



# The Wesleyan Star

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**May 2021**



*9-11 "So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:9-11, The Message)*

We take part in our church and worship for a variety of reasons. To live more closely with God and honor him is often the most important. We also want to be better people, and for many of us, it means we want to be the best we can be. We also want to share God's love and our relationship with children and other people who are beginners in their life and faith journey. We want to have real friends and friendships that stand by one another, share insights as we grow and mature together. We also seek real friendship and comfort in the challenging times of illness, personal difficulties, and especially at times of grief and loss, or death.

Only God can fulfill these needs and this vision of life in faith. Indeed, God has cast this vision for us, made our hearts in such a way, that they are at their best when we share them in fellowship and worship together. Scripture offers us no examples of the solitary Christian or believer; community is required and essential. This past year has made the dynamic clearer to us. There is a place in every one of our hearts where we need to be members of a community, and Jesus Christ provides the common unity. It is time for us to make the journey of being back together in person with each other. We need and I'm asking for your help.

We wrestled with the limitations we needed in place to guard everyone's safety, showing respect and honor to God and all the people in our community, to take precautions to not spread the disease. Now we have vaccines, and ways to strengthen our health together that can provide the confidence we need to share fellowship once again. Perhaps now, many of us will appreciate it even more than we did before the virus hit. On April 21, during our Ad Board meeting, we decided to resume singing in worship, asking that everyone still wear a mask when we do. We encourage you to come, take part, and for a few weeks more, greet others outside after worship.

## Where We Need Your Help

We need your hearts and prayers with us in fellowship as you are able

We need more counters to help us count and deposit the offering every week

We expect to start Children's Church and Nursery as soon as we have helpers

Our Trustees are hosting a Work Day, focusing on the outside on May 8; projects can also be completed any time it fits your schedule

Additionally as the month of May unfolds, we will be creating ways for us to share more times of fellowship in Bible study in the sanctuary, after worship and during a week day or week day evening.

As we move towards summer, we will need greeters who can graciously maintain social distancing

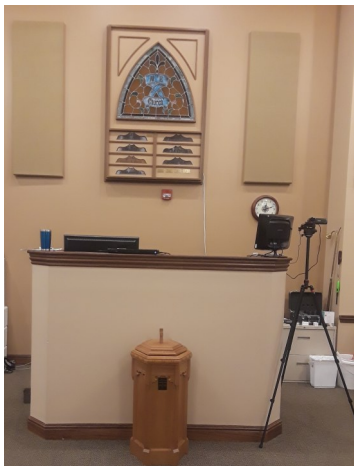
I pray and trust you are ready to help us claim full lives full of faith. Perhaps this summer, we will have a different schedule than years in the past with some special, added gatherings of our community together, that celebrate the end of the restrictions the virus has imposed on us. Julie and I look forward to getting to know you all much better. It has been an extremely challenging time not being able to meet with you. Brighter days are before us! May our love in Christ together flourish, so that all of us may not only love much, but well also.

God's blessings to all! – Tim

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## Pastor's Desk

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### VIDEOS

Our Tech Crew has kept the church open to worship through this past year. We have been blessed by Pastor Monica and Keith's vision for expanding our ministry's reach. When the shut down came, new opportunities for worship were created as in-person worship was postponed, the virtual worship began. We've created a video to share with all of you and our community what a very dedicated group did to keep us in fellowship, within the limits and possibilities of virtual worship. We give them great thanks and invite you to take a look. [Click Here to View](#)

Several additional videos are in the works, too, a view of our music ministries, and the Children's Ministries efforts. Stay tuned to our YouTube Channel, or links on our web site and Face Book page. And be sure and sign up on our YouTube Channel, it will help us be more easily found by people outside the fellowship when they look for us.

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# Pastor's Desk



## FOOD PANTRY

We give thanks for our Food Pantry volunteers and everyone who has donated to this important ministry outreach to our community. The past year has been a very challenging time to provide such an essential service in ministry. Jesus taught us that as you treat the least of these, you are treating me. In I John 4:11-12, 21, the author writes, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love

their brothers and sisters also." Thank you for your faithfulness to everyone who continues to share and take part.

## MIGHTY WRITERS CLIENTS WRITE NOTES OF THANKS

Many of the people who have been coming to the Mighty Writers food distributions on Fridays make it very clear to many of us that they are extremely grateful. On most Fridays, over 250 families have been served with fresh produce, diapers, children lunches, milk, eggs, and dry goods including bread. One of the great joys I have had serving here this past year is seeing and getting to know these families and especially the children. These are children who often have had to sit in the car for forty-five minutes to an hour, waiting for the boxes of donated food to be placed inside. Most of them they are either smiling to us or fast asleep. Throughout these weeks since February, we have received about thirty payer requests. Although it has been several weeks since I handed out the last form, I'm still receiving them and look forward to handing out more as the weather has turned more mild and we can connect with people. We need to always be ready to offer prayer. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, and continue to pray for our community and how we can effectively reach out in Christ's love.



Teaching kids to think and write with clarity.

### Thank You Notes

### **Their Notes:**

"First of all I would like to thank pastor for letting us use God's church, to all those from Mighty Writers who come from afar and all the helpers/volunteers who make time every Friday to help and for everything they do for our community and my family. Although you don't see it, you bless each one of us especially in this difficult time in which we find ourselves. Many of us have lost our jobs or have had hours cut from work and with this

(help) we can continue, move on with our families. My family is grateful for everything. My kids love the lunches they give us and they also like the Mighty writers learning projects. The pantry s of great help. Thank you again for blessing us."

"Thank you very much to United Methodist Church for your great effort in support of our families. God bless you forever."

The Carrillo Family wrote:

“Thank you very much for your time especially the people who helped and to the church for loaning us its parking lot.”



I'll be posting the notes on a lobby/narthex bulletin board. The Mighty Writers have continued to make adjustments to effectively serve our community. We started having some issues with traffic backing up, and they hired the local police, paid them the overtime rate, to come for about a month to direct the traffic. The officers came up with the process of having people wait in their cars at the park. Staff

with walkie talkies monitor the flow of traffic, so that it no longer backs up on the road. When we compare the little bit of extra effort and sharing it took on the part of our church to make such a huge impact in our community, we can look at the Mighty Writers and their ministry as a huge blessing. I certainly do. We trust God will help us discern how we can move forward to help the children and their families learn English and Spanish, and the empowerment that can result when we share our friendship, fellowship, and faith together. The thought that continues to touch me, is that I learned how to read and write in church, so how can we help others do the same? Please keep our efforts in your prayers.

## Bible Study/Sunday School

Towards the second half of May, I am looking forward to begin offering a time of fellowship in Bible study during the week, and/or also during the Sunday school hour, when we will study the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount together. We give a great thanks to Jim Mundell for leading a Bible study during Lent that was very well attended with lots of free-flowing questions and thoughts that broadened our view of the last week of the life of Jesus and the time of Resurrection. Jim is also looking forward to offering additional Bible studies in the next month. We want to overcome the dangers we face in continuing to further our isolation. We look forward to renewing our fellowship, our friendships and the deepening of our faith together and invite you to join us. Several other studies are also possible this summer. We will share more details in our bulletins, e-mails, and website.



## CMO Preschool Preparing for Summer



Under some extremely challenging circumstances, our CMO preschool has done a great job this past year offering a great start to children on their path of formal learning. It's hard to believe, but they are

soon ready for their summer break. While one family whose child attends our school tested positive, there were no instances of infection being shared here. We give a great thanks to the whole staff and everyone who helped keep our facilities sanitized this past year. The children did a great job of keeping their masks on and following instructions to work together in community to protect one another. It looks like the year ahead is full of promise as we continue to move beyond the virus and reach out to prepare for the September season. Heather Smalley has been interviewing families in preparation for classes in September, and they are also searching for an additional teacher and teacher's aide. It is a great joy to continue to offer this vital ministry to our community.

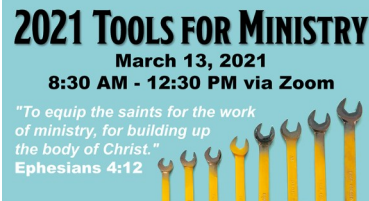


## Tools for Ministry recordings now online to offer more learning

Like a good toolbox, this year's Tools for Ministry online leadership academy, held March 13, is still available and useful. **At least 26 of the 34 diverse, 90-minute courses, all provided via video conferencing on**

**Zoom, were recorded.** A page full of links to those recordings is now available on the (click on link) **conference website**.

The conference was forced to offer Tools for Ministry fully online for the first time because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But that alternative presented at least two silver linings: convenient at-home attendance and



these recordings made available for those who were limited to taking just two courses that Saturday morning.

Some may want to learn more from other courses; and some may

want to review or share with others what they learned that day. Indeed, these recorded courses can be viewed online along with study groups or entire congregations as a collective educational resource. And they may point to online alternative considerations when future Tools for Ministry events are planned.



### FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS DONATIONS OF THE MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS.

Our Food Pantry continues to serve approximately 25+ families each week on Thursdays from 5:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are opportunities to serve if you would be interested (i.e. sorting donated foods, bagging items for distribution, distributing to families on Thursdays). Below is a list of most desired/needed foods if you would like to donate.

#### Cereal

**Corn Tortillas**

**Canned soup**

**Vegetable oil**

**Canned vegetables**

**Canned tomatoes**

**Eggs** (please place in the church refrigerators and label for food pantry)

Other food items are gratefully accepted. If they require refrigeration or freezing, please mark that they are for the food pantry.

**Plastic and paper grocery bags** are also needed and great appreciated!

***Just an idea: For those who have their groceries delivered at home, but would like to donate to the church, perhaps have a delivery made directly to the church?***



## May Worship at West Grove UMC

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



*9:30 In Person by reservation and Live Streaming*

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Scripture:** 1John 4:7-21

**Sermon:** "Holding Healthy, Real Love in Balance"

John talks a lot about love, so we want to look at what healthy, real love is in Christ.

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman Preaching**

**Sermon Subject:** Mel Leaman will be preaching from a variety of scriptures on women of faith as they are subversive peacemakers, sources of audacious faith, loving with unfiltered gratitude, and does what needs to be done.

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Ascension Sunday**

**Rev. Jim Mundell, Preaching**

**Scripture:** Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:1-11

**Sermon:** "Elevator Theology"

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Scripture:** John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**Sermon:** "Flying With The Holy Spirit, A Journey Of Personal Growth"

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Scripture:** John 3:1-17

**Sermon Subject:** God's love and sacrifice in Christ, empowers our commitments and sacrifices to community.



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship on

**May 9th at 11 am**

On your closed circuit TV  
and in-person  
In Alison Theater

Led by Pastor Jim

*Yes!* **WE'RE  
OPEN**  
FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**The Church  
is OPEN  
and  
NO  
Reservations  
Are  
Needed!**

We continue to wear masks and observe social distancing. The church is disinfected before the service and throughout the week. Regrettably, we cannot offer coffee fellowship yet, but you are encouraged to fellowship after service outdoors.

**Join us at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday!**



## PRAYER BEAD GARDEN FUNDRAISING RESUMES!

The Prayer Bead Garden has been a long time coming to fruition. It started with a bead and a prayer, became a passion in the hearts of many members in the congregation, was taken on as a mission by Susan Paisley and, after many, many months, grew into a garden. It still has a long way to go to become the vision in the plan. It is all landscaping now. Please be generous with your donations to complete this wonderful place of prayer and meditation. More details will follow in

the coming weeks. Meanwhile, if you would like to make a donation, please be sure to designate *Prayer Bead Garden* in the memo section of your check or note it on the envelope. Please contact Susan Paisley with your questions.



**CMO & Preschool Part Time  
Position (mornings)**

**Lead Classroom Teacher**  
**Associates/Bachelor degree in**  
**Early Childhood, Spec Ed,**  
**Elem Ed, or Early Childhood**  
**Cert Preferred**

**For more info :**

**[cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org) or**  
**call 610-806-5393**

**CMO & Preschool Part Time  
Position (mornings)**

**Assistant Teacher**

**Experience with young**  
**children in educational**  
**setting Preferred**

**For more info:**

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## Summer UM Church Camps Are In Session This Summer 2021

We are all working to recover our lives from the impact the virus has had on them. Our United Methodist summer camps are in session and being offered throughout the summer this year. Day camps as well as full week camps are still being offered, and we are prayerful that all children who want to, will be able to attend. There are camps for the very young, for children and their grandparents, and for campers who speak Spanish, and camps built around meeting the special challenges many children face. Scholarships are available, so that all who would like to attend may do so. Please contact the church office or pastor Tim for ways to help make camp a fun, faithful option for this summer



We have brochures at the church to look through, or take a look at their web sites:

Gretna Glen Mount Gretna, PA [www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org)  
(Along the Lebanon/Lancaster County Boarder)

Camp Innabah Pottstown, PA [www.innabah.org](http://www.innabah.org)  
In Chester County

Pocono Plateau, Cresco, PA [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org)





## CHURCH CLEAN-UP!

**SATURDAY, May 1st**

**8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

The Trustees need **your** help between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., to spruce up our church so it remains an inviting place to visit and to worship. Any time you can donate to any of the projects listed below would be a big help! One hour or four hours are appreciated.

**OUTSIDE:** Trim bushes in flowerbeds and along parking lots.

Weed flowerbeds and remove dead foliage.

Plant annual flowers.

Remove unused garden plots.

Cleanup dirt along parking lot curbs.

Remove weeds in drainage basin.

Wash and dry all exterior doors.

Remove weeds on bank sides to Harmony Road stairs.

**INTERIOR:** Wash windows.

Wipe woodwork in sanctuary.

Wipe woodwork in rooms.

Wipe and wax cabinets in North Wing classrooms and administrative offices.

Wipe and wax cabinets in Narthex.



If you are unable to help, a donation for the purchase of flowers or cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please pray for good weather and for many volunteers to get the jobs done so our church will continue to be a welcoming place in our community.

**Click Here** to sign up on Sign Up Genius or contact Gene Aucott with your interest in helping and for more information:

[gene.aucott@comcast.net](mailto:gene.aucott@comcast.net)





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Susan Paisley, RN  
Parish Nurse

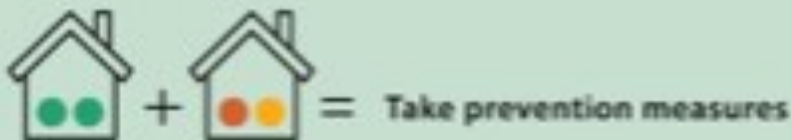


## If you've been fully vaccinated

- Fully Vaccinated
- Unvaccinated and low risk
- Unvaccinated and high risk
- Single Household

### Prevention Measures

- Wear a mask
- Keep 6 feet away from others and avoid crowds
- Choose well ventilated areas
- Wash your hands



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

thank  
you

Thank you from Linda Peirson

Thank you one all for your prayers and cards. I can feel your prayers as I go along this valley.

I'm very rich with my church family and friends and Jesus.

Thank you, thank you!

Love, Linda



## 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*



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

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!

**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**



***While I don't read it very often, I recently read an article in the New York Times and also heard some commentary on television, addressing how we are handling our fear of the virus and vaccinations.***

**~ Pastor Tim**



controllable when we are willing to take the steps required to guard community. The vaccines have for the most part eliminated death from the virus; they have also lowered the likelihood of being hospitalized. There are other dangers we face every day in life that we have come to accept, that are quickly becoming once again, much more of a danger to us. It is most likely for most of us who have been vaccinated that if we

do get the virus it will not be worse than a common cold. Yet because of its universal, pervasive nature, and the drama that we have all been through this past year, even vaccinated people continue to quite naturally obsess over the risks of contracting the virus. As Christians, we are motivated by God to help one another thought the fears, concerns, and any lingering dangers.

### **A Fable**

A federal judge and Yale law professor named Guido Calabresi, invented a little fable that he has been telling his law students for more than thirty years. He tells the students to imagine a god coming forth to offer society a wondrous invention that would improve everyday life in almost every way. It would allow people to spend more time with friends and family, see new places and do jobs they otherwise could not do, and provide great freedoms to everyone who used it. But it would also come with a high cost. In exchange for bestowing this invention on society, the god would choose 1,000 young men and women and strike them dead.

Calabresi then asks: Would you take the deal? Consistently, almost all the students say no. Then the professor shares the fable's lesson: "Well what's the difference between this and the automobile?"

In reality, automobiles kill far more than 1,000 young Americans each year; the total U.S. death toll is usually around 40,000. We accept this toll, almost unthinkingly, because vehicle crashes have always been part of our lives. We can't begin to think about a world without our cars. We've become accustomed to them, and have built our lives with a great need for them. It's a classic example of human irrationality about risk. We often underestimate large, chronic dangers we face every day, like car crashes or pollution, and fixate on unusual and prominent, strikingly dramatic risks, like plane crashes or shark attacks.

One way for a risk to become strikingly fearful is for it to be new. That's a core idea in the fable the professor tells. He is asking his students to consider whether they would accept the cost of vehicle travel if it did not already exist. When they say no their response underscores the very different ways we treat new risks and enduring ones.

When we compare the fable to Covid-19, we can gain some perspective. The virus has certainly been a risk we needed to come to terms with every day, in most every part of our lives. It totally changed our lives, forced us into new patterns of living and relationships for over a year. And it will require many adjustments to our lives, as we go forward, changes that will require patience and empathy to move through. The ever-present nature of its impact has affected human beings universally, and we can see more clearly how we must work together in the world. What happens in one small part of the world, may have a huge impact among all human beings, for bad or for good.

Fortunately the virus is in practical terms curable,

### **Faithful Responses**

Motivated and guided by faith, we have a great empowerment in our hearts and minds to move forward. Christ is with us. Helping us with creative responses to the challenges we face is what the promise of the Holy Spirit is all about. The joy in the vision of moving forward to a time when we can openly be ourselves in a closeness with others, appears like a vision of heaven. Moments of reunion full of friendship, joy, and grace with handshakes and hugs are right before us. We have been preparing all of our lives for moment such as this. We can now see, hear, and share fellowship in person, and we will not be at the mercy of our computers, or turned into avatars. As Christians, it seems we, more than anyone else, are greatly prepared to make the most of the opportunities and possibilities we are blessed with, as we trust God in very real ways to keep us wise, patient, and full of empathy for other people. We need to see the freedom and empowerment we have, and choose to move forward together.

A year ago, it required major adjustments for us to keep to ourselves and limit our lives to lessen the risks to ourselves and others. Motivated by love, we wanted to protect our loved ones and our community. We did it and made incredible changes, for most of us it was only by the help of God. Today we are being set free. Now we have additional adjustments to make that we have been hopeful for, for a long time. Our close friendships in God's love helped us through the challenges on the journey a year ago, we now turn to God and our friends in faith to empower us today. Your presence in our fellowship, whether in worship or a small group, youth or Bible study, or a work day focused on the outdoors means a lot to us all. We look forward to sharing the great community of faith together, and pray you and your family will join us. We trust that God will continue to lift our sights and awareness beyond the narrowness that often imprisons us, to see the great joy and possibility before us.

Reference: Google NYT Guido Calabresi fable,

Or: [https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/19/brie ...](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/19/brie...)  
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## Financial Assistance for Covid Related Funeral Expenses from FEMA

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

### How to Apply

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on April 12, 2021

844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

***Fraud Alert: We have received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people before they register for***

### Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the



# FEMA

District of Columbia.

- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

**If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:**

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

### How Funds are Received

If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.



## 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

## Youth



### **May 2: Last youth group of the program year**

It was a challenging year for us all, but we are thankful that the youth group was able to meet throughout the year. We look forward to meeting throughout the summer and being back together for our regularly scheduled program year in September!

**Information about Summer activities for youth will be released**

**in the June newsletter. Stay tuned for information!**

## Children's Ministry News

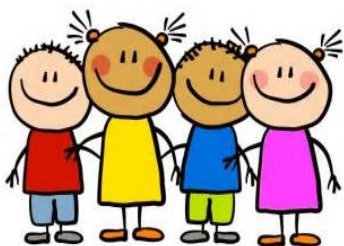
***Save the date!***

**VBS 2021  
July 19-23**



VBS is back **in person** this year! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details and guidelines for registration.

## Children's Morning Out Preschool



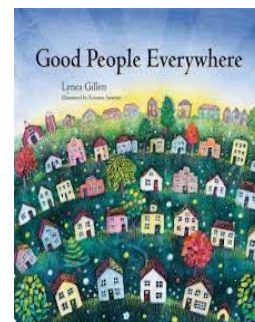
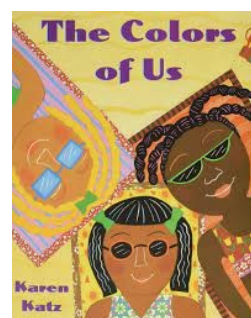
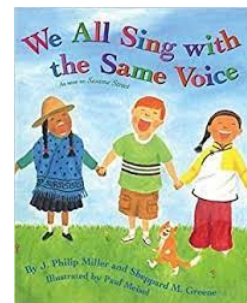
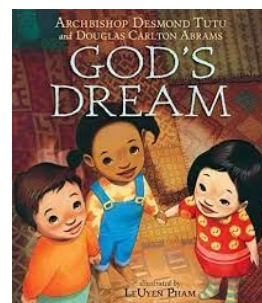
Planting seeds, caterpillars, an ant farm, and fire trucks--and this was just one week here at the CMO! These are the most exciting days here in preschool.

We have been so very busy learning and playing each day. Spring is a season full of

opportunities for learning about the world around us, and we have been taking full advantage of that! We are so lucky that Pastor Tim has visited the classes to plant seeds with the children that will contribute to beautifying the church grounds once they have grown. Some local superheroes from the West Grove Fire Co came to visit and talk with the children about fire safety and smoke detectors. One highlight was seeing their giant ladder truck and inside all the important compartments around the rescue vehicles. Our teachers will be hosting some special visitors in the classroom for the next few weeks. The classes have caterpillars and an ant farm to observe! When they are ready, we will be releasing all of our butterflies and ants outside. Our fantastic teachers are helping the children learn so much each day with their creative and interactive lessons. We are also so very grateful to everyone who was able to support our Taco Box Fundraiser that will help with our playground refreshment project of new mulch, new sand, a sandbox cover! Heather Smalley, Director

## CMO Chapel Time

It is our last month of chapel time together. We will be reading stories that remind us that God made so many wonderful and diverse people around the world!



## CMO Preschool Book Fair

Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20

On Wednesday May 19 CMO & Preschool will Book Fair at the beautiful books and purchase for and up. Books make



& Thursday May 20 the be hosting an Usborne church. There will be available to look through children preschool age such **wonderful gifts for**

**any holiday or occasion.** If you are unable to stop by the live book fair, you are welcome to **browse online through our eFair link below.** Please note that due to COVID 19, any books ordered online will ship directly to your home. **All book sales help the Children's Morning Out and Preschool acquire new books for their library!**

**eFair link: <https://u4813.myubam.com/2094075>**

**\*Please make sure you are shopping under the eFair: WGUMC Preschool\***



# 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



## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

### The United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Bishops call for dismantling racism after Chauvin trial verdict

The Council of Bishops stands together with all justice-loving people around the world in prayerfully bearing witness to the jury's decision that convicted former police officer Derek Chauvin of murdering George Floyd.

The racial violence experienced by communities of color has pushed us to think more deeply about how white supremacy functions in our society. We must continue the work of dismantling systemic racism so that the lives of black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American sisters and brothers will no longer be needlessly taken.

We are called as people of faith to work for a world in which love, peace and justice reign. It is our hope that United Methodists around the world will take up this work as a continuing commitment of our baptismal vows.

As we reflect on the importance of this verdict and on our work in the days ahead, we pray for peace in the midst of truth telling, empathy in the midst of grief and action that leads to healing and greater justice for all of God's children.







## REACHING OUR MINISTRY/UMC TANZANIA, MOROGORO UMC

April 2021

By Missionary Ngoy and Umba Kalangwa

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.”— Philippians 1:3-4 (NIV).

Dear Friends in Christ,

HAPPY EASTER! As we read Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi (Philippians 1:2-4), we realize that we share his exact sentiment. We are deeply grateful for each of you when we think of our connection and partnership in mission.

Grace and peace to you all. We hope and pray that that this newsletter may find you and your family are well. Wesley Primary school students, the community of Morogoro, Ngoy and I wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you who have supported and are still supporting our missions with prayers, school supplies, financial gifts, and health kits.

Thank you to all volunteers who travel all the way from the USA to take part in our projects. We love having you and we look forward to your coming this summer.

This newsletter will give you an update of what have been happening here in Morogoro.

### A recent success

We are excited to share that Susannah Wesley Polyclinic (Morogoro) is officially registered by the Ministry of health. The journey of building this polyclinic and getting it registered was not an easy one. But God’s grace has been sufficient and through your financial gifts and prayers, we are able to provide affordable

health care to the people of The polyclinic officially opened February 25th 2021.

Here are some highlight pictures of Susannah Wesley Polyclinic since it began to provide health care to the community.



*Left:* Ngoy and Rev. Yunisi in the laboratory

*Middle:* Polyclinic view

*Right:* Patients receiving treatment



The polyclinic operates well. So far we have received patients suffering from Malaria, Typhoid, high blood pressure, Urinary transmissible infection, and more. Since opening the polyclinic we have seen many changes in our neighborhood.

God has done a great work and we are most grateful that we were privileged to provide hope and health care to the community of Morogoro.

Nevertheless, the demand from people needing health care is increasing. The challenge we are facing currently is due to limited medical equipment, drugs, and operating costs. We welcome all support.



This is Chabutwa UMC under construction.

Chabutwa UMC has been under construction for the past three years. This has been your financial support sent to us. It is our hope and pray to complete this house of the Lord as soon as funding are available. Prayers and support are welcomed everywhere.

“Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us” Psalm 90:15

We have seen God working through church buildings that we have built. Through the buildings, we have opportunities to share the Word of God with people in the neighborhood. Moreover, the building has also given our people an opportunity to serve the Lord with the gifts God has given them. They may not have other talents, but they come to serve the Lord with their hands. We have been thrilled to see people accept Christ and use their talents to serve God.

## Church Construction

Church constructions are underway in different towns to enable children of God worship in a convenient place, especially during the rain season. Currently, we need to complete building three churches: Ujiji UMC in Kigoma, Makambako UMC in Iringa, and Chabutwa UMC in Dodoma.

We are delighted to inform you that the Ujiji UMC has just bought a land. Thank you to all of you who made this possible. Our prayer is to find financial support to constructs a church building to keep those new comers to Jesus Christ.



Ujiji UMC Pastor Kizunguza and church members standing at the church land with joy and appreciation to all who supported in buying that land. Below is the Ujiji UMC construction





Wesley primary school office

The construction of Wesley primary school office has been completed. This has been your financial support sent to us. Teachers have begun to using the office and it has been wonderful to see how God works through our teachers.



This is how the inside of the school office look like.

**We would like to wish you a happy Easter. Have a blessed Easter filled with happiness, love, and faith.**

### **Our Mission Need**

Help us raise salary support for us to continue serving in God's mission. Our advance numbers are below. We also encourage you to enter in a covenant relationship with us.

Pray that we find enough medical equipment and fund to run Susannah Wesley Polyclinic.

Pray that we find enough funds to complete church buildings that are under constructions.

As we approach—Easter—the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you for your prayers and for your support. May God continue to bless you more abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Ngoy and Umba Kalangwa

### **OUR ADVANCE NUMBERS**

- To support Umba's salary # **14211Z**
- To support Ngoy's salary # **15162Z**
- To support Wesley Primary School # **3020704**
- To support Morogoro Pastors' training school # **3022261**
- To support Susannah Wesley Education and Healthcare Center # **3020705**

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## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

05/01 Kelly Faia  
 05/01 Jay Miller  
 05/03 Luke Reynolds  
 05/04 Kimberly Weingarten  
 05/05 Jeremy Hampton  
 05/05 Margee Michaels  
 05/06 Sandy Deckard  
 05/07 Julie Hughes  
 05/08 Harper Branham  
 05/08 Meika Branham  
 05/09 Dalton Wolfe  
 05/11 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 05/12 Rebecca Lestourgeon  
 05/12 Norah Timm  
 05/13 Jack Frost  
 05/14 Emmett Owens  
 05/15 Olivia Eason  
 05/15 Margaret Rubincan



05/16 Brenna Lynne Dunn  
 05/16 Coby van Snik  
 05/17 Barb O'Brien  
 05/17 Nolan Timm  
 05/18 Scott Weingarten  
 05/20 Tyler Curtis  
 05/22 Cynthia Hoover  
 05/22 Steve Michaels  
 05/23 Jeff Laird  
 05/24 Mark Simonds  
 05/24 Barry Wolff  
 05/25 Chanel Figueroa  
 05/26 Cindy Haley  
 05/26 Joshua Hampton  
 05/26 Luke Schneider  
 05/27 David Bohnsack  
 05/28 Greg McCummings  
 05/29 Vivian Paisley

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



### What's going on at West Grove UMC?

There is much going on at church! Food pantry, Mighty Writers food and essentials distributions, CMO Preschool, Zoom and in-person meetings, a Bible study and music practices 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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*~ 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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