



The Wesleyan Star

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*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

- Psalm 100:2 -



“So, if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective. (Colossians 6:1-2, The Message) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (Colossians 6:16, NRSV)

I recently read an article by Dave Helmuth in a blog that he sends out to church leaders, in which he tries to “fertilize” our sense and practices of worship. He reminds us, we all need to sing, even with our varying (inadequate) abilities; singing is a sacred gift that ignites our hearts, minds, and souls in expression of what is sacred. God is worthy of our full attention and the expressions in singing are vital for our faith and relationship with God and each other. Singing is an exercise of the heart and soul, preparing us for future challenges and opportunities.

He writes: (God) is “worthy, whether or not “I feel up to it,” whether or not “I’m moved by the music,” whether or not “I like the way the sound is mixed,” whether or not “I can sing along beautifully with the songs,” whether or not “I like the style of the music.” And beyond His worth, there’s this reality: I need to sing. We need to sing! Not “I want to sing” but “I NEED to sing!” We need to sing, together.

When we sing, we show honor, respect to God, as we teach and admonish through the songs we sing, as Colossians 6 envisions. Nurture can happen from a variety of directions or approaches, teaching positively, or warning about potential problems. The message of Christ is at the foundation or core of who we are, and what we sing. What God has done and is doing and will do for us in Christ, needs to be woven deeply within us, “dwell in us richly.” The sacrifice of the Cross and the creativity of the Resurrection will transform lives. What the passage teaches us is that one of the great ways we learn and weave it all into our hearts, minds, and lives is by singing. It becomes a sacred, empowering experience, especially in the joy of community in fellowship together. There is a great gift in being in rhythm and in tune (as best we can) with one another.

Music has such a strong impact, full of blessings that just reading or talking will not provide. It means a lot to me to be singing both the songs my grandparents knew, and singing ones they never heard, because they had not yet been written. Engaged in new creativity, inspires more creativity, and opens up hearts and minds, taking in and exploring new possibilities. I remember accounts of when John and Charles Wesley were writing new hymns for their day, that they were often criticized for their compositions. It is hard to imagine there was so much criticism about some of our most beloved hymns, shared for the last 200 years, but there was. They challenged others, and us today, to make sure the songs we share and sing always give glory to God. I have to confess, I have quite a collection of rock and roll music, and probably would stir up a response from Wesley if he were here today. I’ve got to believe he’d appreciate the creativity in my jazz collection.

We sing to God, in God’s creativity, not just about God. When we sing, we are relating with God and one another, fulfilling the Shema, (Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself), in very unique ways. Music pulls us into experiences that are beyond words, and can pull us beyond ourselves, and our small, narrow ways of thinking and living. When we sing emersed in faith, we are not singing abstract truths and principles, but we’re singing about who God is and how God affects who we are. Music can shape our identity and transform how we feel. I pray you join us, and join in every Sunday. For we are striving and building a fellowship in trust in the heart of God in Christ. You can be an essential part of it. God’s blessings to all. – Tim



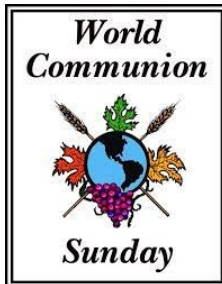
Worship in October at West Grove UMC

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



11 a.m. Blended Worship. Live Streaming on You Tube.

October 2 – World Communion Sunday



We celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday and will share the interconnected nature of our faith in Christ, and God's love for us. What does it mean to come to the altar? And what altars do we need to identify in our lives that are all around us every day, in which we can make our sacrifices? In II Timothy

1:1-14 Paul urges Timothy, his young understudy, "do not be ashamed of your calling or the Gospel, being in Christ and his life of grace. It is for this Way of life that we are willing to make sacrifices and even suffer (although suffering is not much, in comparison to the blessings God brings). We know and lift up Who we trust: GOD! Paul is wise in not asking Timothy to copy him, but to look to Christ for his example and teaching. We may also share Luke 17:5-10, when we are encouraged by Jesus to do what is only right and expected of us, since we have been entrusted with so much, directly from God.

October 9 - 18th Sunday After Pentecost

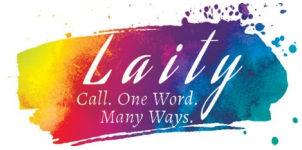
Why do we give? Why do we engage in the actions and the activities we choose to do? What conditions are we placing on our choices and what do we expect in return that will result from our actions and decisions? We'll share II Timothy 2:8-15, a great source of encouragement as we remember that while we may face limitations, the Word of God can never be contained, confined, or imprisoned. God seeks to empower, uplift, and set us free to live in God's possibilities together.

October 16 - 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor Tim & Julie will be away, and we welcome Pastor Jim as our preacher.

October 23 - Laity Sunday

We are hopeful of a lay person who will speak and offer the message.



October 30 - 21st Sunday After Pentecost

We often have inflated points of view; we live with and feed "false truths," or things we would like to believe about ourselves and various aspects of life. Jesus leads us in God's love to be confronted by the truth, and help one another face life and the decisions before us. Our suggested reading is from Luke 19:1-10, the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus; there is wisdom in the story, that points out our tendencies to use and abuse false compensations in trying to feel better about our self, our identity. We can come to life in Christ. An additional text is from II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; we can actually boast of faith in Christ in humble confidence about the challenges we face. We trust God will continue to refine the calling to our hearts and our responses.



November 6 - All Saints Sunday & Communion (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

We will be faithful in being truthful that our lives are but for a short time, and it is so huge a blessing that we have God's assurances and promises that there is more to life and creation than we know. It is an exceptional blessing to live in the assurance that God is always with us through whatever we face, especially as we remember those who have gone before us. Our scripture is from Luke 6:20-31, with additional selected passages of hope.



Jenner's Pond Residents:

Join us for worship on
October 9th at 11 am

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



We look forward to seeing you in worship!

We have a new time for our Blended Worship which is 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is prior to worship at 9:45 a.m. Our children are attending Sunday School at, and Children's Worship and the Nursery is ready for our littlest ones, who also always welcomed to stay in the service if the parents prefer!

Pastor's Desk

A Full Season In October - We need your participation

CHARGE CONFERENCE

2022

Charge Conference This Saturday, October 1 at 8:30AM
Everyone Is Invited to Come

Official business of the church is cared for, and this year we will host several other UMC churches in the area and conference together with our District Superintendent, Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark presiding. A time of fellowship begins at 8:30 to 9. We will share some brief worship starting at 9AM and hear the Word from her, along with plenary and get to know our neighbors better. Actual church business will happen from 10AM to finish by Noon. Please join us.

Knitted Ball

It is a little thing that I remember about my parents: When I was born, someone gave me a knitted ball, stuffed with cloth of some kind. It was squeezable and washable, and my mom told me I played with it all the time. It helped me develop my dexterity and gave my sisters something to do with me as we played together. So, it also helped



me learn to share and connect with my family. My mother learned to make the balls for herself and whenever my dad learned

of a birth in the church community, he would stop by with a present for the child. I've been blessed that the churches I've served, there have been people who are willing to make a similar knitted ball for me to share with the children in the communities I have served. In Mount Joy, one of the ladies made a whole bag of about 12 to 16 of them for me to share. I'm down to my last one. Would anyone be willing to make some for me to give? Please let me know if you are able. (484.720.8626) I can show you a sample.



I know that most all of us are greatly challenged with the financial environment we face. The pandemic hit us hard, and then the great resignation and retirement of many people, along with a variety of sources of inflation, have compounded the impact of the challenges we face. Since the start of the year, investments have tanked. Our church faces these challenges too. Most of the churches I have taken part in, have often run a deficit during the summer months. This year, not having the PPP loans has meant we have been more on our own in trying to return to the full level of ministries we are accustomed to and what God is leading us to. We have a large deficit, as our offering did not keep up with our expectations. We invite your prayers, presence, gifts and service, knowing we all face challenges. We give thanks for the extraordinary ways and times many people have and continue to be generous, and pray we are always faithful to the stewardship and care God has called us to fulfill. If you would like a copy of our budget, and where we are so far this year, they are available at the office. Quarterly reports will be mailed soon. Our thanks to Janice Bowers for jumping in to help serve as our interim Financial Secretary. We continue to search for additional counters of the Sunday offering, and still seek a Chair of the Finance Committee. ~ Pastor Tim

PASTOR VISIT



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

Courageous Dialogues – Sharing Our Views of Sexuality

You are invited: On **Monday, October 24, from 9AM to 1PM a special workshop** is being offered at Camp Innabah (near Pottstown) where participants are invited to come and share fellowship in worship and in courageous dialogue in small groups, sharing one story that would help others understand one's views on sexuality. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided. The cost is \$20 and scholarships are available. [**Click Here to Register**](#)

Sexuality is a sacred part of our lives and one of the most complex dynamics we share. When we hold differing views on it, as Christians we need to take time to listen in empathy to what others have been through, to learn, grow, and mature together. The Bible is full of stories about faith journeys, and those stories are not always complimentary of the people who lived them, but the stories are seeking to lift up God's faithfulness, and the ways God has helped bless and nurture life, and our relationship with Him. They teach us as they can prepare us for life's challenges, and they enrich and help to multiply our blessings. It is vital we strive and work to be active listeners, and understand one another's experiences and points of view. Much of the Bible's guideline and laws are entrusted to us, so that we might have more trusting, intimate relationships, where we can be more ready to share and grow from insights together, and build a closer, deeper community together.

Stories also heal, as they provide identity and understanding; they can help nurture empathy, as they stretch us to understand God and one another. Sharing stories is a way to honor the Shema, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. I have learned so much from the stories that people have shared with me. You are invited to come and share your story to help in our understanding together in the larger community of faith. In a world so polarized and divided we have choices we can make to live faithfully in the grace and fellowship God has entrusted to us.

Additional workshops are planned for:

Monday, November 14 at Pocono Plateau, from 9AM to 1PM

And Monday, January 30 at Gretna Glen, from 9AM to 1PM

Our Core Values for the Courageous Dialogues and as a Church Include:

- ☐ Centered in Jesus' calling to love others and see in every face the face of Christ
- ☐ Courageous/safe conversations
- ☐ Authenticity & Respect
- ☐ Attentive Listeners – not trying to “fix” people
- ☐ Framework: Maturing and growing in God's love together (sanctification); guided by the Wesleyan Quadrilateral (using scripture; tradition; reason & experience)
- ☐ Hear each other's heart/share our faith journey
- ☐ Stop the “flight or fight” response and provide space for connection in sacred relationships
- ☐ We hope to provide a model for the local church & for individuals for this & other issues
- ☐ Open-mindedness & outward mindset (seeing the other person as loved by God in Christ)
- ☐ Appreciation for diversity in complex perspectives, and God's creativity

It takes courage that only God can provide to share such an intimate part of who we are. Yet our Lord and Savior has done so much for us to help us claim the fullness of life God has offered in His Covenant to us. Now we are called to respond with our best, our all. I pray that God will continue to lead us in patience, empathy, compassion and grace to be the people who fulfill His promises, listening and sharing our hearts bringing the fullness of life in His fellowship to our world. I pray you will join us in one of these gatherings.

Disaffiliation of a Discernment Process

Saturday, October 29, 9AM

Your Attendance Is Important

The United Methodist Church is going through an extreme transition, as many churches are trying to discern whether or not they want to continue to take part in the denomination's structure and guidelines found in our covenant together in the Book of Discipline. Many churches, for a variety of reasons, have started to break away and form a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church. At the last General Conference six years ago, guidelines to a process for disaffiliation were presented and approved, and many churches are choosing to move forward with disaffiliation for a variety of reasons. The virus interfered with the process in many ways. **Our Conference in Eastern PA has offered churches the opportunity to have trained, informed pastors come in and make a presentation about the discernment process for disaffiliation. Having them come for an initial presentation does not obligate us to go forward with disaffiliation or the process of discernment.**

Because we believe it wise to make informed decisions, the Ad Council Board voted to have the two pastors come and present information about what the process would be, then right after the presentation all the members of our church who are present, will vote whether or not to go further in hearing and understanding more about the discernment process of disaffiliation. **It is not that the Ad Council wants to disaffiliate; it is that we believe we want everyone to be as informed as we can be at this time. All church members are invited and encouraged to attend.** We regret that this process is as limited as it is in time; it is what the Conference has offered and made available to us, and we want to make the most of what time and freedom we have, and not be passive, just allowing events to lead us.

Rev Dori Newcomer and Rev Mark Terry will make the presentation on **Saturday, October 29 starting at 9AM**. We do not expect the time to go beyond noon. There will be time for discussion after their presentation, and then time to vote as a congregation. **Only members of the church will be able to vote.** We urge you to join us in the gathering, and also in our prayers together, that we focus on listening and understanding God and one another. I encourage you to meet with me, Pastor Tim, with questions and/or concerns you may have.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6th

From the earliest days in the church, community has gathered to remember those who have gone onto the glory. On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished tradition has been important in this congregation for many years.

We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 7th .

Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 31st. It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.



PASTOR JIM'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY on the Holy Spirit. Monday nights 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.



GET YOUR CLEARANCES UP-TO-DATE

IT'S EASY AND WE WILL HELP YOU!

With Sunday School for children and youth starting up again, I'd like to remind everyone of the Safe Sanctuaries policy for the district. **If you are an adult working with children or youth, you will need to obtain clearances from the state. This would include any volunteers for the Nursery, Sunday School or Youth group. The clearances would include a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Clearance. If you have already obtained those clearances as a volunteer for another organization or for work, we only need a copy.** These need to be renewed every three years for our records. Also if you have not lived in PA for 10 years, you will need the FBI Fingerprint check.

This may sound a bit overwhelming if you've never done it, but **it's actually pretty easy and most can be done online.** For the Criminal Background Check, the website is epatch.state.pa.us. Be sure to check the volunteer box and there will be no charge. For the Child Abuse Clearance, the web site is compass.state.pa.us/cwis. If you'd rather apply on paper, I have forms you can fill out and mail in. If you've been volunteering, we'll get in touch with you when you need clearances to be renewed.

Another part of the Safe Sanctuaries policy requires two adults working with children. Since we cannot always have two Sunday School teachers, we use a Roamer as the second adult during the Sunday School hour. The Roamer doesn't stay in the classroom, but roams the hall where the classrooms and Nursery are located. The Roamer is available for helping the teacher if needed. We'd love to have a few more Roamers on our list. If you are available during the Sunday School hour and would be interested in volunteering, contact me, Fran Miller, at jmille8698@verizon.net or call me at 484-614-6627. I'd be happy to help you obtain clearances as well.

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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale



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

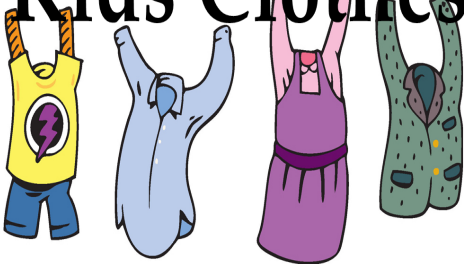
Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

**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.**

Kids Clothes



West Grove UMC

Children's Clothing and Equipment

Consignment Sale

Friday, October 21st, 9am – 4:00pm

Saturday, October 22nd, 9am – 11:30am

West Grove United Methodist Church will be holding a Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale. This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at good prices. There will be a large selection of children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys,

books, baby items and equipment. Shopping hours are Friday, October 21st from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00am-11:30am.

Come on Friday for the best selection. On Saturday, many items will be half price. This sale benefits the

early childhood and scholarship programs at the Children's Morning Out and Preschool Program of WGUMC.



Consignment Instructions and sign-ups will be available in the Church Lobby beginning on Monday, September 26th.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail: cmo@westgroveumc.org
or

call the church at 610-806-5393.

Retired Active People



RAP "kicked off" its 25th anniversary year on Friday, September 9th. We enjoyed a great afternoon of fellowship catching up with friends, some we haven't seen for a while.

Raymond McKay and his son Donald presented an interesting program on traditional country music and shared the history of Sunset Park. Thank you

for taking us back in time with informative slides and music.



Join us for our next gathering on October 14 at noon in the sanctuary. Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages.



Michael Duvall will present photos and information on the people and culture from his mission trip to Africa earlier this year.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our monthly gatherings possible. We welcome help with setup and cleanup. Each month volunteers offer desserts. We are in need of a few more desserts in October. If you are able to bring a dessert, please let Sara Ann know.



**Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend or two!
Hope to see you there!**

Please RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.

Road Sign Volunteer



The sign on Guernsey Road at the end of the driveway needs to be updated with

information occasionally. We are thankful for Fred Sullivan, who cared for it for years, but it's time for someone else to step up and volunteer. The letters are all sorted and all you have to do is put in a little time every so often to update information we share with the community. Contact Donna in the office if you are interested.

Food Bank Update

We have noticed an increase in the number of families accessing our food pantry the last few months. Donations are very much needed and appreciated. You can help by donating food. A list is included of the most wanted food items. You can also donate money and indicate that it is for the church food pantry. Another idea is to organize a community food drive. A number of communities have done a food drive in the past years with the food collected, benefiting our church pantry. If you think this is something you might want to consider for your neighborhood and want additional ideas or have questions, please contact Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net. Food suggestions: flour or corn tortillas, flour, sugar, cooking oil, tuna, hot sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, coffee, canned vegetables.





Trunk or Treat

October 30th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Our annual Trunk or Treat is just around the corner!

Trick or Treating at all the decorated and candy stocked cars will be outside along with activities like games and crafts that will be located in the lobby.

Children of all ages and their families are invited to kick off their trick or treating a day early!

Contact Melanie Hartley for more information or questions.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk hosts and activity volunteers needed!



Trunk or Treat is a fun day for all involved,
including our volunteers!

We want to make sure we have a variety of fun trunks
for children to visit as well as adults to help kids
with games and crafts.

Can you offer an afternoon of fun to our church family
and community?

You can contact Melanie Hartley to sign up, or look for the
sign up sheet in the church lobby.

Need help with your trunk? Also contact Melanie for assistance and ideas!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Middle school & High school Youth Group

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

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

Fall Campfire & Night Games

October 14th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Our fall activity will be a campfire and game night is next week! we'll have s'mores and outdoor night games!

This is a combined middle school and high school event. Come dressed to play outside and bring your favorite lawn chair!



Children's Sunday school

Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Room 12

Sunday school is back in full swing! This fall we are

learning about creation- how God created the world and looking at all the ways our world is beautiful!

Our Sunday school curriculum uses the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM), which teaches one story over multiple weeks using different methods of learning, like art, science, storytelling, cooking, etc. We have wonderful volunteers who build relationships with the children and help bring fun and understanding of the bible and the Christian faith.



Sunday school class is open for children in grades K-6, with grades being split into groups as needed.

Contact Melanie Hartley for information or questions about Sunday school. We would love to have you with us!

(See next page for All Worship Sundays and Children's Worship information)





All Worship Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 11:00 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

October 9, 16, 23, 30

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.



Welcome to
Preschool

CMO PRESCHOOL READY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

CMO and Preschool had a wonderful first month! The teachers and I were so happy to welcome back all of the preschool children and families. I have to **thank each and every one of you** for giving me grace and patience during this first month as I navigated a new job, as well as a new home and new schools for my own children. So many of you welcomed me and asked how my family was doing; and I truly appreciated that.

The children here at Preschool quickly became reacquainted with old friends and met lots of new friends. They spent the first few weeks of preschool getting to know one another and the teachers and have been adjusting very well! I'm so proud of all of them, and their parents...I know it's not always easy sending your little one to school for the first time. Great job to all!

We will be heading to **Milburn Orchards on October 25th and 26th** for our field trip. It is always so much fun to see the children outside of the classrooms and to be able to interact with the families. We are looking forward to a fun day!

Be sure to check out the **fun artwork** that is already popping up on the bulletin boards across from the bathrooms. Our creative teachers always think of the best projects for the kids. We have had many parents ask what we needed for preschool, and decided the easiest way to share our needs was with an Amazon wish list. We truly appreciate any and all donations and can't thank you enough!

Our **Children's Consignment Sale** is quickly approaching. The sale this year will be **October 21st and 22nd**. As you know this sale is a huge fundraiser for the preschool program. The success of this sale allows me to provide scholarships as well as much needed items for the preschool. I am always looking for volunteers to help with the sale. If you have some time and would be willing to help on Friday or Saturday, please reach out to me. Thank you!!

Thanks, Abbie

CMO & PRESCHOOL PIZZA FUNDRAISER



Hello!

We are partnering with Pasquale's Pizza in New London and are offering a Pizza Kit as a Fundraiser for Preschool.

Included in the kit is: Dough for two 14" pizzas, pizza sauce, mozzarella, and oregano. You bake at your convenience. A portion of each sale will go directly to the Preschool! We would like to start **offering the kit two Tuesdays a month, and our first will be available next Tuesday, October 4th.**

You can place an order by giving your money (\$15.00 cash or check made out to WGUMC-CMO) by this Friday (9/30) for next weeks kit.

Kits will be at school and ready to be handed out by NOON on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. If you are a MWF family, you can pick up your kit at 12:00 on Tuesday, or the next day your child is at school. Any kit not picked up on Tuesday will be promptly refrigerated until you are able to get it.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Preschool. We appreciate you.

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 and Caryl Stuhrke for the beautiful fall decorations.

Joan Saller and Donna Fackler for the donation of chairs in the Admin Wing.

Sonny Dunn for keeping the food pantry stocked with fresh eggs each week.

All who helped, including the CMO Staff and their families, with the playground clean-up.

Nancy Duvall for volunteering to be the Communion Steward each month.

Kim O'Neill who is working hard to take down the aging plum tree out front.

Maira Tena who always goes above and beyond in her job as sexton for the church.

Susan Paisley who updated the road side sign with new times of worship. (Volunteers needed!)

Tim and Julie Anderman for hosting such a wonderful Ice Cream Social again this year!

Angel from Mighty Writers for shampooing the rung in the Admin Wing.

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Jonathan LeStourgeon	04
Grace Bowes	08
Bradley Dunn	08
Jake Schneider	08
Angela DiRamio	09
Bob Hocking	11
Joanna Stephenson	13
Valerie Kapp-Benner	16
Madeline Smith	17
Lois Hocking	18
Susan Paisley	18
Christian Schneider	18
Amy Aucott	19



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

Janice Bowers	20
Joshua Robinson	20
Simonds, Amy	21
Kyle Aucott	23
Jill Croft	23
Jill Hocking	24
Jackson May	26
Fernando Tena	26
Jonathan Tena	26
Donald Anderson	29
Austin McCummings	29
Jessica Timm	29



West Grove United Methodist Church
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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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