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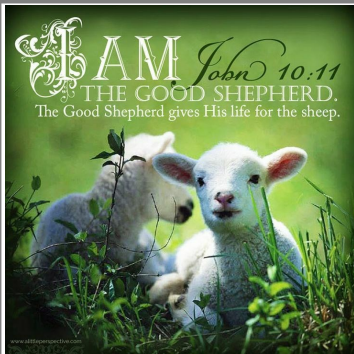
**West Grove
United Methodist Church**

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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and runs away....does not care for the sheep. I know my own, and my own know me."

(John 10:11-14)

Dedication and commitment are key marks of Christians, and a willingness to sacrifice to care for, and even love others, is who Jesus Christ taught us to be. When we commit to being a disciple of Jesus, we see these aspects and dynamics of life more clearly, in ways that make it critical that we offer our best and risk our hearts, even our lives, to bring life and faith to others. We have some exceptionally special opportunities to share faith, one of the greatest is with the children who are part of our fellowship. I feel badly

for many of you who don't get to know the children of our CMO preschool, and their incredible families who come here almost every day of the week.

They are so curious and open to learning about life and God, they grow so quickly, and to those of us who have opportunities to know them, they bring great joy to our hearts. This year we are saying good bye to our director, Heather Smalley who has a great heart in faith as a teacher and administrator. Her first love has been teaching, and this past year, before he passed away, her father encouraged her to reach to go back into teaching. She loved her work here in our CMO, intended staying and serving here for a while, and has been very faithful in her service to Christ with the children. Her church and its school came calling on her, several times this summer, deeply in need of a third-grade teacher. After many contacts, she decided to take the position, and we are blessed that while she is answering her call to ministry in new ways, Abbie Gruscavage a former teacher at our preschool who is moving back into the area, has responded to our CMO need, and taken the director position.

A great joy that I want to lift up as an example for all, is that out of their love for the children and the ministry here in our preschool, before Abbie decided to take the position, while she was still considering it, the staff got together and invited Abbie to come to one of their homes for a meeting, to encourage her to take the responsibilities of the director. They assured her of their commitment and their willingness to help continue to make the CMO a ministry that blesses the children and their families. They have created and continued a great culture here for our community. They surrounded her with the type of fellowship and culture our CMO has been known for, and we look forward to the year ahead.

We have also hired several new staff members to help complete the classes we are offering. We still have one or two positions to fill, and are very expectant and prayerful about our efforts going forward. This year we have been blessed by several donations that will be used to offer scholarships to some of the families in need. Please be prayerful about the ways we support our CMO preschool, as we connect the families with God in Christ, and if you see ways you might help in our efforts, please speak with Pastor Tim, or come and say hello to Abbie, and welcome her into our ministries.

A great gift of strength and clarity of our purpose here as a Christian fellowship is lifted up into our hearts when we engage with the children. We seek God's vision and empowerment, remembering the scripture: *"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."* (I Corinthians 16:13-14) Please be sure and read the whole newsletter as there is so much coming together in the next two months, and we need your commitment and full participation. I pray the whole church responds as our CMO staff did to the challenges that we face, that God is turning them into opportunities for us. – Tim



Worship in September 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.

September 4 –Pastor Jim will lead our worship and offer the morning message for us, “A Spirit of Confidence,” with scripture from II Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 14:25-33; The Sacrament of Communion will be shared.

September 11 –We never did this before. God has ways of remaking us into someone totally new, people who in God's image are prepared to be creative in responding to life's challenges and blessings. We know that when we are alive, the person we are today will be transformed into someone new, cells and all. Choosing to allow God to renew and remake us is part of our faithfulness. Every one of us are precious, and a sacred treasure to him, and also to us all. Let us trust in the possibilities we share in God and grow forward. We are likely to share scripture from Jeramiah 18:1-11, and Luke 15:1-10.

September 18 –Accountability has a great purpose for us, our hearts and lives, especially in community. It can be a great challenge to get the



right balance of grace with accountability. God's Wisdom is required. A community that really loves enough to give care and risk our hearts together is essential. Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 when the prophet asks in lament, Is the Lord not in Zion?” Is the recommended scripture text, along with Luke 16:1-13, the story of the dishonest manager.

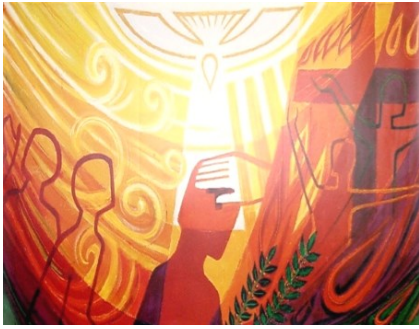
September 25 – When there is panic in the streets, faith in God leads us to realistic responses to overcome the adversity we face. Full of self-importance we have practices of ignoring people who don't meet our needs, and that type of self-inflicted ignorance is one of our greatest sources of danger and down fall. We need everyone in our efforts to build community and God empowers us through grace in empathy, compassion, and mercy. Recommended scripture texts are from Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Jeremiah buys a field when others are selling, and Luke 16:19-31, the story of the rich man and the poor man Lazarus.

Long-term Worship Plans & Our Future

In July, we were blessed to have found Bonnie Calhoun, a gifted musician and student of psychology at West Chester University as our next Bell Choir and Praise Works leader. After beginning her ministry here in August, Bonnie came to terms that the positions were more than she expected, and she has withdrawn from serving here. While we are disappointed to lose her, we are still letting God lead us forward in our music ministries and we will continue our search for the right person or people to help us with our music. Please keep our efforts in your prayers. Also, please pray for how we navigate moving forward with our times for worship. We planned to go to two services on September 25th, and that addition may need to wait.

We are considering moving the traditional service to 11, the time we planned when we go to two services, and then starting the early, contemporary service, once we have someone to lead PraiseWorks. We will continue to communicate with you through e-mails and the web site about what is happening as we move forward into Fall. Thank you for your patience and dedication of sharing in our fellowship.

Pastor's Desk



Confirmation Classes

September 25, 9:45 a.m.

Room 10 (classroom side of youth lounge)

Confirmation is a year-long experience preparing students to confirm their faith and become members of the church.

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 25.

Confirmation students are invited to join us on September 18 for Kick-off Sunday as well!

Confirmation is open to students in grades 7 and up.

Contact Melanie Hartley for information about the confirmation process and with your questions.



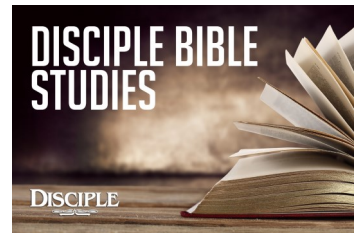
We have been blessed to offer adult Sunday School throughout the whole year, and we continue to offer a class focused on "Songs In the Bible," hosted every week in the library. We are planning on restarting the Men's Class, and also Faithlinks as we search and find appropriate materials since the Faithlinks materials are not being produced. We would also like to create some additional classes with a variety of materials for the great diversity of people who are part of our fellowship.

Disciple Bible Study Offered

How much of the Bible have you been blessed to read over the years? A time of devotions is often on our "to do" lists, and yet often

seems elusive for many people. In Disciple Bible Study participants spend about a half hour every day reading several chapters in the Bible; they then meet together once a week for about two hours at the church to view a short video and share what they have read in more detail. It is a time of strengthening our practice of devotions and living in great fellowship together while listening and hearing a more complete way to relate with God together, blessed by sharing with others in God's Word. We cover 85% of the Bible in 36 weeks, a couple of chapters every day, as we meet every week, viewing a summary video and sharing what we heard from God. Great friendships over a dozen times in the past 30 years. Learn more, speak with Tim; sign up! Email Tim at

pastor@westgroveumc.org



Reach Out & Invite



This is a great season, as they all are. The special time of engaging in life together bears a great harvest of great variety for everyone. Keeping Christ at the center, knowing where God is, as we learned from Jeremiah, is essential, as it empowers us to reach out and invite longtime friends who we have been missing these past few years. Christ at the center of our lives also prepares us to reach out to our guests and help them quickly feel that they are part of our fellowship, having friendships to share with us in Christ. May we all be empowered to reach out and include and welcome people. And may the season be full to overflowing with God's blessings for us to share.



PASTOR JIM'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jim will offer a new Bible Study on the Holy Spirit. It will be held on **Monday nights**

beginning September 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. To many Christians the Holy Spirit may seem to be a mystery. Our objective is to explore the key Bible passages about the Holy Spirit, from Genesis to Revelation. It is designed to help us grow in our relationship with the Spirit, and to understand what a believer needs to know about the Spirit to learn to walk with Him. This study is for all people, whether you are a new Christian or a long-time believer, or one who wants to know more about the Holy Spirit. We trust you will join us for this study; bring your Bible and note taking material.

Contact Pastor Jim if you have any questions.



Sunday, September 18 ~ 5-7 p.m.

In the churches I've served, Julie and I started a tradition we greatly enjoy. It was a lot of fun last year here, and we are looking forward to hosting our Ice Cream Social again this year on Sunday September 18 from 5-7 P.M. Everyone is invited. I think we did a great job last year of coming up with the flavors requested. Of course, there will be lots of syrup and toppings to help enhance the experience. Last year we offered at least 22 flavors, and we look forward to sharing most of them again this year too. Please remember, it is not just about the ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Please join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.



BREAKFAST GATHERING

All men and teenage lads are invited to a United Methodist Men's breakfast gathering at the church on **Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 8 AM.** Our objective is to have a time for men to gather to deepen their faith and fellowship together and to identify and pursue ways of serving our church. Our hope is to have a monthly gathering for the benefit of the men of our church and their friends. Look for more information about our gathering and if you have any questions please contact Pastor Jim Mundell or Mike DuVall.



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

Sunday School Essentials

An essential part of being a disciple, especially in the United Methodist church, has always been to offer fellowship and opportunities to grow, deepen, and mature in our faith together through adult and children's Sunday School. A church like West Grove UMC would always be very wise to have a great number of groups with a variety of studies to share. We are blessed to have several experienced Christians to help lead our community in faith, including the Bible study being offered by Pastor Jim on Mondays. We have a lot of really great lay people here who can also share their insights on our journey together. We can learn from each other as we encourage and support one another. I fear the current divisive conditions in our nation and world have deeply influenced us in very bad, destructive ways. The virus multiplied the damage, and now we need to do all we can to respond and follow God to overcome the barriers we face.

Now more than ever, with the divisions around us, we need each other in fellowship focused on



Christ and I pray you will join us. I've been asking through the summer that the men's group and Faithlinks classes begin again soon, and several of our ladies are looking at starting a women's group as well. All summer I've continued with the group meeting in the library, and expect it to continue, although I will be

helping to lead the youth in confirmation this year too. Later in the year ahead, we would also like to begin a group for parents, to share the blessings and challenges that parenthood offers.

So, I pray that you include fellowship in a group as part of your Sunday morning plans, and that we all see what a great blessing it is for us to share the journey, and deepen, and broaden our understanding by sharing and listening together. It has always helped me in life in whatever I was doing, as it also helps strengthen the worship, preaching and teaching we share together. Questions that are raised in our hearts during a morning message, are better understood and embodied when we engage with others. We are more than consumers of religion as a product, we share real friendship and discipleship in Christ. Please join us.



Annual Charge Conference

Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m.

Hosted by WGUMC ~ All Are Welcome!

This year our annual Charge Conference will be held in our church, with our district superintendent, Rev Evelyn Kent-Clark presiding. Several other United Methodist churches in the area will join us and together we will host the Conference on Saturday morning, October 1st beginning at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available, as we worship and lift up our service to God in Christ. All members and friends of our church are welcome to be present; Ad Board members have voting rights and responsibilities. We hope you will join us.



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

1st Rehearsal:

Thursday, September 1st

at 6:45 p.m.

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them!

POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass

EXPERIENCE: A love of singing!

SKILLS REQUIRED: All levels accepted, will provide on-the-job training!

WAGES: Satisfaction, blessings, and joy in God's service

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security--We promise you the security of social fellowship, friendship, and support with other members of the choir

HOURS: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime at the above mentioned wages

REHEARSALS: Thursday evenings 6:45-8:00 pm

APPLY: By attending any of our rehearsals

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND WELCOMED!

The first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 1 at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We will sing at 9:30 a.m. service on September 4.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith, the Choir Director (musicmomva@aol.com), or any of the choir members. We would be happy to help you!

Great Joy & Fun In Fellowship



Thank you to Andrew Herman and the many, many people who came out for our two **Grill Nights**, with quite a few different people in each group. We shared hot dogs and hamburgers, and many people brought a favorite covered dish, including many desserts. We played a lot of outdoor

games during our Grill Night held on VBS week, playing 9-square with all ages taking part. During the most recent evening, with a very different group, several of us had fun as we played parcheesi together. We hope that, when we are able to host the next one, you and your family and friends will feel welcomed to join us. We'll keep you informed through e-mails.

We want to **thank Linda Shiplet** and other helpers for their work in decorating the church.



We also send a great **thanks to Ralph Curtis for the years of service** he has shared in **draping the Cross out front at the main entrance**. Ralph is stepping down from doing this decorating. **Would you be willing to step forward to help?** Please let Donna know if you have an interest.



Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors...

The people of the
United Methodist
Church

Discernment About Disaffiliation

Our Ad Board was presented with an important decision this summer. Our Conference is offering all churches the opportunity to understand the process of disaffiliation from the denomination and what it involves. About thirty churches have already identified that they would like to go out into a new denomination that is forming. In an effort to make the process a healthy one, the Conference is offering to have someone come to our church, and make a presentation helping us discern how we will go forward. I don't think anyone on the Board is interested in seeing the church break away from the UMC as it is now. We do believe it is our responsibility to make sure all that we can is communicated to the fellowship about the decision to stay or leave, and the process involved.

We will keep you informed as to when the presentation is scheduled as soon as we know. Please keep our denomination and all who have been part of it in your prayers as we move forward. God who took a crucifixion and turned it into a resurrection is and will be at work in our efforts too. You can view information about disaffiliation on our Conference web site, EPAUMC.org search for disaffiliation and a link to the Zoom presentation on August 1 will be available, along with a set of FAQ about the process and what is being offered.

TRUSTEES IN ACTION!

Great things are happening at Church!

The trustees would like to share a few words about all of the work that is happening at church. We are partnering with Mighty Writers to install a **connecting concrete walkway** from the kitchen door to the door near Pastor Tim's office. This will allow for the installation of an outside refrigeration unit that has been donated to Mighty Writers. The refrigerator will allow them to store more milk, produce and the like to support the ever growing food need in our community. Many thanks to Mark Simonds and Gene Aucott for leading the construction efforts!

Continuing with the outside, we are moving forward with designs and permits for a **new pavilion** to be used for gatherings such as picnics and study groups. We are also hopeful to have a **new roof** installed as well as a parking refresh completed this fall. Inside, we are in the process of purchasing **stairs with a handrail for the altar**.

Many of these projects are being funded by the generous donations and bequests of our congregation. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Trustees or any of these projects, please reach out and we will be happy to help.



The Trustee Team

Kim O'Neill and Kim Smith, Co-Chairs

Gene Aucott

Dave Talley

Mark Simonds

Linda Shiplet

Fred Sullivan

Changes to our Church Food Pantry



It's been 2 1/2 years since we started pre-bagging food and delivering it to individuals and families waiting in their cars. As time passed, and pandemic protocols became more lenient, we began inviting people into the church to select some of their food and help to carry the food to their cars. We have just now moved to a food distribution model where the people come inside to do all of their own selection.

Some reasons for the change have been the loosening of COVID restrictions, the increased amount of produce and protein that we are receiving from the food bank, the generous donation of eggs from several members in the community and the bakery items that Acme has been donating. We also want people to be able to select the foods that they and their families will enjoy, without giving foods that will not be consumed. The idea is to make the pantry as much like a regular grocery shopping experience

as possible, providing dignity and a sense of being able to care for ones own family.

Fortunately, our pantry budget has been well funded the past several years, so we have been able to purchase four small shopping carts. Since the Chester County Food Bank is not receiving the number of donations of shelf stable foods they did previously, we are having to purchase more of the food that we give to the clients. We are seeing an uptick in the number of families using our food pantry as the cost of groceries has soared. We are all experiencing that reality, but if you are able to donate to our food pantry, either with food or monetarily, so that we can purchase food in bulk, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. If you make a financial gift you can indicate it is for the food pantry in the memo on your check. If you give cash, an envelope with the designation of food pantry will work well.

For those choosing to donate food, here is the list of most needed items.

Canned tomatoes

pasta sauce

corn tortillas

canned soup

pasta

canned vegetables

canned fruits.

If you would like to donate your time to help with the food pantry, please contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net).

Our church family and the community have generously supported the food pantry with their money, food donations, prayers and hands and feet at work. We are deeply grateful.

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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



Friday, October 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

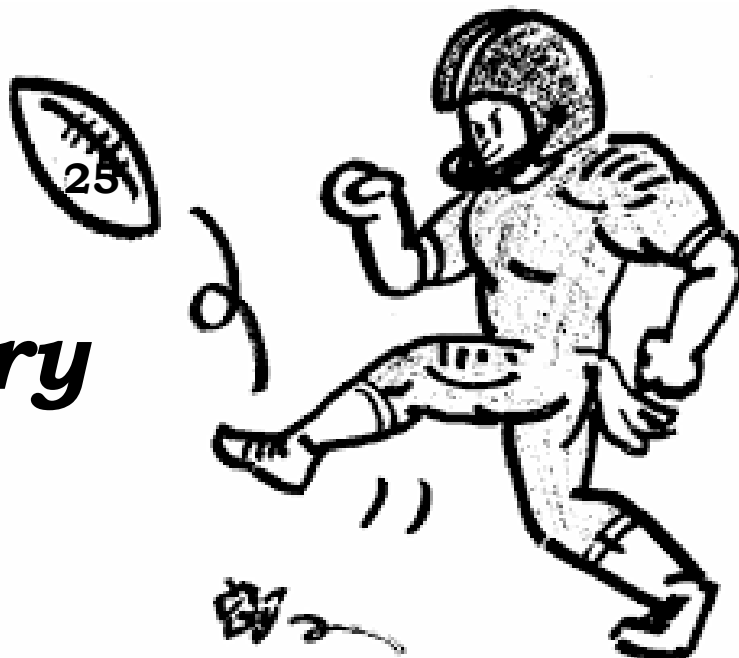
Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, October 2nd
through Thursday, October 6th.**

**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.**

R.A.P.'s 25th Anniversary



Please join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Our celebration “kick-off” will be September 9, 2022, in the WGUMC sanctuary. RAP will begin at noon!

Bring your lunch! Hot and cold beverages and delicious desserts will be provided. Ray McKay will present the program “Traditional Country Music for Beginners”.

Invite your friends! Hope to see you there! RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.



Hope to see you there!
The RAP Committee

A Prayer for Students

God, thank you for calling some to be teachers and providing them the gifts and training to lead others on a lifelong path of learning. Instill patience in hurried moments, insight to find the best strategies, and stamina that sustains when weariness threatens. Amen.

Precious Lord, we send our precious children into the world of learning, but they are never far from you. May the hearts of all at home be knit tightly together in a web of support and encouragement for healthy learning habits so we may share healthy life adventures wherever you lead. Amen.

Our God, some are students, some are teachers, some are parents, but many more serve and support learners of all ages. Be present in the offices, buses, classrooms, and playgrounds of all who touch the lives of students. Give them words of encouragement and affirmation of the lasting value of the work they do each day. Amen.

(This article is an excerpt from the Church Health Reader Summer 2018: Mindfulness and Meditation issue.)

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Youth Group kicks off September 18!

Middle school: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

High School: 4:15-5:30 p.m.

It's the start of a new program year! We'll catch up, play games and, ICE CREAM!

Kick-off Sunday!

September 18, 9:45 a.m.

Youth Lounge

We'll meet in the youth lounge for doughnuts and catch up with one another!

This year we will look at ways we can engage in our congregation and use our gifts. We'll also have time to discuss faith and current topics.

All Worship Sunday: Sunday, September 4, 9:30 a.m. service



All worship Sundays mean children remain in worship for the entire service as we celebrate the sacrament of Communion together.

Look for the blue cart with worship bags for children, filled with fun things to keep them engaged during worship!

Children's Worship

September 11, 18, 25

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.

Kick Off Sunday!

September 18, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday school will begin again on Sunday, September 18! We hope to see all our friends again and share in some activities, treats, and get excited for a new program year at West Grove UMC.

Christian education is available for children in Kindergarten through high school. Our classes will meet in the following rooms:

K-6: Room 12 (we'll split into smaller groups if needed)

Confirmation (7 & 8 students): Room 10 (classroom side of the youth lounge)

High school: Youth Lounge



Welcome to
Preschool

CMO PRESCHOOL READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

I am so excited to start this new school year with you all and to get to know all of you! The start of a new year is always filled with hope and anticipation about what the year will bring. I have no doubt that this year will be a wonderful one, as I see the excitement and joy on the teachers' faces as they work at making sure their classrooms are perfect for our little ones. I felt the same way as a teacher here, years ago, and those same warm feelings fill me again as I take over the new position as Director.

Our Preschool Program continues to grow and thrive and we are absolutely elated to be starting a brand new year with our current and new families. We can not wait to greet the children with open arms! Many blessings and prayers to you all.

Thanks, Abbie

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### Abbie Gruscavage New Children's Morning Out & Preschool Director

Hello! My name is Abbie Gruscavage and I am the new Director of the Preschool! I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from West Chester University and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Goucher College in Towson, MD. I taught elementary school for many years before starting my family. I am so excited to be a part of this wonderful community again. I started out at WGUMC-CMO as a preschool parent back in 2012 when my son began his preschool years here. My two daughters followed his lead and I was lucky enough to become a teacher in the Ladybug room when my youngest was old enough to attend. In 2019, a job transfer took my family to Georgia, and we were relocated back to the area just this past summer! Coming back to the Preschool truly feels like it was meant to be. I am so excited to start this new year and to work alongside all of our wonderful teachers here at Preschool!



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Fall Children's Consignment Sale



The Children's Morning Out program will be holding the **Fall/ Winter Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22**. Find the outgrown children's clothes, toys and baby equipment that you need or sell what you aren't using anymore! This is a great way to make some extra money and support the CMO program. More details to come! We also gladly accepted any donated children's items if you do not want to consign them yourself. The proceeds from the sale go directly to support the CMO & Preschool scholarships offered for this year.

Abbie Gruscavage, Director cmo@westgroveumc.org 610-806-5393



Pre-teen Ministries

Some of the greatest memories I have as a pastor have come from times when we offered ministry to our pre-teen children. In a church I served, we offered an after school ministry as we shared a snack, games, and a lesson along with crafts, and served supper to the children of the community. The kids made all the difference as they enjoyed coming to church and learning about and growing closer to God with each other. Many of them came from homes that faced a lot of challenges. Two years ago, I saw two of the kids who are now adults; I even was able to hold one of their newborn babies. Another is now a youth pastor in a church near Pottstown.

Preteen is an age group I would like to see us expand to serve. I'm not proposing we offer an after school program, but I believe we can create and share some blessings together with Christ.

We had a great time at VBS, and I see plenty to build upon. I'd say Melanie has her schedule full as it is, so it would be up to our church members to carry forward any additional efforts. Would you consider helping? Please let me, pastor Tim, know of your interest.



Altar Guild, Communion Stewards

With the full return of our faith practices in worship, we are looking to offer communion in a variety of ways, and sharing elements the church has used, including the tradition of using a special table for the elements. Personally, I'm fine with using only the altar, for Jesus Christ is the ultimate sacrifice of his heart and life for us, yet we know the table was a way of honoring past servants at WGUMC. Would you like to help prepare for communion in the months ahead? Please speak with Donna Fackler in the church office.

TECH CREW

Tech Crew Help

We are very blessed to have people who help us with technology. Michael Duvall and Nate Robinson have been the mainstay on Sunday mornings, with the Stuhrke family and Reed Smith filling in too. We continue to ask for your help. When we start up with a second service, we'd like to send the first service out onto the internet. Do you know how to edit and load videos? Instead of the pressures of live-streaming everything during worship, we may find it easier to just record, and then load it after the service is over, less pressure for everyone. We ask for your help in our efforts running the sound and projector, or editing and loading the service onto YouTube. Please contact Donna or pastor Tim if you are interested.

Prayer Garden

I think a lot of people know there is at least one person in our church who enjoys gardening. The church has planned to create a prayer garden between the parking lot and Route 1. Those of us who garden know the old expression, "Fall is for planting." It is a great time to plant perennials and shrubs and trees; the roots thrive in the cooler weather and prepare for the next season. I received a small donation, enough to plant a tree. Does anyone else have interests in developing the garden? Please let pastor Tim know.



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.**

Chris Bruno who came in to weed the gardens

Gene Aucott, Mark Simonds and all the trustees who are working on placing a cement walking path out back by the kitchen and trash cans.

Andrew Herman and Pastor Tim for their grilling and hosting skills for our cookouts

CMO teachers and assistants who are working hard to get the classrooms ready for the fall

Kim O'Neill who repaired the kitchen cabinets so that the dishes won't fall out anymore!

Joyce Lewis who stepped up to coordinate and schedule our Lay Readers for the fall and winter

Joan Saller for taking on the task of scheduling Ushers and Greeters

To all those who serve the church in ways that no one sees -

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Rosemary MacCoun	09/01
Hannah McCummings	09/01
Owen Jones	09/03
Kaiti Beauchamp	09/03
Ellie Capuano	09/04
Dylan Farr	09/07
Pastor Tim Anderman	09/08
Chris Curtiss	09/08
Fran Miller	09/09
Victoria Owens	09/10
Charlie Bohnsack	09/13
Ruth Kuch	09/14
Alexis Winters	09/15
Becky Tolmie	09/16
Kim Smith	09/18
Carol Barrett	09/18



Your church family
wishes all of you a very
happy birthday and a
year filled with
happiness and
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Mike Stewart	09/24
Jack Krohn, IV	09/25
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