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"That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live.

After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer.

You're living in the freedom of God. "Romans 6: 12-14

There are very few words that turn people quicker to the statically certainty that Christians are judgmental as the word, SIN! Say the word SIN! And people immediately conjure up fire and brimstone, preachers pounding pulpits, and the very worst of who we have been as Christians. Sadly, I think we have allowed the worst parts of our tribe called Christians to run away with the definition of an essential faith word that is needed by ALL of us~ SIN.

Barbara Brown Taylor says this, "Abandoning the language of sin will not make sin go away. Human beings will continue to experience alienation, deformation, damnation and death no matter what we call them. Abandoning the language will simply leave us speechless before them, and increase our denial of their presence in our lives. Ironically, it will also weaken the language of grace, since the full impact of forgiveness cannot be felt apart from the full impact of what has been forgiven. (Speaking of Sin, 4-6)"

So, how do we reclaim with integrity and authenticity, the essential faith words: Sin, Repentance, Redemption, and Salvation? We turn back to the scriptures and lay our lived narratives alongside the words of God. It is the story of a child who apologizes for hitting a sibling, but never intends to stop hitting their sibling. It is the story of a boss who works employees into exhaustion with a perfunctory "sorry" at the company party. It is the story of spouses who have put everything else before one another and lament their disconnect. It is the story of us as we watch the television proclaiming judgement on each person without knowing their story or their heart. SIN and REPENTANCE—is about you and I. Redemption and Salvation are about what God continues to do for us.

Join us this month as we tell the old story of Second Chances with the authenticity of twenty-first century Christians.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica

Second Chances



July Worship at West Grove UMC



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

July 3rd – 24th : Second Chances: Sin, Repentance, and Redemption

Starting July 31st: Music and God Sightings

Based on requests and recommendations from the congregation, we will explore sung theology, musical conversations about God and God's world.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 2016

Communion Sunday

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

Scripture: John 3: 16-21,

Isaiah 59:9-12

Sermon: "Sin: Why taking it seriously might surprise you"

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 10, 2016

Scripture: Matthew 7: 1-5

Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon: "Second Chance for Them??"

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 17, 2016

Pastor Jim leads worship at Jenners' Pond

Scripture: Mark 1: 1-15,

Jeremiah 31: 18-19, 31-34

Sermon: "Turn Around and Try Again "

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 24, 2016

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-7,

Luke 21: 25-33

Sermon: "Second Chance for a First Impression "

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to Benefit

The Les Family in the Ukraine

July 31, 2016

Scripture: Ephesian 2: 8-9,

John 1:16-17

Sermon: "Amazing Grace"

(Pastor Shirley preaching)



Gluten Free Communion

Our Communion bread is now gluten

free, so that all can receive from the same loaf. In our church, we have at least 10% of congregation who have Celiac's disease or gluten intolerance or sensitivity. This radical hospitality allows us to live our theology that ALL are welcome at the Communion table.



Hosted by the Administrative Council On Sunday, July 17

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.



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

www.westgroveumc.org

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



Summer Worship July and August

9:30 a.m.

Please note that during July and August our worship will be at 9:30 a.m. This will be a blended service with elements from our contemporary worship and traditional worship.

We hope you will take advantage of this time for worshipping with persons in our congregation who you may not see during the rest of the year.

Job Posting:



Engagement Specialist

West Grove UMC is seeking a dynamic person to join our team as an engagement specialist. The Engagement Specialist will lead in engaging connections with community and congregation through social and traditional media, as well as providing administrative support in the office. This is part-time position with potential to grow.

Please email inquiries, resumes, and questions to pastor @westgroveumc. See David Delaney, our SPRC chair or Pastor Monica for more details.

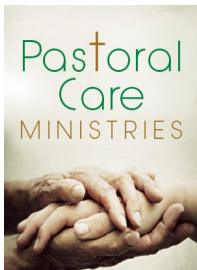
Please let Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Our pastoral team shares pastoral care.

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.

Thank you!



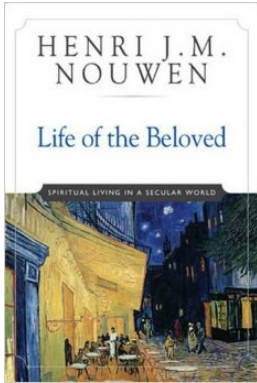
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Our Faith In Action.
MALARIA



We give thanks to God for the generosity of those who contributed 449.89 to Imagine No Malaria!

A few Annual Conference Pictures





Pastor Monica to lead discussions on the book **LIFE OF THE BELOVED**

Join us as we seek spiritual guidance and growth from the renowned author, Henri Nouwen. His book, *Life of the Beloved*, offers writings on the spiritual life without pretense of technical language. The book rose out of a request from a secular journalist asking Nouwen to explain spiritual life in every day terms.

Pastor Monica will lead this group through our identity as beloved children of God as well as others' as God's beloved children as well.

We will meet after the combined worship services (at 9:30 am) on July 10th, July 17th, July 24th, and July 31st At 11 am.

All are welcome. Books are available for purchase from Pastor Monica.

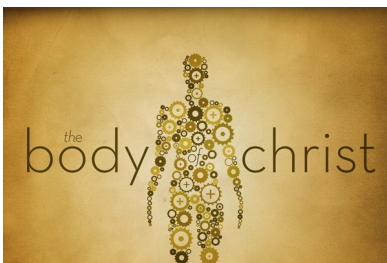


We give thanks to God for the generosity of many givers. It is your giving that allows us to impact our community and our world. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings give us the resources to share, equip, empower, and advocate for our community.

Consider electronic giving for its ease and discipline. Call the Church office for details on how to set up electronic giving.

Please look for your 6 month giving statements in the mail. If there are questions, please contact our financial secretary, Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or

sar57ver@verizon.net



WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Our Church is strongest and healthiest when we are all working together.

We need your help!

Would you like to serve as a greeter, an usher, in the nursery, a Sunday School teacher, Children's Worship leader, counter, acolyte, sanctuary set-up, church sign changer, office volunteer?

Sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex on Sunday morning.

You have gifts and talent that can support the body of Christ!



We are still in great need of more **Sunday school teachers and Children's Worship leaders.** CW leaders only need to show up and teach the lesson that is already provided.

Anyone can volunteer for as few as one Sunday a year, up to every Sunday of the year. We would love to have people who are just willing to be an extra pair of hands with no leadership requirement.

officeangels

Our Office Volunteers are the Best!

We are so grateful for those who serve in the office. Some serve each week and others on special projects. We are so grateful to you all!

Thank you to

Bonnie Wolff, Karen Schneider, Wanda Kreutzfeldt, Joan Saller, Sara White, Karen Hruz, Natalie Eason, Cindy Haley, Tim Bushnell, Jeannette Stryjewski

It is through the gift of their time that we can serve the church and the community.

If you are interested in volunteering in the church office, please let Donna Fackler know of your interest.

Quilted by Connection is the theme for the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC, to be held July 11-15 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, PA. Our theme logo pays homage to the culture and history of our host site and churches of the jurisdiction.



*Quilted by Connection
NEI 2016 Conference
Lancaster PA*



Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You

We are blessed to be able support others in difficult times with our emergency food pantry. It is your generous donations that allow us to do that. Providing a family with food also allows a family the flexibility to put those funds towards paying rent or utility: to eat and keep on the lights.

Don't forget the food pantry during the summer. Summer is one of the hungriest times. During the summertime, children who receive breakfast and lunch at school, no longer have that option.

Check out our updated lists of the most needed items on the grocery cart in the Lobby.

Thank you for helping us to feed others!

THE NEW MOVIE FROM THE CREATORS OF
FACING THE GIANTS ... FIREPROOF ... COURAGEOUS

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

SAVE THE DATE!

SHOWING OF THE MOVIE "WAR ROOM"
Friday, SEPTEMBER 9 at WGUMC. 7 p.m.



Save the Date Sunday School Reboot!

Plan on joining us on September 11th as we reboot our Sunday School experiences for adults.

All Sunday School classes will begin on September 11th!

More details on offerings for adults to follow.

Can't wait to see you then!



ARE YOU CALLED TO PRAY?

Is your first plan of attack in all of life's struggles to pray? Do you thank God throughout your day? Do you experience the joy of answered prayer? Do you naturally pray for others? Then you are a part of an amazing legacy!

Just look at the history of the church. It always was connected to people coming together and praying. In the book of Acts, 3000 souls and their families turned to Christ, thanks be to God! Because of their salvation and prayer, this newly formed church did revolutionary things.

"And they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

We are a part of the story; this is OUR history! And we want to continue to live out our story at West Grove United Methodist Church today and for the next and next and next generation!

Jesus is our model for prayer. He prayed before he chose his disciples. He taught them how to pray. He prayed daily for the people and for strength. He prayed before His betrayal and at His crucifixion.

He said at the temple, *"My house shall be called a house of prayer."* (Matthew 21:13)

West Grove United Methodist Church is a house of prayer. Through the prayer chain and Sunday School classes, and worship, we lift our concerns, praises, petitions, and intercessory prayers, praying for others, to our God Almighty.

I am asking you, are you called to prayer? Are you drawn to pray for others? If so, then will you prayerfully consider being a part of our prayer chain and pray for others in His name!

Please contact Pastor Shirley at 302-420-4032 or at Shirleydad@verizon.net with your questions and your commitment.

Sincerely,

Pastor Shirley

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:5-7

A New Ministry is up and running! The Visitation Ministry! And is 6 servants strong! They are committed to serve and become a life-line to nursing home residents, widows, widowers, homebound, and those who just need a visit, sharing the love of Christ and providing fellowship. The visitors have already dedicated their time in training, and three of the visitors are trained to provide communion to the persons requesting communion during their visit.

If you know of someone in our church family who has been hospitalized; is sick & homebound; or have other special circumstances (e.g., new birth, death in family), and they are in need of a visit from the Visitation Ministry, please contact Pastor Shirley at 302-420-4032 or email at Shirleydad@verizon.net.

Our team members are:

Pat Heist

Karen Hruz, Christ Servant Minister (CSM), communion steward

Bill Jones, Christ Servant Minister (CSM), communion steward

Susan Paisley, Staff Parish Nurse, communion steward

Jeanette Stryjewski

Jeannie Sullivan



Opportunity List

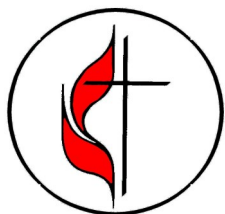


The list below comes from the dreams and visions of various teams in the church. We encourage all giving to be above and beyond your regular tithe and offering.

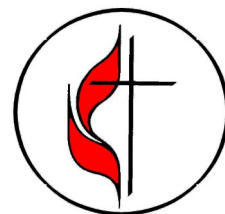
| <u>Item</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Approximate Total Cost</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monitors- Sanctuary (80") | 2 | \$ 4,000 |
| Monitors- Narthex (42" - 46") | 3 | \$ 4,000 |
| Electronic Sign at the street | 2 | \$ 15,000 |
| Electronic Sign at Rt. 1 | 1 | \$ 50,000 |
| wireless microphones | 2 | \$ 900 |
| 2 inch slat blinds for classrooms | 25 | \$ 500 |
| United Methodist Hymnals for Jenners' Pond | 30 | \$ 600 |
| Giant cards for Emergency Food Pantry | 10 | \$100 |

Please see Pastor Monica with questions, interest, or ideas.

If your team has ideas or contributions to the opportunity list, please submit them for review to the Administrative Council chair, Carol Whelan.



Save the Date
for Charge Conference:
Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 am





WEDNESDAYS

June 1 ~ August 31

6 p.m.- 8 p.m. (ish)

AVON GROVE COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN

AT WGUMC

We're asking church members here and at the Church of the Nazarene, along with other community groups, to commit to caring for the garden beds for just one week during the summer.



Groups of volunteers might be families, Sunday school classes, youth groups, women's groups or any other combination of people you might imagine. Each family/group/organization will weed, water and care for the entire garden for just one week.

We are also still looking for a Garden Coordinator.

Please consider signing up for a week. For more information or to sign-up for a week, please contact the Church Office at this time, 610-869-9334, office@westgroveumc.org. Thank you!

Last year, we started Wednesday Night Fun in the summer. It is a casual evening for people to come for food, short devotion, fun, and fellowship.

We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able.

People enjoy food. Hear a short devotional thought. Games are available for children and adults.

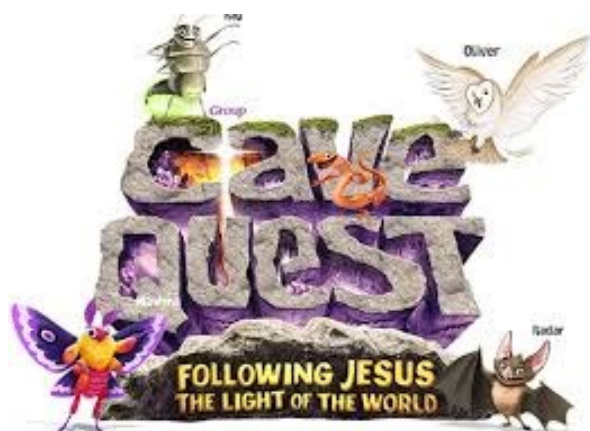
We are outside, when the weather cooperates.

Join us one week or every week!
Can't wait to see you there!



WE MOVED!!

The nursery has moved into the education wing! We are now in last classroom on the left! Thank you to all who continue to spend 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! If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at ahass17@hotmail.com or 610-468-4321.



JULY 18–22, 2016

**Join us as we teach and serve our
Children!**

Register at our website:

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

West Grove United Methodist Church invites all the children of the community to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted here at **West Grove UMC** from **July 18** to **July 22**. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at **11:45 a.m.**

"In the past we have been blessed with almost 100 kids! Each year VBS is a big highlight for our church and community," says Rev Monica Guepet. "We have a lot of fun singing, dancing, and loving God with the kids from around our church and community."

Cave Quest is for kids from Age 3 through Grade 6 and will run from **9:00 a.m. to Noon** each day. Preschoolers ages 3 and 4 will be in a separate, age appropriate group and join in with the daily Cave Quest Celebration at the end of each day. Parents may register their children at: www.westgroveumc.org (look for the VBS tab on the top bar) or you can call the church office at 610-869-9334.

**Do you want to share the good news of Jesus and impact
children? Join us on the VBS team!**

See Pastor Monica for more information.



From the Board of Trustees:

There is an old saying, "Age before Beauty". While our church certainly is beautiful, age is catching up.

Visually, we can see cosmetics in a structure lose their luster due to wear, tear and deterioration. Carpets become stained and worn, paint fades and scuffs, and that door just doesn't open and close like it used to. But how about the things we don't readily see? The roof over our heads, the HVAC systems that keep us comfortable, and

the appliances in the kitchen don't last forever. Unfortunately we rarely think about these expensive items until they fail.

First and foremost is the state of our HVAC system. Unlike a conventional household single furnace and air conditioning system, the church uses several scattered throughout the ceilings in the building. The **average HVAC system has a life expectancy** of about 15 to 20 years, which of course means we are due for replacements. The units in the narthex and kitchen have volunteered to be first to go and need to be replaced soon!

Over the course of the next several newsletters, we will be updating the congregation on the status of the building, as well as ways in which you can help offset or control expenses.

Consideration in giving, as well as volunteering to **lend a hand in maintaining the building** are certainly welcome. The annual Chicken Barbecue will be replaced by a new fundraiser, the **"Open Market" coming September 17**. If you know of a vendor who would like to sell their wares, or even an individual interested in renting space, please refer them to office@westgroveumc.org. As always, your help with this event is greatly appreciated.

If you have suggestions on how we can address the challenges of our aging building or are looking for volunteer opportunities, please contact Gene Aucott at 610-869-7355 or gene.aucott@comcast.net.



**Be Prepared
Be Aware
Be Ready**



THANK YOU to all who have assisted in our Room Transition. A bit more help is still needed in situating some of our adult education rooms. We give thanks to God for all who have already helped with moving, decorating, and making the rooms flexible and welcoming.



***West Grove United Methodist Church
Inaugural Open Market
Saturday, September 17, 2016***

***Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00
(tickets \$6.00 in advance)***

***Open Market
10:00 am - 3:00 pm***

***Eat, Shop, Socialize
Vendors, Artists, Food Trucks***

***300 N. Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390***

***For additional information or vendor inquiries please call
(610) 869-9334 or email
office@westgrovesumc.org***





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

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

Saturday, July 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.



RAP AND FRIENDS will be carpooling to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** to attend the world premiere of **SAMSON** on **Wednesday, October 26th**. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations must be paid in full before best available seats may be chosen. Group rate price: **\$51 for Adults** and **\$21 for Children (3-12)**. The show begins at **11 a.m.** The suggested time of arrival is 10:15 a.m. **Contact Sara Ann Ramberger** for reservations and questions at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net. Reservations for those wanting a meal following the show will be arranged at a later date.

Care Givers and Grief Support Group



On a summer hiatus. The group will not meet in July and August, but will resume their "Dinner Out" on the second Wednesday in September.

Details will be share in your bulletins and September newsletter.

Questions? Contact Susan Paisley, 610-268-3305



Hear the Stories!

Luther House Bible Study

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





C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



Happy Summer! June flew by with school ending and mission trip prepping. June was also big with graduating and celebrations! We had 15 students who were a part of our

church and/or youth program who graduated this year! It feels like a loss for us but at the same time I am super excited about what God has for these students over the next 4 years as they become students in new places.

We finished June off with our mission trip to Mt Hope West Virginia! We are excited to share with you what we did and where we saw God working.


Designed by TeamMountUSA.com

July Dates

Car Wash: Come get your car washed by the youth! **July 10th. 10:30 – 1:30.**

Donations Accepted! (money goes towards our youth budget).



Summer Youth Meetups:

We will meet for fun and games on **Monday evenings – July 11 and July 25th, 6:30 – 8:30.** Details for the nights to come!

VBS HELP: All Youth are invited to be a part of VBS as helpers and leaders! Sign up to help with Jamie. VBS is July 18 – 22.

Questions or to be involved – contact Jamie Lindtner.... jamielindtner@gmail.com 610-937-7932



In May, the first community work session with participants from 8 churches in the area was held. **We were thrilled to have varying perspectives to contribute to the work session, as everyone's point-of-view provides a more well-rounded conversation.**

Josh Yates, a leader in the [Thriving Cities](#) project, along with Emily Gum, a director in the [New City Commons](#) initiative, led the group through a responsive design exercise that emphasized active listening, issue identification and analysis. **Although uncomfortable for some since the exercise required vulnerability and fast thinking, it was beneficial in breaking down barriers of familiarity and comfort.** Josh encouraged the group to consider: **"What does it mean**

and take to thrive?"

The working session enabled participants to identify community issues that were close to them, and then take Josh's question to heart by identifying all the impacts that result from one seemingly isolated issue. At the end of the evening, we were all challenged with **three key objectives for moving forward:**

1. **Understand your context**
2. **Build relationships (which we started to do last night!)**
3. **Be prepared for self-trans (formation)- Our hearts will be changed in the process!**

As we look ahead, we will be focusing on these objectives and how we can implement strategies to love and



SCRIP Scripts

We are slowly getting more individuals and families to participate. Even one card can net additional income for the church as we count our pennies.

THIS MONTH TIP(S):

July: Time for picnics, fireworks, and the sweet joys of summer, plan ahead for those cookouts by picking up gift cards to Lowes or Home Depot, Giant, Acme, etc.

But believe it or not it is time to think about back to school and leveraging sales with budget and planning. Pick up gift cards to walmart, staples, target, etc and keep on hand so when those sales pop up you are ready to grab the deals and maximize your savings without sacrificing your budget.



Proverbs 13:16 A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!



The Garage Youth Center

serves students in the Kennett and West Grove communities. Between the two centers, more than 400 students pass through their doors each week for tutoring, mentoring, community service opportunities, computer lab use, youth groups, and enrichment activities. Many of these students face multiple personal, academic and economic challenges, and the Garage serves as a place for them to get the support they need to survive and even thrive.

This summer, the Garage is launching a new program called "Career Compass". Students will be placed at host sites in the community, businesses or non-profits, which are related to their career interests and aspirations. It's an exciting program that helps these students get real on-the-job experience as they consider their future career.



WGUMC next Family Host Week: August 7 -14

We need your help!!

We need volunteers in all of the following areas:

- Breakfast, lunch and dessert supplies
- Evening Hosts to set-up for dinner, greet guests, have dinner and fellowship (5:45 – 8:30 pm)
- Overnight Host to get everything wrapped up for the evening, stay overnight and set-out pack and go breakfast in the morning (8:15 pm - ~6:15 am)
- Set-up and take down of rooms
- Linen laundry

Please contact to volunteer:

the church office, janicesemail2@gmail.com or jmleaman@comcast.net

We will also be posting sign-up sheets in the church lobby starting in July.

We give thanks to God for our Children's Choir
leading us in worship with their song, "He is the Light"
on June 12th, 2016



We give thanks
to God for
our ministry at
Jenners' Pond
with
Pastor Jim
and Betty
Mundell.





How to Calm Your Mind

One of the fastest ways to cool down, reduce stress and help yourself fall asleep is **meditation**. Try this quickie plan that's perfect for newbies.



1. Sit in a quiet, comfortable place on a chair or floor cushion. (Don't lie down).
2. Select a syllable, phrase or word, such as love or peace, to focus on.
3. Close your eyes and repeat your word, either silently or aloud, as you slowly breathe in and out.
4. If you notice your thoughts wandering, repeat your word to refocus.
5. Continue for a few minutes, then open your eyes. Once you're done, notice how you feel. Better? Less anxious? More clearheaded? Remember that sensation, and use this strategy whenever you need to rest.

Source: Joseph A. Annibali, M.D. author, *Reclaim Your Brain*

Chat with a stranger to feel happier.

It may sound like the last thing you want to do when you're in a rush, but spending an extra minute talking to the grocery clerk is worth it. Scientists have shown that these little exchanges--no matter how brief--can result in a positive experience and leave you with a lifted mood.



Planning for the Future

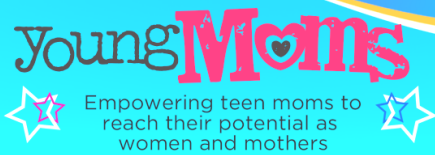
We plan for the future all the time. We hope to have enough milk, eggs, and bread during a snowstorm. We hope to have enough gas to get to our destination. We hope to make good life choices to achieve who God has called us to be. We might want to plan for a future beyond ourselves as we consider wills, estate planning, legacies, and even our own funeral or memorial service. Sometimes, persons are interested in sharing their wishes and desires for funeral and memorial services with loved ones ahead of time. Other times, information is written in places to be discovered upon death. In other circumstances, families wish to respect the wishes of a loved one, but are unsure as to what best honors their loved one. Prayerfully consider, if you might want to record those thoughts with the church. The church can retain and hold those wishes for you, so that information might be shared and available when appropriate. If you are interested in recording your hopes for your own services, please be in contact with Donna in the office for a guide or Pastor Monica to discuss your thoughts.

Laity Academy ~ August 13 -14, 2016

There will be a number of Advanced Courses at the Reading Motor Inn as part of the Laity Academy. A "Registration Form" and additional information is expected to be available by the end of May. For more information about the 2016 Laity Academy contact the Dean of the Academy, Aubrey Bates –aubreybates@verizon.net.



Matthew 13:8: Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.



We've had a busy spring at YoungMoms!

At YoungMoms, we help participants set goals for their future, gain life skills, grow in self esteem, and feel part of a caring community of support. Many of our young moms face substantial internal and external obstacles. It is both exciting and tremendously rewarding to work with these motivated young women to help

them face and overcome challenges, grow in self confidence, and create a more stable future for themselves and their children. Currently we have 38 young moms in the program who are working hard to achieve goals. This spring our young moms found & maintained employment, continued in GED and ESL classes, and graduated from high school and college programs!

All of this is possible because of the generosity of our community. Thank you for your financial and volunteer support! If you are interested in becoming more involved in this important work, please contact me! There are many ways to volunteer - helping with Club meals & childcare, providing transportation, helping with fundraisers and administrative needs, and mentoring a young mom. Thank you for your support!

Linda Mercner, Director
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Are you looking for a mission opportunity?

A way to serve others?

Do you want to put your hands to work?

In Crisfield, Maryland on the Eastern shore, Hurricanes have hit hard over the last number of years. Repairs and preventive measures are still under way.

Mark your calendar for the weekend of

September 9th—11th

and look for more information.

Share your interest with Jamie Lindtner or Pastor Monica. More information to come.



Thanks be to God for our Choir visit to Rustin Residence and Lena Douglas





VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

For July 2016



| <u>In His Service</u> | <u>July 3</u> | <u>July 10</u> | <u>July 17</u> | <u>July 24</u> | <u>July 31</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acolytes ~ 9:30 | Ava Kirwin | Josh Robinson | Wesley Boyd | Alisabeth Guepet | Joseph Yarbrough |
| Ushers~ 9:30 | OPEN | | | | |
| Greeters~9:30 | OPEN | | | | |
| Nursery~ 9:30 | Rain Catoia | Kim Smith | Carolyn Bratton | Edel Mullen | Chris Bruno |
| Children's Worship | | | | | |
| 9:30 Service | Amy Simonds | Jessi Timm | Amy Castaldi | Judy Gambill | Maryanne Covington |
| Moment for All Ages | Pastor Monica | Joan Leaman | Jamie Lindtner | Eileen Bushnell | Karen Hruz |
| Lay Reader ~ 9:30 | Karen Boyd | Julie Hughes | Bill Jones | Rain Catoia | Becky Rinehimer |
| Hospitality ~ 9:30 | Linda Peirson | The Covingtons | The Stuhrkes | The Sullivans | The Gambills |
| Counters | Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger | Margee Michaels & Scott Steele | Bill Jones Tim Shaub | George Anderson & Donna Shaub | Dave Talley & Denise Byers |

Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, July 17 is Hosted by our Administrative Council

~ Altar Flowers for July~

How to order Altar Flowers: The church is happy to order altar flowers in memory, honor or in celebration of someone special for you and acknowledge them in the weekly bulletin. Sweet Peas of Jennersville or Linda Shiplet are happy to supply the flowers. The fee for altar flowers is \$25 and your check should be made payable to "WGUMC." You may always take your flowers home after the service or donate them to the church and they will be delivered to the sick or homebound. You may fill in your information on the **Flower Chart** in the administrative wing or email your order to the church office at office@westgroveumc.org. Thank you.



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| Peg Kent | 02 |
| Kris Lestourgeon | 02 |
| Jack Reischke | 05 |
| Tom Eason | 09 |
| Barb Lytle | 09 |
| Jeffrey Mullen | 09 |
| Roger Alan White | 09 |
| Gene Aucott | 11 |
| Wayne Achuff | 13 |
| Janis Schrader | 13 |
| Erin Talley | 13 |
| Richard Saller | 14 |
| Aiden DiRamio | 15 |



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

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| Brady Castaldi | 18 |
| Spencer Reburn | 18 |
| Janelle Hadly | 19 |
| Kevin Barrett | 20 |
| Asher Lindtner | 20 |
| Elizabeth Gula | 21 |
| Jacob Rinehimer | 21 |
| Cora Boyd | 23 |
| Pat Heist | 28 |
| Jake Krohn | 28 |
| Nathaniel Howard | 29 |
| Scott Steele | 29 |
| Michelle Sparks | 30 |

West Grove United Methodist Church

July 2016 Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Jul 1 | 2 |
| Youth Mission Trip | | | | | | |
| 11:00 am Trad | 9:30 Knit Wits | 11:30 Communi | Cleaning | 6:45p Choir R | 7:30 PraiseWork | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 8:30 am Contc | 6:30p GS Jr. Tro | 6:30p Brownie T | 2p Luther Hou | 7p Boy Scouts | | |
| | 6:30p SOS Lar | 7p Yoga Class | 6p Wednesday | 8p PraiseWork | | |
| | 7p Private Event | | 7p BS Troop Cor | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:30 a.m. Sum | CHURCH OFF | 6p Tech Team | Cleaning | 4:30p All Staff M | 7:30 PraiseWork | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 7:30 PraiseWork | Independence | 6p Yoga Class | 2p Luther Hou | 7p Boy Scouts | 9:30 UMW Fai | |
| 8:30 PraiseWc | 6:30p SOS Lar | 7p Trustees Me | 6p Wednesday | | 6p Avon Grove L | |
| | | | 7p Venture Crew | | 7p Youth Dodg | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:30 a.m. Sum | 9:30 Knit Wits | 1p Staff Meeting | Cleaning | 7p Boy Scouts | 7:30 PraiseWork | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 7:30 PraiseWork | 6:30p SOS Lar | 7p 4H Robotics t | 2p Luther Hou | | | |
| 11 Life of the Bel | | 7p AG Wildcats | 6p Wednesday | | | |
| | | 7p Yoga | 7p Caregivers G | | | |
| | | | 7p Venture Crew | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 9:30 a.m. Sum | VBS - July 18-22 9am-12pm - All church | | | | | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 7:30 PraiseWork | 9:30 Knit Wits | 4:45p Brownie T | Cleaning | 7p Boy Scouts | 7:30 PraiseWork | |
| 11 Life of the Bel | 6:30p SOS Lar | 6:30p Finance | 2p Luther Hou | | 9:30 UMW Fai | |
| | | 7p Yoga Class | 6p Wednesday | | | |
| | | 7:30p Ad Cour | 7p Venture Youth | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:30 a.m. Sum | 9:30 Knit Wits | 7p Yoga Class | Cleaning | 7p Boy Scouts | 7:30 PraiseWork | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 7:30 PraiseWork | 6:30p SOS Lar | | 2p Luther Hou | | 5:30p Avon Grov | |
| 11 Life of the Bel | | | 6p Girl Scout Lea | | | |
| | | | 6p Wednesday | | | |
| | | | 7p BS Troop Cor | | | |
| 31 | Aug 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11:00 am Trad | 9:30 Knit Wits | 6p Yoga Class | Cleaning | 6:45p Choir R | 7:30 PraiseWork | 10 Daily Reflec |
| 8:30 am Contc | 4:30p All Staff M | 7p Trustees Me | 2p Luther Hou | 7p Boy Scouts | | |
| 9:30 a.m. Sum | 6:30p SOS Lar | | 6p Wednesday | 8p PraiseWork | | |
| 9:45 am Sund | | | 7p Venture Crew | | | |
| +2 more | | | | | | |



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