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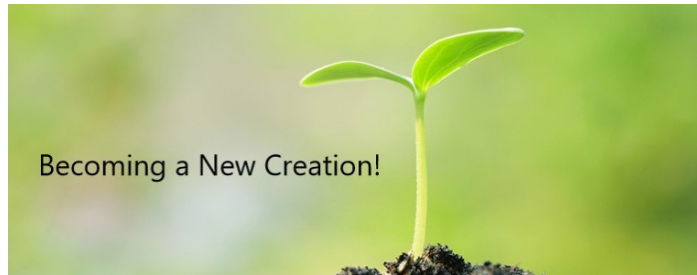


November 2021



II Corinthians 5:17-18: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

One of my philosophy had a lot of respect for, is a death of a friend or there." We may not respond. We may feel with grief, or a whole awkwardness or important thing we can



Becoming a New Creation!

present for others, attentive, seeking to understand what they are experiencing, and even to some degree, bearing their pain. Many times the mystery of life and creation break through to us in ways beyond words. That is when we really need a sanctuary in trusting friendships with close friends who care about us and really love us. Our prayer is to share such friendship in our fellowship together, and we pray you will join us as the season unfolds.

professors in college, who I told us that whenever there loved one, "Show up. Be know what to say, or how to intimidated or overwhelmed host of emotions, including confusion. The most do is show up and really be

God is at work in our world. In order to be embraced more fully by God and to love our loved ones more deeply, we must let go of some of what we are holding on to. While it may at times seem intimidating to stay close to God and experience what God reveals, including grief, we are offered new ways to grow and live, new ways to receive and share God's love. When we are not afraid of our grief, and see how it is a powerful dynamic of our lives when lived in the power of Christ, we are set free to make sacrifices that are blessings to give. We share lives, hearts, and gifts worthy of entrusting to others when they are focused on God and God's grace and love.

On Sunday, November 7, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, a special day to remember the people who have lived lives of faith sharing the gifts of Christ. The celebration helps us prepare to receive Christ and each other in new ways. For Christians, every Sunday is a Resurrection Sunday, a day that marks the death of sin and a day that brings new birth with God living in our hearts in new, creative ways. What a great joy to celebrate! We need to show up and be there, be with each other! We have opportunities to share the joy of being fully present with one another as we journey through the many changes and transformations our lives and hearts experience. The Resurrection has the power to lead us to be blessings to each other, as it fills hearts & minds, and unlocks creativity, hope, and joy. I look forward to us all growing in the ways we share Christ together.

- Pastor Tim



Worship in November 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.

November 7 –

All Saints' Sunday



We will look at Nehemiah 8, when he led the people to accept responsibility for the sins of their ancestors as their own and work through them. While it was not an easy time, it was a time full of blessings and living closely with God in the excitement of faith. His efforts helped the people of faith prepare for Christ, and understanding how we can move beyond the circumstances we may find ourselves in. We are offered the same opportunities today to bring wholeness to our world. We will profess our faith in God's ability to help us heal from events and circumstance we did not cause, and the ones we have caused. Celebration of communion, renewal of our faith and relationships together sharing the hymns, "It Is Well with My Soul, and "Because He Lives"

November 14 – Consecration of Time & Talent



Everyone has gifts, skills, talents, and experiences that are unique to them. God calls us to share them all in fellowship together and remember who it is we serve and why we are here. Making commitments to God's Covenant together builds trust like nothing else, as we grow and deepen our relationship with others. The visions God has provided can become reality, and on November 14 we will celebrate the consecration of our time and talent. In preparation, we'll look at Mark 12:38-44, the story of the Widow's mite, and perhaps also I Samuel 1:4-20, when Hannah sought a blessing. Our hymns will be, "Here I Am Lord," and "This Little Light of Mine."



November 21 – Christ the King Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday Consecration of Financial Giving

Do we still describe Jesus using the word, "King?" It may seem outdated and out of place to us, yet there are other allegiances that vie for our loyalties when there is only One worthy of our devotions. When God in Christ is set first, all else is set into place in healthy ways. We'll look at various scriptures in preparation, including John 18:33-37, when Jesus is confronted by Pilot, and I Samuel 1:21-28, Hannah's affirmation and celebration of God's faithfulness. Our hymns will be, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

November 28 – Advent Begins; Preparing for Christ's Coming; Chase Crowder's Baptism



Advent is a time of preparation, anticipation and expectantly looking for the ways God will come to us in new ways in helping us grow and deepen our faith. We'll hear God's promise in Jeremiah in passages 31:31-34, 33:38-41 and 34:14-16. We'll sing "My Soul Gives Glory to My God," an "Now Thank We All Our God."

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Can you believe it? Christmas is almost here! With the rollout of vaccinations for children and so many of us blessed with vaccinations, we have a great holiday season to look forward to. We pray that if there are ways for us to make it easier, safer, and help us be more confident about reengaging in our fellowship, please let us know. I look forward to visiting people who request it, and it has been a blessing to get to know you better.



### Jenner's Pond Residents:

Join us for worship on **November 14th at 11 am**  
On your closed circuit TV and in-person  
in Alison Theater, Led by Pastor Jim

### 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



Last month we featured an article about our blessings from Mighty Writers clients who wrote their thank you to us; many of them they are now posted on the board in the narthex/lobby. Please be sure and take a look at their expressions of appreciation. You all have made our support of their ministry possible through your participation and giving in our church's ministries and we are so grateful we have the resources to share.

## Welcome to our New Members

### Special Welcome to Our New Members!

A very special welcome our new members who joined on October 10:

**Julie Anderman**

**Pricilla Barkman**

**Jon & Liz Crowder**

**Ray Leonardo**

**Mary Alice Miller**

I invite you to send a word of welcome and please be sure and personally reach out to meet and greet our members, in fellowship now that we are back in person. The questions we asked of new members are great to consider sharing with one another, new and long-term members. Perhaps you have additional ways to get to know and reconnect with our friends in fellowship. Let us open our hearts. There is a great joy in getting to know one another through the heart of God in Christ. We look forward to how God will build and strengthen our friendships.

### Thank you & Thanksgiving Letter – Consecration Sundays

This past week we have sent out our quarterly thank you letter with an offering report. Please let us know if there needs to be



corrections. We want to be great stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us and be careful in the ways we handle them all. It is a requirement for us to provide a report to people who make an offering. In the next week we will also send out a Thanksgiving letter that will include two forms: one for consecration of time & talent and another for our commitments for financial giving in the year ahead. We ask you to be prayerful in your response and help us envision and embody how God is calling us to share in ministry together. Your response is vital and we look forward to working together. Please bring them back as an offering, the time and talent response on Sunday, November 14, and the financial commitment on November 21. We'll place them at the altar as an offering to God.



### Conference Survey

This month we are sharing the responses of a survey our Bishop and Cabinet sent out to pastors and lay leaders of churches, asking for insights into what characteristics good Christian leaders and churches share, especially in the United Methodist Church. **The thoughts are listed on pages 4 and 5.**

### Questionnaire

Last month we also shared a set of questions that I invite new members to consider, as they receive and share the covenant we all share together with God. I hope you have made the time to be thoughtful about your answers. I look forward to getting to know all of you better in the time ahead by inviting you to share your responses with me. Our efforts in ministry in our fellowship are set on a stronger foundation at the start when we keep in our minds and heart who we serve, why we are here, and where God is leading us.



*Report to*  
The United Methodists  
of Eastern Pennsylvania  
and Greater New Jersey

*From*  
The Cabinets of EPA and GNJ

*Priorities for Mission Engagement in the World*  
*Deepen Faith • Develop Transformational Leaders • Grow Vital Congregations*

In August, the Cabinets of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey invited laity and clergy to complete a survey to identify the characteristics of passionate disciples, transformational leaders, and vital Wesleyan congregations.

More than 500 people engaged in the multiple-choice and short-answer survey questions. The Cabinets of both conferences analyzed the results. The survey's findings were consistent, regardless of the respondents' self-identified conference membership, local church size, or being laity or clergy.

### Survey's Top 5 Characteristics

| Passionate Disciple | Transformational Leader                            | Vital Wesleyan Congregation                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Servant             | Excellent communicator                             | Welcomes All People<br>As They Are                                               |
| Life-Long Learner   | Positive and hopeful                               | Engages People in<br>Hands-On Mission                                            |
| Humble              | Visionary                                          | Inspiring & Uplifting Worship                                                    |
| Compassionate       | Connects and Engages<br>Well with People           | Trains People to Share Their<br>Faith with Others and<br>Invites Them to Worship |
| Prayerful           | Delegates and Supports<br>Others in Their Ministry | Offers Small Groups for<br>Study and/or Service                                  |

The more than 450 short answer responses provided a narrative about each of these key areas.

**Passionate Disciples** are completely in love with God and have a deep love for all people. Their personal relationship with Jesus Christ directs all that they do. The Holy Spirit works through them. Passionate disciples are committed to spiritual disciplines. They place high the priorities of service to the community and justice ministries. Compassion and generosity characterize these persons, as well as a commitment to risk-taking for the sake of Christ.

**Transformational Leaders** are spiritually grounded and Spirit-led. They operate out of a servant mindset with a genuine desire for others to become passionate disciples. Personal integrity is critical, and they are seen as reliable role models. These leaders cast a compelling vision for the congregation and communicate it often and well to create momentum. For such leaders, mobilizing the people for action is as important as the action itself. One way this is achieved is through employing the gifts of the congregation and the development of teams.

**Vital Wesleyan Congregations** demonstrate a commitment to welcoming all of God's people. Inspirational worship centers all that they do, enhanced by opportunities for spiritual formation in small groups. These congregations look to the holy scriptures for guidance and comfort. Community ministry & service to others is the heart of the people.

The survey identified areas of growth.

- A renewed focus on individuals sharing their faith and inviting people into a faith journey with Christ. We live as disciples but need to grow in inviting others into a life of discipleship.
- We value personal holiness and social holiness, as seen through the emphasis on the means of grace, spiritual disciplines, hands-on mission, and service. It is essential to continue developing and strengthening congregational systems that multiply ministries and leadership to support congregational growth.
- Many congregations focus on an attractional model of ministry where we welcome people at the church door. A challenge is moving to an outward missional model that meets people where they are out in the world and invites them into a life of faith.

Using the chart above and the questions below, you are invited to reflect personally and/or during several small group sessions and/or during several church council meetings to continue to foster passionate discipleship, transformational leadership, and vital Wesleyan congregations.

1. Which category are you the most passionate about: making disciples, developing leaders, or growing vital congregations? Why?
2. What characteristics do you see reflected in your life, or in the leadership of the congregation? What can you do to help more of this to occur in your life or the congregation?
3. What will you do in the next six months to strengthen one of these categories in your own life? What can you do to encourage further development of these characteristics in your pastor or leaders?

We also invite you to use these questions over the next several church council or team meetings or small group sessions to stir spirit-led conversations. Where do you find resonance among the team? What is the one step your church will take that will lead to life-changing ministry?

### **Cabinets' Commitments**

The cabinets committed to doing three things over the next year.

1. Ensure at each charge/church conference a powerful question is asked that engages people in their purpose as a congregation or their growth and development in one of the three areas.
2. Publish the survey results and invite individuals and congregations into deeper reflections on passionate discipleship, transformational leadership, and vital Wesleyan congregations.
3. Lead so that the church inspires people to a deeper faith in God through Jesus Christ and equips United Methodists to share their faith and invite others into faith in God through Jesus Christ.

## **PASTOR JIM'S** **CHRISTIAN LIVING COLUMN**

Beginning with this article, I'm looking monthly to offer means by which we may grow in our Christian life. As I come across ways to help us live as Christians, I will offer them in this column.



Since we are in the month of Thanksgiving, let me share with you a few Thanksgiving Prayers which are Encouraging and Inspiring! It is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the blessings of the last year, especially with all of the covid problems. Many of us experience renewed hope and faith during the Thanksgiving holiday because we turn our eyes onto what is most important.

What if we spent time each day in giving thanks and prayer with God? How could God grow out faith and trust if we lived a life of thanks through all seasons and not just Thanksgiving time? When our hearts are filled with gratitude, there is little room to worry or complain. Below are 7 thanksgiving prayers you can use not only for Thanksgiving day but throughout the year. Make these a part of your daily devotions, one prayer for each day of the week.

### **Prayer 1: A Daily Thanksgiving Prayer**

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com Contributor

### **Prayer 2: A Prayer for a Thankful Heart**

Lord, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances. I accept them as Your will for my

life (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). I long to bring pleasure to Your heart daily. Break the power of the enemy in my life. Defeat Him through my sacrifice of praise. Change my outlook and attitude into one of joyful contentment with my present circumstances. I thank You for... [Name a difficult circumstance in your life

presently and thank God for it.]

Jesus, I want to be like You who obeyed the Father without complaint. You embraced the chains of humanity when You walked this earth. Convict me whenever I complain or compare myself with others. Give me Your attitude of humility and thankful acceptance. I want to be like the Apostle Paul who learned contentment in every circumstance. I choose to continually offer You a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that give praise to Your name (Hebrews 13:15). I long to bring a smile to Your face. Teach me the power of a thankful heart. I know that Your truth dwells in a thankful heart. "I will give thanks to the LORD because of His righteousness and will sing praises to the LORD Most High. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens" (Psalm 7:17-18:1). In Jesus' name, Amen.

◇ Debbie Przybylski, *Intercessors Arise International*

### **Prayer 3: A Short Prayer of Thanks**

God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I'm going to start by thanking you for loving me enough to come to earth and die so we can live together forever. Amen. - Wendy van Eyck, Contributor

### **Prayer 4: A Prayer to Teach Kids Thankfulness**

Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and his sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart. That His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my children. That they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in the name of Jesus

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and give thanks to You through Him.  
- Marie Osborne, Contributor

**Prayer 5: A Thanksgiving Prayer**

O Heavenly Father: We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.  
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.  
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.  
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.  
May these remembrances stir us to service. That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen. -  
"Dear Abby" Columnist

**Prayer 6: Thanksgiving Song (makes a wonderful prayer!)**

Grateful for each hand we hold gathered round this table.  
From far and near we travel home, Blessed that we are able.  
Grateful for this sheltered place with light in every window,  
Saying welcome, welcome, share this feast come in away from sorrow.  
Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend and friendless;  
All together everyone in the gift of loving-kindness.  
Grateful for what's understood, and all that is forgiven;  
We try so hard to be good, to lead a life worth living.  
Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend, and friendless;  
All together everyone, let grateful days be endless.  
grateful for each hand we hold  
Gathered round this table. - Mary Chapin Carpenter - Thanksgiving Song Lyrics

**Prayer 7: 17 Prayers of Gratitude**

Thank you, God for the times You have said "no." They have helped me depend on You so much more.  
Thank you, God, for unanswered prayer. It reminds me that You know what's best for me, even when my opinion differs from Yours.  
Thank You, Lord, for the things you have withheld from me. You have protected me from what I may never realize.  
Thank You, God, for the doors You have closed. They have prevented me from going where You would rather not have me go.  
Thank you, Lord, for the physical pain You've allowed in my life. It has helped me more closely relate to Your sufferings on my behalf.

Thank you, Lord, for the alone times in my life. Those times have forced me to lean in closer to You.

Thank you, God, for the uncertainties I've experienced. They have deepened my trust in You.

Thank You, Lord, for the times You came through for me when I didn't even know I needed a rescue. Thank You, Lord, for the losses I have experienced. They have been a reminder that You are my greatest gain.

Thank You, God, for the tears I have shed. They have kept my heart soft and mold able.

Thank You, God, for the times I haven't been able to control my circumstances. They have reminded me that You are sovereign and on the throne.

Thank You, God, for those people in my life whom You have called home to be with You. Their absence from this earth keeps my heart longing for heaven.

Thank You, God, that I have an inheritance in the heavenly places...something that this world can never steal from me and I could never selfishly squander.

Thank You, God, for the greatest gift You could ever give me: forgiveness through Your perfect Son's death on the cross on my behalf.

Thank You, God, for the righteousness You credited toward me, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's a righteousness I could never earn or attain on my own.

Thank You, Father, that You know me, You hear me, and You see my tears. Remind me through difficult times that You are God, You are on the throne, and You are eternally good.

And thank You, Lord, not only for my eternal salvation, but for the salvation You afford every day of my life as You save me from myself, my foolishness, my own limited insights, and my frailties in light of Your power and strength.

- Cindy McMenamin, Author

Thanksgiving Prayers from Scripture that you can us with the above prayers.:

Psalm 95

Psalm 100

Psalm 118:29

Philippians 4:6

Psalm 103: 1-5

Psalm 28:7

Psalm 136:1-5



## United Methodist Women 2021 Report

Due to the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic and unprecedented concerns, we were unable to hold our Spring Rummage Sale this year; however, we did hold our Fall Rummage Sale on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Rummage Sales are our form of raising funds to support various local, national and global missions. We were very blessed that our fall rummage sale netted proceeds in the amount of \$2,294.43. Despite the inability to hold our spring sale we were able to make monetary donations in this summer and will now prepare to make additional contributions with new funds.

The following is what we have supported financially so far this year.

\$400.00 to the EPAC Camp Innabah Scholarship Fund  
\$250.00 to the Children's Morning Out Scholarship Fund  
\$100.00 to the Community New Garment Association  
\$250.00 to the UMCOR US Disaster Response Fund

In addition, last December the UMW prepared and distributed 20 Advent Bags for our friends who are home bound and/or without family during the holidays.

We look forward to holding two rummage sales next year and ask you to continue saving your lightly used items.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the United Methodist Women, and support of our Missions. In Christ's Service, Cindy Haley and Fran Miller, Co-Chairs

Our finance team has been working together to accomplish several objectives for the financial life of our church. Of high importance is transparency in reporting, as well as helping you to understand where each dollar goes. We meet monthly so that Trustees, Administrative Council, and Finance Committee can examine all items of spending and income, as servants of you, our congregation, and of Christ, of whom we are all parts of one body.



We are also going to tighten up the reporting function to make sure that all designated funds are or will be used in the most beneficial manner to our community of faith, according to where God is leading. This entails helping givers who are specifying how the offering gift they share is to be used, to be confident that the offering will be truly making the impact they were intending and that God desires.

There are certain types of gifts which benefit not only the church, but also the donor, through tax savings, to increase their own income while living, or to help our members' long-term estate planning. We want to help members understand in all ways possible, how to ensure our work has effective long-term impact on ministry.

Our discussions have been very animated, as we have been truly seeking God in our discussions - as to how we can engage more fully in fellowship together again, even stronger than we did before the pandemic. Please help us as we renew our faith and fellowship by engaging in meaningful fellowship, shared friendship as we have: - Sunday School classes, bringing kids and grandkids, volunteering for ministries, or just to be around to chat and share good conversations in Sunday school, and before and after the service. Thank you to everyone, for allowing God to lead us through these difficult times. And I know - we need coffee and treats again after service!

Peter Mullen, Treasurer



# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## **Middle School Youth Group**

Sundays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## **High School Youth Group**

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

## **November schedule:**

November 7, 14, 21

November 28: No youth group

We have had a great start to the program year! Youth group is a time to have fun, learn something new and build friendships.

Each week we play games like grog tag and Minute to Win It games; we have a lesson and discussion time, and there is always plenty of snacks to go around.

**Coming up in our schedule:** Middle School & High School youth groups are studying the book of Daniel through the month of November.

We are looking forward to trying some new indoor games and Melanie will be testing some new games for our Christmas party in December!

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



## **Children's Worship—9:30 a.m. service**

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—Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Sunday school is available for children in grades K-5 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This fall we have been learning the Beatitudes and God's kingdom. What does God treasure most and what are the blessings of living our lives with a kingdom mindset.

We do fun activities with art, science, and games while we learn more about God and our faith. Our time together is filled with fun times with friends, learning, and smiles.

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.

**For information about Sunday School and our children's programs please contact Melanie Hartley.**



## Children's Morning Out Preschool

We have been having a fantastic time at preschool these days! The children have been busy learning all about the season of Fall. Our families enjoyed beautiful days on our field trips to Millburn Orchard this month. While on our field trips, we were able to learn about how apples grow and get packed for the grocery stores. We also enjoyed a bumpy hayride all around the orchard and loved meeting some of the cutest Barnyard Buddy animals. We came home with an apple and a pumpkin and many of us even had the yummy apple cider donuts. Children have been learning more about pumpkins, leaves, acorns, and squirrels. At the end of the month, we will celebrate with lots of Halloween fun and even a few treats. We have parades planned for our families in our Fall colors or

costumes and had a special treat at the end of the day. We are looking forward to learning about kindness, friendship, families and talking about all of the things we are thankful for in November. Here are some of the fun things we saw on our trip.

*Heather Smalley, CMO &  
Preschool, Director*



## Safe Sanctuaries, Nursery Attendants, Sunday School Roamers and YOU!

Just a reminder that as we continue to work to renew our in-person Sunday School, children, and youth activities, it is important to keep clearances for all our volunteers up to date. Many of you who had clearances that were older than three years did renew this summer and early fall. I'll be sending reminders to those of you who will be due by the end of this year.

**Our church policy requires two people for Sunday School classes, Nursery, and youth activities.** Since many Sunday School classes are taught by one person, we use a Roamer to serve as the second person during the Sunday School hour. We are looking for volunteers to serve as Roamers. If we have four or five volunteers, you only need to serve every once every four to five weeks. If you have a child in Sunday School or you attend Sunday School, perhaps you could consider being a Roamer. It requires no preparation. You just need to walk up and down the hall and assist the Teacher or Nursery attendant if they need some help. Roamers do need clearances. These can be obtained on-line. Let Fran Miller know if you are interested in volunteering and you will be given the needed information. Clearances from other volunteer organizations can just be copied and turned in if they are less than three years old. Fran can be reached by email at [jmille8698@verizon.net](mailto:jmille8698@verizon.net), by phone at 484-614-6627 or in church most Sundays.

Open Grow



Serve

### OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

Fall has brought many gifts to the church! We have had meetings, events, fellowship time and hosted groups. 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).

#### A Big Thank You to:

**Food Pantry Volunteers** who are a committed group of wonderful people who, each week, ensure that groceries are distributed to our neighbors in need.

**Fran Miller** who has been working hard to make sure all documents are in order to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy.

**Cindy Haley** who volunteers in the office and helps to make sure bulk mails get out on time.

**Esther Culbertson** who has faithfully been scanning old files so that we can have them available digitally.

**Andrew Herman** for his patience and diligence serving our children in Children's Worship, Sunday school and youth group.



### Food Collection - A Big Thank You!

We are very grateful to our friends at Berkshire Hathaway Fox Roach Realtors for collecting an enormous amount of food from the community to help supply our pantry. Well over a hundred bags were delivered to benefit food pantry distributions.

**Thank you, Carolyn, for suggesting West Grove UMC as the recipient of the donations.**

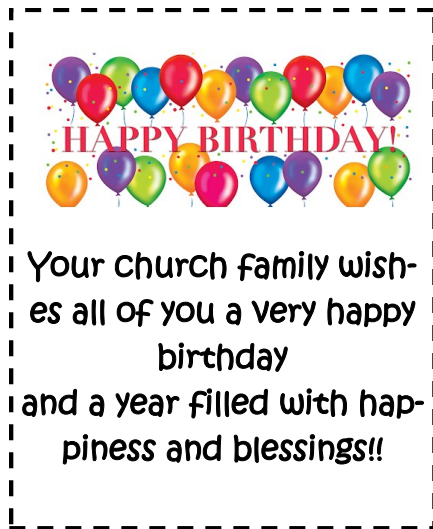
**Pictured above (left to right)**  
Alan Reburn, Chris Anderson, Melissa Bishop, Carolyn Bratton, Mel Leaman and Pastor Tim.



## BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



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|--------------------|-------|
| Chuck Dunn         | 11/03 |
| Henry Bechtel      | 11/03 |
| Marc Simmons       | 11/05 |
| Pastor Jim Mundell | 11/06 |
| Jamie Hocking      | 11/07 |
| Heather Wolfe      | 11/09 |
| Chris Bruno        | 11/09 |
| Abby Herman        | 11/10 |
| Grace Reisinger    | 11/10 |
| Lauren Reisinger   | 11/10 |
| George Anderson    | 11/11 |
| Dick Chambers      | 11/11 |
| Jacob McMinn       | 11/11 |
| Carol Sweet        | 11/11 |
| Brian Barrett      | 11/13 |
| David Covington    | 11/14 |



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| Jayna Bruno   | 11/16 |
| Bonnie Wolfe  | 11/17 |
| Gillian Chase | 11/18 |
| Dee Crawford  | 11/18 |
| Mel Leaman    | 11/18 |

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|-------------------|-------|
| Holly Stewart     | 11/18 |
| Aaron Boyd        | 11/18 |
| Ben LeSturgeon    | 11/20 |
| Lynne Strawhecker | 11/21 |
| Betty Mundell     | 11/22 |
| Tom Warfel        | 11/22 |
| Darlene Murphy    | 11/23 |
| Justin Lytle      | 11/24 |
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