Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and PraiseWorks Band members for always providing great music for worship!



## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



Jonathan LeSturgeon	04
Grace Bowes	08
Bradley Dunn	08
Jake Schneider	08
Angela DiRamio	09
Bob Hocking	11
Joanna Stephenson	13
Carol Whelan	15
Valerie Kapp-Benner	16
Madeline Smith	17
Lois Hocking	18
Susan Paisley	18
Christian Schneider	18
Amy Aucott	19



Your church family  
wishes all of you a  
very happy birthday  
and a year filled with  
happiness and blessings!!

Janice Bowers	20
Joshua Robinson	20
Simonds, Amy	21
Jill Croft	23
Jill Hocking	24
Jackson May	26
Fernando Tena	26
Jonathan Tena	26
Donald Anderson	29
Austin McCummings	29
Jessica Timm	29
Tiffany Bohnsack	30



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Melanie Hartley - Children's Ministry Team Contact

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