



# The Wesleyan Star

**West Grove  
United Methodist Church**

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## September 2021



*"In all toil there is profit, but mere talk only leads to poverty." (NRSV)*

*"Hard work always pays off, mere talk puts no bread on the table." (MSG) Proverbs 14:23*

I pray and hope that summer has been a great time of recreation, or re-creation in faith for us all. We are grateful that every moment in time provides moments when God is fully within and among us, especially when we work, and we pray to make the most of them.

In his book Leap Over A Wall, Eugene Peterson shares a little of what I was taught at college about work and learning: "Work is the primary context for our spirituality. Most children's play is practice for adult work. We play our way into adult work; our games are apprenticeships. The spiritual life begins when we get a job and go to work. Work is our spirit-anointed participation in God's work." And surely God worked to bring forth creation; for God rested on the seventh day, and seeks our partnership in life. Play often provides new opportunities for learning and growth. As we approach Labor Day and the start of a new season, we ask: How might we bring more play and joy to our fellowship's ministries?

We are in the midst of the restart of school and renewing of friendships and relationships of all kinds, moving in and more deeply towards God's grace, mercy, and love. Listening to the friends who joined us at the cottage meetings, I heard how so many people have worked hard to make the church fellowship who God wants us to be. I felt the grief in the loss of members who have passed away, moved away, or moved to another church. God is God of the Resurrection, and can bring great, renewed creativity to our lives as we move forward, whatever stage of life and faith we may be living. There is a very large community within and outside of our doors for us to reach out to. We'll need to take the wisdom of Proverbs and work hard to bring the Bread of Life to our table and to our community and world. So much of it can and will be play and fun, and as mature adults, we know there will be great challenges too, as we grow in the ways we engage in fellowship. God provides the love to guide us.

- Tim



## September 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 a.m Fully Open Worship. Live Streaming on You Tube.*

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday School Kick-Off**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**(Ice Cream Social with Pastor Tim and Julie at 5pm)**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**  
**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Jenner's Pond  
Residents:**

Join us for worship on  
**September 12th**  
**at 11 am**

On your closed circuit TV and in-person  
 in Alison Theater, Led by Pastor Jim

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**Jenner's Pond Memorial Service**  
**Friday, September 10th at 2 p.m.**

A release of doves and a brief service  
 will take place in memory of the 118 souls  
 who have died since 2019.

Join Us  
 IN Worship

We look forward to seeing you in worship! Our children will be returning to Sunday School, Children's Worship and the Nursery on September 12th. In order to protect our children and others who cannot yet be vaccinated, we ask that you wear masks at church. If you don't have one, or forget, we will be happy to give you one.

# Pastor's Desk

## Faith & Fellowship

### Cottage Meetings

Thank you! To all who took part, with a special thanks

to our hosts from the SPRC who helped bring our fellowship together in cottage meetings. Our purpose has been to bring our fellowship back together and reconnect while providing time for the fellowship to get to know Julie and me, and for us to get to know you all better, with a great desire to get to know each other on a more personal basis. Some of the conversation and interest turned to where the church is going and favorite ministries many would like to see return as we return to full participation in the months and year ahead. Great!

It is great to come together and as we talk friendship as friends in faith with Christ, we often also start talking business. We don't ever want to be all business in every meeting. In Christ, real friendship is required. They both go hand in hand and we need to weave the two dynamics together. I've known many churches that faced difficulty in staying too focused on the church as enterprise, or all business, when we need to be intentional about sharing personal friendships in faith that are intentional about building trust. I look forward in getting to know you all better.



### Questions, Hopes, & Visions

What questions, hopes and dreams do you have for your *personal faith* and relationship with God? What would you like to share with me as your pastor, our fellowship, and our community? Most important, what vision is God leading us to? We can find it easier to name what we want when the real question is what does God want? While we expect a lot of challenges and even some pain as we go forward, the answers are usually also full of opportunities, fun, play, and joy.

## Pastoral CARE

### Would You Like A Visit?

For the past year, I've invited all of you to consider meeting with me at the church or, as our safety has improved, where you are. I'm blessed by those moments. Now after the cottage meetings, I especially want to follow up and meet as you are able.

I'd like to hear more from the people who attended. I'm hopeful people will feel open to asking a question or sharing an insight you have that you would like to share.



In the years I've been in ministry, I've remained open to bringing communion, especially to people who do not move about easily. No one should feel trapped and isolated; we want people to know they are still part of our fellowship at the table of Christ.

Several questions I'd like to ask you are:

- What is your favorite story about your experience in this congregation?
- How has West Grove UMC helped you grow spiritually, or personally closer to God?
- In what area would you like to grow closer to God? With others?
- Do you have a favorite Scripture? Or one you really find challenging?
- What do we as a church do well?

What is the greatest challenge and/or opportunity facing this church in the next 12-24 months?

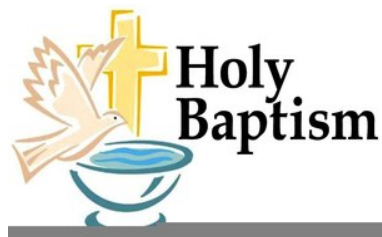
What would you like for us to pray about for you?



## Reaching Out to Our Community

As we reach out more people within our community, thoughtful preparations would include downloading an app for our phones that can translate English into Spanish, and

Spanish into English. I want to be ready to reach out and include our Spanish speaking neighbors, be able to communicate, especially with clients of Mighty Writers, in our ministries. I'm looking forward to having Mighty Writers come and share their mission and vision with us on a Sunday during worship, so that we understand more clearly and respond to ways we can help them. Imagine what these children might do as they become adults. Image the possibilities as they learn Spanish and English, where they might go to work and serve and whose lives they might touch, especially when they learn about God. Please keep them in your prayers and efforts.



We have been blessed with three baptisms in the past year! What a great joy! We see more clearly why we are here and the mission and vision God is calling us to fulfill when the children are close. During a baptism in the UMC, we all remember and recommit ourselves to our baptisms and living as disciples of Jesus Christ, promising to share our faith, our love, mercy, and grace that God has entrusted to us with our world. I pray you join with me in giving thanks for these children, and children of all ages whom God is empowering us to grow with in his love. Please send a word of welcome in God's love to Nora, Eleanor Ruth Hendrickson and her family, and may we be prepared to share God's grace in fellowship together.



**Sunday, September 19th**  
**5pm—7pm**

On Sunday, September 19 from 5 PM through 7 PM, my wife Julie and I invite you all to an ice cream social.

We plan on having a great variety of flavors, based on what people shared with us during the cottage meetings.

We know there will be lots of ice cream from Butter Pecan to Vanilla Fudge and various types of chocolate.

We are on the hunt for some special flavors too, including one named several times: "rum-raisin."

I don't think there is any alcohol in it;

I'm sure the flavor hits the spot for many people.

We'll have plenty of chocolate syrup too;

for me, it goes with *everything*.

We hope you join us and come and meet with people new to us and reconnect with long-term friends



## Volunteers Needed for CMO Preschool.

We are blessed with many "mature" leaders. It is often when we get older, that we seem to have more time to share in the church. In spite of some perceptions that some people may have, we are not an old church; we have a lot of children living among our fellowship, and there are even more children in our community. It is up to us to look and listen, see and hear them and understand how we can effectively reach out and minister to and with them and their families, helping them feel part of our friendship and God's community of grace. We again give a big thanks to all who took part in Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed for CMO Preschool. Background clearances are required. Please call or e-mail Heather Smalley, our CMO director, or me, Pastor Tim, or Donna at the office, when you might be available to help as a teacher's aide during the week day mornings. It is a great joy to serve the children. We pray we find creative ways to help them connect more deeply and completely in our fellowship.

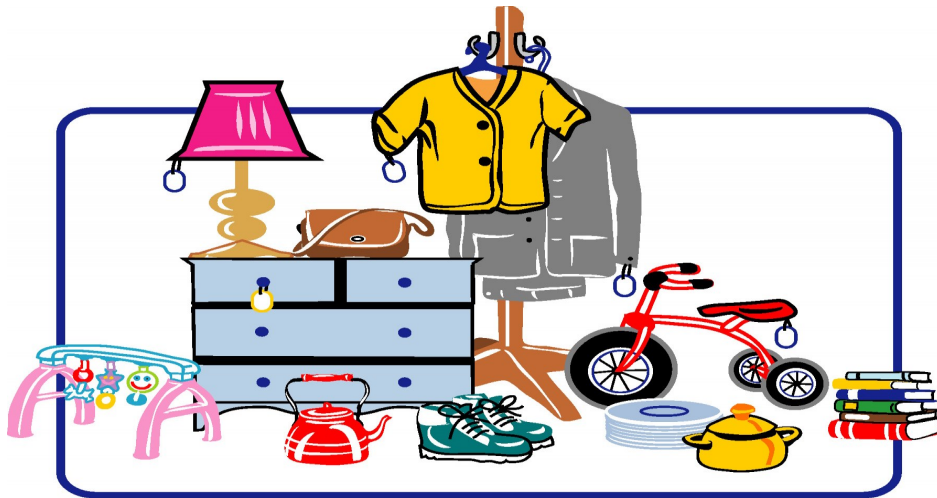


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## Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



**Friday, October 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.**

**Donations accepted at the church beginning Sunday, September 26**

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!!**

**Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria.**

**The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale,  
use the proceeds to fund various missions  
in the church and the wider community.**

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



West Grove UMC

Youth

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

**September 12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

We are so excited to have a middle school youth group program this year! We play games, discuss how faith fits in our lives and share a few snacks as well. Our kick-off week will be full of games and getting to know one another.

Middle school youth group is open to any students in grades 6-8.



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

**September 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

High school youth group is kicking off a new school year! All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us weekly for games, discussion and service projects.

If you have any questions or would like detailed information, please contact Melanie Hartley

## All Worship Sunday

**September 6, 9:30 a.m. service**

Children remain in worship on communion Sundays so that all can partake at the Lord's Table together. We provide worship packets and hands on toys to keep our kids engaged while they learn about our practices and worship with the congregation.

## Children's Worship begins Sunday, September 12

Children's worship is offered during the worship service for children in grades K-4. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson of the day as well as worship practices of the church, and the church seasons.

Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be dismissed by the pastor to children's worship. The children will be brought back to the worship service before the children's message.

## Sunday school kick off

**September 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Sunday school kick off is September 12! Children will meet leaders, play some games with new friends, and get a preview of what we will be learning in Sunday school this year.

Sunday school classes are offered for children in grades K-5 and 6-8.



All Children and volunteers will be asked to wear masks during our time together in children's worship and Sunday school in order to respect the health of our unvaccinated children.



## Children's Morning Out Preschool

The summer days have been a time for the teachers to rejuvenate and plan for the new preschool year ahead which is quickly approaching. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces and

welcoming our new families at our Sneak- a- Peek that will be held at the beginning of September. The children will then be welcomed to their first class beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day. I do still have just a few openings in some of our classes, so please share the preschool information and my email ([cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org)) with anyone you know who may be interested in joining. I am also searching for substitute teachers. If you enjoy working with children and want to be a part of our preschool program, please reach out to me and I can tell you more about becoming a substitute teacher for us at [cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org). Wishing everyone a wonderful end of summer and start of a new school year ahead! Heather Smalley, Director

The Children's Morning Out program will be holding the Fall/Winter Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale on **Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16.**

Find the outgrown children's clothes, toys and baby equipment that you need to purchase or to sell those that you aren't using anymore!

This is a great way to make some extra money and support the CMO program.

## C.M.O. Consignment Sale



**SAVE THE DATES!**

More details to come!

We also gladly accept any donated children's items if you do not want to consign them yourself.

The proceeds from the sale of these items go

directly to support the CMO & Preschool

scholarships offered this year.

Please contact

Heather Smalley, Director

610-806-5393



## Sunday school kick off September 12

Sunday school is back in person starting September 12! We are so excited to gather with our friends and teachers to learn more about God and how we can love and serve one another.

*There will be pre-registration and safety*

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our Nursery has not been open for a very long time due to Covid. Plans are underway to reopen in September with all safety protocols in place. We are in need of additional volunteers. If we have enough, serving as an attendant would only be

once every several weeks!

If you are interested in helping in the nursery (please contact Amy Castaldi at [hass17@hotmail.com](mailto:hass17@hotmail.com) or 610-468-4321.



## All Worship Sunday September 5, 9:30 a.m. Service

Children remain in worship on communion Sundays so that all can partake at the Lord's Table together. We provide worship packets and hands on toys to keep our kids engaged and teach them about worship.

## Third and Fourth Grader Bible Sunday -

### September 12th

We will celebrate Third Grader Bible on Sunday,



September 12th, where we will present each of our third and fourth graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna Fackler in the church office (610-869-9334) or email her at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org). Please give the full spelling of your child's name for inscription in the Bible. We can't wait to share God's word with them!

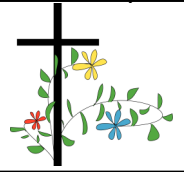


**Calling all third and fourth graders!** We are looking for new Acolytes. What is an Acolyte you ask? An Acolyte is the person who enters the church at the beginning of the service, lights the candles on the altar, assists with offering, and extinguishes the candles at the end of the service. You would serve approximately once a month depending on the number of Acolytes. No experience is necessary, we will train. If you are interested, please call the church office at 610-869-9334.





# GROW



## PRAYER MINISTRY

### MONTHLY GATHERING

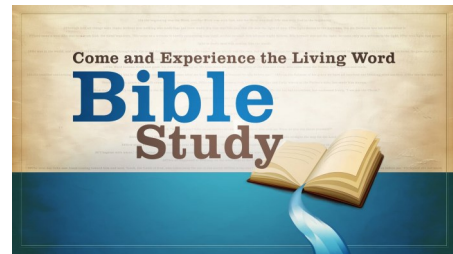


The Prayer Ministry team had been meeting the second Tuesday of every month, prior to the pandemic for a time of sharing, praying and mutual care. At a time yet to be determined, we will again gather for prayer. We continue with daily prayer text at 7 pm and ask you to join us in spirit from wherever you may be.

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.

Personal requests are **kept** confidential and may be placed in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary or you may place a request on the prayer board in the prayer room.



## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM MUNDELL

**Mondays, September 13th through  
November 29th**

Pastor Jim will lead a Bible study on the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. It will be held on Mondays beginning September 13 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

This book of only 5 chapters holds helpful information to help us live as Christians in a secular world. 1 Peter was written during the reign of Nero in Rome, in which Christians were persecuted. It has a theme of "victory over suffering" as experienced by Christ.

Peter addresses the doctrines of Christianity to the newly converted Jews, persuading them to live a holy life, and a faithful live, and prepares them for possible suffering by encouraging them to be patient and persevere in their faith in Christ.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Stay tuned for more  
information about Adult  
Sunday School classes.**

**Things are shaking and  
moving and we will keep you  
informed!**

## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Our Chancel Choir will resume services in September. Out of an health and safety of our choir to the current Covid situation, we yet. We will be monitoring the



we will be able to meet and sing together live soon. In the meantime, we will be recording our anthems to share during worship. If you enjoy singing, fellowship, and have a heart for worship, we'd LOVE to have you join us! The recording process is not difficult and if you're not comfortable doing that on your own, I can meet with you and record for you. You'll get music and rehearsal/recording sound files with complete instructions in plenty of time to go over the music and record. We have all learned a lot and we have been able to share our music and fellowship in a fun, new way! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Betsy Smith (musicmomva@aol.com) or talk to any of the Chancel Choir members.

sharing music for the worship abundance of caution for the members and congregation due will not be sharing music live situation and are hoping that

## PraiseWorks Band



Do you play guitar, bass, or drums? Do you enjoy singing Praise and Worship music? Do you have a heart for worship? If you answered Yes to any of these questions, PraiseWorks may be for you! We'd love to have you join us! This may be a great time to give us a try! Since we are currently having one blended worship service and are only singing a

couple songs each week, we rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30. We send out the songlist, music, and listening sound files earlier in the week so you can go over the music ahead of time. When we return to two services, we will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith (musicmomva@aol.com) or talk to any of the PraiseWorks band members.

## The Memory Bells

Have you been missing bell choir wanted to give you an update on me, I feel that the entire choir, missing the camaraderie and because of the uptick in Covid of the masking and distancing



point we cannot resume full-choir activities. I am working on a plan to have six ringers play "live" for the congregation for September, October, and November in hopes that by December things will have improved, and we once again meet as a full choir.

music in church? I just what's happening. Believe as well as myself, have been music of "live" bells. But, cases and the tightening up restrictions, I feel that at this

So, here's something to think about. If we are able to start full-choir rehearsals again in December or January, we are in need of additional ringers, both for the smallest and largest bells. Playing bells is a big commitment since the first requirement is that you be present for every Monday night rehearsal, or find a sub to fill in (we provide sub lists). You'd also have to commit to playing in church the third Sunday of every month (usually from September to June), plus a few extra events such as Advent Music Night, Christmas Eve, Easter, and possibly one or two other events. But we can guarantee that it is a very rewarding commitment, in addition to a lot of fellowship and friendship.

Don't want to make a full-time commitment? We could add you to be on our substitute list. Another option - sometimes we plan a piece that would sound even more glorious with a piano/organ accompanist. If this is your talent, perhaps you could join us on a very short-term basis by participating.

If you think you'd be interested in playing/subbing for handbells, please contact Sandy Deckard at 610-563-9500.

Bell-essings for our country, county, and church in a successful resolution of this pandemic situation.

Memory Bells Director, Sandy Deckard



# West Grove UMC

## “Fix It!” List

Do you have a talent for repairing things? Below are volunteer opportunities for keeping our church and grounds in top shape.

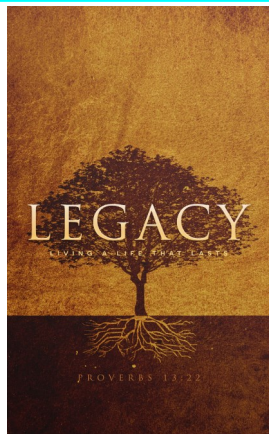
No need to supply the materials, just your generous labor.

Contact Gene Aucott at 610-869-7355 or  
[gene.aucott@comcast.net](mailto:gene.aucott@comcast.net) if interested.

1. Clean grout in Narthhex
2. Patch and paint conference room ceiling
3. Paint exterior door frames where needed
4. Power wash vinyl siding where needed
5. Patch and paint columns at main entrance
6. Seal cracks in parking lot
7. Replace broken electrical outlet covers in kitchen
8. Patch ceiling outside of the music room
9.
10.



# STEWARDSHIP



What will your Legacy be?

Often I listen to people reflect on their legacy: How have I impacted the world? What will my impact be? For many of us our impact is in sharing the good news and living faithful lives.

An important consideration for those of us who have been generous to our church throughout all our lives is, "How can I continue to support its ministry even after my death?" Making a provision to West Grove UMC in your estate planning is as simple as a couple of lines included into your will. This is something you can do now.

For assistance with this important feature of your own discipline of stewardship, talk with your financial planner or just call the church office. More elaborate gift bequests can be brokered through the church professionals at the Mid-Atlantic Foundation.

Consider leaving a tithe (10%) of your estate to West Grove UMC at your death...or even a flat gift amount which you specify...and then enjoy the length of your days knowing a part of your legacy will be impacting generations to come to share the good news in this community. Pastor Jim



## SENIORS AND THEIR RMD

The changes in the income tax law now allows Seniors, who have IRA's and are required to take a yearly RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), can make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) from their IRA account to a charity like West Grove UMC and still satisfy the RMD. The advantage is the amount of the QCD which is given to the church, is directly taken off your income tax and you can still claim the standard

deduction if you do not itemize.

By doing this, you lower your taxable income and you give a charitable gift to our church. To do this you must ask your IRA custodian for the forms for the QCD. They need to deduct your gift from your RMD and they will send it directly to West Grove UMC and you will get your RMD amount less the charitable gift. Both you and our church are winners.

*Pastor Jim*



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    |

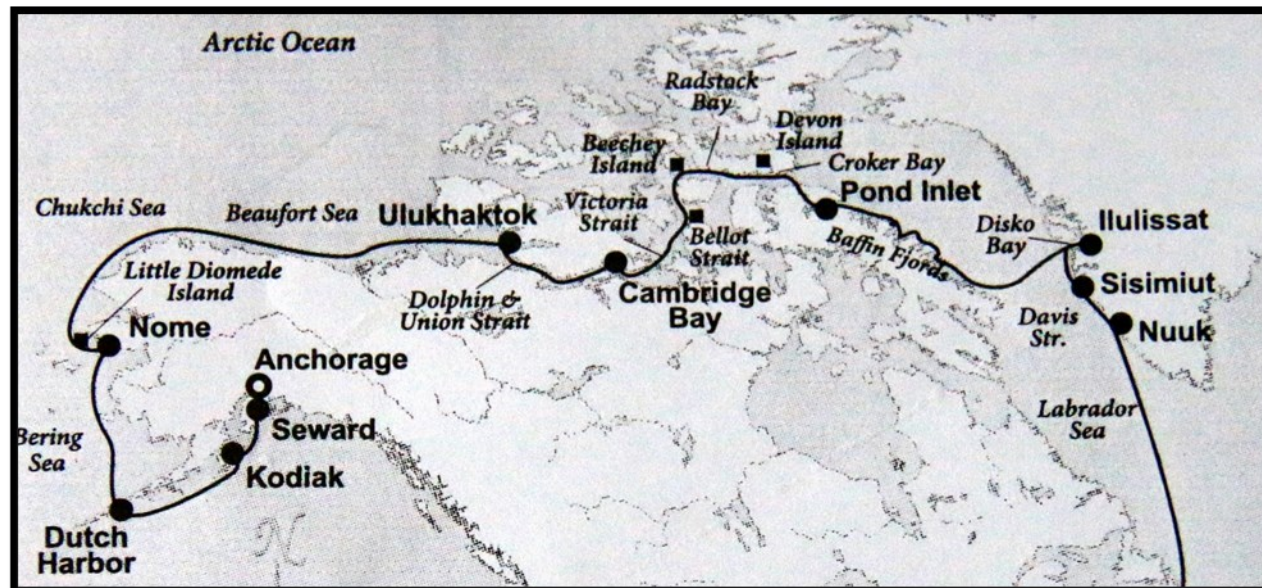




## POTLUCK AND TRAVELOGUE

### Wednesday, September 29th

Come and join us on **Wednesday, September 29th at 5:30 PM for a cover dish dinner.** Bring a dish to share or, if you are more comfortable, bring along your own meal. **The meal will be followed at 6:30 PM by a travelogue** through the cool, icy waters of the Northwest Passage from Seward, Alaska to Nuuk, Greenland. We will visit 3 Canadian native villages and 3 Greenland towns, as our ship and an ice breaker pilot through these icy waters and the wonderful scenery of Northern Canada and Greenland. Jim and Betty Mundell will share their journey in a travelogue of a cruise they took entitled, "Northwest Passage - Above the Arctic Circle".



**Do you feel like you don't know what's going on at the church? Well, if you are not receiving the weekly Constant Contact emails from the church, you very well may be missing out on a lot!** 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!



## Donations Requested

From conversations I've had recently, it seems everyone is looking forward to the Rummage Sale in the fall, and there is one item I've become aware of that our church needs: It would be extremely helpful for us to purchase some new plastic tables. The old ones were made to last, but are too heavy and are getting old with sharp edges, and they have become difficult to use. We'd like to replace them and we ask for your help. We did not include them on the Trustees wish list, yet. They cost between \$120 and \$145. We are asking for your help and we look forward to the sale going well and more easily with them in place. Contributions can be made in addition to your weekly offering. Let us know by providing a note for your offering's use. Thanks for everyone's help. We are looking forward to being in fellowship together, and sharing our treasures at the sale.



## Open Grow Serve



### OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

As summer is coming to an end and fall is quickly approaching, the church has been busier than ever! Here are a few people you might not have seen around the church, but work quietly behind the scenes. If you would like a "shout out" about someone/something you saw that should be recognized, email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

- ◇ **Karen Hruz** working in the food pantry room organizing and storing canned goods.
- ◇ **Peter and Edel Mullen** who faithfully pick up and then pack the fresh foods for the Thursday food pantry.
- ◇ **Pastor Tim** is STILL always out there planting flowers, weeding, and watering to keep the church beautiful.
- ◇ **Joan Leaman** who always greets you with a smile and is always coming to the church to do something!
- ◇ **Joan Saller** who came in to make Welcome Bags for our Sunday Guests.
- ◇ **Heather Smalley and all the teachers** and their children who have been weeding and cleaning up the playground and equipment.
- ◇ **To all the folks** who donated school supplies for the children. Over 400 school bags with supplies were distributed.
- ◇ **Bonnie Wolfe** who has been crucial in helping to organize meetings with Girl Scout Troops and the church
- ◇ **Gene Aucott and Dave Talley** who have been replacing lights and broken signs ensuring all stay safe.
- ◇ **Fran Miller** who has been updating all of our clearances to be in compliance with Safe Sanctuary rules. If you haven't yet updated your Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks, Fran will be happy to help.
- ◇ **To all the folks** who signed up to attend a Cottage Fellowship!



## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



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|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Rosemary MacCoun    | 09/01 | Kim Smith         | 09/18 |
| Hannah McCummings   | 09/01 | Carol Barrett     | 09/18 |
| Owen Jones          | 09/03 | Gary Hartley      | 09/18 |
| Kaiti Beauchamp     | 09/03 | Matt Simonds      | 09/19 |
| Ellie Capuano       | 09/04 | Bob Phillips      | 09/19 |
| Dylan Farr          | 09/07 | Bob Hughes        | 09/21 |
| Pastor Tim Anderman | 09/08 | Christy Robinson  | 09/22 |
| Chris Curtiss       | 09/08 | John Carmichael   | 09/24 |
| Fran Miller         | 09/09 | Mike Stewart      | 09/24 |
| Victoria Owens      | 09/10 | Jack Krohn, IV    | 09/25 |
| Keith Schneider     | 09/11 | Heather Ditzel    | 09/26 |
| Charlie Bohnsack    | 09/13 | Joyce Smith       | 09/28 |
| Ruth Kuch           | 09/14 | Steve May         | 09/28 |
| Alexis Winters      | 09/15 | Lindsay Reisinger | 09/28 |
| Becky Tolmie        | 09/16 | Lizzy Bohnsack    | 09/30 |
| Sal Faia            | 09/16 |                   |       |

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! Adult Sunday School class after worship each Sunday, Food pantry, Mighty Writers food and essentials distributions, a planned Rummage Sale in the fall, Sunday School Kick-off for our kiddos. 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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*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.*

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