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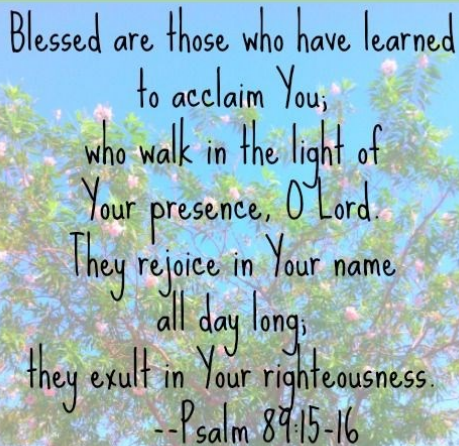
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Blessed are those who have learned
to acclaim You;
who walk in the light of
Your presence, O Lord.
They rejoice in Your name
all day long;
they exult in Your righteousness.
--Psalm 89:15-16

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"Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance." (Psalm 89:15 NRSV)

From devotions for June 20, God's Message Each Day, the author of Reversed Thunder, Eugene Peterson, writes that the gospel is never for individuals alone, but always for a people. Sin breaks us apart and fragments us as a people. It separates us into solitary confinement. Today, people often compete and debate at such an intense level, it seems there is no room for friendship, fellowship, or common unity. The Gospel restores us as it unites us and creates a place for us in community. While the life of faith revealed to us is very personal, it is never merely individual. This great dynamic of sharing in faith together can be life's great joy as it also is at times

faith's greatest challenge to us. It is by engaging with God and others that we truly begin to grow and mature, because we are led to see, hear, and experience life from other perspectives, especially from God's heart in perspective.

In the past several weeks in messages I've referred to a book by Brene Brown called, Braving the Wilderness. In this work she writes that so much of our challenge as human beings is in the ways we are unwilling to be open about the pain we have as a result of our life experiences. It takes courage to be vulnerable, embrace and affirm our true humanity, to share openly with others, and engage in what she calls rehumanizing our relationships. I think we face greater challenges because of the virus. Other parts of the book I resonate with, affirm that our faith in God asks us to look and listen for and find the face of God in everyone we meet.

Every Story Matters

My own thoughts from what she writes is that different points of view can offer us opportunities to grow, even thrive in transformation, or to divide, compete, and fight. It is when we are willing to face them faithfully and listen, seek to understand in empathy, that we can live the transformation God intends. It has been good to read an author who is representing many of the beliefs of our faith in a contemporary format in an engaged perspective. Listening to one another, our stories, and really hearing one another is a major first step of faith. We are braving the wilderness when we share. Stories help us claim and clarify identity. Braving the wilderness resonates with the season of Pentecost and thinking of how the Holy Spirit leads us to live in the exciting and challenging lifestyle of God's creativity in Christ.

Division Today

With a variety of traditional and social media access, we often live in echo chambers of our own making, where we only hear what and who we want to hear. Algorithms add to our isolation as tech companies see our preferences and often define us even more narrowly, and keep sending us our preferences. Add the fears of a virus, violence, including war and economic turmoil, and it is as if we hide away in caves. A deadly dynamic for relationships is we have false dichotomies or false dilemmas pushed upon us. We are being forced to choose and take a side. Learning, wisdom, and understanding through perceiving the complexities of life and faith from others' perspectives become casualties. Many people adopt an attitude, you are either for us or against us, with no room for understanding.

Very sadly and all too common today, people have built points of view and even superficial relationships around attacks on others they consider common enemies. It seems like a quick, easy way to build a relationship, sell a product, legislation, or position: finding fault. Even religious, or good intending people can go down such a path. The journey of the life of Jesus teaches us about such dangers. Attacks create counterfeit connections of polluted emotions, centered around an unspoken treaty to hate the same people. A spiritual crisis of disconnection is created, for no real friendship exists in such relationships. (pgs. 136-137) The friendship of Jesus Christ is real and the greatest blessing to share, as we seek to love even our enemies.

Responding with Faith

In the face of such dynamics, we are invited into our practice of faith to set our relationship with God first, and journey with Christ as disciples. Such an invitation may often seem out of reach today, yet it is even more important and full of blessings than ever before to reach out to the One who is reaching for us. The Word of God, real friendships in fellowship with Christ make all the difference. I continue to invite you to join us, and consider the ways we can strengthen real relationships in Christ together. Sunday School and Bible study are great starts. We are offering game night for the youth, Vacation Bible School for the children this summer, and a time of food (grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and covered dish), fellowship, and game time on Wednesday, July 13 in the evening arriving at 5PM, food at 6. Other, additional to come.

In addition, I invite you to take a look at part of a covenant a friend in ministry created for his church that I adapted for us to consider. It provides a vision of what faithful living in Christ is like. I've shared it with many people already, and ask you to prayerfully, personally take look as I share about half of it in detail here this month, the rest next month in our newsletter. We are more than a social club, we are beloved children of God and can in God's grace, fulfill the vision God has for our lives. I also ask you to consider joining in the opportunities we provide for fellowship like Sunday School, and invite you to help us create additional places and groups for fellowship and study as we move forward. "Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance." May God's light shine in our hearts this season in a joyful summer. – Tim



Worship in July 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.

July 3 – Communion Sunday

We will look at scripture of Luke 9:51-62, the commitment of Jesus and our focus as a disciples in the midst of challenges, difficulty, and even outright attacks upon us and our faith, something we can relate to as people who stand up for our faith in a world that too often doesn't know God in Christ well.

We may also look at passages from Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16, where we are encouraged to bear one another's burdens, even, especially those who are transgressors; They encourage us to be confident in God in Christ; our freedom has been entrusted to us is not for self-indulgence, but to empower us by love serve each other – We remember the Shema.

July 10 – Celebration of Youth Mission Trip

Our youth will return from their mission trip to the Boston area, and we remember a commissioning of seventy disciples in Luke 10:1-11. The greater mission of the seventy is in building relationships and community in God. We cannot withhold in our efforts, there is so much to be done to build the kingdom. Our youth will share their reflections with us.

In our liturgy, we may share insights from Colossians 1:1-14, as it expresses and encourages gratitude for faithfulness in fellowship, from people who care and then have strength and hope in God in Christ; when we set Christ first, we bear fruit (maybe the church can be thought of as an orchard or vineyard.) It nurtures us and we nurture it and share and nurture the world. All leading to prayer, that is seeking understanding, and sharing in inheritance from God.

July 17 – VBS Celebration

We will welcome our Vacation Bible School children and families to join us and share parts of their week, especially the music with us. The theme is "Adventure Island", and we know being a disciple of Christ truly is an incredible adventure. With hosting our youth and families and helping them feel at home, we may be tight for time, and again we have two scriptures to build our liturgy upon, including Luke 10:38-42, the story of sisters Mary & Martha – a story about grace, listening and being fully present with God over being distracted by tasks. Church is not an enterprise; it is a ministry with purpose.

Colossians 1:15-28 makes a great call to worship as it lifts up Jesus, for in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell – and so too the vision for our lives – we need to set Christ above all others, for he is worthy of our total commitment and praise, and brings joy, joyful living in real friendship and community. We are no longer estranged & hostile (there is hope for all). We rejoice in suffering, even when it requires a big stretch of heart and mind, we work for the completion, the maturing of faith

July 24—Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Lk 11:1-13 is our scripture where Luke presents The Lord's Prayer, a much shorter version, pointing more to prayer, and learning to pray; what is prayer's purpose? We strive to be growing in our perseverance of faith, growing in trust of God ourselves, and others, and being empowered to take action. Our foundation for life is in trusting God.

In Colossian 2:6-15 (16-19), we are encouraged to be rooted and built up in Christ (for it brings maturity, develops gifts and abilities.) It encourages us: Don't be misled by empty deceit and philosophies; be in the fulness of Christ and allow Christ to lead. Don't let anyone condemn or disqualify you when you are fulfilling what Christ has led us to do; be held by Christ and hold fast.

July 31—Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus taught wisdom through sharing stories, and Luke 12:13-21 is the Parable of the Rich Fool, man of great wealth is caught up in his personal accomplishments of acquiring wealth. The story leads us to ask: What are we putting our lives to? Where are our priorities? Who comes first? There is a great warning when it comes to greed – take care! Why? It quietly, little by little, easily takes over, as our ambitions often seem at first to be righteous. Jesus leads us to understand the real treasures of life worth giving our lives to.

We can also take encouragement, strength, and direction from Colossians 3:1-11, There is New Life in Christ – by participating we are raised with him, living in the incredible miracle God offers; we set our minds and hearts on God in Christ; let the old self and its old, dead-end ways, die.



West Grove United Methodist Church
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A Membership Covenant

In joining West Grove United Methodist Church, you are joining a **Movement** of the Holy Spirit. We are a people on a **Mission** who unite together in fellowship as a Fellowship in **Community** as believers in Jesus Christ in order to impact West Grove-Avondale, the region, and the world. It is not like any other organizational membership. Membership in the Church is based upon a "holy covenant." A holy covenant is a sacred promise or agreement that God has initiated with us, as we commit ourselves to His greater plans and purpose. When you join the Church, you actually choose to give up your rights and privileges for the sake of the greater cause of advancing God's mission in community; you begin to live out the teachings and values of Jesus in how you treat others, rather than anticipating how you expect to be treated. Your partnership on this journey is a partnership that we all count on. God works through us most powerfully when we work together in God's covenant. In John 13:4, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you." We build our covenant membership at West Grove United Methodist Church around these foundational expectations:

I make a commitment to:

1. **Love God** – with all my heart, mind, soul & strength; love others as Christ loves us. **I will...**

Gather Regularly to Worship with Fellow Believers – I realize that in my complex world, I must assertively choose how I want to spend my time. I want to tune my heart and life to honor God by worshipping Him daily in my personal life (as an expression of my love for Him), and regularly as part of my local faith community (as an expression of the unity I share as part of God's Family). As a believer, worship reminds me that my submission to Jesus' Lordship is always my first priority.

Uphold My Covenants – with God, in my marriage, for my family, with my fellow believers – as a reflection of how Jesus has changed my life from the inside-out. **I will pray** earnestly – for my

spouse, my family, my pastors, the West Grove UMC's staff and leaders, my fellow believers, my congregation, community, and our witness, and for God to stir up the creativity of His Spirit here at West Grove UMC – and that God would begin it with me. I will honor my covenant vows and seek to build

positive relationships that honor the Lord. I will seek to be a spiritual leader in my home by how I model for my family what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I will not blame others for my behavior, my brokenness, or my weaknesses.

Seek God, Not My Preferences. I will not make worship or church or my spiritual growth all about my preferences, my style of music, my expectations... but will seek to honor the Lord by loving Him, loving others, and doing what's best for the church's mission and witness.

2. **Love & Encourage Other Believers** – treating them the way I would want them to treat my loved ones. **I will...**

Become Involved in a fellowship group – a small group of fellow believers, for the

Avoid Gossip. Gossip is one of the most destructive forces in a local church. I choose in advance not to be a part of it, **no matter what.**

I lovingly will redirect them to the people with whom they have issues, and I will refuse to participate in conversations that hurt the reputations of others.

Handle Conflicts and Disagreements from a Biblical Perspective. I will not always agree with my fellow believers, but I do need to love, honor, and respect them. When disagreements arise, I will follow the teaching of Matthew 18:15-20 – and go directly to the person with whom I am in conflict in order to work out our relationship with a strong focus on listening. When that proves difficult, I will involve one of the pastors or leaders as part of a mediation process. I will resist

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triangulating others into our disagreement so that I faithfully live out my faith with integrity, and to make reconciliation a priority. I will honor confidentiality. I will believe that God can overcome all obstacles.

3. Love and Serve Others Within My Arenas of Influence – in order to live out Jesus' commandment to love sacrificially, intentionally, and assertively. **I will...**

Engage in Volunteer Service –

Live in Mission to my community –

Give in proportion to how God has blessed me.

4. Invite, Connect With, and Grow – in order to share with others the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. **I will...**

Invite others to join me on the faith journey.

Connect people and connect with people.

Build the House of God.

God calls us to live out the abundant life of faith together, and together as we do, the blessings of our lives multiply as they impact our community, world, and creation. Please tell me your thoughts and insights to the covenant. It has so much of what God wants us to reach for, and who he wants us to be, what a joy to have the opportunity to fulfill it.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE DATE CHANGE

Friday, October 7,

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Start saving all the household goods, furniture, clothing and other treasures to donate.

Donations accepted at the church beginning Sunday, October 2nd.



Les Family News

We are thrilled to learn that Galena, Sergiy and Mary will be joining her sister, Vira, in the states by the end of June. The plan is to remain here until the fighting is over in Ukraine. They have been so appreciative of our financial and prayer support over the years as they ministered to and cared for their congregation and community. Let's continue to lift them up in prayer as they adjust to life in the United States and deal with the conflict in their home country. Joan Leaman

Drive-Up Food Distribution

WGUMC Food Pantry



We continue to be busy meeting the food needs of families in our community facing food insecurity. We generally provide food to **16-20 families each week**. The bulk of the food we distribute comes from the Chester County Food Bank. Donations from members of our church and the local community supply the rest of the food.

Presently the **items most needed include:** canned fruit, corn tortillas, granola bars, rice, pasta, mac 'n cheese, cereal, crackers, soup. Food donations may be placed in the shopping cart outside the lobby doors. If you care to volunteer with the food pantry, in some capacity, please contact Joan Leaman (jmléaman@comcast.net.) Thank you.



**Office closed on
Monday, July 4th in
observance of the
Independence Day
holiday.**

Pastor's Desk



Graduates & New Members –

Thank you to everyone who came for worship and who stayed for our covered dish, as we welcomed our new members and expressed our congratulations to graduates on June 12. We pray for our youth on their mission trip, representing Christ, and pray they are constantly aware of God's presence with them as they serve others. We also give thanks and prayers for the adults leading them.

Hearing Assistive Devices



Do you sometimes miss what's been said in worship?

Do you want to make sure you get every word?

We give thanks to God the technology we

have in the sanctuary that can help everyone hear.

Head back to sound booth in the sanctuary and ask one of sound booth technicians about our hearing assistive devices. They can go right over your ear and amplify the sounds for you.

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

Visits

Is there someone who would like a visit? A joy of ministry is offering communion and times for fellowship and prayer, and I look forward to offering it as I have throughout the time I have shared in ministry. Please give me a call if you know of someone. 484.720.8626

**PASTOR
VISIT**



Worship Hopes



We'd like to offer two worship services once again in the fall. In order to do so we will need some additional help in the tech booth and also help with power point. Can you help? Please let us know if you have

any interest. We have some training videos resources to share to make it easier.

JOB POSTINGS

Contemporary Music Director

The contemporary music director is a part time position that is responsible for all music for the weekly contemporary worship service. This may include but not be limited to the postlude, prelude, anthem, offertory, special music and congregational accompaniment. During summer months and from time to time the church holds a “blended” service which typically includes both traditional and contemporary music. The contemporary music director shall be responsible for that portion of the “blended” service that requires contemporary music, as directed by the pastor. This position reports directly to the pastor and is ultimately responsible to the SPRC.

The duties of the contemporary music director shall include:

Lead and direct the PraiseWorks Band – a group of volunteer musicians and singers, who provide the music for the contemporary service, and whose composition may vary depending on song requirements, scheduling and availability.

Conduct weekly PraiseWorks band practices in preparation for each Sunday service

Be responsible for the composition of the PraiseWorks band in terms of recruitment, scheduling, attendance, song requirements, and development both spiritually and musically.

Maintain a monthly schedule of singers and musicians.

Attempt to offer and maintain a broad range of contemporary musical styles, types and genre.

Maintain regular communication with the pastor to ensure music selections coincide and complement the sermon subject and scripture each week

Select music for the contemporary worship service to include but not be limited to: prelude, postlude, anthem, offertory, special music and songs to be sung by the congregation. Review selections with the pastor before finalizing.

Provide copies of the music and recordings of new songs to PraiseWorks band members in advance of rehearsals when possible.

Input words to the songs to be presented by the PraiseWorks Band as well as those sung by the congregation into Power Point.

Email song list along with power point input to band members, church office, pastor and Power Point editor no later than Wednesday morning each week.

Work within and be responsible for an annual budget allotted by Ad Council in support of the church’s contemporary music program. This might include but not be limited to the purchase of new music, CD’s for listening, music stands etc.

Paid time off: 2 Sundays per year except during lent and advent which would include the Christmas, Christmas eve, Easter and Palm Sunday worship services.

Handbell Choir Director

The position of handbell choir director manages, leads and directs a minimum 2 octave bell choir and portions thereof for special music as time and circumstance require to glorify and increase the meaning of worship, expand ministry, and spread joy and comfort. This is a part time position not expected to exceed 10 to 15 hours per month. This position reports directly to the pastor and is ultimately responsible to the SPRC.

The duties of the handbell choir director shall include:

Direct the handbell choir in providing the prelude and offertory for the traditional worship service on the 3rd Sunday of each month from September thru June. Direct other special activities throughout the year such as advent music night, Christmas Eve, Easter, etc as dictated by the church calendar and directed by the pastor.

Conduct weekly rehearsals for the full bell choir September thru June. Quartet rehearsals can be scheduled as needed for special functions. Ensure music is sorted and ready for rehearsals.

Coordinate performances outside of church services such as community bell concerts, playing at nursing homes etc. These outside performances are not expected to exceed more than 2 or 3 per year.

Recruit players/substitutes as needed.

Select music to coincide with season of the year and church calendar. Review with pastor and pending approval inform church office of selections chosen for use in the church bulletin.

Keep music filed, updated and catalogued.

Keep current with ringing techniques and teach/review with choir.

Keep lines of communication open with all choir members

Oversee care and maintenance of bells and accessories to ensure all are in good working order.

!0) Work within and be responsible for an annual budget allotted to the handbell choir by Ad Council for its support and maintenance. This might include but is not limited to the purchase of new music, CD’s for listening, accessory equipment such as gloves, and folders etc.

No paid time off.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Youth Summer activities

We will be meeting regularly throughout the summer for activities and get-togethers. We'll have Dodgeball & Game Nights, Wednesday Walks, Thrifting Thursdays, and a few service days with Mighty Writers.

Students are always welcome to invite a friend!

Details will be shared throughout the summer. If you are not on the youth email list, contact Melanie Hartley.

July activities:

July 7: Dodgeball & Game night 6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 13: Wednesday Walk to The Station (ice cream) in West Grove- after VBS wraps up for the day, about 12:00 p.m.



Youth Service Sunday

Sunday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. service

The youth Summer Service Trip team will be sharing some photos and thoughts on our trip to Boston during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Vacation Bible School 2022: July 11-15, 9:00-12:00 p.m.



This year, we are heading to Discovery on Adventure Island!

Our little explorers will be on a Quest to find God's great light! With daily missions to find the five Infinity Lanterns to light our way. Old and New Testament stories will teach children about love, trust, hope, joy and faith through bible stories, crafts, science, games and service projects. We'll hear the creation story, Mary at the tomb, Moses and the burning bush, and more!

Registration for VBS is open until Wednesday, July 6

You can register at <https://wgumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

All Worship Sunday: Sunday, July 3, 9:30 a.m. service

Children's Worship is back!

July 10, 17, 24, 31 during the 9:30 a.m. worship 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 to follow our volunteer leader to Room 12 after the Moment For All Ages.

Vacation Bible School 2022

Registration Now Open!!

July 11-15, 9 a.m.-Noon



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Registration for VBS is open to children Ages *PreK 3 & 4's through grade 6. **All PreK children must be potty trained.* **Families can register at <https://wgumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>**

Have you ever thought about Volunteering for VBS?

VBS needs you and all of your wonderful gifts! Whether it's guiding a group of children, leading a bible lesson, or sharing your warm smile at the registration table, we want you to be a part of a wonderful week for our church and community. **Contact Melanie Hartley if you would like to volunteer for a great week of VBS!** We can't wait to see you there!

VBS Donations Items Needed

As we prepare for Vacation Bible School, there are a few items we are looking for and would love your help!

Below is a list of items we would love to borrow. We'll take good care of them and they will be returned to you when VBS is finished.



1 Lighthouse decoration- a lawn ornament, or about that size

4 Lanterns- large decorative style, similar to this: ←

Small waterfall

fountains- small size

Tropical/ jungle looking house plants- any size

10-20 Paper towel rolls

Contact Melanie if you can offer any of these items and we'll make arrangements for drop off.

Vacation Bible School Snack Donations List

Needed by July 10th 2022

- * Plain Graham Crackers
- * Animal Crackers (in small boxes)
- * Gold Fish Cheder Crackers
- * Gummy Fish or Sharks
- * Mini Chocolate Candy Bars
- * Flour Tortillas
- * Tropical Trail Mix
- * Dried Banana Chips
- * Dried Papaya
- * Pineapple Slices
- * 12 oz. package of Macadamia nuts
- * Flaked Coconut
- * Dried Regular Raisins
- * Dried Golden Raisins
- * String Licorice
- * Green Icing
- * Granola
- * Sandwich size Zip Loc Bags
- * Wet Wipes to wipe table and hands

Please drop off your donations in the bins provided in the church lobby.



Celebrating Our Graduates

Graduation Class of 2022

Jade Barrett

Graduate of Avon Grove High School

Kevin Barrett

Graduate of Avon Grove High School

Attending West Chester University

Sean Thomas Collins

Grandson of Sandy Deckard

Graduate of East High School in West Chester, PA

Attending Penn State University

Jordan Howard

Graduate of Messiah University

Bachelors in Peace and Conflict Studies with a minor in Criminology

Joshua Robinson

Graduate of Oxford High School

Attending Penn State University

Sarah Shaw

Granddaughter of Chris & Ralph Curtiss

Graduate of Northeastern University

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

Matthew David Simonds

Graduate of Octorara Jr./Sr. High School

Attending Penn State University

Alexandra Smith

Graduate of Shippensburg University

Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Journalism;

minors in Business Marketing and Criminal Justice

Open Grow Serve



OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

We have a wonderful congregation who follow our Mission Statement of “Open, Grow, Serve”. You see many of them serving each Sunday, working in the tech booth, greeting and ushering. 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.**

- ◇ Linda Shiplet drops off a flower decoration each week for our altar.
- ◇ Esther Culbertson who faithfully comes into the office each week and works on digitizing all of our old records.
- ◇ Dave Talley takes the time each Sunday to set all the thermostats in the church so any groups or staff will be comfortable, not to mention all the handyman stuff he does.
- ◇ Pastor Tim is always out there planting flowers, weeding, and watering to keep the church beautiful.
- ◇ The Mullens who travel to Exton each week to pick up fresh fruits and veggies for the Food Pantry distribution.
- ◇ All of the volunteers for the Food Pantry who pack, distribute, greet and make things work and especially Joan Leaman who makes it all happen.
- ◇ No names, but several people drop by faithfully each week to leave donation in the shopping cart.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Kris LeStourgeon 02

Tom Eason 09

Barb Lytle 09

Jeffery Mullen 09

Roger White 09

Gene Aucott 11

Janis Schrader 13

Richard Saller 14

Aiden DiRamio 15

Ann Figueroa 15

Joan Saller 15

Megan Dilworth 17

Brady Castaldi 18



Francis Capuano 19

Janelle Hadly 19

Kevin Barrett 20

Elizabeth Gula 21

Jacob Rinehimer 21

Buddy Winters 22

Cora Boyd 23

Josh Fulton 25

Pat Heist 28

Nate Howard 29

Scott Steele 29

Mya Ditzel 31

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



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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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OPEN - Financial Secretary

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Melanie Hartley - Christian Education

Melanie Hartley - Children's Ministry Team Contact

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Pastor Tim - Committee on Lay Leadership

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Joan Leaman—Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator

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