



The Wesleyan Star

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"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, " Hebrew 12: 1-2a

It was during the Great Depression that comics in the form that we are familiar arrived. Superman, Batman, Captain America, and Wonder Woman all debuted starting in 1935. At the time in our nation, when we needed hope the most, we turned to those who seemed superhuman to inspire us as we contemplated addressed evil in our lives and in the world. As nations were aligning with and against nations, as acts of inhumanity were being contemplated and planned, our larger psyche needed to believe that there would be someone who would right the wrongs and inspire humanity to better purposes.



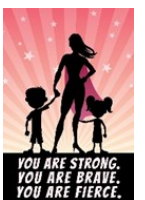
We all want someone to swoop in and save the day! We all yearn for the simplicity of someone else to solve the problems that we are faced with and clean up, magically. Someone for whom right and wrong are as clear as left and right, black and white, in and out. Superheroes to the rescue! To date, there are at least, 2,000 named superheroes between DC and Marvel comics. There are many, many more, if you add in mythologies from around the world and anime heroes as well.

In our faith, we know one as above all the rest: Jesus the Christ! Superhero to the superheroes! This year's VBS invites us to meet Jesus as a superhero! To see the Bible as a comic book of adventures and exploits to be emulated. To know Jesus as a personal superhero ready to be in all of our adventures throughout our lives.



In order for children and youth to know the most incredible superhero of all time, we need you! You may not be able to smash like the Hulk or fly an invisible plane like Wonder Woman or have webs shoot out of your wrist like Spiderman. But you, too can be a superhero. A superhero of registering children for VBS, a superhero of handing out snacks, a superhero of traveling with a class. A superhero of pointing to God every day of VBS as children, youth, and other adults begin to imagine Jesus as their own personal superhero!

Each and every time, we baptize someone in the faith, the congregation makes a promise to "nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care." We promise to teach Sunday School and count offerings; we promise to lead bible studies and fix leaky toilets. We promise to do everything we can, so that children of God will know God more. We promise to be superheroes to those who need to see God with capes and masks.



So, come and join us for VBS! At the time of writing, we have over 100 children registered to learn about Jesus, the greatest superhero! Over 100 children, dozens of youth, and a community who need to know that Jesus Christ is the superhero to all superheroes! If you cannot be present. Please consider bringing in snacks, mission supplies, or making a contribution. We need all kinds of superheroes to achieve our mission. See you there with your cape and mask, unless your mild-mannered alter ego decides to show up!

In God's Love, Pastor Monica



July Worship at West Grove UMC



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

Fourth After Pentecost Communion Sunday & Emergency Aid July 2, 2017

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

Pastor Jim Mundell preaching

Scripture: Genesis 4, Romans 6: 1-11

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 9, 2017

**Scripture: Genesis 5-9:17 and
1 Peter 3:13-22**

Sermon: "Ark from the Storms"

*How do you find shelter from the storms of
life?*

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 16, 2017

**Scripture: Genesis 9:18-10 and
1 Peter 3:13-22**

**Sermon: "Who Do I Get THAT From?
Generational Sin"**

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 23, 2017

Scripture: Genesis 11 and John 14:8-27

**Sermon: "Who Is Knocking Down My
Tower?"**

*What does the Tower of Babel teach us about
how we relate to others?*

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Fifth Sunday Coin Collection July 30, 2017

Scripture: Genesis 12 and James 1:2-12

Sermon: "Power of Blessing"

Prayer Chain Pray-ers Recognition Day

On Sunday, July 9, at the 9:30 service, we will be honoring the prayer warriors who pray for others on our prayer chain. We are thankful for their devotion to prayer and commitment to God. Author Dutch Sheets, in the book *Intercessory Prayer* says, "Intercession is a passion, not a lifestyle, not a labor." The service will have special liturgy and afterwards special refreshments. May you use this opportunity to thank the pray-ers for their prayers. The Prayer Ministry Team



The
Church
Office
will be
closed on

Tuesday, July 4th

in recognition of Independence Day.
We are open Monday, July 3rd and
will reopen Wednesday, July 5th. Be
safe and enjoy!

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

**First
Sunday**

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

**July's Coffee Fellowship is
brought to you by :**

Ad Council



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.

HERO CENTRAL

**July 10-14,
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Get ready for an action-packed 5-day super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God! *Hero Central 2017 VBS* from Cokesbury prepares kids to *Do good! Seek peace and go after it!* Ps. 31:14B (CEB). Kids at **VBS Hero Central** learn God's heroes have Heart (Samuel Anoints David), Courage (Abigail), Wisdom (Jesus Goes to the Temple), Hope (Beatitudes), and Power (Pentecost). Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories!



It's not too late to sign up to help or donate a snack item, so please look for the sign up board in the lobby or go to our website (www.westgroveumc.org) and follow the VBS tabs at the top to register online today!

SAVE THE DATE! Open Market September 23rd

In order to make our Open Market a success, we are in need of vendors and food trucks! Please contact Darlene Murphy (d123murphy@aol.com) or call the church office at (610) 869-9334!



New Friendship Folders!

Our old clipboards have seen finer days! On July 2, we will introduce our new Friendship Folders! They have a front pocket that allows us to change the picture based on where we are in the Liturgical year, which makes it a more invitational and informational cover piece in our sanctuary. It also has a sleeve inside to house special giving envelopes, prayer slips and other seasonal information. We hope you like the new, updated look of our Friendship Folders!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family Promise Host Week July 16-23

Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us.. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry.

Here are the areas where YOUR assistance is needed:

Set-up and break-down of the Guest and Family / Dining Rooms

Meal Preparation - at the church

Evening hosting - enjoying a meal and relax time with the families

Transporting cots on the final morning to Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square

Breakfast and dessert baked goods - can be prepared at home

Provision of supplies by 7/16 - sign-up in lobby or contact Janice Bowers with interest.

Needed:

Bottled Water

Serving sizes of baby carrots

Individual sized snack bags (chips, pretzels, cookies, crackers...)

Plastic disposable containers for leftovers to be packed into lunches

Fruit: Mangoes, avocados, apples, clementines, cuties, halos

Individual sized chocolate milk

100% fruit juice boxes

One loaf Sandwich bread

One pound pre-packaged deli ham

Mayonnaise

Fruit Snacks

Breakfast bars

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(janicesemail2@gmail.com, 484-888-6821) with
interest.

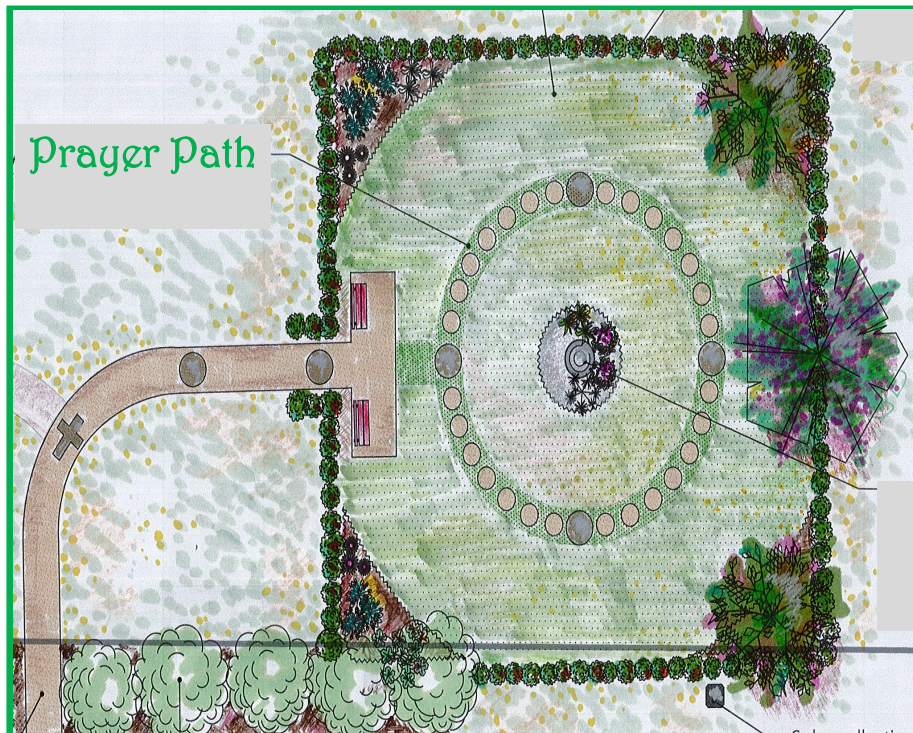


THANK YOU for your service!!

PRAYER PATH GARDEN

On Sunday, June 18th, the Prayer Path team unveiled a rendering of a vision that has been months in the making.

When 45 people took part in the Prayer Bead classes, we would not have foreseen that God would move among us for a vision of walking prayer beads in the form of a garden!



With the guidance of our trustees, a landscape architect, finance team, and administrative council, this vision is becoming a reality.

For the details, Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=en-qrMch6cM>

Join us as we pray for how God is moving.

Look for opportunities to help us with creating pavers, funding the vision, and chances to be in prayer.

We give thanks to God for each person who has been a part of this, so far, and look forward to generations who will be impacted by the vision of this body to pray with our bodies through the prayer beads.



Looking for someone to coordinate our Community Garden!

Great ministry to feed yourself and others as well as be out in God's creation! Fruits of your labor go to The Bridge, our food pantry, and your table.

See Pastor Monica for more information.



Jenner's Pond Memorial Service

We give thanks to God for ministry at Jenner's Pond, where we extend Pastor Jim as chaplain. This Memorial service is an annual remembrance of those in the community who have died in the last year. This year Rev, Don Hurst gave the message, and Pastor Jim lead the liturgy. After the service, doves are released in memory of loved ones.



West
Grove
UMC is at
the end of
the
rainbow!
Find us
there!



Halleluiah!! Many attended the showing of the movie The Shack last week. Praise God! We thank all of God's servants in making movie-night happen.

The Prayer Ministry Team

SAVE THE DATE!



September 30, 2017

14th Annual

Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth

Hopewell United Methodist Church

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Scott Chrostek

Pastor of Resurrection, Downton Kansas City

Worship Speaker: Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr.

Director, Amachi, Philadelphia



Dear Friends in Mission:
Thank you for your generous gifts in support of:

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

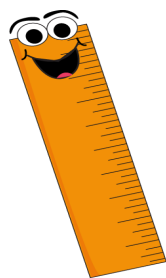
Your blessings totaled **\$269!**

Thanks be to God!

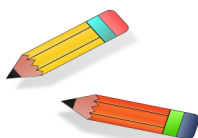
VBS 2017 Missions School Supply List



Help support Mission Central with the following items for the 2017-2018 school year. We invite VBS families and the whole congregation to give generously. Please look for boxes in the lobby the week of VBS, July 10th-14th.



Binders
Folders
Book sox
Notebooks –all styles and sizes
Filler Paper
Composition books
8 1/2x 11 copy paper
Sharpeners
Pencils
Erasers
Pens
Colored Pencils
Rulers
Scissors
Markers
Pencil boxes
Pencil pouches
Glue sticks
Stickers



Wednesday Night Fun!

We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able. We eat, hear a short devotional thought, and enjoy the time of fellowship! Games are available for children and adults!

You will find us outside when the weather cooperates and, if not, we just move inside and continue to have fun!

**We will meet at the church every
Wednesday through August 23rd
from 6-8 p.m.**

Join us one week or every week!

Can't wait to see you there!



DREAM BIG

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

Item	Quantity	Approximate Cost
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
Fireproof filing cabinet	2	\$ 2,500
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms	25	\$ 500
Multifunction printer	1	\$ 150



Books mentioned in sermons

Christ plays in Ten Thousand Places: a Conversation in Spiritual Theology
by Eugene H. Peterson

Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel during Alzheimer's Disease
by Dr. Benjamin Mast

God's Echo: Exploring Scripture with Midrash
by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso



Fifth Sunday Coin Collection To Benefit the Les Family In the Ukraine

We support Pastor Sergie Les and his family in Ukraine as they continue to open new churches and spread the Word. The Les family receives no income and is grateful to WGUMC for reaching out to them. Pastor Shirley has visited them several times and would be glad to share their stories with you.



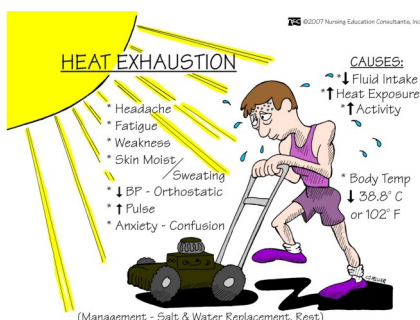
From the Pastor's Desk

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Heat exhaustion starts slowly, but if it's not quickly treated it can progress to heatstroke. In heatstroke, a person's temperature reaches 105°F (40.5°C) or higher. Heatstroke requires immediate emergency medical care and can be fatal.



Signs and Symptoms

Of heat exhaustion:

increased thirst
weakness
fainting
muscle cramps

nausea and vomiting

irritability

headache

increased sweating

cool, clammy skin

elevation of body temperature, but to less than 105°F (40.5°C)

Of heatstroke:

severe headache

weakness, dizziness

confusion

rapid breathing and heartbeat

loss of

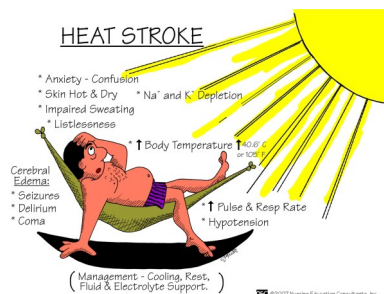
consciousness leading to coma

seizures

may not be sweating

flushed, hot, dry skin

elevation of body temperature to 105°F (40.5°C) or higher



What to Do

If your child has symptoms of heatstroke, seek emergency medical care immediately. In cases of heat exhaustion or while awaiting help for a child with possible heatstroke:

Bring the child indoors or into the shade immediately.

Undress the child.

Have the child lie down; elevate feet slightly.

If the child is alert, place in cool bath water. If outside, spray the child with mist from a garden hose.

If the child is alert and coherent, give frequent sips of cool, clear fluids.

If the child is vomiting, turn onto his or her side to prevent choking.

Think Prevention!

Teach kids to always drink plenty of fluids before and during any activity in hot, sunny weather — even if they aren't thirsty.

Make sure kids wear light-colored, loose clothing warm weather.

Don't let kids participate in heavy activity outdoors during the hottest hours of the day.

Teach kids to come indoors immediately whenever they feel overheated.

Reviewed by: [Steven Dowshen, MD](#)

Date reviewed: April 2014

KidsHealth is devoted to providing the latest health information for parents, kids, and teens. Created by the medical experts of The Nemours Foundation, the Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children in the Philadelphia/Wilmington, Delaware, area, the Nemours Children's Clinics throughout Florida, and other children's health facilities nationwide, KidsHealth is constantly adding new content and features. Visit KidsHealth at <http://KidsHealth.org>



Thank you to all
who have spent
time on
Sunday mornings
volunteering
in the nursery!

We continue to
be blessed with wonderful little ones to
spend time with on Sundays and watch
them grow!

We are in need of additional volunteers,
especially during the 11am service.

If you are interested in
helping in the nursery
(about once a month),
please contact Amy
Castaldi



Summer Worship At WGUMC

Please note that during the **full months of July and August our worship will be at 9:30 am.** 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.



CMO PRESCHOOL

What a fantastic year we had in the CMO and Preschool program. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our returning families back and getting to know our new families in September. We do still have a few openings in some of our classes. If you are interested in learning more about the preschool program, please reach out to me at tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org. I would be happy to meet with you and show you around our wonderful church preschool. Enjoy the summer!!

Tracy McLaughlin

Children's Morning Out Director

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

RAP will be celebrating their **20th Anniversary** during their September 2017 thru May 2018 season.

The **RAP Directory** is being updated for distribution at the September 2017 meeting. Please update any changes of address and phone with Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net. If you are planning to join RAP and would like to be included in our directory please contact Sara Ann with your information asap.

Also, a **Monthly Reminder Group Email Listing** is planned. If you prefer an email reminder rather than a phone reminder, please notify Sara Ann of your preference and request your email be included in that grouping asap.

Our **20th Anniversary Program Schedule** will be announced in the August issue of The Wesleyan Star.

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**



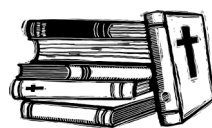
J.U.L.I.E.T.

**JULIET...Just us Ladies
Interested in Eating
Together**

Saturday, July 8, 2017



Juliets meet for breakfast and fun... second Saturdays at 9:00! Join us! We meet at **Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Ques-



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. **We will be starting a Lenten Study entitled "Walking Toward Glory" by John Birch.** If you have any questions, contact Cindy Haley at: chaley@zoominternet.net

After another year of making quilts for Family Promise, special friends of WGUMC, and other recipients, we are putting away our sewing gear for the summer. We will be taking a break from our regular schedule beginning in **JUNE**, and will resume September, 15th, the 3rd Friday. Questions contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374).



R.O.M.E.O.

**Retired Older Men
Eating Out**

July 27, 2017



R.O.M.E.O.

We will meet on 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.



C.I.A. Youth Ministry News



June was a celebratory month with Confirmation Sunday and Graduate Sunday! We confirmed 11 7th and 8th graders and honored many of our high school graduates. What an honor to be able to stand among all of these young people and celebrate and applaud these decisions, the hard work and their exciting futures both in our congregation and as they go out into other communities.



MISSION TRIP

We ended the month taking 10 students to Virginia Beach for a mission trip and we look forward to sharing more about that with you! Here are a few things to note for July!



Pizza, Dodge Ball & 9 in the Air..

Come on out for fellowship and games on Sunday, July 16th & Friday, July 28th. 7 - 8:30 at the Church. Bring \$2 for pizza and invite some friends!

COME HELP US! WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS!



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS!

VBS is coming up! July 10 - 14th and we are looking for all of our youth to join us as helpers. We can use help with science experiments and outdoor games, with loving on pre schoolers and leading crews! Sign up with Jamie Lindtner if you are able to join in! (arrive at 8:40 and depart 12:10).

Any questions or to get involved in the Youth Ministry @ WGUMC - contact Jamie Lindtner - jamielindtner@gmail.com



 **Eastern Pennsylvania Conference**
The United Methodist Church

"Look forward to full report coming
in August of our delegates from
Annual Conference"



amazonsmile
You Shop. Amazon Gives.

West Grove United Methodist Church was issued a \$33.53 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2016. So friends, keep using Amazon Smile when you shop—doesn't cost you anything and earns the church a donation!

From Vision to Action

A year ago, we put action to our vision to reallocate our rooms and space to be used to their fullest potential. Over the summer, painting and adapting, shelves and electrical outlets were reconsidered and adapted in many of our rooms, so that we could give the most possible spaces for ministry opportunities. We have followed that up this year with the installation of three smart televisions that can interface with computers, phones, and our technological devices.

We give thanks to God for the vision of reallocation that has allowed ministries to thrive. We have increased space, energy, and opportunities around Faith Learning Academy (our adult Sunday School options). We have grown our CMO preschool classes and programs. We have expanded technology capabilities for many ministries. We have enriched these areas to be used for ministries of scouting, community, children, education, and much more.

Thanks be to God for Vision and Action!

Looking Forward

We are prayerfully discerning vision for our church in future years. We invite the whole congregation to pray specifically:

God will give us specific hearts for our community.

God will open us to move beyond comfortable to growing in our faith.

God will rise up leaders and servants to serve those in need and lead.



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

Open~ Grow ~ Serve

How are you meeting our congregation's three resolutions for 2017?

- Read Bible in a year
- Attend one spiritual growth opportunity
- Invite one person to church

Our Administrative Council is discerning how we can **grow our faith**. We have set the following goals and strategies.

~ Develop clear Children's Ministry leader (birth through 4th grade): Identify Children's Ministry leader with a supportive team to lead current Children's Ministry events, develop new opportunities, and encourage new Children's Ministry Leaders.

~ Mission Possible (5th and 6th grade): provide strong experience of fellowship, education, and service for 5th and 6th graders.

~ Youth Ministry: strengthen current ministry with new opportunities for incoming students.

~ Cultivate Financial Strength and Strong Policies: cultivate theology of stewardship and wise financial decisions, including stewardship.

~ Prayer Path: Raise funds, install garden path, and educate church and community about spiritual growth opportunities.

~ Faith Leadership Academy: Offer at least 4 offering September through June on Sunday mornings for adults.



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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor

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Barbara Delaney - Finance Chair

Scott Steele - Treasurer

Sara Ann Ramberger - Financial Secretary

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Judy Gambill - Christian Education

Joan Leaman - Children's Ministry Team Contact

Susan Paisley - Faith Community Nurse

Janice Bowers - Missions Team Chair

Dick and Caryl Stuhrike - Hospitality Committee Chair

Cindy Haley - Delegate to Annual Conference

Cindy Haley - Lay Leader

OPEN - U.M.W. President

Prayer Team - Prayer Chain Coordinator

Amy Castaldi - Nursery Coordinator

John Gambill, Betty Mundell

—Ad Council Member at Large