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MAY 2014



Mother's Day



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A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

--Author Unknown



May Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Third Sunday in Easter—May 4

Youth led Service
Communion Sunday
Baptism Sunday

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

Fourth Sunday in Easter—May 11

Mother's Day

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Sermon: "Love"

Fifth Sunday in Easter—May 18

Baptism Sunday

Scripture: Proverbs 2:5-12
Sermon: "Choices"

Sixth Sunday in Easter—May 25

Scripture: Galatians 5:22
Sermon: "Patience"



EIGHTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU'RE INVITED!

When: Sunday, June 8

Time: 11:30 a.m. (Shortly after the blended service)

Where: West Grove UMC grounds

Games for all ages! Bring your lawn chairs!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, grills, ice cream and strawberries will be provided.

Rain or Shine!

Children's Activities offered!



A preacher decided to skip worship services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting instead. As the man rounded a corner, he collided with a huge bear and tumbled down the mountain, losing his rifle and breaking both legs in the process. The bear charged toward him, but the preacher couldn't move.

"Oh, Lord," he prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping church today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please turn that bear into a Christian!"

Grin and Bear It

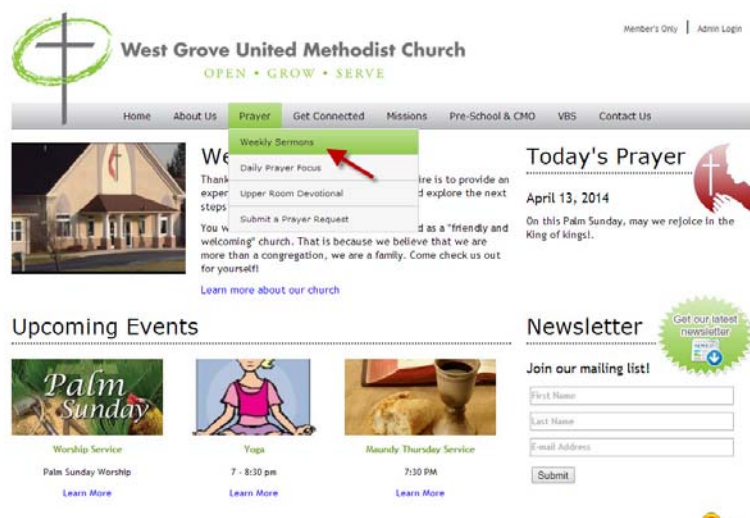
Instantly, the bear screeched to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its front paws together and began praying aloud at the preacher's feet.

"Dear Lord," the bear said, "bless this food I am about to receive. Amen."



Have you visited our website lately?

www.westgroveumc.org



There are many things to explore on our website! Did you want to hear the sermon again? Or perhaps you missed it and want to hear it?

Well, it is posted each week on our website!

You can find information about the various ministries we have, upcoming events, how to get connected, read our newsletter and the daily prayer to name just a few.

Check us out!



Coffee Fellowship this month is hosted by The Faith Links Class

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.



Church Office Closed For the Holiday

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day**



Annual Conference What Is It?

On May 16-18, Pastor BK, Pastor Jim, and Cindy Haley will attend the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. What is Annual Conference? For United Methodists, Annual Conference is both a yearly meeting and the name of our geographical boundaries. There are 463 churches in eastern part of the state, from Philadelphia to the Poconos and the Delaware River to Lebanon County that comprise the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Throughout the country, we have 63 annual conferences, encompassing all 50 states. There are also United Methodists in 163 countries – the world is our parish, as our founder John Wesley stated 250 years ago!

Our yearly gathering of clergy and lay people from the 463 churches in our area is also known as Annual Conference. This year, the Conference is held at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA. The theme this year for our annual conference is Health: Head-to-Toe; Heaven-to-Earth; and Heart-to-Heart (physical – spiritual – relational).

More than 1000 United Methodists – half lay, half clergy – will gather to approve legislation and new rules governing our life together, be inspired by gifted teachers and preachers, receive reports on the work that United Methodists take part in, and recognize pastors who are retiring or who have passed away and celebrate the ordination of new pastors. Please keep Pastor BK, and Pastor Jim and Cindy Haley in your prayers along with all of our other brothers and sisters as we seek God's direction and guidance for us and God's people in Eastern Pennsylvania!



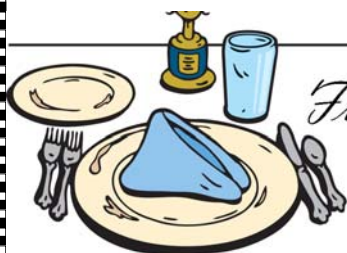
Juliet
Breakfast

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

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

May 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **Until further notice, we will 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.



Free Meal
Ministry

THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**Our church's free
meal ministry**

**Tuesday, May 27
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome! Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can choose how to help: donating your time to serve a meal to friends in our community, wash dishes, help to set up or clean up, or donate a needed food item for the day's fare.

All are invited to join us on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month, for a healthy, delicious meal homemade by the members of our congregation. Reservations are suggested by calling the church office at 610-869-9334, but are not required. (Arrangements can be made to deliver meals to shut-ins.) Walk-ins are welcome.

**Care Givers Group
Wednesday,
May 14
7 p.m.**



Caregivers meet on the **second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on April 9 at 7 p.m. in room #16.** Please join us if you are caring for a loved one, close or from afar. Find love and support from others in your situation. **Thank you.**



Praise Band

PRAISE BAND DI- RECTOR NEEDED

We are seeking a praise band director to lead at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sundays. Duties would include leading worship on Sundays plus conducting weekly rehearsals. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position, please email your resume to: office@westgroveumc.org Feel free to share this information with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

**"A child needs your love most when
he deserves it least."**

—Erma Bombeck

BUDGET REPORT Our Quarterly Financial Report

Our current budget forecast is \$381,051 for Mission Allocations. (Expenses) This requires a weekly income of \$7327.90 to meet expenses. As of March 31, 2014, our expenses were \$30,402. The annual budget forecasts that \$374,970 will be needed to meet expenses. Currently, our weekly gifts and tithes average is \$6,568. Year-to-date total income is \$78,810 (as of March 30, 2014).

Notes:

Mission Allocations Forecast (Expenses) based on the total expenses budget request submitted by each Administrative Council Member, to run our church for the calendar year.

Reasons for Increased costs:

Heating fuel increase.

New Pastors health insurance. Previous Pastor expense was paid by his spouse.

Conference Apportionment commitment.

The Annual forecast is available to church members upon request.

Prepared by Walter L.Yates



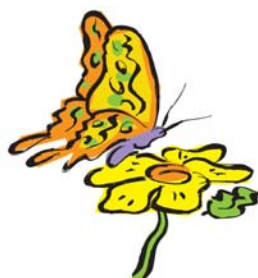
THE WEST GROVE UMC **ENDOWMENT FUND**

The West Grove UMC Endowment Fund is funded by bequests, memorials and gifts made to the fund. Contributions can be made to the fund by your check made out to **“West Grove UMC – Endowment Fund”** and sending it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate. You can also direct any bequests or memorials be put into the endowment. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jim Mundell.

In spring 2013, a young man named Aba Atlas wanted to do something special for his birthday, so he gave his *mom* a present — and made a video about the gift and its beloved recipient. (Locate it on YouTube by searching for “iProjectAtlas, Dear Mother.”)

For years, Aba’s mother had worked long hours outside the home and then cared for her kids each evening. She’d bought a house so her children would always have a place to call home, yet the mortgage caused her great

Celebrating Mom

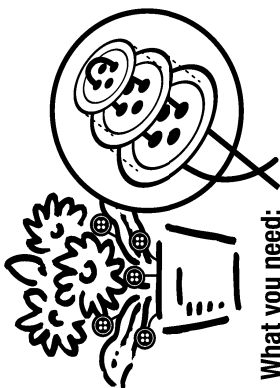


stress. Working at a \$30,000/year position, Aba saved enough money to pay off his mom’s mortgage and, on his birthday, presented her with a check. According to a caption in the video, her response was “Wow x 9000.”

“I want to celebrate my life by celebrating the woman who gave me life,” Aba says.

Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire.
3. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
4. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
5. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
6. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!

ASCENSION CRAFT



Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.

Children's Morning Out



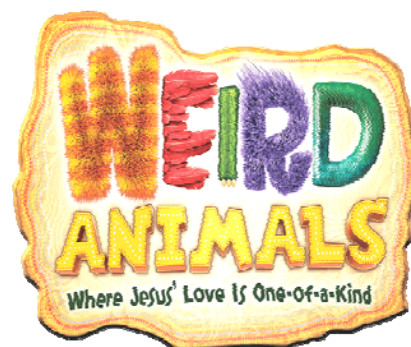
We are so excited that Spring has arrived! The children are once again enjoying outside play on the playground after the long, snowy winter. We have

been busy preparing for Easter and are looking forward to having Pastor BK come in to each classroom to share the story of Easter. We will also be having an Easter celebration filled with a Bunny Trail Obstacle Course, a yummy Easter treat, and egg hunting.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out with our Spring Consignment Sale. The sale is a wonderful fundraiser for our program and it would not be successful without the help of our preschool parents and church members. Thank you for your continued support!

Tracy McLaughlin

SAVE THE
DATE FOR
VBS
JULY 14-18



C.I.A. Youth Ministry News

May News Worthy



Youth Ministry Dates

Middle School Youth - 1st & 3rd Friday, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

May 2: At Church. Bring Snacks.

May 16: Special Night Out - Watch for Details!

High School Youth - 1st & 3rd Sunday, 7:00 -8:30 P.M.

May 4 - God is Not Dead Movie.. - watch for a time, we will head out to see this movie together.

May 18 - At church. Bring Snacks.

Friday Night DodgeBall - May 23rd.

7 - 9:00 p.m. Bring \$2 for pizza and some friends!



Parents Night Out

**Parents Date Night
Saturday, May 17,
4-7 p.m.**

Parents – mark the calendar and head out to dinner, a movie, shopping, a nap... while the youth group hang with your kids! We'll provide pizza for dinner, games, crafts and a movie. 4 – 7:00. Sign up Forms will be available beginning of May. A donation of \$10 per child is suggested. Sign up to help!



Washington DC Summer

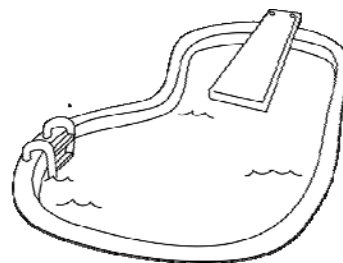
Youth Mission Trip: July 6 – 12th. For 7th – 12th graders. Spots are still available .1 See Jamie for more information.

3rd Annual West Grove Project – August 5-6

Youth Group Summer Pools

During the summer, the youth like to 'get off campus' and head to different

houses for youth group. If you have a pool available and are open to hosting the youth for a pool party - please let me know! You provide the pool and we'll bring the snacks!



Needed

Youth Room Needs (a few things we could use - if you want to donate - please do!).

- * Water (we love to have extra water to drink - if you want to donate a package of water - we'd love it!).
- * ping pong paddles and balls
- * new slip covers for the couches.

If you'd like to find out more about the youth ministry at WGUMC, please contact Jamie Lindtner 610-937-7932 or jamielindtner@gmail.com

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

Tuesday, May 13
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Hello All,

What a fun and blessed RAP season!! Our last meeting will be Tuesday, May 13. We will have a potluck lunch and lots of fellowship. If you would like to bring your favorite game to enjoy, please do so!

I look forward to seeing all of you for great fellowship. We will call soon to get an idea of what dish you are bringing to share and, as always, coffee, tea, lemonade and iced tea will be available.

I cannot tell you how much this RAP season has meant to me and how much I admire and love each and every one of you. I will miss you this summer, but the next RAP season will be here before we know it! I am grateful for your help and friendship. You have made a tremendous impression on me. Your friendship and guidance has been unwavering and I appreciate it. It brings me to a verse from Hebrews regarding Fellowship.

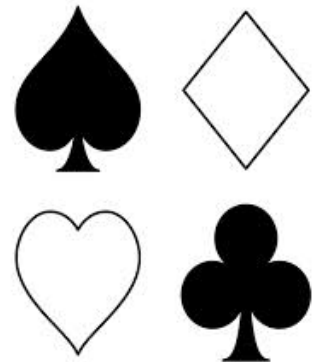
Hebrews 10:25. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*****Don't forget our Moses trip to Sight and Sound. Weds. May 7 @ 2:45....be sure to go early as once they shut the doors, you cannot get in until intermission!! See you there. Thanks so much.

Blessings,

Lisa Reoli

RAP Coordinator



R.O.M.E.O.

**Retired Older Men Eating
Out**

Thursday, May 29



R.O.M.E.O.

Retired Older Men Eating Out, will meet, May 29, 2014. If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEIO 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..



**Luther House
Bible Study**

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



Safety Checklist for Walking

No nonsense safety measures ensure your health and security.

"WalkSense Is Your Defense"

Your Clothes: Wear shoes that fit well and have non-slip soles. Wear clothes that don't chafe or bind. Dress for the weather, with layers to accommodate changing conditions or your own body temp as you warm up and cool down.

Your Path: Avoid traffic (not only cars, but also bikes, runners, skater and other obstacles). Stick with sidewalks, paths, or quiet streets.

Visibility: Make sure you're visible, especially at twilight or night. Use reflective gear and a flashlight if you walk in the dark.

Watch Your Step: Look out for uneven surfaces, rocks and litter, cracks, potholes, wet leaves ice, and snow.

Pack Light: Avoid carrying things that could become burdensome or hazardous on your journey. Consider using a backpack to balance your load, or a fanny pack for bare essentials. If you're walking on errands, a wheeled



cart or wagon may be a good idea. Don't turn your walk into a strain.

Stick To Safe Areas: Stay away from dangerous or deserted neighborhoods or parks. Consider walking with a companion. Always let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.

Be Prepared: Carry some form of identification, a small amount of cash, and other things you may need along the way, such as hat and gloves, rain gear, water, a light snack, or a map.

Be Alert: Keep your eyes open for oncoming cars, unfriendly dogs (or people), thunderstorms and the like. Beware of headphones that could drown out important sounds around you, such as oncoming cars or someone trying to tell you something.

Follow the checklist even if you just walk a few blocks... Even if you're just walking back to your car at the end of the parking lot... Even if you know you're walking in a safe neighborhood...

REGARD YOUR SAFETY. DEVELOP AN AUTOMATIC SENSOR to environmental hazards. Statistics still say that many accidents occur closest to home.

Walking for the Health of It; Wellness Councils of America



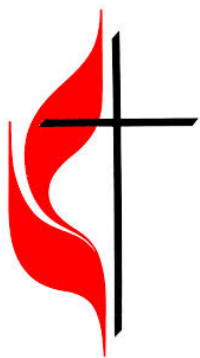
United Methodist Day Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom Sat., June 21, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Join EPA United Methodists, their families and friends, for the 3rd annual United Methodist Day at Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park address is 3830 Dorney Park Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

This is a great opportunity for church members, families and friends and entire communities to enjoy a day of thrilling fun and fellowship at one of America's greatest amusement parks. Our UMC coupon will get you a \$20 discount when you present it at the Dorney Park ticket window; and no, you don't have to be a United Methodist to use the coupon. You don't have to purchase tickets in advance. You just download the coupon and take it with you. You can purchase four tickets with each coupon; but you can print copies for all the coupons you need. Your church office can print and copy coupons to pass out to the congregation and friends.

Your church will increase its visibility and popularity in the community when members take children, youth and adults on this fun family outing. Your church's youth can go as a group and invite their friends and fellow students at a great discount. Bishop Peggy Johnson and other EPA Conference leaders will be there to greet us and join in a great day of United Methodist fun fellowship for all.

Questions? Contact Ross Brightwell at rossbrightwell@verizon.net or call 215-643-1269.



REACHING OUT MINISTRY/ MOROGORO

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APRIL 2014



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Receive our sincere greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First of all we are very thankful for your prayers, for your supports and for your donations on December 03, 2013. May God bless you very much as you are servants of God with us in His ministry.

With this Newsletter, we would like to wish an HAPPY

EASTER 2014. During this period our slogan message is "The immortal God died for us".

At the beginning of last December 2013, a crusade was organized in Morogoro four persons believed in Jesus Christ. At the mid December 2013, we visited some little congregations (which meet in the rented rooms) established in Njombe area (ministry in south Tanzania). There the UMC is in need to get his own land plots in Makambako and in Njombe. In January 2014, eight maasai were baptized at Mtipule. Many maasai in Mangae area prefer an immersion baptism. As there is no river in Mtipule area, we waited until it rained, and have water in the deep.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Through your support, Wesley primary school has its ninth classroom. As more children got sponsorship for their education, we thank you very much for your support. At Susannah Wesley training center, we are assisting two desperate girls who failed their national examination last year; their families could not again pay for their school fees. And with our assistance, they are now looking forward to represent again their examination." Faidika Women group" got a fund to start a food production project. And on the side of Susannah Wesley Health Care, the pharmacy is going well. We are still renovating rooms for the clinic.

Morogoro UMCWesley Primary School

Our projects:

Reaching Out Ministry, **Advance number 150530**

Morogoro preschools, **Advance number 15048N**

Wesley primary school, **Advance number 3020704**



Susannah Wesley Training centre, **Advance number 3020705**

Church construction in Morogoro, **Advance number 15059N**

Morogoro Pastors' Training Center, **Advance number 3020710**



Thank you for your prayers and for taking part in our mission.
Christ Jesus is risen.

Yours in Christ's love,

Mrs Ngoy and Rev. Umba Kalangwa

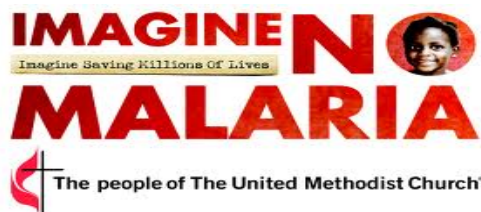


THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH, we had a White Towel Collection for Children in Ghana.

The missions team is happy to report that we collected 137 towels! Our goal was 120, so we were able to send an abundant supply to Ghana. Thank you for supporting this ministry and exceeding our goal.



Janice Bowers, Chair of Missions



Imagine No Malaria – A Mother's Day Mission Moment

"Her children bless her; her husband praises her." – Proverbs 31:28, CEB

"We could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children." – 1 Thessalonians 2:7, CEB

An innovative approach to combating malaria in Lualaba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, has meant more than 80 percent of the households are sleeping under insecticide-treated bed nets. As many as four people can sleep beneath each net.

The implementation of Project UNF07 is beneficial and of great importance in the Lualaba area, because of the net distribution and other educational activities concerning malaria, Betty Kafwimbi said. "Before the education took place," she explained, "few people would think about looking at malaria as possible cause of the illness."

Before this program, parents often waited until the last minute to bring their children to health facilities for treatment. Many children died. Today the public is educated through door-to-door visits, radio and television, posters and fliers, and outreach to schools, churches and mosques, she said.

"Now, with this program, many people no longer fall ill from malaria," Kafwimbi said. "But if they do become ill, they are brought here in time, which allows many of them to be treated and saved."

Just a few short years ago, statistics showed a child died every 30 seconds of malaria. Today, because of the dedicated and generous support of people through Imagine No Malaria, **malaria's impact has been cut in half.** According to WHO (World Malaria Report 2011

http://www.who.int/malaria/world_malaria_report_2011/en/), this disease now claims a life every 60 seconds.

Prayer: Gentle God, help us to treat every one of your children as if he or she is our own. Grant us patience to listen, to seek new answers and to learn from others. Help us to wrap healing arms around those who need us the most. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Did you know? This year on Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, our church has a special opportunity to make sure our generosity will go further than usual. We can help to find a permanent solution for a major health crisis affecting mothers in Africa.

Each year, more than 655,000 people die from malaria in Africa. Up to 90 percent of them are women and children. Pregnant mothers and children under age five are the groups most vulnerable to the deadly disease.

Our church's support of the **Imagine No Malaria campaign** of the United Methodist Church can **help reduce death and suffering by 2015.** Thousands of congregations across the United States, including Churches in our area, have already helped to raise \$31.2 million. **The next opportunity to join this campaign is on Mother's Day.**

When we receive an offering on May 11th in honor of the mothers in our congregation,

100 percent of the church's contributions will go to the fight against malaria. Together, we are making a difference as the people of the United Methodist Church. Our children, as part of our worship service following the Moment for All Ages, will come around to collect this special offering in honor of all Mothers.





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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.

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