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We give thanks to God broadly and widely each day and as we gather for worship. As people of faith, we specifically ground our faith and name the source of our gratitude. This month, our staff is sharing their gratitude. We hope in this season of gratitude that you, too, will share yours, giving thanks to God.

Pastor Monica—I give thanks to God for the overwhelming generosity of God's people with love poured out for one another. I am grateful when we are moved with compassion and love for one another. Whenever the church moves with justice and peace towards ushering in the kingdom of God, I give thanks to God. Snow, good books, chocolate torte, blueberries, and my family, I give thanks to God!

Yvette Diaz—I am grateful to God for Donna and Kim who continually share their love through service in administrative work. Both of you keep the ship moving. Thank you for everything you do.

Donna Fackler—I am truly thankful to God who has provided all I need to flourish in this world of ours. I count my blessings every day. I am thankful each and every day for my wonderful family and friends. I have been blessed with more love than I had ever dreamed possible. I am thankful for the work that I do. We spend so much of our lives at work, that I feel you must find work that gives you joy. I been blessed with a job that is also a ministry.

Melanie Hartley—I am thankful for the ability to see God at work in all things and in all the world. I am thankful for all the wonderful humans that have been a part of my life and have shown me love, understanding and compassion and have shared their wisdom with me. I am thankful for all that I have and that I am able to share those things with others.

Tracy McLaughlin—Everyday I am thankful that families trust me to be a part of the children's lives. Children are amazing little beings. I am blessed to be a part of a church congregation that supports the importance of seeing young children grow. I am also extremely thankful for my husband and my own children. They bring me joy everyday.

Pastor Jim Mundell—"I am thankful that God brought us salvation through His Son, Jesus the Christ. By my faith in Jesus and in his death and resurrection, God has saved me, has given me His Holy Spirit, and has given me life everlasting."

Kim Nuzzaci—I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at WGUMC and all the new friends I have made!

Betsy Smith—I have been blessed by two amazing daughters who bring such joy into my life. I am grateful for all of my family and friends and thankful that God has provided us with what we need. I am also thankful for the blessings I have received from WGUMC. We are so blessed to have such talented and dedicated musicians and it is a joy to share our music in worship.

Merry Wills—I am thankful for everything in my life that has brought me to this moment. Every experience, both good and bad, has made me who I am today. I am thankful that God has opened my



November Worship at West Grove UMC

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



Services at 8:30 a.m. (Contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)

DO Share—The Body of Christ is called to share around the table, into community, through relationship, and with all of our gifts.



Sunday, November 4, 2018

Communion Sunday

***Emergency Aid**

All Saints Sunday

Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell is preaching

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

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6; John 11:32-44

Sermon: DO Share Glory

We are looking together at the importance of legacy remembering the legacy of our loved ones and considering the legacy that we might leave to God's glory.

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Consecration Sunday

Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell is preaching

Scripture: I Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: DO Share God's Bounty

We will be considering how we share God's bounty to transform ourselves and our community living with a spirit of abundance.

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Memory Bells

Coffee Fellowship

Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell is preaching

Scripture: Psalm 16; Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: DO Trust

We will be exploring our trust in God's ways and the assurance that our God is trustworthy.

Sunday, November 18, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Join the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas, as we gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries.

Sunday, November 25, 2018

United Methodist Student Day

Melanie Hartley is preaching.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:9-12; Mark 14:32-42

Sermon: DO Study

Here, but not yet:

The connection between humanity and the Kingdom of God



Jenner's Pond Residents:

Join us for worship is on **November 11** at 11 am in the Alison Theater. Led by Pastor Jim.

Join us or tune in on the Closed Circuit TV at Jenner's Pond.

First Sunday

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! **Our next collection is November 4.**

NOVEMBER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Hosted by: SPRC

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.



Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Monica:

In January, when I was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer, I took minimal time to care for my medical needs. I cared for myself alongside the congregation, the community, my family, and my commitments to the district and conference. When I have had appointments, procedures, scans, and treatments, I have done them on top of my care and love for the church and community. I have suffered and in some ways, so has the church. I had planned to take renewal leave June 2018. However with the transition of multiple staff persons, we had discerned it best to move the timing.

At a crucial medical juncture, I need to care well for myself in body, mind, and spirit. I intend to use this time to do so. Our Bishop, District Superintendent, and Staff Parish Relations Committee have been very supportive urging me to care well for myself. If there is a medical or self-care need to extend the time, we will do so. When I was out for two weeks in January, I was delighted to receive the recommendations of good book, a great picture of places you have visited in a card, or a note of encouragement. I will cherish your prayers, the love you shower on me and my family, and the kindness and generosity of so many of you.

In God's Love, Pastor Monica

From Staff Parish Relations Chairperson, Kristin Reisinger:

The UMC Book of Discipline allows and encourages pastors every 4-5 years to step away from their duties for a time of Renewal and Refreshment. It's typically 6-12 weeks and not too dissimilar from a professor's sabbatical, if that's something you're familiar with. You may recall some of our Pastors in the past taking that time away, perhaps for a study, and returning with fresh ideas and a renewed spirit.

SPRC was in beginning stages of supporting Pastor Monica's plan for such a leave in June of 2018, where she hoped to study the work of John Wesley in England and perhaps begin to write a book of liturgy that she's been ruminating on. Instead, after much conversation with the District Superintendent, we are supporting Pastor Monica in shifting her leave to a more immediate timeframe. And instead of study, Pastor Monica will be taking six weeks for renewal leave for self care and medical care.

Pastor Monica will begin her leave October 15th, just after Sunday's services. She will return to us on December 1 in time for Advent. In order to support her in recovering most fully, SPRC asks for the support of the entire congregation to respect her privacy and total separation during this time. This part will be hard. We are Methodists and this church has a generous

heart; we often show our love through gifts and meals. But what we are asking for is your prayers and your respect for her separation during the full six weeks. At the back of the church will be a live mailbox to leave cards, notes, even an expression of love. As Pastor Monica is on leave, her family will remain connected to the church. Peter remains in preschool, Alisabeth is part of confirmation, Felicity is in Sunday School, and Steve worships as part of the community through this leave. This is their church family. Please continue to ask about dance, soccer, and trucks, but not how their Mommy is doing.

We will not be left without a shepherd. We have tremendous resources within our church to lean upon during this time, and this is an opportunity for us to empower our lay leaders and ministry teams. As far as worship services, we are fortunate that our own Melanie Hartley and Deaconess Yvette Diaz will each preach one Sunday and we welcome their messages. For the other four Sundays, we will welcome Tom Davis-Shapell, a talented retired United Methodist preacher who specializes in stewardship and consecration. And to ensure we are able to meet the congregation's pastoral care and office needs, Don Hurst will hold scheduled office hours three times a week for the full six weeks. Of course you can also reach to our Prayer Ministry team, the Visitation team, Pastor Jim and Deaconess Yvette for any care needs.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday, November 18th
7:00 p.m.**

Join the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas, as we gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries. Join us for great music, time of fellowship and testimony, and an inspiring message for our community.

Our own PraiseWorks band will offer music!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

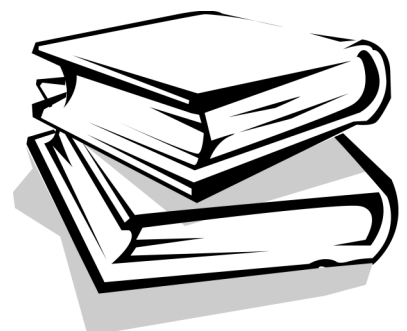
On October 7th, animals and their human companions gathered for blessings and fellowship at Harmony Park. We had dogs and a hamster as well as pictures of cats. Pastor Monica shared from Genesis 1 with the creation of furry and fuzzy creatures as well as those who are creep and slither, swim and fly. We hear about St. Francis of Assisi who shared the value of the companionship of animals. Each family shared about their pet and how they liked to spend time with their dog, hamster or cat. Pastor Monica blessed the animals for long life and companionship.

All generally behaved.



BOOKS & MOVIES MENTIONED IN SERMONS

- *Hometown Tales*, by Phillip Gulley
- *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*, by Frederick Buechner
- *The Riddles of the Fourth Gospel: An Introduction to John*, by Paul N. Anderson





GROW



Something new is coming! All Worship Sunday November 4

The children's ministry of West Grove UMC is excited to start this new chapter of worship and growth for our children. Starting in the month of November, children will remain in worship on communion Sundays. This decision brings about excitement and questions for folks, so let me share with you the vision we have for All Worship Sunday.

- All Worship Sundays will take place on the first Sunday of each month, to align with communion Sundays.
- Children will remain in worship instead of

being dismissed to Children's Worship. This allows for children to be fully present at the table.

- There will be activity packets and hands on elements that children can use to participate in the worship service at their own level.
- Children will learn more about the practice of communion and how we practice here at West Grove UMC, to prepare them for this time.

Our goal, and hope, is to encourage a deeper intergenerational connection for all ages, and to instill in children a deeper connection to and understanding of worship.

We look forward to this time of change and growth for our children and families!

For information or questions, contact Melanie Hartley childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4th

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services

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

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

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 4th during both services. **Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 30th.** You may email pictures and information to the church office at office@westgroveumc.org.

It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

NEW STUDIES FOR THIS FALL!

DARING GREATLY

**Being Vulnerable, Resilient to Shame, and Courageous
to Give Your Life It's Best Shot!**

Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 2

We will continue the class series going back to, as originally, Brene' Brown's book, *Daring Greatly*. She says, "we are wired for connection", and we need to "show up and be seen", to make the difference that we ought to dare to make in this world! This book has challenged me to put my most courageous foot forward for the past 2 years, and propelled me in my quest to deeply discover the mysterious purpose for which God has put me here on the earth. If God is here, He has purpose for each thing and each person He has made. Jesus said, "seek and you will find".

We would love to have you at our class. In my opinion, courage is the "prow" of the boat of life. Brene says, we need to "show up and be seen." For more information, contact Peter Mullen (psmullen@petermullen.com).

FAITH IN WASHINGTON

This study has been paused and will resume in January.

Our faith is never just for Sunday mornings. How has God called us to understand our faith beyond Sunday morning? Let's begin with Sunday evening, starting on Sunday 23rd, for six weeks. We'll watch clips from the television show, *West Wing*, hear the context of scripture, and see where God is calling us to live out our faith. Our world is not just one voice or political party, nor is our God. (Led by Pastor Monica.)

- Session 1: What Do We Do with Scripture, Faith, and Politics?
- Session 2: God Is Big Enough (For Your Questions, Your Struggles, Your Frustrations, Your Objections)
- Session 3: Hearing Multiple Voices
- Session 4: Immigration
- Session 5: Arms
- Session 6: Death Penalty

LIFE OF DAVID

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the WGUMC Sanctuary

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at Jenner's Pond Allison Theater

In this 13 week study (led by Pastor Jim) we will delve into the story of David. There are several reasons why we should take on this study: David's story is exciting, inspiring, human, manly and ongoing.

- David's story is exciting. A shepherd boy who has an encounter with a giant named Goliath trusts in God and he defeats this experienced warrior with his faith, a sling and a stone.
- David's story is inspiring. This mighty warrior is a committed believer and a prolific singer-songwriter, whose lyrics still inspire us today, some 3000 years later.
- David's story is human. This lover of God has flaws that threaten to destroy his spirit, his family and his position as king.
- David's story is manly. His life helps us see how a great warrior and leader David is as he integrates his faith in his daily life with that of being a king. He shows that men can have a very strong faith in God.
- David's story is ongoing. God chose him to be the ancestor of our Lord, the Son of David and the Son of God - Jesus of Nazareth.

Join us for this exciting study of one the Bible's most famous people!

LUTHER HOUSE BIBLE STUDY—RUTH & ESTHER

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 PM in Building #1

The Luther House Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in Building #1.

Everyone is invited to join us as we delve deeper into God's Word and share love and support for one another.

We are beginning a study of women in the bible beginning with Ruth and Esther as they are the only two women who have an entire book in the Bible. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please see Cindy Haley or call her at 484-702-7071.

We hope you can join us!



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, November 6

6:30-8:30 p.m.

West Grove UMC



As we approach the holiday season, you might find yourself wondering how this season will feel after the death of your loved one.

- *Have you wondered how it will feel without your loved one at Thanksgiving?*
- *Have you worried about how to do Christmas traditions without your loved one?*
- *Have you felt heavy hearted as thoughts about the expectations of the whole season without your loved one?*

This might be the first holiday season after the death of your loved one, or the second, third or beyond.

You may notice some difficult emotions to navigate. Join "Surviving the Holidays" to help. You will watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and receive a survival guide with encouragement and resources.

For questions, please contact Susan Paisley at 610.529.8699 / sbrinton-pais1@verizon.net.

We will keep you in prayer as you remember during this time.

FOUR WEEK ADVENT BIBLE SERIES

**Celebrate Jesus:
How Light, Power, Truth and Love
Came Into the World**



Join us on Sunday mornings
December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Sponsored by the Prayer Ministry Team



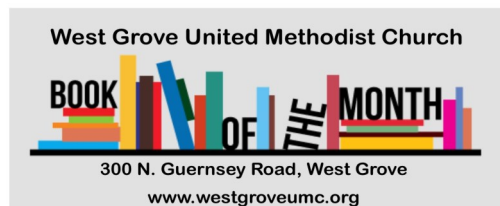
Sunday, November 4

2:00 p.m.

Join us as we worship with the residents at Twin Pines Nursing Home.

Pastor Jim will be preaching and offering communion and the Memory Bells will be offering their music.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!



Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a newer title. We'll meet in Room 3. See Pastor Monica for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The October and November dates have been paused and will pick up again in January.

Upcoming books and dates:

December 20: *"The Nutcracker"* by E T Hoffman

Join us!

DAILY MEDITATIONS

They are written one for each day of the week as a short meditation and question to begin your day. Take your bulletin home and read each day. May your relationship with God be enriched. They are also available on Facebook and our website!



GOD IS GOOD!

We've all prayed for God to hear our prayers, whatever they might be. So we have created a jar for "Answered Prayers".

It is located on the Information Desk in the lobby.

Please leave a note and place it in the jar so people can see that God does answer prayers.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Helping Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.

The men of our church have recently been invited to become part of the Lancaster United Methodist Men (UMM). This group meets seven times during the September through June months at different churches for a dinner and a short program of singing and a speaker or entertainment. **The next UMM dinner meeting will be on November 12 at 6:45 PM at Parkesburg UMC.** This will be children's night. We are encouraged to bring our children for a night of fun with a juggler. The cost is \$11 (\$9 for dinner is given to the hosting church and \$2 is for programing).

This year the UMM has a mission of collecting unwrapped toys for distribution to United Methodist Home for Children. West Grove UMC is asked to support this program by donating unwrapped toys during November and our UMM will deliver them to Parkesburg UMC by November 30th.

We encourage our men from West Grove to come and take part in this fellowship for men. If you are interested in attending, please see Pastor Jim or Vernon Ramberger.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

Join us as we pray specifically throughout the year for our church and community:

- God will move us from hearers of the word, to doers.
- Each person of the community will be welcomed here as a child of God.
- God will strengthen and grow leadership in our faith community for the next ways God is calling us to DO Faith.



An Open Table: How United Methodists Understand Communion



During a Confirmation Class, the pastor asked a group of mostly 13 and 14-year-old students to name some things Christians—and specifically United Methodists—do that most other people do not. One of the girls raised her hand and said with a smile, “We dunk our bread in grape juice.” Yes, that is different. The sacrament of Holy Communion is such a common occurrence in the landscape of our worship that its uncommon richness sometimes gets lost.

One Sacrament, Several Names

The Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, and the Eucharist are all names for this sacrament celebrated by United Methodists. Each of these names highlights an aspect of this act of worship.

According to *“This Holy Mystery”*, the United Methodist Church’s official document on communion, “The Lord’s Supper reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ’s invitation.” Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides.

“The term Holy Communion invites us to focus on the self-giving of the Holy God which makes the sacrament an occasion of grace, and on the holiness of our communion with God and one another,” *“This Holy Mystery”* continues.

Finally, “Eucharist, from the Greek word for thanksgiving, reminds us that the sacrament is thanksgiving to God for the gifts of creation and salvation.”

The Services of Word and Table in the front of *The United Methodist Hymnal* lead us in celebrating the fullness of the sacrament.

Invitation

Our communion liturgy begins with words spoken on Jesus’ behalf inviting “all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.”

There are no conditions for church membership or completion of a class required.

The baptized present are all invited, even if they belong to a different church. Those not baptized are not barred from receiving, but “should be counseled and nurtured toward baptism as soon as possible,” *“This Holy Mystery”* advises.

In addition, there is no minimum age. Even baptized infants are invited. The Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, director of worship resources with Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, explains, “To whatever degree they’re able to participate in the Great Thanksgiving—even if that’s simply being held in their mother’s arms while they sleep—they are there. They are part of what we are all doing together, so they are welcome to receive.”

Confession, Pardon, and Peace

During the next part of the service, we prepare ourselves to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving by repenting of sin and seeking to live in peace with one

another.

After praying a prayer of confession, we share words of pardon that remind us of the grace freely available to all who repent, “In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!”

The Peace then follows, where we offer one another signs of reconciliation and love, affirming our desire to live as a reconciled community in Christ.

The Great Thanksgiving

During the next part of the service, the pastor leads the congregation in a prayer called The Great Thanksgiving. “Our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving is The Great Thanksgiving,” Burton-Edwards teaches. “That’s why it’s essential that the people participate actively in this.” We join in the ancient tradition of sacrifice by offering God our praise and thanksgiving for the wondrous gift of salvation (see Psalm 141).

We offer ourselves and our gifts of bread and wine to God with thanksgiving. Then we ask for the Holy Spirit to be poured upon us and these gifts, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ, nourishing us, who have been redeemed by his blood, to be the body of Christ in the world.

We conclude praising the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—before uniting our voices in the Lord’s Prayer.

Then the bread is broken, and the body and blood of Christ are given to those who come to receive.

Prayer After Receiving

Holy Communion brings together our worship and our work in the world.

“Communion is our meal,” Burton-Edwards explains, “It is our feeding. We need that sustenance and we need it regularly.”

In the prayer after receiving, we affirm this. We pray, “Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

All this is God’s gift to us.

Burton-Edwards continues, “We are fed with the body of Christ by the Father and empowered by the Spirit to live as Christ’s body in the world.”

Dipping bread into juice may seem a little odd, but it is an important sign of our life as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Burton-Edwards summarizes, “What we’re doing in the Eucharist is a double thing. When we receive ‘the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood,’ we are remembering. At the same time, we are also re-membered, put back together again. We pray that we may be ‘one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.’ God’s work of making us one and uniting us with Christ, with each other and in our witness and life in the world—is the ordinary way by which God feeds us, sustains us, and empowers us to live as Christians in the world.”

(By Joe Iovino. Taken from UMC.org. Joe Iovino works for UMC.org at United Methodist Communications.)



SERVE



The Staff-Parish Committee wishes to recognize the amazingly dedicated talent that we keep on our payroll, which has grown in the last three years. In 2018 alone we have hired SEVEN new staff members, which includes three CMO teachers. Please continue to pray and be in gratitude for the following, who faithfully serve our church and make our services, operations, and programming possible:

Pastor Monica, Lead Pastor, who not only plans and facilitates worship each week and plans out worship one year in advance, but also supervises a staff of nine and provides oversight and support to CMO staff; provides pastoral care to parishioners all week at the church, at their homes, and in medical facilities; offers sacraments of baptism, communion, weddings, funerals to the congregation and the community; manages a multi-year strategic plan for the church; leads adult Bible studies; supports and empowers lay leaders who direct our ministries; and provides a wide range of community outreach. In addition to her steadfast service to our congregation, Pastor Monica also shares her administrative talents by making significant contributions to District-level activities such as District Committee on Ministry Chair, Board of Ordained Ministry as well as co-coordinating Annual Conference worship.

Pastor Jim, Associate Pastor; Chaplain at Jenners Pond, who provides monthly worship and provides spiritual guidance for Jenner's Pond residents, including conducting Bible studies, and facilitating special services. Always a warm and welcoming presence, we are grateful that Pastor Jim regularly assists Pastor Monica in worship services, serving sacraments, and leading Prayers for the People.

Melanie Hartley, our new full time Director of Children and Youth Ministries, who is responsible to plan all of our children and youth programming to include Sunday school, confirmation, youth group, VBS and special events. Melanie has quickly become an important and energetic presence at our church.

Deaconess Yvette Diaz, Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, who shares her caring heart and medical background to provide pastoral care to parishioners, particularly those who are hospitalized or homebound. Outside of her role, we are blessed that Deaconess Yvette shares her musical gifts as part of the Praise Band.

Donna Fackler, our full time Church Administrator, who runs our office operations and always has time for a smile to welcome visitors passing through. We are grateful for her faithful service, just some of which includes: answering the phones, managing the church calendar, paying bills and payroll, preparing and printing bulletins, event setup, managing emergency aid requests, providing administrative support to lay leaders of WGUMC's many ministries, producing reports, and managing mailings.

Kim Nuzzaci, our Administrative Assistant, who brings her creative talent for desktop publishing and high energy to produce our increasingly information-packed bulletins and newsletters and to manage our website and social media presence. Kim also provides significant support in scheduling volunteers for worship and office support roles; please see her if you can be of service.

Betsy Smith, who shares her musical gifts in three roles as the Keyboardist and interim Contemporary Worship Lead at the 8:30 service and the Traditional Music Director at the 11:00 service. Betsy also works with Pastor Monica to plan music selections to accompany each worship service one year in advance.

Sandy Decker, our talented Handbell Choir Director who manages a full four-octave bell choir and two quartets the third Sunday of each month and at special services.

Maira Tena, our Nursery Attendant who provides loving care, educational activities, and even Spanish instruction to infants and toddlers every Sunday morning and during special events, as a free service to families who attend our church.

Merry Wills, our brand new Sexton who cleans and cares for the church four times a week so it's presentable both for worship on Sundays but also for the many groups who use the church during the week.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE



Please visit our Christmas Gift Tree in the Lobby starting **Sunday, November 25th.**

On the tree, there will be gift tags for families and individuals from our community in need. The tag will note the child's gender, age and requested item.

Some might just have the gender and age and you can pick out a surprise Christmas present! We will be providing gifts to children in the school district, residents at Twin Pines, and additional local families in need.

Wrapped gifts, with the gift tag attached, need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 16th to ensure they can be delivered in time.

Questions? Please contact Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net.

BIKE SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY

HELP WANTED!

This is a fantastic event is sponsored by WGUMC and benefits Family Promise of Southern Chester County.

2019 will be the 3rd Annual ride but ONLY if we are able to get volunteers willing to help in the following two areas: 1) A Development Coordinator to secure sponsors for the event; 2) Volunteers to place the route markers on the days leading up to the ride.

If can help, please contact Lonnie at 610-213-5461 or lluscavage@gmail.com.



FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle's mission is to make items which are distributed in our local area or through UMCOR. We have made many quilts, baby pads, book bags and other items which have been delivered to local shelters, Family Promise, and through UMW district appeals. Our fabrics have been donated over time so we have an very interesting 'fabric closet'.

Our expected schedule is to meet the first and third Fridays. **Our meetings in November will be on the November 2 and November 16 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Please contact Chris Curtiss if you are interested in joining us...or just 'show up'. We welcome anyone who might be interested. Sewing skills are not necessary.



FAMILY PROMISE

November 18-25

Volunteers needed!

WGUMC is hosting Family Promise again in November. 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. We need volunteers for the following:

- **Set-up and break-down** of the guest, volunteer and family/dining Rooms,
- **Meal Preparation** at the church,
- **Evening hosting**-enjoying a meal and fellowship with the families,
- **Overnight hosting** – spend the night at the church
- **Food donations**
- **Transporting cots**-on the final morning to Scott Steele's home for storage,
- **Food donations**

Look for sign-up sheets coming soon!

Our Emergency Food Bank Depends on You!



WGUMC's Emergency Pantry has distributed over **335** bags of food so far in 2018! 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 a utility bill: to eat and keep on the lights. Don't forget the food pantry as many in our community are struggling to make ends meet.

The most needed items currently are:

- Laundry soap
- Body soap/wash
- Toothpaste
- Toilet paper

- House cleaning products
- Shampoo and conditioner

Also needed are some staple items:

- Juice mix (ice tea, lemonade)
- Juice boxes
- Canned fruit / applesauce cups
- Snacks for kids
- Canned meats and stews
- Canned pastas / spaghetti sauce
- Canned corn, green beans
- Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper
- Noodle and Rice side dishes in boxes and bags
- Baked beans
- Ramen noodle soup packages, / canned soup (especially chicken noodle)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard and mayo)

Any donation is a blessing to those in need.

Thank You!

WEST GROVE UMC PRAYER BEAD GARDEN



DINE-TO-DONATE EVENT! FUNDRAISER!

**at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Routes 41 and 1,
in Avondale
Monday, November 5, 2018 from
4:00-8:00 p.m.**

West Grove United Methodist Church will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters. The more family and friends we invite and who show up the more money we raise. Please tell your Perkins server and/or cashier when you check out that you are with the "West Grove United Methodist Church" Fundraiser. **Thanks for your support!**

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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 8:30 am service.

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

West Grove UMC is going to be participating once again in Operation Christmas Child (OCC).

Both Missions and the Youth will be working together to collect boxes from our congregation. Boxes will be distributed for our personal donations.

We and others in the area will drop-off boxes at the church during National Collection Week which November 12–19, 2018.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS:

- **Toys:** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.
 - **School Supplies:** Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
 - **Hygiene Items:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
 - **Other:** Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)
 - **A Personal Note:** In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
- Please do not include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans .

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

WGUMC is going to be a drop-off location for other churches and organizations in the Southern Chester County region.

Please contact the church office or Janice Bowers at janicesemail2@gmail.com or 484-888-6821 to sign-up to help.

Our collection hours are:

Monday, 11/12, 4-6 p.m.
 Tuesday 11/13, 4-6 p.m.
 Wednesday 11/14, 4-6 p.m.
 Thursday, 11/15, 4-6 p.m.
 Friday, 11/16, 4-6 p.m.
 Saturday 11/17, 9-11 a.m.
 Sunday 11/18, 12:30 p.m.– 6 p.m.
 Monday, 11/19, 9-11 a.m.

Following is some of the help needed during the collection week:

- **Greeters-** welcoming the public to OCC and to your church
- **Paperwork-** counting shoeboxes and cartons, doing the necessary accurate paperwork
- **Hospitality-** organizing snacks and drink for the volunteers as well as having trays of cookies for people that come into the church during the week
- **Runners-** helping people bring their shoeboxes from their cars into your staging area, use of hand trucks, etc
- **Cartonizers-** placing shoeboxes into cartons, getting the correct count, sealing cartons, moving cartons to designated storage area for the week

SUKKOT BOOTH

Keep an eye out for the Sukkot Booth in the lobby from November 4 – 25. We will be collecting food for the holiday season to stock our Emergency Food Cupboard.



MISSIONS TEAM UPDATE

WGUMC's Mission Team has been researching International Missions that we can support. Pastor Monica's home church Hopewell UMC in Downingtown head's up the US arm of Mosaic SA. Through working with them, Janice Bowers and Kaitlyn Beauchamp had the opportunity to visit one of their locations while on vacation in South Africa.

Mosaic SA envisions a South Africa where every orphan and vulnerable child is loved and cared for within a family setup, with enough resources and opportunities to thrive. To learn more about this organization go to www.mosaicsa.org. Also, ask Janice and Kaiti more about this - they would love to share their experience.



COAT DRIVE

November 18 – December 8

Please bring in new or gently used coats to be distributed to those in need in our region. We will be supporting Oxford UMC in their drive to gather coats for those in need in Oxford as well.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

WGUMC will be supporting Chester County Women's Services through putting all of our change in baby bottles during the month of October.

Keep an eye out for a display in the lobby to pick up a bottle to fill.



LUTHER HOUSE

COOKIE BAKE, CRAFT MAKE & POT LUCK

Sunday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m.

The Missions Team is excited to be offering this fun and fulfilling event that will benefit the folks living in the 200 units at the Luther House. We will be bringing blessings and good cheer to each resident with cookies and crafts hung on each door. Come out and help us bake or make. **ALL are invited.**

If you would like to help deliver on Monday the 10th, please contact Janice Bowers at janicesemail2@gmail.com or 484-888-6821.



15 WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

(The following is an excerpt from an article by Joe Iovino for the United Methodist Communications . He works for UMC.org.)

Spiritual lives—Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

Time management—Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

Families—Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

Preaching—Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

Strength—Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

Visiting ministries—Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

Leadership—Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

Decision-making—Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

Ministry with the poor—Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

Communication—Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

Conflict—Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

Vision—Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

Finances—Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

Health—Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

Encouragement—Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL Save the dates!

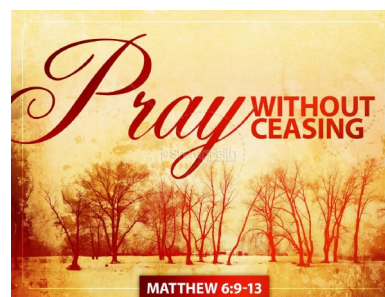
Begins November 17, 2018 at 8 a.m.

Ends November 18, 2018 at 8 a.m.

Prayer vigils are centuries old. The word "vigil", indicates a time of watchfulness, an awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. It is based on I Thessalonians 5:17; pray without ceasing.

Please sign up in the narthex (lobby) or online on Sign-Up Genius for 1 hour time slots so that we may have a 24 hr period of prayer without ceasing. Prayer requests and materials will be provided to aid you in your time of prayer.

We, at West Grove UMC will intercede for each other, to care for each others needs during our prayer vigil.



PRAYER MINISTRY MONTHLY GATHERING

The Prayer Ministry team meets the **second Tuesday of every month** for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. Our Focus: We pray for the needs of prayer ministry, each other, the congregation, the nation and the world.

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

We welcome you to join us at our next meeting on November 13 at 6:30 in the sanctuary/prayer room.

Personal requests are kept confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary. If you are going through a difficult time and want to stop in just to receive personal prayer during the monthly Tuesday prayer gathering timeframe (6:30-7:30) we welcome you as well.....no need to stay.

If you're curious, but not sure, feel free to visit a couple times to see if this ministry is a good fit for you. No one is expected to pray audibly.

PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PHASE 2



We celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the Prayer Bead Garden! Thanks to all those who donated their time, talents, and gifts to make it possible.

We are excited about starting Phase 2!

Phase 2 is the vegetation and planting phase. In coordination with gardeners and landscape design, we will be planting:

- 2 White Dogwood Trees (\$150 each)
- 1 Japanese Split Leaf Maple Tree (\$250 each)
- 10 Green Giant Arbor Vitae (\$200 each)
- 6 Golden Thread False Cypress (\$175 each)
- 2 Benches (\$400)

You have the opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved one with anyone of those trees. Additionally, there will be 2 benches available for honor or memorialization as well. Each of those can be affixed with a plaque. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo. Envelopes are available by the display in the lobby.

Please contact Pastor Monica with questions or concerns.

PRAYER BEAD GARDEN

	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
Tree	\$ _____	_____	Tree type: _____
Bench	\$ _____	_____	
Totals:	\$ _____		

Please designate below how you wish to offer these Trees and benches.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name: _____ **Envelope #** _____ **Amount \$** _____

CMO PRESCHOOL



Fall is in the air and the children of the CMO and Preschool have been very busy. The teachers have been teaching about the season of Fall and planning many hands on activities to go along with this theme. You may see our children raking pretend leaves, sampling apple turnovers they made, or painting with vibrant fall colors. We once again offered an after-school enrichment program for this fall. It is Soccer Shots. Soccer Shots is a beginning soccer program for preschool aged children. A "soccer coach" comes each Wednesday and teaches the children about soccer. It is so much fun and the children are really enjoying it.

Our Consignment Sale was once again a big success. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who donated items, consigned, shopped, and volunteered their time during our sale. I am able to continue to have this sale as a fundraiser for our

CMO CHAPEL TIME with Melanie Hartley

November Theme—Say "Thank You" to God

Our theme for Chapel Time in November is "Say 'Thank You' to God".
Our friends will explore cultivating gratitude by saying thank you to God.

Song—*"If You're Thankful and You Know It"*

Week 1—Blessings

Books:

"Thank You God" by J. Bradley Wigger (younger)

"Look and Be Grateful" by Tomie de Paola (older)

Week 2—Thanksgiving

Books:

"Thanks for Thanksgiving" by Julie Markes (younger)

"Thank You for Thanksgiving" by Dandy Daley Mackall

Week 4—Gratitude for Friends

Books:



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



For information on all children and youth activities,
contact Melanie Hartley

childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The high school Sunday school is engaging
in some great studies!
Here's what we have going on:

October 28-November 25: Affirm- What does it look like to deepen and develop faith after confirmation? This five week study will look at how we put faith and beliefs into a way of living.



December 2-23: Advent Study

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All 7-12 grade students are invited. There's games, snacks and great discussion!

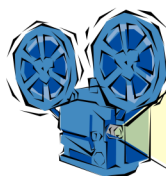
Dodgeball!

Youth Dodgeball Night

Friday, November 9

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Bring your friends!!!



**Movie
Night**

**YOUTH GROUP
MOVIE NIGHT
November 18
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Movie night and FOOD!
Details will be shared at youth group.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**Children & Youth Sunday School
Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

In September and October we learned about Joshua and the wall of Jericho, and how our faith in God can help us work through our problems!

This month, we are learning Psalm 150- Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!



Sunday school is available for children ages Pre-K (3's & 4's) through grade 12.

ALL WORSHIP & COMMUNION SUNDAY November 4th

November 4 we will be our first ever all worship & communion Sunday! On the first Sunday of each month, children will remain in worship and be in worship for the full communion liturgy.

There will be activity packets and hands-on elements that children can use to participate in the worship service at their own level. Our goal, and hope, is to encourage a deeper intergenerational connection for all ages, and to instill in children a deeper connection to and understanding of worship.

Children's worship will resume November 11, 18, and 25. The next All Worship Sunday will be December 2.





FUN & FITNESS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (6:30-8:00)

REFLECTIONS IN SONG: LIFE, LOVE, AND FAITH

A NEW AND ORIGINAL REPERTOIRE

BY MEL LEAMAN



MEL LEAMAN AND FRIENDS AT WEST GROVE UMC

300 N. GUERNSEY

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 FOR

THE GARAGE YOUTH CENTER

William Rose, Director of Operations for The Garage and professional musician will begin playing at 6:00. See his website at: www.thewilliamrose.com

Special song by former Garage student Christian Valdivia; Refreshments provided

Mel Leaman and his son, Toby of the popular Philly group, Dr. Dog are pictured below singing at the Electric Factory. Some years ago, Mel joined the band to sing the song "Alaska" in honor of his wife's birthday. Toby composes many of the songs Dr. Dog performs.

This year, on November 4, Toby will join his father with vocals and back-up as they perform an eclectic selection of songs Mel has written. Various friends will also share vocals and instrumental back-ups. The songs will not be repeats of last year's concert which drew close to 200 people and raised \$1600 for THE GARAGE youth center in West Grove. A slow love song like "Tender Kiss" may be followed by booming call for racial justice in "Fences" or a more settle movement towards the faith perspective of "Melt Into the Cold." Be it the genre of jazz, blues, rock, or country the songs will spark some thought even as you swing. A donation of \$10 is suggested for THE GARAGE. Some of the youth center members will be serving refreshments. A CD of songs from last year's concert will be available. In addition, William Rose the Director of Operations at THE GARAGE and professional musician will play from 6:00-6:30.

When you capture the moments of change in the lives of humans, the mundane and the astounding, then turn them into catchy melodies- you would be describing the music of William Rose. Collected stories from his travels around the world are what fuels the sounds and emotive lyrics within William's music combined with Indie Rock, alternative pop and folk influences. Whether performing solo or full band, William always delivers a passionate, high energy and heart-felt performance that makes you feel like you were the one creating each moment shared in every one of his songs. See William's website at: www.thewilliamrose.com. Finally, a former student of THE GARAGE outreach, Christian Valdivia will do a hip hop selection prior to Mel's performance.





HEALING YOUR SPIRIT: WHEN SEXUAL ASSAULT IS IN THE HEADLINES

(The following is an article by Kristen E. Vincent for The Upper Room.)

As the survivor of childhood trauma, I've come a long way in my healing process. This is thanks in part to years of therapy, a lot of hard work, and an incredible support network of family and friends. More so, it's the result of learning to be still with God, to offer up my pain for God to transform, and to realize I am God's beloved. I'm now in a place of peace, one that has stayed with me for several years now.

And yet.

When sexual assault is in the news and the hot topic on social media, I struggle. Sexual assault survivors like me know what it feels like to be victimized. Even though we didn't do anything wrong — nothing to deserve violence — we know what it's like to feel shame and humiliation. We know what it's like to keep the assault secret, knowing that if we say something we may not be believed. Thus, each mention in the media tugs on our wounds. As one of my friends on Facebook wrote, "Know that the women you know who are tearful or jaggedy or taking this all too 'seriously' may be unwillingly reliving some of the worst days of their lives, on repeat, in a social media world."

Indeed. Despite the progress I've made in my own healing journey, there were still moments when I felt remnants of the shame, fear, and grief of my own trauma. While these feelings didn't overwhelm me the way they used to, their presence reminded me that healing from trauma is a lifelong journey, and there will be times when I need to take care of myself.

If you've been struggling with media coverage of sexual assault, I encourage you to take care of yourself in the following ways:

- Be gentle with yourself. Offer yourself a lot of grace, and suspend any judgment. You are doing the best you can. This is your healing journey, so take it at your own pace.
- Surround yourself with people who love and support you: a therapist, spiritual director, pastor, or friend. Don't go this alone. Find people who will embody God's love and presence for you.
- Take a break from social media so you'll be less likely to read stories or comments that are potentially upsetting.

Most important, I hope you'll spend time in stillness with God. Though stillness can be tricky for trauma survivors — we would much rather stay busy and not have to sit with our pain — it is one of the most effective ways I've found to encounter God and heal. To quiet your mind and calm your fears about stillness, try creating a short phrase to repeat over and over, such as, "God is with me," "I am safe," or "God loves me." You can say your phrase while driving, walking your dog, or lying in bed at night. Repeating phrases like these helps you catch your breath, calm down, focus on the present moment, and listen.

Being still can also help you:

- **Speak your truth:** Picture yourself sharing your whole truth with God — what happened to you, how it affected you, the impact it's had on your life, and what you need now. Notice that God does not interrupt, criticize, or shame you in any way. Instead, God receives your story and calls you Beloved.
- **Heal your spirit:** Having spoken your truth, offer up your feelings to God. Be as honest as you need to be about your grief, anger, shame, fear, or other feelings. See how God creates a safe space for you to recognize, connect with, and then release these feelings. Notice that you are not alone.
- **Experience God's peace:** In this sacred space with God, begin to consider where you are in your healing journey. Notice whether you feel less fear or grief, or whether the situations that previously triggered your emotions have somehow lost their potency. Pay attention to your life and note the signs of God's deep love for you, of the peace God is offering you.

Life is not without its triggers; there will always be things that remind us of our own traumas. The key is to continue our healing journeys, to get to a place where the triggers are less intense. Trust the process, because that's where God is, working in ways we don't even recognize. And know that God is working to bring you toward wholeness, toward the place where you can stand firmly in this world and, no matter what, know you are deeply loved by God.

*Kristen E. Vincent is the award-winning author of *Beads of Healing: Prayer, Trauma, and Spiritual Wholeness* and three other books on Protestant prayer beads. She travels extensively to lead workshops and retreats. She is the owner and principal artisan of Prayerworks Studio, where she creates handcrafted prayer tools. She has another book coming from Upper Room Books in Fall 2019: *We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Prayer Beads*.*

Retired Active People



Retired Active People (R.A.P.)

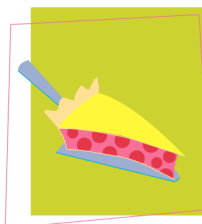
**November 9
12:00-3:00 PM**

RAP had a very busy October. At our regular gathering, Ray McKay took us back in time recollecting the many changes and advances made during our lifetimes. Thank you Ray! And thank you to Vernon Ramberger for being our October host! We also enjoyed a great day at Sight and Sound to see the production, "Jesus," followed by lunch at Miller's. Thank you to Sara Ann Ramberger for coordinating this outing!



RAP's next meeting will be held Friday, November 9 at noon. We have a wonderful program planned. Charles Shattock will present, Birds of Winter.

Invite your friends to join us and bring your bagged lunch. Desserts and drinks are provided. Plan to join us on November 9 for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food!



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

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

**Saturday, November 10
9:00-10:30 AM**



Juliet's meet for breakfast and fun...
Second Saturdays at 9:00! Join us!

We meet at the **Sunrise Cafe**

AVON GROVE SENIORS

The Avon Grove Seniors meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the West Grove Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

Our RAP Group and our Seniors are invited to their meetings, programs, and activities.

Contact Janet Gregg at 610-255-4477 with your questions.

Upcoming trips:

**American Music Theatre Christmas Show
"The First Noel"**

Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
Wednesday, December 10, 2018
Bus leaves WGUMC at 9:30 a.m.
\$70: Includes bus transportation, show, and meal.



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

**November 29
12:00-1:30 p.m.**

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 610-724-0477**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

STEWARDSHIP



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") (Dream in Process!)	2	\$4,000
Electronic Sign at the street	2	\$15,000
Electronic Sign at Rt. 1	1	\$50,000
2 inch slat blinds for classrooms (Dream in process...7 out of 25)	25	\$500
3 laptops (1 for Caring Ministry, 1 for Director of Children and Youth Ministry, 1 for Volunteer Office with docking station) (Dream in process 1 of 3 purchased)	3	\$1,500

DARE TO DREAM!



HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping by shopping on Amazon Smile!

Every purchase you make earns the church a donation.

And it is EASY! Type in **smile.amazon.com** in your Internet browser, choose West Grove United Methodist

Church as your charity and then shop away! It is all the same stuff, no fees. Tell your family and friends too! It's that easy.

A percentage of your spending dollars will be credited to the church.



SCRIP SCRIPTS

Shop With Scrip is an easy way to patronize your favorite merchants and raise money for WGUMC.

For every dollar you spend, merchants will rebate WGUMC from 1% to 20% (and sometimes even more during special promotions). Here's how it works:

- Go to shopwithscrip.com and click on the "Shop" tab for a listing of the participating merchants.
- Select a merchant by clicking on their logo and the rebate to WGUMC will be displayed.
- Choose one of the following delivery options:
Physical, Scrip Now, or Reload card

Payments for the purchases are linked to your bank account in a secure environment making this one of the fastest and most convenient methods.

Order forms are also in the Narthex. Simply place your order form and a check made payable to WGUMC in Gene Aucott's mailbox in the mailroom.

Questions? Contact Gene Aucott gene.aucott@comcast.net / 610-869-7355.



Best Selection of Retailer Brands and Products

Order gift cards for over 750 of the most popular brands, from groceries to coffee to entertainment to gas.

Over 300 brands are available immediately with our eGift card products, and over 100 are reloadable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLEASE NOTE

The Church office will be closed on November 22 and 23 as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

OUR NEW CHURCH SEXTON

After the recent retirement of WGUMC's long-tenured contracted cleaner, Brenda Greist, Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the Trustees partnered to create a new paid cleaning and custodial position at the church.

We'd like to welcome Merry Wills as our new church Sexton. Merry is a long-time user of the church as the leader of a boy scout group that meets in our building. We know she will give our building wonderful tender loving care. Based on feedback from the congregation, we have expanded her role to include twice-weekly cleaning.

If you see Merry in the West Grove UMC hallways please be sure to share your gratitude!

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

We want you to HEAR the word of God when you come to church to hear the word of God.

Hearing assistive devices are located in the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. They can go right over your ear and amplify the sounds for you.

We give thanks to God the technology we have in the sanctuary that can help **everyone** hear.



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Our Facebook page is a great resource for keeping up-to-date on what is going on here at church. Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook and check-in" when you are here!



PRAYER ROOM

Need prayer?

Our prayer room is open each Sunday after worship for anyone seeking prayer.



THANK YOU

HUNGER WALK

Thank you to everyone who supported the John H. Ware IV Memorial Hunger Help Walk. It was a beautiful day. We are blessed to have Roger Bates organize this event each year. Walkers: Brad Beauchamp, Betsy Smith, Janice Bowers, Kaiti Beauchamp and Nancy Douzduk (visitor).



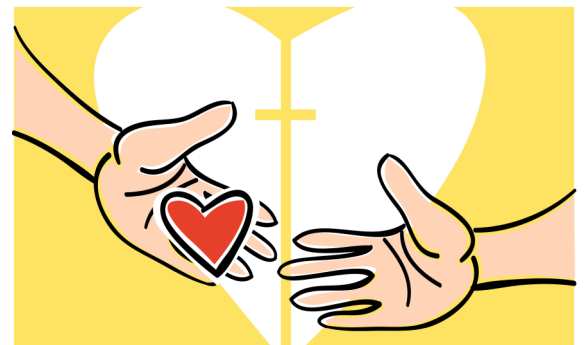
Dear West Grove UMC,

We would like to thank the small group called the "Knit Wits" for their very generous donation of the beautiful blankets.

Bethesda UMC has a very active ministry with the homeless in Camden, NJ. We deliver food, clothing and blankets. The blankets are in very high demand and go quickly. They are really appreciated.

Thank you again. May God bless you!

Bethesda UMC
Swedesboro, NJ



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NEWS

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

November 25



SCHOLARSHIPS
United Methodist Student Day



TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE STUDENTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

We want to serve those in other places who are suffering. We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life. And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

Nurturing Christian Leaders Like Ricky Blue

The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family—Louisiana's Luling UMC—raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then, the Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to United Methodist Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

What no one person can do, we're doing together.

Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body, people like Ricky, to do it in Jesus' name.

Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 UMW Faith Circle	3 Daily Reflections Group
4 All Worship Sunday All Saints Sunday Worship at Twin Pines Mel Leaman & Friends Concert	5 Knit Wits Perkins Dine to Donate Fundraiser SOS Ladies Tech Team Meeting	6 Surviving the Holidays Trustees Meeting	7	8	9 R.A.P. Youth Dodgeball	10 J.U.L.I.E.T.S Daily Reflections Group Faith Sharing Workshop
11 Consecration Sunday Worship at Jenner's Pond	12 Knit Wits SOS Ladies Full Staff Meeting UMM	13 Prayer Gathering	14 Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting	15 Advent Bag Wrapping	16 UMW Faith Circle	17 Daily Reflections Group Prayer Vigil Rise Against Hunger
18 Family Promise Coffee Fellowship Prayer Vigil Memory Bells Thanksgiving Service Youth Movie	19 Family Promise Knit Wits SOS Ladies	20 Family Promise Finance Meeting Ad Council Meeting	21 Family Promise	22 Church Office Closed Family Promise 	23 Church Office Closed Family Promise	24 Family Promise Daily Reflections Group
25 Family Promise	26 Knit Wits SOS Ladies	27 Missions Meeting	28	29 R.O.M.E.O.S	30 SPRC Meeting	



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