



The Wesleyan Star

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*⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, **“Do not be afraid, for see, I bring you good news (tidings) of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, (Christ) the Lord.** ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,¹⁴ **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”** Luke 2:8-14*

The glow of Christmas is something we all want to hold on to, as it blesses us with a sense of how our lives and creation are miracles. A great joy often forgotten is that there are twelve days of Christmas. There is much more to Christmas than a day or two of opening presents and all the commercial practices our culture imposes on us. We have much to celebrate, much to consider, and so much to share, now and throughout the year. God has responded to the despair we often feel trapped and enslaved to, by coming to be one of us, slurps, dribbles, burps, and all the faults and sins we have been and are a part of. As one good pastor reminded us on Christmas day there is great wisdom in knowing we are not trying to get everything done in one or two days. We have a lifetime to unwrap and share the real gifts of Christmas. May it continue in our hearts.

I thank you all for the ways you have taken part in our fellowship in Christ together through your prayers, sharing fellowship and worship, and music and your gifts, offerings, and service. As God has come to us in a vulnerable way, we are invited to help, give, partner and take part in the transformation God brings to the world. As a baby in the manger, God is revealed as more approachable than we imagined. God has shown us that, in spite of what others may say, humanity is redeemable, and God is here with us, so our fears do not need to confine us, or hold us back; we can hear and live the creativity and great joy of the Good News of God's love for us. And we can share this gift in unique ways through our fellowship together. For us Christmas is not a humbug, an annoyance; it is a precious gift.

Our understanding of Jesus Christ and all that his life has meant to us, leads us to live more in the mystery of God, than to even begin to think we know it all; we live in curiosity seeking to understand more every day of what is sacred, over making judgments about other people. Bishop Schol presents these ideas in his meditation in a worship service for Christmas posted on our Conference web site (at EPAUMC.org). In a Christmas meditation a year or so ago, Pope Francis shared, “We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy *without*, we can be tempted to feed the enemy *within*.” There are parts of our hearts and minds that we need to more fully entrust to God, as we are intentional about giving our all to him.

As I look to the month ahead, I would like us to do our best to hold some follow up meetings to the Congregational Meeting on the Discernment Process, and come to understand one another better about a variety of issues in faithful ways that can empower us, allowing God in Christ to lead us. A time most likely to meet would be Monday evenings, and there may be other options of time and days we can create. We will send out a Constant Contact e-mail when the time has been determined. In order to go forward effectively and faithfully in ministry together, we need to be intentional and assertively seek to understand God and each other, and we hope you will join us as we meet and share. We have many specific, concrete opportunities this year to strengthen the ministries we offer and share:

- Continue with Two Worship Services Every Week
- Hire a Praiseworks praise band leader and also a Memory Bell Choir leader
- Strengthening our gifts in sharing music; we have incredibly talented musicians.
- Strengthen Our Sunday School and Small Groups, Including Additional Bible Studies
- Engage with our preschool families more, with ways to grow in faith
- Completion of the Facility Projects: a New Roof and Outdoor Pavilion
- Our Youth Mission Trip, with Fundraisers to Help Build Community

I pray you and your family and friends will join us in our efforts, and may we receive the Holy Spirit's creative ways of leading us in the tidings of great joy through the year.

Merry Christmas and may God bless us! – Tim



Worship in January 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.



8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship. Live Streaming on You Tube.

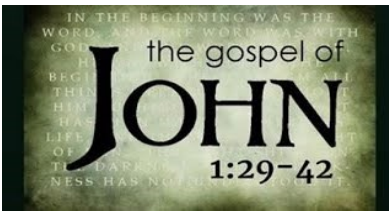
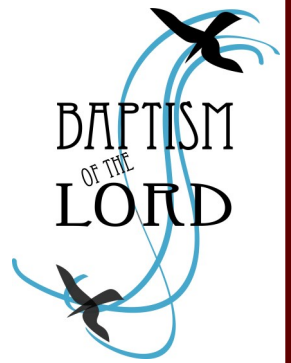


January 1—Epiphany Sunday, All Worship and Communion Sunday

Epiphany is January 6, and just ahead of the day, we remember both the story of the Wisemen or Magi and Herod's brutal response found in Matthew 2. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, many people are afraid to see what his light reveals, and so all of us to some degree want to hide or even destroy what we don't understand or control. We will celebrate communion and God's restoring power of love.

January 8 – Baptism of the Lord, Epiphany Sunday

As Christians when we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior we receive and are committed God's Covenant and to journeying with Christ through the gifts and sacrifices he leads us in. When we love and are loved, the sacrifices are a blessing that we would not trade away nor keep from; they are something we look forward to giving, especially when we understand the long-term impact they can have. Practices of faith are not just good ideas for someone *else* to do; they are a way of life for us that multiplies the blessings God entrusts to us. We are blessed because Jesus was willing to come to earth, be one of us, and make the sacrifice; only God who loves us deeply would choose to do so, So, let us remember now that we are made in God's image Our scripture will be from Matthew 3:13-17.

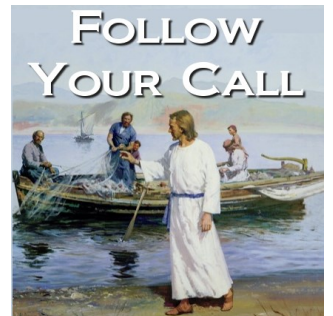


January 15 – Human Rights, Second Sunday After the Epiphany

We will lift up and celebrate God's abilities to transform lives. Many in our world believe a human life is rigidly set, fixed in points of view, thinking and make up. While we do face limitations, the human mind and heart are very flexible and fluid, especially when God sets the agenda for us. The Holy Spirit can transform our hearts and the ways we think and relate. God is creatively at work, and learning to grow in our trust of him is an incredible way for our love and friendships to mature and grow deeper, and stronger. We are likely to share scripture from John 1:29-42

January 22 – Third Sunday After The Epiphany

In Matthew 4:12-23, Jesus calls the disciples into ministry and we listen for our own call to the work God wants us to share and do. In following Christ we strive to develop patience, empathy, understanding with all people, as we hold on to curiosity over making condemning judgments. For with God there is always mystery, and while we want to be learning, we also live by faith; and we trust and choose to live lives in the midst of God's mystery, instead of trying to be one who knows, or thinks we know it all.



January 29 – Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

We are given a great gift of the assurances of God's love that is with us in many of the most challenging and difficult moments of life. The Beatitudes provide us with the assurance we seek. We will share scripture from Matthew 5:1-16, passages that are a blessing to read often.

Pastor's Desk

A Full Season In December – We need your participation



Moravian Love Feast

On Christmas Day we had a more intimate time of worship, knowing many families have their Christmas morning practices of being with family. Thank you to all who came. It was a joy to have a strong group gather to lift up God's Word as we shared a mini love feast of coffee, hot chocolate and sweet cakes along with some sharing of memories and thoughts about Christmas and its meaning for us. A reflection about what a love feast can

mean is here below.

Reflections on the Moravian Love Feast –

Crumbs, coffee, sugar, read, mil, mugs, chewing, slurping, spilling, visiting, laughing, feasting. The Love Feast is a ritual meal based on the ancient Christian agape meal and occurs several times a year during Moravian worship. While the Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, focusses on the relationship between God and humans, celebrating our redemption in Christ, and Christ's presence in our lives, the Moravian Love feast continues the Eucharist blessing and celebration by connecting humans with each other so that for a few minutes, we may see Christ in each other – even the dirty, difficult other. The other who is spewing curse words. The other who is sitting in a wheelchair. The other who is crying. The other who is laughing. The other who is myself.

While the organist plays hymns, such as Morning Star, O cheering Sight, for the choir and the congregation to sing, the Dieners or corps of servers, distribute the sweet buns and coffee to everyone in the congregation. Made with mashed potatoes, flour, sugar, lemon juice, lemon and orange zest, the love Feast bun is a cross between a sweet roll and a hamburger bun. The coffee, served in narrow white mugs, is about two-thirds sugar and ml. After everyone is served, all pray the Moravian grace: Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Amen. Following the blessing, the feasting begins. Everyone remains seated to avoid chaos, but it is a time for sharing food and conversation with your neighbor. A way to bring together the sacred of God with the earthly pleasures of humanity. A symbol of the bounteous hospitality of God and the infinite possibilities for our own hospitality toward others.

When I was fifteen years old, I sat in a wooden pew of the Home Moravian church, established in 1771, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and looked at the round sugary bun I held in one hand and the white mug of sugary, milky coffee in the other. I didn't know what to do. With either because this was my first time in a Moravian Church. Having grown up in a straight laced Southern Presbyterian church, I knew I was breaking at least one God-rule, if not several. Church was no place for messes, talking, spilling, sugar, laughter, food, noise, movement, enjoyment.

I didn't know then that the Love Feast would become a metaphor in my life but I knew from that day those two words belonged together. Over time I came to understand that this feast of love was the whole point of the spiritual journey. God, instead of being separate or distant from our unkempt, needy, imperfect selves, is right here beside us, holding the napkin, wiping our chins, tearing off bites of bread, moving us forward into the world.

Pastor's Desk

A Full Season In December - We need your participation

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple Bible Study

One of the great joys I have had has been in sharing a great fellowship with others in Disciple Bible study. We have several people who have expressed an interest in sharing in the study, where we read 85% of the Bible in 36 weeks, about 3-4 chapters every day; a daily time of individual devotion of about a half an hour is nurtured. We then come together once a week for about 2 hours to share what we have read and

learned, and then look at a video tape that gives us more background on our readings. It's the Word of God interwoven with fellowship with sacred friends, a real Methodist experience of holiness. Please contact me if you have any interest or would like more information. We'd need to determine a day & time to meet. Call and leave a message at the office or e-mail me at pastor@westgroveumc.org

Happy New Year! As we head into 2023, I'd like let you know of some changes and updates pertaining to Safe Sanctuaries. One is that clearances only need to be renewed every five years rather than every three. If you are a volunteer, the application is free.

If you are serving as a teacher or volunteer working with children or youth, you should take time to view the Training video. Some of you already did the live session via Zoom in November. If you were not able to attend that session, you can view the recorded video online. Here are the steps to follow:



Go to epaumc.org/safe-sanctuaries. Click on Resources. Then click on Spotlight Video Learning Center. You will need to Sign-up on the next page by creating a username and password. Finally click on the video, Safe Sanctuaries - Featured Training. It's very important that all volunteers working with children and Youth view the information in this training video. As adults working with children, it is important to be reminded why we have a safe sanctuaries policy and our responsibilities as a volunteer.

If you are due to renew clearances, the epaumc.org website can also provide links to the sites you need. Under Resources, click Safe Sanctuaries. Then scroll down to Selection and Screening. Choose the clearance you need. Click on it to get to the screen you need to complete your clearance. If you prefer to work on paper, I still have those forms in my mailbox. I'll be happy to see you get one. You can contact me, Fran Miller, by email at jmille8698@verizon.net. Or call me at 484-614-6627. If you get notified to renew and you have gotten clearances less than five years old for work or another volunteer position, you can just send a copy of those.

Thank you for all you do, volunteers!

Fran Miller, Safe Sanctuaries Co-Ordinator

Share the **WARMTH!** *Coat and Blanket Drive*

Giving the Gift of Warmth A Warm Thank You!

There are many local families that will be so grateful for your generosity and the warmth that it will provide

them all winter long!

Our church responded with immense generosity, donating load after load of blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, socks, mittens, and many, many coats!

Thank you to **Ashley Fackler and all of her Co-workers at Christiania Care Hospital ICU unit**. They donated over \$500 in cash that Ashley was then able to go out and purchase 25 coats for children, women and men. In addition, they collected many new and some gently used blankets and sleeping bags that filled 2 huge black bags.

Donations were received from far and wide. **Community neighbors** who were aware of the drive came by with loads of sleeping bags and blankets, many pairs of new socks and hat, scarves and mittens.

The Mighty Writers will make the distribution of these donations along with all of the donations they received, to ensure that we reach as many families as possible. We thank them for their generous hearts as well!

Lap Robes and Prayer Shawls Needed.

Do you crochet, knit or sew? For several years, our church as supplied prayer shawls and blankets, first to an ICU unit in Baltimore and now to Christian Care ICU through our Knit Wit volunteers. Since the pandemic, they have not been meeting. We thank Margaret Rubincan who brought in at least a dozen shawls and lap robes a couple of months back.

When loved ones come to the hospital to say goodbye, the blankets and shawls are used to cover the tubing and apparatus, lights are turned low, non-denominational prayer books are supplied, and the families are able to pray if they like and say good-bye to their loved ones. The shawls and lap robes have been a great comfort to many families and they have expressed how glad they were to have such a peaceful time. They take great comfort in taking home the shawl or blanket.

If you can make a lap robe, shawl or small blanket, please let Donna Fackler know. Pastor Tim will pray over them and she will be sure to get them delivered to the ICU.

Thank you.



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

Retired Active People



RAP gathered for a potluck luncheon on Friday, December 9. We enjoyed lots of delicious dishes and treats.

Following lunch we welcomed our West Grove UMC members, Steve and Melanie May, who took us on a journey of their Appalachian Trail adventures. Thank you Steve and Melanie for sharing your pictures and highlights of your travels along the trail.

We also wish to thank Michael Duvall for always being available to help with our audio and visual needs.

Please join us in the new year on Friday, January 13, 2023 at noon. We welcome Tom Yarnall who will present a program entitled, "Walking the Thin Blue Line," highlighting his time as a policeman in West Chester.

We will continue to meet the second Friday of each month at noon in the sanctuary at West Grove UMC. Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages. Invite your friends for an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship.



Please RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57@verizon.net so we may plan our setup. Also, if you are able to provide a dessert, let Sara Ann know.

We look forward to a great year of continuing friendships and interesting programs.

Everyone is welcome!

J.U.L.I.E.T.

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

The JULIETs will be meeting **Saturday, January 8th** in the church parking lot at 9am. Anyone is welcome to bring a chair and join the conversation. **(In the event of inclement weather, the group will move to the church lobby)**

Questions? Contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374)

**PASTOR JIM'S
CHRISTIAN LIVING COLUMN**
helping us to live the Christian life
December 2022

PASTOR JIM'S CHRISTIAN
LIVING COLUMN
OUR NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION
January 2023



Happy New Year! I trust you are looking forward to a year of blessings as you walk together with Our God and learn to live more in accordance with the way Jesus has taught us to live. As we look back over the last couple of years, we all suffered in some way or another. The New Year will also be filled with new challenges, struggles and uncertainty. We trust you will be challenged by our churches worship, stewardship, Bible studies, our service to the community, etc. As we honor the Lord with our gifts, talents, treasure, and ourselves, we can experience the blessings that God has for us. Moving into 2023, we need to keep our eyes on our God, for he has many good things in store for us. Even better things than we can think about. However, it means we need to make changes, we need to make our new year's resolution. When covid struck, people changed the way they lived. They remained secluded, keeping to themselves, visiting via zoom, watching worship via Facebook, working from home. God did not make us to live and worship

from a lounge chair, but He established the church where believers can worship, pray, learn, and fellowship together. Let us make this new year the one where we all come together, men, women, and children. Let us come together to worship our God to establish and grow our spiritual life. This is our responsibility for 2023.

Let these verses of scripture be our example and influence.

1 Chronicles 16:29 *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

Psalm 95:6 *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Psalm 100:2 *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

Romans 12:1 *I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Pastor Jim

**UNITED METHODIST MEN
GATHERING**

The monthly breakfast meeting of the men and youth of our church will be **Saturday, January 27, 2023, at 8:00 AM at the church.** There will be a light breakfast with dishes provided by our men. If



you would like to provide a breakfast dish please speak with Pastor Jim or Mike DuVall. The objective of our gathering is to grow our spiritual life for the glory of God. We invite the men of the church to join us. If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can provide sufficiently for those coming. Pastor Jim and Mike DuVall.

THANK YOU!



UNITED METHODIST MEN THANK YOU

On December 8, 2022, Mike DuVall and I took the toys, clothing, gift wrappings and other gifts to Methodist Services (formerly Methodist Home for Children) in Philadelphia. Thanks to Mike for driving his truck as we had many boxes to deliver. After driving about 1 1/4 hours we arrived and were greeted by Carole Boughter, Director of Development and unloaded our donations. We were asked the value of our gifts and we had no idea. Later, I thought about it and I estimated the value to be about \$750 plus a cash donation of \$500, making our contribution about \$1250.

Carole told us the gifts are picked out by a parent, wrapped on the spot and given to the child as if it came from the parent, "or Santa Claus". I believe this is a better way than having the child pick out the gift, not knowing where it came from. Carole gave us a tour of the grounds which sits on 22 acres of prime land at the edge of Philadelphia comprising of a couple of large 1800 style building made of granite stone. They have a small farm in which they grow fruits and vegetables for their use. Carole also invited us to visit with Anne Rice-Burgess, President and CEO. She wanted us to thank the UM Men, the church, and all who contributed gifts.

The West Grove United Methodist Men are very thankful for all who contributed to the success of this year's giving. Pastor Jim

History

Methodist Home for Children arose from the sensitivity of women in Philadelphia to meet the needs of children orphaned because of the Civil War. Mrs. Ellen Simpson, wife of Bishop Matthew Simpson, issued a call to the women of the church to organize a charity to provide for the needy orphans. The property and buildings that comprise our Main Campus were a generous gift from Colonel Joseph Bennett in 1879. The diversity of programs offered by Methodist today reflects the changing needs of individuals, children and families in our community. Methodist Services provides the essentials for living and the social, emotional, psychological and educational supports that allow individuals, children and families to achieve their greatest potential.



Luther House Christmas

I am sending out a special thank you to all who helped us to invite our friends and future friends at Luther House to our Christmas Eve Services via candy and cookies and a written invitation.

There were lots of donated cookies and candies from many of our congregation. Many anonymously. Thank you all so much. The residents there were very appreciative. Thank you also to my two helpers who delivered the bags of goodies with me.

Valerie Kapp-Benner, Mission Chair.

THANK YOU

As 2022 has passed us by and as we look to 2023 as a congregation, I want to thank the people of West Grove UMC for the privilege of serving and to thank you for the various ways you have shared your love and for your concern for Betty. Let us Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:10

Pastor Jim

Thank you

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Middle school & High School Youth Group Every Sunday

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

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

Youth Group is back on Sunday, January 8, 2023!



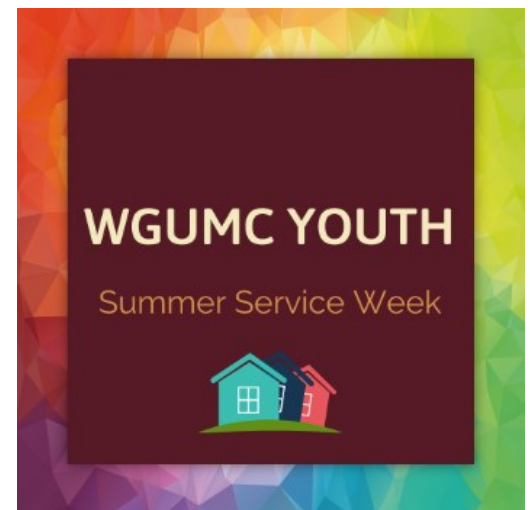
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**There are still a few spots open for the Youth Summer Service Trip 2023!**

**June 18-24, 2023**

**Cleveland, OH**

Our summer work trip team will be heading to Ohio June 18-24 to work with Next Step Ministries. We will be a part of home repairs for residents in the greater Cleveland area, as well as working with social service organizations in the area.

***Any students entering grade 8 in 2023 through graduating seniors 2-22 are invited to attend.***



Contact Melanie Hartley for information or to sign up!

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## All Worship Sunday

**Sunday, December 4th, 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!

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Children's Worship

January 8, 15, 22, 29

during the 9:30 a.m. worship service



Children's worship is offered during the worship service for children K-4. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson 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.

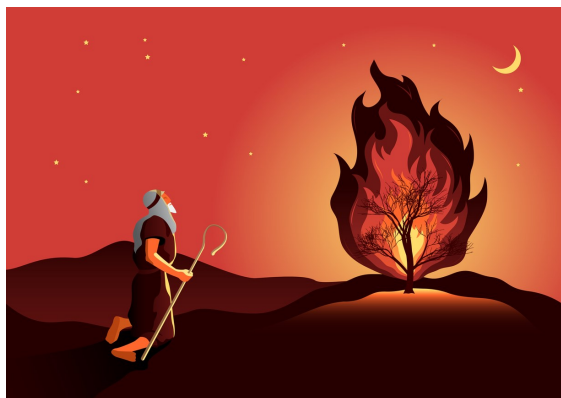
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## Children's Sunday school

**Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 12**

***Winter Unit: Moses and The Burning Bush***

***January 8—February 19***



*Moses had fled Egypt and lived a quiet life in the wilderness. No one knew where he was...Except God. We will be learning about this miraculous story of the bush that did not burn, as well as explore how God uses all people to create a just and righteous world.*

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!

# Open Grow Serve



## OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

Winter is bringing many gifts to the church! We have had meetings, events, fellowship time and hosted groups. Here are a few people you might not have seen around the church, but work quietly behind the scenes. If you would like a "shout out" about someone/something you saw that should be recognized, email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

### A Big Thank You to:

**Our decorating crew led by Linda Shiplet:** Priscilla Barkman, Paulette Bryan, Kim O'Neill, Joan Saller, Kim Smith, Caryl Stuhrke, Karen Underwood, Ralph Curtiss, Tom Hoover, Mark Simonds. The Christmas decorations throughout the church are beautiful. We are thankful to all those who had a hand in helping us to celebrate the season!

**Heather Ditzel:** The beautiful poinsettias were displayed by Heather. We thank her for picking up the many flowers and helping to make the chancel beautiful.

**Pastor Tim, Fran Miller, Kim Smith and Priscilla Barkman:** The CMO teachers and church staff enjoyed a lovely breakfast and gift exchange. Thank you to others who donated goodies!

**Gene Aucott:** Each year, for many years now, Gene has volunteered to illuminate our way on Christmas Eve by lining the driveway with luminaries. It was especially cold this year, and we thank you for your caring!

## BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

01/01 Carson Dunn

01/01 Ray Leonardo

01/02 Matt Hendrickson

01/03 Chase Crowder

01/04 Steve Croft

01/04 Nora Hendrickson

01/05 Clarissa Robinson

01/08 Ashley Irwin

01/10 Reed Smith

01/15 Ken Rinehimer

01/15 Elizabeth Lusavage

01/16 Karen Hruz

01/17 Joanne Frost



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

01/17 Jerry Gula

01/18 David DiRamio

01/18 Ava Kirwin

01/18 Abigail Stephenson

01/23 Tom Adams

01/23 Liz Hadley

01/24 Isaac Armstrong

01/24 Asher DiRamio

01/27 Becky Rinehimer

01/27 Aiden Seltzer

01/29 Logan Wolfe

01/29 Fred Sullivan

01/30 Mike Reisinger





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*~ Open, Grow, Serve ~*

*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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Melanie Hartley - Christian Education

Melanie Hartley - Children's Ministry Team Contact

Valerie Kapp-Benner and Jean Kilmartin - Missions

Co- Chairs

Dick and Caryl Stuhrke - Hospitality Committee Chair

Susan Paisley -Delegate to Annual Conference

Pastor Tim - Committee on Lay Leadership

Karen Hruz and Cindy Haley—Co-Lay Leader

Cindy Haley & Fran Miller - U.M.W. Co-Presidents

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Cindy Hoover—CMO Advisory Board Chair

Cindy Haley and Sara Ann Ramberger—R.A.P Coordinators