

# West Grove United Methodist Church

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# January 2016





"When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road." Matthew 2: 9-12

On January 6th, we celebrate Epiphany. The day of revelation, the day of light. The coming of the wise ones to the Christ child. Many of us begin new journeys in this new year; many of us continue journeys into the unknown. I found myself thinking of this blessing written by the Reverend Jan Richardson.

#### For Those Who Have Far to Travel: An Epiphany Blessing

If you could see the journey whole you might never undertake it; might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road: that we see it only by stages as it opens before us, as it comes into our keeping step by single step.

There is nothing for it but to go and by our going take the vows the pilgrim takes:

to be faithful to the next step; to rely on more than the map; to heed the signposts of intuition and dream; to follow the star that only you will recognize;

to keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path; to press on beyond distractions beyond fatigue beyond what would tempt you from the way.

There are vows that only you will know; the secret promises for your particular path and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed by turns you could not have foreseen. Keep them, break them, make them again: each promise becomes part of the path; each choice creates the road that will take you to the place where at last you will kneel to offer the gift most needed—the gift that only you can give—before turning to go home by another way.

May God grant you peace on the journey in this New Year. In God's Love, Pastor Monica



# January Worship at West Grove UMC



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

The Call: Based on Adam Hamilton's book, Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this sixweek study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

### **Epiphany Sunday** January 3, 2016 **Communion Sunday**

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

Scripture: Acts 22: 3-21,

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Called to Follow Christ"

### First Sunday After The Epiphany

January 10, 2016

Scripture: Acts 13: 14,

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "Called to Go"

### Second Sunday After The Epiphany **Human Relations Sunday**

January 17, 2016

Scripture: Romans 5:3-10,

Mark 15: 33-39

Sermon: "Called to Suffer"

### Third Sunday After The Epiphany

January 24, 2016

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13,

Luke 4: 21-30

Sermon: "Called to Love"

#### Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

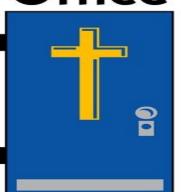
January 31, 2016

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15,

Luke 5: 1-11

Sermon: "Called to Give"





The Church office The Church office Church office will be closed on Thursday December 31, 2015 and

> January 1, 2016 For New Year's Day Holiday.

Will Be Wishing everyone Closed: a blessed and happy New Year!



COFFEE **FELLOWSHIP** 

Hosted by the Music Team

On Sunday, January 17 after both services

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).



# THE WEST GROVE UMC ENDOWMENT FUND

The West Grove UMC Endowment Fund is funded by bequests, memorials and gifts made to the fund. Contribute to the fund by a check made out to "West Grove UMC – Endowment Fund" and send it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. Bequests or memorials may be designated for the Endowment Fund.

Your giving allows us to continue our ministries into the future!

### VOCATIONAL INTERN PROGRAM

### **College Students:**

Would you like the opportunity to be on staff at a church for the summer?

Do you sense God may be calling you into a ministry occupation and would like to gain experience being in ministry for the summer?

Did you know the EPA Conference has a Vocational Intern Program?

The Board of Ordained Ministry of the EPA conference has this incredible program for college students to experience the opportunity of working in ministry during their summer college break. The church provides half the salary and housing if needed, and the Board of Ordained ministry will provide the other half for a total salary of\$3000.00 being paid to the intern.

Applications due by May 1, 2016.



# Southeast District Mission Project 2015-2016 MPASA, Congo Pediatric Clinic Phase II — Furniture & Equipment

PHASE II DISTRICT GOAL: \$50,000

Last year, the Southeast District raised the funds to build a pediatric unit in Mpasa, Congo! Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Our next step is to raise the funds to furnish the inside operations of the Mpasa Clinic. From cribs for children to medical equipment for safe labor, the Southeast District will enable the Mpasa clinic to meet the needs of children and families. As the early Methodists built hospitals, so too, we are returning to our Wesleyan roots as we bring hope and healing to the children of Mpasa, Congo.

Through the Southeast District Mission Project, YOU are helping to transform the lives of children in Mpasa, Congo. One life at a time. One step at a time. Every gift counts.

We have committed as a church to give \$600 for equipment. We have raised \$300, half of our goal.

Together we CAN make a difference in the lives of God's children in Mpasa, Congo. Thank you, Southeast District, for transforming the world for Jesus Christ, one life at a time.



# COMMUNITY CAFÉ

# Our church's free meal ministry

Tuesday, January 26 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. New Year's Celebration Meal

Happy New Year! The Community Café is a monthly meal ministry offered to meet the needs of our church neighbors, friends and members who are in need of or desire a time of fellowship and food. The meals offered through this ministry are TOTALLY FREE and everyone is welcome!

Please join us for a hot, delicious luncheon served to you by the wonderful volunteers from the church.

Our lunch is served directly to your table, restaurant style, by our gracious volunteers, so you do not have to stand in a buffet line! Reservations are suggested, but are not required, by calling the church office at 610-869-9334 or e-mailing office@westgroveumc.org. Walk-ins are welcome. The Rover Bus Company provides local transportation for a nominal fee. You must call them at 610-594-3911 to reserve your seat. If you want to attend the lunch, but are unable to afford transportation, the driver will be met at the church doors, and the bus fare paid.

# **Scout** Sunday is **February** 21st



Please join us for worship on Sunday, February 21 as we celebrate our Scouts! (Boys and Girls!)

## **Scouting by the Numbers**

21 Scout leaders trained at Philmont Training Course

24 Bishop's Awards of Excellence

**75** Good Samaritan Awards

224 Cross and Flame Awards

303 Scouting Ministry Specialists

5,716 PRAY awards given through UM churches

6, 500 Churches with scouting units

10,503 Scouting units in UM churches

20,000 New Testaments with Psalms given to Scouts at high adventure centers

331,000 Youth served by scouting units in UM churches



In case of an emergency, many in our community look for a warm location with access to electrical power, warm food, and comforting conversation.

> West Grove UMC has been providing this informally for many years. This month, our trustees have approved our official inclusion on a Chester County list of facilities that would be available as Comfort Care centers in case of an emergency.

At each emergency, each comfort care center sets their availability. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to help in the case of an emergency.

Missed this weekend's message? Listen to past sermons online.



Did you miss a sermon? Want to check a resource? Hear it again? On our website, www.westgroveumc.org,

we have three ways you

can do this:

**Read the manuscript** of the sermon. This is complete with the weekly meditations and scriptures.

**Listen to the Audio** of the sermon. Listen to it through the website or download it onto your MP3 player.

**Listen and Watch** the sermon coordinated with the PowerPoint presentation for the fullest experience of word and image.

Don't miss a single Sunday! Catch each one online.



Join our ministry at Jenner's Pond on the second Sunday of the month. Worship this month is January 17th at 11:00 am

We wish Pastor Jim and Betty safe travels as they set off on a world-wide cruise. We welcome Karen Hruz, Christ Servant Minister to lead that ministry in his absence.

On behalf of Bishop Johnson, SPRC announced on Sunday, December 13th an additional pastoral appointment to our church.

We celebrate the appointment of The Reverend Shirley Daddario, as Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, effective February 1st, 2015.

We are looking forward to Pastor
Shirley's return to our congregation
for all who remember her time with us
serving as a lay person and as a pastor.
For all who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Pastor Shirley, we look
forward to you meeting her in
February.

## What is it?

Do you ever notice the changing color around Pastor Monica's shoulders when she is robe?

She is wearing a clergy stole. A stole is the mark of an ordained



clergyperson.

Here is Pastor Monica (Steve, Alisabeth, and Felicity) at her ordination. Stoles reflect the liturgical color or purpose of the season.

# Our Sunday Schoolers in Mission!

Our younger Sunday School group learned about the life of Ruth and caring well for others.

Out of their lesson, they made dried soup for some of our older members and friends.

The jars of soup were de-livered in late November and early December.

We pray that the recipients were blessed!



# Happy Birthday

# Jesus!





# CMO PRESCHOOL

December is such a fun month for our preschool children. They are busy preparing for Christmas and the joy and excitement in their faces is always wonderful to see as they

learn all about this special day.

The children have been learning about Jesus and his birth and always enjoy our "Happy Birthday to Jesus" celebration. At the celebration, the children enjoy hearing the story of Christmas told by Pastor Monica, singing Christmas songs for their parents, and getting to make special crafts and play Christmas games.



This year, one of our crafts was making a snowflake that went along with a poem called *The Legend of the Snowflake*. This poem tells us that "snowflakes are little pieces of the special Star that leads us to the Light of The World, Jesus."

We are already planning for our next school year. Our registration for the 2016-2017 school year starts in the beginning of February. Please contact me if you are interested in information about our Church preschool. Tracy McLaughlin



The times we share are the memories we keep. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to show our appreciation to the many wonderful office volunteers at

WGUMC. The luncheon was a time of good food and good fellowship together. A group photo was taken to share with those present and those who were unable to attend. Thanks for your smiles!





Annual Christmas Music Celebration

It was a night to
remember with over
190 folks turning out
to enjoy the songs
and carols of the season! We had scores of
musicians and singers
who were enjoyed by
all attending!

# Advent Bags for Our Homebound Thank You!

We have received numerous calls from the receipents of the Advent bags thanking the UMW and the congregation for the their

thoughtfulness. The bags, with gifts to be opened each day in Advent, were delivered in late November. Thank you to all who so generously donated gifts for the bags, the folks who so loving put them together, and the deliverers of the packages into grateful hands and hearts!



Thank you from our whole staff for the generous gifts received at Christmas time.

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Bags

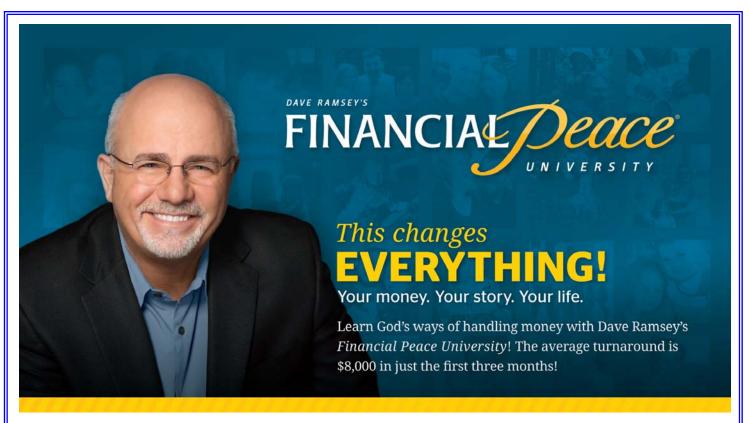
We are indeed blessed by your thoughtfulness in remembering us at Christmas.

Many blessings to you all in the new year!



In the 1700s, John and Charles Wesley visited prisoners at Oxford Castle in England, sharing food, medicine and Holy Communion. Those

founders of Methodism began a rich tradition that continues today in The United Methodist Church. During the liturgical season of Epiphany, we celebrate the manifesting of God's light to the world. Human Relations Day, an opportunity to focus on how God's light continues to shine.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Classes begin Tuesdays, January 19 through March 15, 7:00-8:30p.m.

What is Financial Peace University? We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks.

Please call the office or use this link to sign up:

http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1009967 o

# J.U.L.I.E.T.

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together



January 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348 They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Call Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.



# Hear the **Stories!**

Luther Class is for men and women who are interested in

coming together to learn the stories of the Bible. All are welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 pm at Luther Building #1 in the parlor, right inside the door. Come join us! Bring your friends. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Haley at: chaley@zoominternet.net

Retired Active People



**Retired Active** People (R.A.P.) FRIDAY, January 8

12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m.

Care Givers and **Grief Support** Group January 13th @ 7 p.m.



 $^{\parallel}$  Caregivers and Grief Support Group meets on the

second Wednesday of each month. The Caregiv-"ers group considered disbanding, as their numbers have dwindled. The group decided that they would prefer to change the context rather than to  $\parallel$ disband. Beginning in January 2016, they will address the needs of the group who do not want uto eat alone and suffer from loneliness by meeting || for a dinner out and continue to share their support with one another. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Susan Paisley.



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

We will meet on Thursday, January 28 If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get

together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. Call Roger Bates, at 610-869-**7638,** if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

Our RAP group and friends will be having a covered dish luncheon. A special treat for the afternoon program will be the "London Grove Community Singers." Don't miss this one. It will be terrific! Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the RAP group. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger with any questions.

We meet on the second FRIDAY of every month September through May. See you on Friday, January 8th at Noon!



Please let Pastor Monica, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. We would love to support you and your family with a visit. We depend on you to share the information of which hospital your loved one is in. Please also let us know of any other pastoral needs. We are also interested in gathering a visitation team. Please let us know if you are interested in supporting our homebound members in this way. Thank you!



# C.I.A. Youth Ministry News

# Youth Newsletter for January 2016

**DECEMBER REVIEW**: The Youth were up to a few things in December... including;

- \* Hosting a Family Dodge Ball Night during the week of Family Promise
- \* Delivering Advent Bags to some of our older members
- \* A Parents Nite Out *Afternoon!* We played outside on a nice 70-degree day!
  - \* Wrapping presents at Luther House
  - \* Christmas Party @ The Lindtner's House

JANUARY PREVIEW: Check out what is going on in January!



#### **ROOTED SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

We will take a look at some of Paul's teachings from the epistles in the New Testament. Paul is

one of my favorite writers from the Gospel and I'm excited to dive deeper into his life and his teachings. We will continue with our theme of faith journaling, drama, music, technology and service. Join us for a Happy New Year Celebration on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with some donuts and juice.





### DODGEBALL FUN:

January 8<sup>th</sup>! 7 – 9:00. Pizza and Dodge Ball! Bring a friend and come hang out.

## 2016 Mission Trip Reveal Party:

Wondering where we are heading this

summer for our mission trip? Come on out for a reveal party on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30. Details will be shared!

Winter Retreat to Gretna Glen: Need a get away? Time to refresh? Your faith feeling a bit flat and worn out? Then join us for an over night to Gretna Glen where we will worship God, play outside, play inside, and reignite our faith. January 30 – 31st. Cost is \$50. Sign up with Jamie Lindtner by January 20th.

# January Dates:

- **January 3, 10, 17, 24** ROOTED Sunday School.
- **January 8** Dodge Ball; 7 9:00. \$2
- January 17- Mission Trip Reveal party. 6

   7:30.
- **January 30 31** Gretna Glen Retreat.

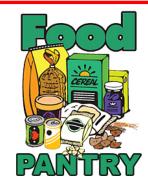
Questions about the Youth Ministry at WGUMC? Looking to get involved? Have a student in grades 7 -12<sup>th</sup>? Contact Jamie Lindtner @ 610-937-7932 or Jamielindtner@gmail.com



Thank you, dear friends, for your generous and amazing support of families in need this Christmas season. We had many tags up on the tree and still had families asking for more when they were all gone. Your generosity made Christmas bright for families in our Children's Morning Out program, at Penn-London Elementary School, our local community, and at Twin Pines Nursing Home. What a blessing it is to give others the gift of love at Christmas! Thank you!

Our community has deep needs with which we can help!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our calls for specific needs for our pantry.



Thank you to Karen Hruz who has begun coordinating our Emergency Food Pantry.

Thank you to Gene Aucott for the rolling shelves donation to organize our pantry.

### How can you help?

There are copies of a shopping list of our current needs clipped to the shopping card in the Narthex. Pick up the list and include one, some, or all of the items with your shopping to serve those in need in our community.

# **Daily** Meditations

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We hope you have had a chance to catch the new meditations in the bulletin. They are written one for each day

of the week as a short meditation and question with which you might begin your day. Don't forget to take your bulletin home and place the mediations and scripture reading in a place you can use each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!

# Save the date for Tools for Ministry!

Southeast District will be offering Tools for Ministry on

#### March 7th

At West Grove United Methodist Church.

Save the date and plan to join us for wonderful workshop and engaging learning opportunities.

# 2016 Offering Envelopes Are ready for you to pick up in the lobby.

If you are not able to pick up envelopes, please make sure the church office knows.

If you are willing to deliver envelopes to those who are unable to pick them up, please let the office know.

This helps us save on postage!

Please note that the 2016 envelopes will have a slightly different choices for your giving. There will be 4 categories on the front of the envelope:

**Mission and Ministry** (This is our general fund, primary budget, the way in which we plan to do mission and ministry in the world. Please contribute your tithe to this purpose.)

**Building Maintenance** (Please use this to make designated gifts to be used for the upkeep of our building maintenance. At other points, this was designated as our Harvest Fund)

**Endowment** (Please use this to make contributions to our endowment for our congregation to make future impacts on our community)

**Other** (Please use this for special designated giving, such as Community Café, Sunday School Supplies, Mortgage principal donations, Mpasa Health Clinic, and others)



During out November 5th
Sunday Coin
Collection, we
collected \$275
from the congregation for
equipment at

the Mpasa Pediatric Health Clinic that we as a Southeast District are building.

With an additional contribution from our missions budget, we are sending \$300 for those purposes. Look in the spring for another opportunity for us to save lives and impact the world as we work together. Thanks be to God for all who contributed!



#### **Building Maintenance Reserve Fund**

We believe that our building is not ours, but it is God's. We have the privilege of updating it and maintaining it so that all who enter find it a warm, welcoming and hospitable place to experience the spirit of Christ.

Our Building Maintenance Reserve Fund is one way we ensure that we are good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Please consider making donations regularly.



"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them..." (Hebrews 13:3 NRSV)

Dear Friends,

This week, for our Advent Service Project, Bishop Johnson and the Extended Cabinet spent a day at Chester County Prison. We worked with the women of Chester County Correctional Center to design pillows that will be given to the residents of The Pocopson Nursing Home. I was paired with a woman who had been in prison for 270 days and who had 90

more days to go. As we made the pillow, she shared with me that she was counting down the days until she could see her 8 year old son. "He always liked to sit in the kitchen and watch me cook," she told me. "I miss him so much. I think about him every moment of every day. Each day seems to take so long to pass in here."

We completed our pillows, and then I asked the group of 12 women if they wanted to sing. I told them there was no pressure at all. We started singing, and soon the women joined the Bishop and Cabinet in song. The women were watching our Bishop closely as her hands sang in a language of their own. Then DS Cotto started to sing and clap to "Feliz Navidad." The women began clapping, and singing, and then the most beautiful sound came out of the prison walls: laughter. The woman made drums out of the visitor waiting room tables and even raised their hands in song. We sang everything from "Jingle Bells" to "Silent Night." Together, we laughed and sang, and, if only for a moment, the bars were gone. It was a moment of grace, a moment when Advent was made real to us all.

In the message version of the Bible, Eugene Peterson translates John 1:14 in this way: "The Word became flesh and blood, and *moved into the neighborhood*." This Christmas, God is moving into the heart of your neighborhood. God takes up residence right between the 7-11 and the laundromat. God moves into your neighborhood and enters into every space where there is pain, every heart where there is grief, every life where there is need. And then, just as God moves into the neighborhood, an invitation is sent: "Follow me." We are called to the highways and byways; to the prisons and to the homeless shelters and to every place where there is brokenness; we are called to bring the light of Christ to the world.

As we closed our day at the prison, I led the group in one last moment of devotion. I prayed that the women would remember who they are: God's beloved. I also prayed that they would always remember that with God, the best is yet to be. As I was leaving, I turned to the woman I had worked with all morning, and I told her that I would count down the next 90 days with her. I told her that every morning I would remember how many days she had left, and I would pray for her. As I am writing this devotion, she has 88 more days to go.

Southeast District, this Christmas, I give thanks for all the ways you are moving into the neighborhood. I give thanks to God for you as I constantly remember you in my prayers. You inspire me every day to do all the good I can, in all the ways I can, for as long as I can. I look forward to serving God together in the new year. Merry Christmas, *Dawn (The Reverend Dawn Taylor-Storm, District Superintendent)* 



Thanks be to God for all who served and cared for our families as

we hosted from December 6th—
13th. Special thanks to our coordinators Janice Bowers,
Joan Leaman, Tim Bushnell, Kim Weingarten and the whole mission team. We also give thanks to God for Joe and Melissa Dea in the kitchen, overnight volunteers, and new partners from Kennett Square Presbyterian Church. Consider how you might serve next time!



Potential Volunteers for NEJ 2016,

Thank you sincerely to each of you, for indicating your willingness to volunteer your assistance at the NEJ conference, July 10-15, 2016. The response has been heartwarming and will certainly provide the gracious hospitality of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference!

If you signed up to volunteer on site during the conference, you will be contacted by the Host Committee by April, to confirm your participation at Annual Conference, June 15-18, and the NEJ Conference July 10-15. Please, contact Judy Ehninger if you have any questions or if you are no longer able to participate.

Thank you, for all you do and your assistance in providing hospitality for the NEJ Conference! Please keep this conference in your prayers.

In His Service, Judy





On Sunday, January 17, 2016, we will celebrate Human Relations Day at our church. Human Relations Day is our day to support, through a special offering, those living in the margins of society.

All money collected during this special offering will go to United Methodist Community Developers (57 percent), United Methodist Voluntary Services (33 percent) and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (10 percent).

#### Our offering makes a real difference.

Take, for instance, the story of Robin.

Robin spent three years in jail for drug trafficking. She had a distorted image of God. She did not even know if God loved her.

Today, she is addiction free and helps other women find recovery. Today, she shows others Christ's powerful and transformative love.

She does this through her work with Exodus House.

Exodus House provides transitional housing to formerly incarcerated drug and alcohol addicts, and, with it, a new picture of the love of Christ.

This ministry is just one of many we support when we give on Human Relations Day. Human Relations Day encourages ordinary people to change the world.

Isn't that exciting?

I hope you will join me in giving generously on January 17, 2016



# Young Moms (and Dads!)

It's been a busy fall at YoungMoms! We crafted, cooked, and learned new parenting and life skills!

Seven young mothers joined our program this fall, bringing the number of young moms we're currently serving to 32. Each young mom meets with staff to create goals and develop a plan to achieve them. She receives ongoing staff support and is encouraged to attend our group activities and learn valuable life skills. Most young moms are paired with a volunteer mentor who encourages and supports. This fall we helped young moms register for college classes, apply for jobs, create resumes, and find daycare for their children. We connected them with financial training classes, Bible studies, medical services, and GED programs. It's thrilling to watch our young moms gain skills and confidence, and create a more stable, secure future for themselves and their children.

Other big news... on November 10 we launched **YoungDads!** This program is designed to provide support services such as mentoring, life skills training, and goal setting to the partners/spouses of our YoungMoms clients. We designed this new initiative to empower young dads to reach their potential as men and fathers, and to strengthen the young mom's family unit.



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## ~ Open, Grow, Serve ~

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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The Reverend. Jim Mundell - Associate Pastor, Chaplain at Jenner's Pond Jim.mundell@westgroveumc.org

The Reverend Shirley Daddario—Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries Shirley.daddario@westgroveumc.org

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

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Maira Tena - Nursery Attendant

#### **Board and Committee Leadership**

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John Gambill, Betty Mundell and Denise Byers

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