



# The Wesleyan Star

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## FEBRUARY 2021



We search the horizon of our lives for signs of the future, looking for threats and also for joys and promises and promises fulfilled. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." In the book, Draw the Circle, the author Mark Batterson builds his thoughts on the scripture from Colossians 4:2. We are reminded that watchfulness was an important responsibility in Biblical times among many people. People sat on the walls of their community to keep watch to see who or what was coming; what might threaten them, a storm that may be brewing, or a potential friend to host and welcome.

The ones who kept watch saw things no one else saw, often long before other people did. They had a unique perspective. Watchfulness is just as important for us today, even if we have very different ways of doing it. Watchfulness is essential for us as Christians today. Prayer and especially prayer in and for fellowship, can open up our hearts, our eyes and ears to what is really happening. Letting God lead us to see and hear, heightens our awareness as it works to engage our whole heart. That leading by God may seem like an overwhelming challenge in troubling times, yet it can be a huge blessing we can't afford to ignore. We can be God's watchmen, faithfully readying ourselves for what is unfolding for us. We are constantly being overwhelmed with stimulation, a crush of information and opinion.

It is so overwhelming that we attempt to filter it, and then we are likely to lose the vital connections, and hold on to the ones that lead us into fear, anxiety that leads to competition, anger, even hatred. As Batterson points out, we often don't see the world as it is; we see it as we are. Prayer is essential because there are things we can only come to understand and overcome when we seek the power of God's creativity in the Holy Spirit. As I write, the temperature has dropped very noticeably, and the wind chill is unbearable. Julie and I wimped out of taking our usual daily walks; it's just too cold! There are a lot of times we'd rather be comfortable than do what is healthy. It's true about our exercise of body and also our faith. In your watchfulness what do you see coming in the months and year ahead?

A way I read Psalm 130 for myself, in my own words in verses 5-8 is: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul wait for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O people of God, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is the great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem us from all our iniquities, our sins, short-sightedness, and our focus on our selves, lifting us up to see the whole horizon before us by his grace. We look forward to this year that has been started, God can lead us to live our lives fully by faith.

Pastor Tim



## February Worship at West Grove UMC

Join us as we worship together by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing in God's way, and serving God's world.



9:30 In Person by reservation and Live Streaming

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany Sunday**

**Sermon:** "Are We Prepared For Healing"

**Scripture:** *Mark 1:29-39*

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**First Sunday In Lent**

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday In Lent**

*Worship*  
WITH US ONLINE

Please go to [Facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://www.facebook.com/westgroveumc) and scroll down for our worship service at each of the times below. You do not need to have Facebook to participate. If you do not have internet capabilities, you can also have audio of church through the phone with ZOOM. Please call at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings **Please use this phone number: 1 (929) 436 2866 and enter meeting id# 572-438-033. Password is 30019390**



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship on

**February 14th at 11 am**  
On your closed circuit  
Jenner's Pond TV

Led by Pastor Jim  
Join us by tuning in on the Closed  
Circuit TV at Jenner's Pond.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON OFFICE HOURS

The Church will modify its office hours effective immediately. **The office will be open for essential business only from 10 am to 12 pm Monday through**

**Friday.** Please schedule an **appointment in advance** if those hours do not work for you. As often as possible, please use email, calls, and texts to contact the church office. Telephone messages will be checked frequently throughout the day. The shopping cart is on the outside front lobby entrance for donation drop-offs and will be checked regularly. The mailbox is available to drop off information, envelopes, etc. for the office and will be checked daily. **Please call Donna Fackler if you have any questions: 610-869-9334 or email at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org)**



# Pastor's Desk

## Lent

The season of Lent has traditionally been a very holy time of preparation for Christians, as we journey with Jesus Christ on the road to Jerusalem. Jesus set his sights on the city, knowing that confrontation and sacrifice awaited him. He did not go by accident or as a passive victim. He deliberately chose how and when to go there to teach, show, and embody sacrificial love that is far than mere sentimentality. It is a time during the year that we focus on being more intentional about our discipleship and focus of heart, mind, and body. We exercise our compassion in God's love. Please join us in our efforts in ministry and worship to understand more fully what Christ has done for us, and what God is doing to transform the world.



## Play List

What is on your song playlist? What songs lift you up, or help you tune into and express your emotions? In faith? Two songs I've been listening to recently on You Tube are, "Wake up Sleeper," by Austin French, and, "Turn Graves Into Gardens," by Brandon Lake. Turning Graves Into Gardens is a theme I envision myself striving for in many ways; one way is I enjoy gardening, and hope to make some places bloom this spring. The real blooms of the garden inspire me to see how our personal, spiritual lives can bloom and bear fruit too. Working in the garden reminds me that our faith life needs to be cultivated, and while a joy, it can be hard work. We can bring a witness of God's creativity to our world in ways that may require work, yet inspire and lift up our imaginations as attractive church grounds send out an invitation and welcome others. I encourage you to listen to some good music, and let God's creativity lead you, lead us, to envision and fulfill what God can do. What grave is God encouraging you to transform into a garden?



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BY PASTOR JIM



During the Mondays of Lent, beginning on February 22 and continuing each Monday until the Monday after Easter (April 5<sup>th</sup>), there will be a Bible Study on the events of each day of Holy Week and for the days following the Resurrection. It will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM and will be supported by a PowerPoint program that I am developing.

This 7-week study will begin with Palm Sunday when Jesus rode triumphantly and victoriously into Jerusalem and will look at the events of each day of Holy Week and will include events leading up to the Ascension of Christ.

Our study will use the Gospel of Mark as our foundational text and add the events from the other Gospels that are not included in Mark.

Pastor Jim



## Annual Giving Statements

**Giving statements for 2020** are in the mail!

Please look for your statement, as due to mailing delays, it might take several days to get to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather McCummings, Financial Secretary.

Thank you for faithful and generous support of the missions and ministries of the West Grove United Methodist Church!

## EPA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS SEEK SUPPORT, APPLICANTS

Eastern PA Conference Scholarships are awarded for the fall and spring semesters to undergraduate and graduate students who have been active members of a church in our conference for at least two years. For many, these vital scholarships are one of Eastern PA's best-kept secrets but are deserving of much more awareness and support.

March 1 is the application deadline for our scholarships for the fall semester. More information is available online.

You can help fund our scholarships by mailing donations to the Eastern PA UMC Conference Treasurer's Office at P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482. Please indicate "Conference Scholarships" or "Conference Ordained Ministry Scholarships" in the memo line of your checks. Or you can give electronically by using our convenient online giving page.

Also, read "21 Conference students awarded UMC scholarships," which reports that 21 Eastern PA Conference students received scholarships in 2020 awarded by the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry



## In the End, Light and Love Will Win

"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 (NKJV)

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His birthday was approved as a federal holiday in 1983 and celebrated this year on Monday, January 18, 2021. Every year we commemorate his non-violent commitment to peace and justice. This year we do so in tears, entrenched in a deep and solemn cloud of darkness. We remember this Christian pastor, preacher and civil rights leader and some of the many powerful words he shared through Spirit-filled sermons and speeches with broken hearts. We celebrate his life and legacy amid the confluence of good and evil, light and darkness.

This year, we ponder our journey to peace during a global pandemic when 400,000 American lives have been lost in one year due to the COVID-19 virus. We pray for peace upon the heels of a challenged presidential election, a critical senatorial election in Georgia, and a dark and violent insurrection on the steps of the United States Capitol. We hoped for peace even while the walls of the Capitol were stormed, and the rotunda and the corridors of the building, which are the symbol of the American people and government, were desecrated. We give God praise for a theology of peace lived out through Dr. King, an ordinary man in extraordinary times, that speaks to us at such a time as this. This year, we acknowledge Dr. King, who gave his life for God and humanity as we witness the 2021 Inauguration Day. This week, Joe Biden became the 46th president of the United States of America, and Kamala Harris became the first female vice president in the history of the country, a proud woman of Black and Asian descent. So many God-designed firsts are already happening. These have been dark days, and yet I am sure that the light of Christ shines brightly through the clouds. I am persuaded that God's unconditional, perfect love destroys hatred.

The time is now for people of faith to step forward, for ***FAITH SEES BEST IN THE DARKNESS***. This is our time. Let's not miss it. It is God ordained.

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*D. S. Evelyn*



## Tech Team

In late February or March the Tech Team will move live streaming services from Facebook to YouTube. Recordings of all services are being added to our YouTube channel each week, and we will continue to post links on Facebook and our website as well.

Our YouTube channel can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_DLTpK9HQS PxTqLqOQbViTL3bw1C-C0](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_DLTpK9HQS PxTqLqOQbViTL3bw1C-C0), by searching YouTube for West Grove (PA) United Methodist Church, or using the YouTube links on our website. Be sure to subscribe to our channel, 100 subscribers will allow us to make a more user friendly link.



## Valentines for Our Penn London Students

This is our 15th year of donating boxed valentines to the children of Penn London Elementary who do not have Valentines to give to their classmates.

Please consider buying a box of valentines and dropping it off in the collection box provided in the church lobby. You may also leave them at the office door or in

shopping basket outside of the front lobby doors.. **We will be collecting the valentines now through February 7th.** Thank you!



## Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday Feb 17

We are still deciding how to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Live streaming a service is most likely, and a suggestion was made that we offer a drive through imposition of ashes. It has a strange feel for me, because imposition of ashes usually comes at the end of the worship service. We'd probably need to share them at the beginning, before we host worship. Stay tuned, and please check your computer for our e-mail and our church web site for our final plans.



Even during this time of virtual and limited in-person worship, there is still much going on at church. Food pantry, Mighty Writers food and essentials distributions, CMO Preschool, Zoom and in-person meetings, Giving Envelopes to pick up to name a few. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc.

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## AMAZON SMILE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CHURCH

Due to Covid, many of us have been depending on on-line shopping to limit our exposure. If you use Amazon for your shopping, would you please consider signing in under

Amazon Smile? It's the same stuff, same account, but you get to chose a charity and Amazon will donate (at no cost to you) a percentage of what you spend to the charity. Of course, we hope you chose **West Grove United Methodist Church** when you make your choice. It's painless and it helps the church. **Please ask your family and friends to chose us too!**

*I was amazed at how my Christmas shopping allowed donations to build up for the church. If everyone did it, it would be a wonderful gift to the church. Donna*

**Please support the church through signing on to Amazon Smile for your online purchases or purchase gift cards through our Scrip program.**

**Each purchase contributes a small percentage to the church, but with your participation, we can, together, make a difference!**



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON**

**Monday, February 15th,**  
in observance of President's Day.

**Gift cards and store cards. SCRIP IS BACK!** If you are ordering gift cards for the holidays to shop or give as gifts, grocery cards, gas cards, a selection of many store cards, please place your order through the church! We get a percentage as a donation to the church, so every card you purchase, helps the church! **Please call Gene Aucott to place your order today! 610-869-7355**



Dear Donna and all at West Grove Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donations in support of our Lunch and Literacy programs at Mighty Writers El Futuro Kennett. We are so lucky to have your continued support throughout this pandemic.

Mighty Writers teaches kids ages 2-17 to think and write with clarity so they can achieve success at school, at work, and in life. We are so grateful to have your partnership and support, particularly during this incredibly trying time.

Thank you for showing up for our families, our communities, and for education. Because of you, hundreds of families are receiving life sustaining meals, groceries, and at-home education every week.

If you would like a receipt for your tax-deductible donations, please reply to this email.

With Mighty gratitude,

The Mighty Writers staff

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Gabrielle Bonder

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## Mighty Writers Work Continues

One of the extraordinary blessings of this season of virus has been to take part and help host the Mighty Writers, an organization that helps to teach English to people from bilingual families. Every Friday they have labored to share the food they have gathered from a variety of sources all over the region. Recently one week, I put together two handouts, one explaining who we are as a church and sending the welcome for when we reopen, and another inviting prayer requests. We've had a few people respond with their need for prayers. It blesses us to reach out and share fellowship with others. We will continue to look for creative ways that the Holy Spirit may lead us to share our ministries in new, vital ways with our community as we build the family of faith God envisions for us. Thank you for your faithful support of all of our efforts.



## From John's Hopkins Hospital

This Covid-19 virus is not a living organism. It is a protein molecule (RNA or DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular (eyes), nasal (nose) or buccal mucosa (mouth), changes their genetic code (mutates) and converts into aggressor and multiplier cells.

- \* Since the virus is not a living organism, but is a protein molecule, it cannot be killed. It has to decay on its own.

The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

- \* The covid-19 virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat and that is the reason why soap or detergent is the best weapon. The foam CUTS THE FAT (that is why you have to scrub for 20 seconds or more, to create lots of foam). By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down.

- \* HEAT melts fat; this is why it is necessary to use water above 77F or 25C degrees for hand washing, laundry and cleaning surfaces. In addition, hot water makes more foam, making it more effective.

- \* Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ALL FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.

- \* Any solution with 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaking it down from the inside.

- \* Oxygenated water increases the effectiveness of soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein. However, because you have to use it in its pure form, it can damage your skin.

- \* NO BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC WILL WORK because the virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.

- \* The virus molecules remain very stable at colder temperatures, including air conditioning in houses and cars. They also need moisture and darkness to stay stable. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade the virus faster.

- \* UV LIGHT on any object that may contain the virus breaks down the protein. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin.

- \* The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin.

- \* Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.

- \* NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve. The strongest vodka is only 40% alcohol, and you need a minimum of 65%.

- \* LISTERINE is 65% alcohol.

- \* The more confined the space, the higher the concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less.

- \* You have to wash your hands before and after touching any commonly used surfaces such as : mucosa (mouth area) , food, locks, knobs, switches, remotes, cell phones, watches, computers, desks etc. and don't forget when you use the bathroom.

- \* You have to MOISTURIZE YOUR HANDS due to frequent washing. Dry hands have cracks and the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.

- \* Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

**PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS.**



#### OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Due to mail delays, we have just received our 2021 Offering Envelopes. They are **ready for you to pick up at the church**. We will have a table in the lobby with your envelopes in alphabetical order. As the church office hours have changed, please call Donna Fackler to ensure someone is in the building when you would like to pick up your envelopes. The office is open from 10 am to Noon daily, but Donna is available at other times as well if you call ahead. **Do you no longer wish to have envelopes**, or would like to offer electronically? Please advise the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) so that we can make the change to our records. **Unable to pick up your envelopes?** Let the church office know and we will arrange delivery or mail them.

## 2021 TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

March 13, 2021

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM via Zoom

*"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

Ephesians 4:12



The Eastern PA Conference's 2021 Tools for Ministry, **March 13, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, will make history by being **totally online for the first time**, rather than being held in onsite district locations. Offering virtual classrooms on Zoom for this annual, half-day academy of learning for church leaders is yet another way the Conference is adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic and overcoming required social-distancing restrictions against large gatherings.

Ironically, that adaptation is bearing fruit in allowing the Conference to offer a cornucopia of 35 diverse, online courses taught by expert faculty, **all for a nominal registration fee of only \$5**. And even more fruit may result from a record-breaking turnout, due to the convenience, affordability and growing acceptance of online, home-based adult learning. Bishop Peggy Johnson will begin the morning plenary with devotions. An offering, using text-to-give on smartphones, or mailed options, will be received to support the antiracism and justice work of POWER, an interfaith community organization to which some Eastern PA Conference churches belong. The 35 workshops cover a wide array of interesting and helpful subjects. One is in Spanish and another will be offered bilingually in English and Spanish. The workshops will be offered in two 90-minute sessions-beginning at 9:00 and 10:45 AM, with a break in-between. Visit the online information page and register today (<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=597616&>). Also, download the flyer and the full brochure with worship descriptions.



### Do you receive the weekly Constant Contact emails from the church?

We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition and a Sunday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including a link to the

week's bulletin. If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash.

**A lot of information is shared in these two weekly emails and we often publish special editions of timely information you may be interested in.** This monthly newsletter is also shared via CC. If you are missing out and would like to be on the list, **email Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator, at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or call the office at 610-869-9334.** I will be happy to add you to the list!

Donna

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Reflection:

It's hard to believe that we are into the month of February so quickly. I spent the month of January reflecting on the past year and focusing on practices that bring me closer to God, myself and others.

During Advent, we prepared our hearts for the birth of Christ. As the season of Lent approaches, we prepare our hearts for Jesus once again. Part of "making room" for God is examining what treasures we already have stored in our hearts. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of compassion, peace, love and everyone having what they need; no one going without.

Do the treasures of your heart match up with the treasures of the kingdom? Is your heart open to what God has to show you this Lent?

Melanie Hartley, Children & Youth Director

## Children's Ministry News

### Children's Sunday School

#### Reflections on the Heart



Our Sunday school lessons will be using Reflections on the Heart by Illustrated Ministry.

By exploring Gospel passages about treasures and matters of the heart, we will reflect on what kind of treasure matters to us, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives.

Our Sunday school lessons can be found on the church's YouTube channel. Just search **West Grove (PA) United Methodist Church**.

**Lenten take home bags:** There are so many practices and sensory experiences that can enhance our reflection during the season of Lent. Our Lent take home bags will have our Sunday school handouts, materials for Lent and some fun things too.

**Bags can be picked up on Wednesday, February 17 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**If you would like Sunday school information, lesson resources and links, and other children's ministry information, contact Melanie Hartley.**

## Youth



**February 7:** Movie Night  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

**February 14, 21, 28** 3:30-5:00 p.m.

### Movie Night

**February 7,  
5:00-7:30  
p.m.**



We're cozying up with some good food and a good flick. Bring a blanket or something cozy to sit with! We will have pizza and snacks for the occasion and watching on the big screen in the sanctuary.

Contact Melanie with any questions!

### Find us on social media!

In case you didn't know, WGUMC youth have a facebook page for students and parents, AND an instagram account for students! Both have information and updates about youth group activities.

**On Instagram, search *wgumcyouth***

**Find us on Facebook at WGUMC Youth Ministry**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/166108290071987>



## Children's Morning Out Preschool



We are so happy to be back in school after our Winter Break. The children were thrilled to come in and see their classmates again after a slightly longer break than usual. Our friends have been learning about hibernation, winter animals, painting snowmen with snowy puffy paint, and just having a wonderful time playing and learning together. Creating engaging activities is just one of our teachers' amazing skills!! Although, it is hard to believe, we are preparing for

registration for our 2021-2022 preschool year in the beginning of February. Please feel free to share our name with anyone you know who may be looking for a loving, nurturing preschool experience.

Heather Smalley, Director



### 2021-2022 Preschool Registration Dates

Thursday, Feb 4 Current Families

Friday, Feb 5 Alumni Families

Tuesday, Feb 9 Open registration to  
the Community

## CMO Chapel Time

Miss Melanie is so excited to be back with her friends at CMO! This month our stories will focus on love: how we experience love and show love to others. Our song this month will be "Jesus Loves Me".





# 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	Qty	Approx 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



## Finance Committee

Our Finance Committee met in person at the church on Wednesday January 27 to look at the year ahead. We looked at the “worst case scenario” that we may be facing, and most of us seem to believe, with God’s help, we can rise above the challenges we face. It is difficult to envision what to expect; there are lots of uncertainties. We don’t expect a year as challenging as 2020. Some points I’ve tried to share from my experiences are that we want and need to be transparent and communicate openly with our fellowship so that we can all assertively take part, including responsibility for our ministries in mature and healthy ways. When we all work together with God leading us, incredible things happen. It takes intentional effort, and we must keep God at the center. All the great plans, marketing, and sophisticated effort, and even wonderful donations mean nothing without staying close to why God wants us to be here in ministry. Thank you for your commitment in participation.

We noted a decline in the number of commitments, believing that because we are not in person fully in worship, there will be a delay in making them. A thank you letter and offering reports are being mailed and may take several days to reach everyone, especially with the back up in mailing these past few months. Commitment cards for financial giving and for Time & Talent are available at the church. We are working to fill the role of Church Treasurer as we give thanks to Scott Steele for his service these past several years. He will be stepping down in the next month. We continue our call for a Finance Chair and additional members at large for the Committee. We are grateful for your prayers.

Tim

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

02/02 Sam Shane	02/12 Olivia Rinehimer
02/04 Seth Michaels	02/14 Donna Fackler
02/04 Emily Fulton	02/14 Cecily Eason
02/05 Patricia Kilmartin	02/16 Sydney Simonds
02/05 Jeanette Stryjewski	02/16 Dylan Curtis
02/06 Mary Kilmartin	02/17 Amy Castaldi
02/06 James Kilmartin	02/18 Wayne Howard
02/07 Tim Mullen	02/18 Reed Hadley
02/07 Jen Dunn	02/18 Wesley Boyd
02/07 Mila Capuano	02/19 Connie Simcox
02/09 Dave McClain	02/19 Katherine Whelan
02/09 Peter Mullen	02/23 Carol McGinley
02/09 Cecilia Figueroa	02/26 Rachelle Schneider
02/09 Sophie May	02/27 Lena Douglas
02/10 Laura Stephenson	02/27 Steve Guepet
2/10 Jenna Miller	02/28 Carol Hocking
02/12 Joan Leaman	02/28 Isabella Figueroa

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



Generous God,

I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me -my life, my family, my friends – time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your goodness.

Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and beyond.

Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me hear the call to “Come, Follow Me.”

I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer





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# 2021

*~ Open, Grow, Serve ~*

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

**The Reverend Timothy Carl Anderman, Lead Pastor**

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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday**

**7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

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## Board and Committee Leadership

Tom Hoover - Administrative Council Chair

Gene Aucott - Trustee Chair

TBA - Finance Chair

TBA - Treasurer

Heather McCummings - Financial Secretary

Dick Stuhrke - SPRC Chair

Steve May—Tech Team Leader

Dick Stuhrke—Scouting Coordinator

Melanie Hartley - Christian Education

Melanie Hartley - Children's Ministry Team Contact

Susan Paisley, RN - Faith Community Nurse

Valerie Kapp-Benner and Jean Kilmartin - Missions Co-Chairs

Dick and Caryl Stuhrke - Hospitality Committee Chair

Susan Paisley - Delegate to Annual Conference

Hannah McCummings—Youth Delegate to AC

Pastor Tim - Committee on Lay Leadership

Karen Hruz and Cindy Haley—Co-Lay Leader

Cindy Haley & Fran Miller - U.M.W. Co-Presidents

Susan Paisley - Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Joan Leaman—Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator

Amy Castaldi - Nursery Coordinator

Betty Mundell, Dick Price

—Ad Council Member at Large

Cindy Hoover—CMO Advisory Board Chair

Sara Ann Ramberger—R.A.P Coordinator

TBA - Emergency Assistance Team Chair