



The Wesleyan Star

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March 2023



¹⁴ "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth
takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of
his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened
in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and
that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as
you are being rooted and grounded in love."

(Ephesians 3:14-17, NRSV)

I express my thanks and gratitude to all of you who engaged in our *Courageous Dialogues*, either here at our church or at one of the Conference camps. Our faith in Christ leads us to love God and neighbor, and with Jesus, to even love and especially reach out to seek to understand those who see and experience life differently than we do. Our relationships at all levels require us to focus on maturing in our hearts by the gift of God's grace and presence. It is at the heart of our purpose in worship, Sunday school, and all the various Bible studies and small group ministries that lead us into developing real relationships and friendships in Christ. We are committed to live in the mystery of God with a great desire to know Him and each other more deeply.

In the middle of this great invitation from God is a great challenge to stay engaged, even when or especially when, life and relationships are difficult. Yet it is precisely in such moments when God is most likely to be at work, and grace can have the greatest impact. Both Jesus and in Paul's teaching, there is clear instruction to not walk away, nor avoid relationships that are challenging. Instead, we are to go humbly, directly to the person, and work out, share our hearts as we seek understanding together. In Christ, we can learn from each other by God's grace.

The disciples, including Paul, came to realize this dynamic as they sought to grow and share in faith. Our lives can be living blessings to others as we faithfully listen and learn from their experiences, and share in our own unique ways the grace God has instilled in us. God took a crucifixion and brought forth resurrection! Our prayer is that our fellowship together helps us to always claim and live God's promises fully. We need one another and need to continue to humbly extend God's mercy from our hearts in order to fulfill the promises God has offered in Christ. "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." (I John 3:16, NRSV)

May this season of Lent be filled with special blessings from God for us all. – Tim



Worship in March 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.

Join us for worship this month as we journey in ministry together during Lent, preparing our hearts for Easter's celebration of promise.

March 5 —Second Sunday in Lent ~ Communion and All Worship Sunday

We will celebrate communion and focus on the promise of salvation in God's power, examining John 3:1-17, a very familiar passage for all Christians. The intimate dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus leads us to consider and reach for the extraordinary creativity God shares in salvation. We also are likely to lift up passages from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, and or Genesis 12:1-4a. Entrusting ourselves to God in Christ, Jesus urges us to get closer, living powerfully, in transformed lives. When it comes to God we are encouraged to not be hiding in a shell, and instead, courageously setting sail in the power of the Trinity of God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Don't be too afraid of experiencing God, nor allow the fullness and complexity of God and our inability to control Him, keep us from living in Him, & He in us.

March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Time begins)

In John 4:5-42 we hear the story of the woman at the well, and hear more clearly a wisdom that helps us understand that every life is sacred, a precious miracle in God's heart. We may also hear from Romans 5:1-11, and or Exodus 17:1-7. Scripture leads us to engage with God every day, claim every moment as sacred. When we do, lives can be transformed by God, Creator; the lives of the woman in John's gospel and Paul's life and letter to Romans gives testimony.

March 19 - Fourth Sunday in Lent zzz

In John 9:1-41, we hear about the tragedy of a young man born blind, and the even greater tragedy of people who seem to not want or care about his healing. We often seek to maintain control over life and the people in our lives to the damaging impact of preventing and interfering with what is possible. We also are likely to hear from Ephesians 5:8-14, and or I Samuel 16:1-13. The scriptures lead us to be more aware and examine sources of tragedy and how they relate with God's will. There is often an irony in the scriptures: many times in healing, the last are often first, and the first in status, are often the last. We seek faithful understanding of the deeper dynamics of creation, life, faith and trust, and love.

March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

On this Sunday Jn 11:1-45 the death and raising up of Lazarus, considering the relationship Jesus offered him in the context of what Paul asks to teach us about life in faith from Romans 8:6-11: (From the Message, a paraphrase) "Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing."

It is hard to believe that Easter will soon be upon us. We've been blessed with what many of us have felt has been a 'easy winter.' We hope it is more than the flowers that are experiencing an early bloom of life.



Jenner's Pond Residents: Join us for worship on March 12th at 11 a.m. On your closed circuit TV and in-person in Alison Theater, Led by Pastor Jim

Pastor's Desk



Unexpected Blessings

Do you find yourself blessed in unexpected ways? Does life surprise you? Does it seem like the surprises are inspired by God in some way? Please let us know, and we can include them, if you like, in our newsletters. I was at the Giant supermarket in Kennett, ready to pull out to leave, when a car came behind me and the three people inside were waving their arms with all their might. At first, I thought maybe something was wrong. Then I realized they are friends I had made who came every week to Mighty Writers for the food distribution.

They reached out to say hello, happy to see me. What a blessing it is to be in community with such a great family. It is a joy that our fellowship can be a source of blessings for our community.

Special Thanks

We give gratitude and praise for so many people working through the transition of moving from a large food distribution by Mighty Writers on Fridays, and combining with our Food Pantry to invite participants to come inside on several days throughout the week. The process now makes it more likely the recipients will receive food they actually need and want, and we can get to know them more completely, reaching out in closer fellowship in our aid. A special thanks to Sara Dickins-trillo, Angel Luis-Santiago, Joan Leaman, and the many additional volunteers helping in this ministry. I'm sure there will be many unexpected challenges, and many, many unexpected blessings ahead. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ!



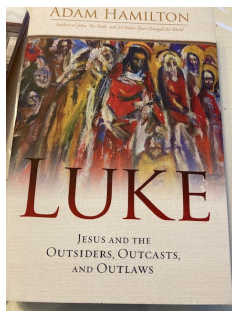
**PASTOR
VISIT**

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 or someone you know would like me to visit. 484.720.8626

Lenten Bible Study
Lead by Pastor Jim
Mondays at 6:30 beginning March 5th

Beginning on March 6 and continuing until April 3, a five-week Bible study on Jesus' Atonement for Sin, entitled, "LAMB OF GOD", will be offered at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. The five in-depth lessons will be,

1. As a Lamb sacrificed for our sins.
2. The prophecy of Christ as the Lamb in Isa. 53.
3. Redemption by the blood of the Lamb.
4. Christ as our Passover Lamb.
5. The Lamb on the Throne of God in Revelation 5.

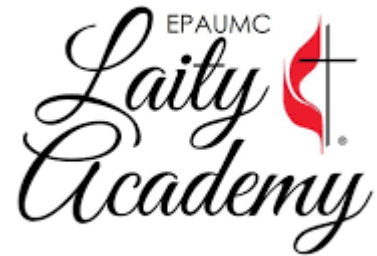


**New Sunday
School Class!**

The Faithlinks class will be starting a new study entitled Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam

Hamilton beginning February 27, 2023. We will meet in the conference room at 9:45am and end at 10:35am. Each of our studies usually run about 6 weeks.. Hope you can join us for this study!

***Laity
Academy
events
offered in
April,
August for
EPA&GNJ***



EPA's Laity Academy invites all EPA and GNJ members to two weekend learning events this year—one online and one onsite. Ruth Hendrickson, who has for years taught Laity Academy courses on prayer, will teach a course based on her new book *Positioned*, via Zoom April 28-29.

Also, the summer Laity Academy will happen August 4-5 in-person at Eastern University in St. David's, PA. This year's theme is "Listen for the still small voice," taken from 1 Kings 19:12. More information about times, courses and registration for both events is coming

soon.

**EPA 2023
Tools for
Ministry**



South-East Regional (South & East Districts) Tools for Ministry: March 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1 plenary session and 2 workshop sessions). Location: Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA. Registration

Retired Active People



R.A.P.

Friday, March 10th

Noon

Water Street Mission – RAP Presentation

In February, Dr. Bob Hayes and Michael Duvall narrated a PowerPoint presentation for our RAP Luncheon. Dr. Bob, Michael and Nancy Duvall have been donating to that ministry for decades, but had never actually visited the facility. So, they decided to take a road trip!

The Water Street Mission is a Christian Organization that began in 1905 and is still ministering to people in need today! Their motto is **“Grace As Our Model.”**

If you would like to learn more about the Water Street Mission, or watch videos of people whose lives have been changed by this ministry, you can go to their website, www.wsm.org.

Thank you Michael and Nancy and Dr. Bob for a wonderful informative program.

Please join us for our next gathering on Friday, March 10, 2023 at noon in the sanctuary of the church. We welcome back Charles Shattuck who will present our program, “Nesting and Migrating Birds in Spring.”

Bring your lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages. Come and enjoy our time of fellowship and a great program. Invite a friend or two! Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or at 610-869-3863 so we know how many to plan for. See you on the 10th!

RAP Committee

Paulette Bryan, Cindy Haley, Joyce Lewis, Sara Ann Ramberger and Caryl Stuhrke



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

JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together

The JULIETs will be meeting **Saturday, March 11th** 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)

Food Pantry



West Grove UMC Food Pantry

New Hours:

Wednesdays: 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always appreciated. There are a variety of ways you help: stock the shelves on off hours, help check in the clients, be an assistant shopper, clean up after the shopping by breaking down boxes for recycle, and much more.

If you are interested, please contact Joan Leaman

Apply for Scholarships

Seventeen Eastern PA Conference students are among over 2,000 United Methodists who received a total of \$4 million in financial assistance in 2022 from the denomination's Office of Loans and Scholarships. The total awarded to EPA recipients was \$20,800 in 2022.

Scholarships for United Methodist Students

The UM Higher Education Foundation offers scholarships to UM students attending UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries in the U.S. **Apply by March 1 at umhef.org/apply** for the 2023-2024 academic year. (**UMHEF scholarships are separate from those offered by the UMC's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.**)

United Methodist students may apply for a Fall 2023 GBHEM scholarship online until March 30, 2023, at www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication. View the video "GBHEM Scholarships Make an Impact in the Lives of Students."



Helping our Community

Through information shared by the Mighty Writers, a need for shoes was initially discovered. There are many children who do not have sufficient shoes. As the discussion progressed, more needs arose and the following is a list of those needs. Donations can be put in the black bins in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your caring and generosity!

All sizes for children and adults are needed. They can be gently used or new:

Shoes

Boots

Socks

Underwear

Men's jeans



CHURCH CLEAN-UP!

SATURDAY, March 25, 2023

Trustee Work Day is Coming March 25, 2023 in preparation for Palm and Easter Sunday.

The Trustees need your help between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., to spruce up our church so it remains an inviting place to visit and to worship.

There are jobs for all ages, so bring those kids along to help!

OUTSIDE: Trim bushes in flowerbeds and along parking lots.

Weed flowerbeds and remove dead foliage.

Cleanup dirt along parking lot curbs.

Remove weeds in drainage basin.

Wash and dry all exterior doors.

Brush and apply sealant to Harmony Road stairs.

Remove weeds on bank sides to Harmony Road stairs.

INTERIOR: Wash windows.

Wipe woodwork in sanctuary.

Wipe woodwork in rooms.

Wipe and wax cabinets in North Wing classrooms and administrative offices.

Wipe and wax cabinets in Narthex.

If you are unable to help, a donation for the purchase of flowers or cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please pray for good weather and for many volunteers to get the jobs done so our church will continue to be a welcoming place in our community.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. It will list the specific tasks--including tools and supplies necessary to complete the job. If you prefer to do a job before or after March 25, please contact Kim O'Neill at 610-869-9468

TWO PIZZA THURSDAY FUNDRAISER

Two Pizza
Kit for
\$15.00

WHO DOESN'T ENJOY A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING?!

EACH KIT INCLUDES TWO PIZZAS

Kits can be picked up on Thursday at
noon or picked up Friday

The kits can be refrigerated
overnight and used on Friday

Pay by Cash or
Check, Tuesday,
the week of the
fundraiser



Vacation Bible School 2023

Save the dates!

Vacation bible school will be

July 10-14,

9:00-12:00 p.m.

We can't wait to see you there!



Thank you
to all the
folks who
donated
valentines
for our Penn
London

Elementary School kids.

They were very appreciative
and happy that they had
valentines to share with their
classmates!



West Grove UMC Calendar of Events

Be sure to check out the church calendar on our website. There are many activities, groups, events, studies and more going on every week.

Sunday School has classes for adults and children of all ages. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc. www.westgroveumc.org

PASTOR JIM'S
CHRISTIAN LIVING COLUMN
 helping us to live the Christian life
 March 2023

Lent – A time for self-evaluation

Here we are in March and we are 10 days into Lent and people often don't look forward to it. It is not a well known time of the Christian year and we sometimes tend to overlook it until we realize that Easter is upon us. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," "fasting" and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us this time to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, our do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." Hopefully you can be inspired with these lovely quotes that convey important messages about the meaning of Lent that may help you to renew your faith and hope.

~ Be humble in the glory of what is to come.



~ Be patient and trust in the Lord.
 ~ Lent leads to everlasting life.
 ~ Sacrifice is but a small price to pay for eternal salvation.
 ~ Lent is the time to plant the seeds of faith for what is yet to come.
 ~ Lent is a journey that brings us closer to the light of God.

Lent is a journey to the reward of the Resurrection.

From the darkness will come rejoicing; He will rise from the dead.

"It is not a simple matter of living through forty days; Lent is the epitome of our whole life." - Saint Augustine of Hippo

"Lord, help us to see in your Crucifixion and Resurrection an example of how to endure and seemingly to die in the agony and conflict of daily life so that we may live more fully and creatively." - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Pastor Jim

UNITED METHODIST MEN
BREAKFAST AND GATHERING

The monthly breakfast meeting of the men and youth of our church will be **Saturday, March 25, 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.



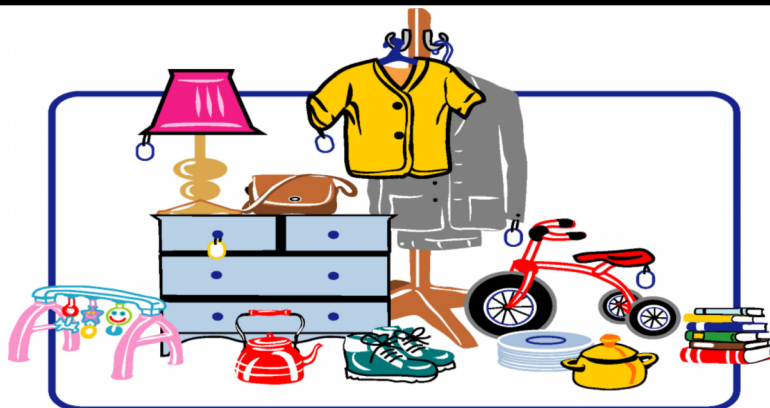
A BIG
thank
you

Good morning friends,

It's been over a week since the memorial service and I am recovering nicely. This is in large part because of all the work and love you all put into the service. I thank God everyday for the fine people in my life. You each hold such special talents. I have always admired the musical talent of each of you, and Bill and Mike, who had no knowledge of Javan, yet still dedicated the time for this service, and were a perfect addition. Mel, you always seem to find the perfect words of comfort or confirmation and remind us that we are never alone. The music choices, the powerpoint backgrounds, the footbells..all lend to the perfection. Donna, your service to the church is such a blessing, you always go over and beyond expectations. I am forever grateful, once again, for your assistance in organizing and pulling off such an organized affair.

Another prayer is that someone or some people on this day, at least one, may be drawn closer to God, closer to a church home, closer to a human that can positively enrich their life or lives, through the Word, through fellowship or through music. Without the kind generosity of the West Grove UMC and Pastor Tim, this could not have happened. This church has always prided itself in community outreach, the mission field, and I would love to see someone who was present that day, return to the church because they felt that love.

Thanks be to God with love,
Sandy and the Hitchens family



United Methodist Women's Spring Rummage Sale Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th

It seems so far away, but as we all know, it will be spring before we know it.

Take some time to "rummage" through those closets, cubbies, attics and basements over the winter. Get ready for a fresh start this spring by bringing all those "treasures" to the church for their annual spring rummage sale!

The donations are appreciated and the UMW uses the proceeds to support missions in our own community as well as worldwide.

Due to lack of storage space, we cannot accept donations before April 23rd.

If this is a problem, contact Donna in the church office to see if we can make alternative arrangements. Thank you!



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
5:00-8:00 P.M.

1-2 children: \$20

2+ children: \$30

Children ages 2 - Grade 6



**A FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH
SUMMER MISSION TRIP & CMO
PROGRAM**

Enjoy a night to yourself while giving back to our youth group students!

Students and adult leaders will lead children through different activities throughout the evening.

All proceeds will be shared between the CMO program & the youth summer service trip to Ohio.

Find this event through West Grove UMC's facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/westgroveumc/>

you can find the registration form in the link under the event description.

Please register by Wednesday, March 22

Contact Melanie Jones or Abbie Gruscavage with questions or concerns

610-869-9334

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West Grove UMC

Children's Morning Out and Preschool



Our shortest month has just flown by, getting us closer and closer to those spring days. I can not believe how quickly this year is moving. Even though February is a short month, it was jam

packed with lots of fun activities here at Preschool! We started off the month learning about

Groundhog Day and predicting if Phil the groundhog would see

his shadow or not! He tricked us

into thinking there would be 6 more weeks of winter, but the weather has been telling us otherwise! The children also learned (and taught us!) all about love and celebrated Valentine's Day with their classmates. To top off the excitement, our PreK classes celebrated their 100th day of school. Can you believe they can count to 100? What smarties!!

Enrollment for next year started at the beginning of February and we had quite the turnout! We still have several spots open in our Two-Year-Old classes, as well as our Tuesday and Thursday Three-Year-Old class, and our PreK classes. Please pass along the information about our wonderful school to anyone you know who may be looking for a great learning experience for their child or grandchild.

Pizza Tuesday is switching to Pizza Thursday! Starting in

March, we will be ordering the pizza kits to be delivered on

Thursdays. These kits are fun and easy to make and can be stored in the fridge for a couple of days if Pizza Friday is your thing! Of course, all proceeds benefit the programs of the preschool, as well as it's Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your continued support with our program!

Abbie Gruscavage, Preschool Director



WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 17TH
WHERE: THE CHURCH SANCTUARY
5:45-7:00 PM: STUDENT'S ART WORK ON
DISPLAY
6:00-6:30 PM: SILENT AUCTION
BIDDING ON CLASS ART PROJECTS

THERE WILL BE A BAKE SALE, TOO!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS,
PLEASE BRING THEM ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.



Join us for the WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show. Art is such a wonderful way to express yourself and your creativity. Art is a process and we love for the children to be able to express themselves through art. Every child will have art on display in the Sanctuary. Each class has also created two art projects. We will be auctioning off these class projects through a silent auction. The classes have worked really hard on creating these beautiful works of art and we hope that you will see the love and beauty in each of them.

Abbie Gruscavage, Director

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Youth Summer Service Week Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

Sunday, March 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Things are heating up as our students and leaders prepare for our summer work trip to Ohio!

Do you think you have a prize-winning chili? **Enter the chili cook-off on March 5!** If not, come join us for a night of good food and good company. Plus: YOU get to be a judge and decide who the winner will be!

There will also be a “Guess the amount” candy jar, information about our trip and fundraising needs. All proceeds go towards the students of Youth Summer Service Week trip.

To enter the contest: \$12 entrance fee, sign up by Wednesday, March 1. See Melanie for a registration form and for more information!

Attendees: **\$7 per adult to taste all the chili's you like and judge in the competition!

****Contestants do not pay to attend.**

**** Kid's meals are available upon request (hot dog & chips)**

Registration forms for contestants will be available on Sunday mornings in the lobby, or contact Melanie Jones at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org



YOUTH MINISTRIES



Middle school & High School Youth Group Every Sunday

Youth group is for middle school (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12). Each week we play some games, share some snacks and talk about what's going on in our lives and how faith is a part of our day-to-day living.

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

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

Youth Group schedule: March 2023

March 12, 19, 26

No Youth Group March 5

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## Lent Sunday School Unit "By Faith" February 26-April 2



Our next Sunday school unit starts this Sunday! For the next few weeks we will be looking at what it means to have faith, as well as stories of faith. This unit is inspired by Hebrews 11, which says,

***"Faith is what makes real the things we hope for. It is proof of what we cannot see. God was pleased with the people who lived a long time ago because they had faith like this. Faith helps us understand that God created the whole world by his command. This means that the things we see were made by something that cannot be seen."***

Each week's activity will explore a bible story of faith and show us how our faith guides our lives.

We hope you all join us! Sunday school is open to children grades K-6. Nursery time is also available for our younger friends, and our parent group meets right down the hall!

**Contact Melanie Jones for information.**

# ***YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES***

## **All Worship Sunday**

**Sunday, March 5th, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services**



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**

**March 12, 19, 26**

**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.

### **Children's Sunday school**

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

***Lent Unit: February 26- April 2***

**Fruit of the Spirit**



**Over the next few weeks we will be discussing the Fruit of Spirit. What is the Spirit? what does it mean to say "fruit of", and how does living into these different values build the world that God wants for us? We'll be learning this together!**

We will dive into the life of Jesus and be reminded of what Jesus taught about living with love in our world. We'll spend six weeks learning through art, science, stories and more.

Sunday school class is open for children in grades K-6. Contact Melanie Jones with questions about Sunday school and the fun we have together!

# Open Grow Serve



## OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

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:

**Priscilla Barkman** who put new covers on the kneeling pads in the sanctuary. They look great!

**Dave Talley** who has been diligently replacing the old tube lighting with new led lighting.

**Mark Simonds** who has been working hard around the church meeting with roofers, decorating the cross out front and helping the decorating crew by hanging banners.

**Nancy Renk Wise and Cindy Haley** who pick up the day old baked goods each week and deliver and unpack them for the food pantry.

**Mike Duvall, Steve May, and Nate Robinson** who run the show on Sunday mornings. They work hours to make sure we can live stream the service and have powerpoints to read from among many other technical things that I know nothing about!

**Margaret Rubincan, Paulette Bryan (and others unknown)** who donated lap robes for the ICU as the families prepare to lose their loved ones.



## BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH



3/01 Edel Mullen

3/02 Kay Warfel

3/07 Donna Shaub

3/07 Jade Barrett

3/08 Kaya Krohn

3/09 Madelyn Chandler

3/09 Kylie Chandler

3/09 Jay Schoff

3/10 Linda Shiplet

3/10 Mike Wiwel

3/11 Colton McCummings

3/13 Duane Bruno

3/13 Dick Stuhrke



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

3/14 Sonny Dunn

3/14 Kristin Boyd

3/14 Erik Hendrickson

3/15 Nathan Robinson

3/19 Stella Krohn

3/21 Michael Duvall

3/21 Maira Tena

3/23 Pam Howard

3/23 Caryl Sturke

3/24 Zachary McMinn

3/26 Betsy Smith

3/27 Carolyn Bratton

3/27 Shannon Murphy









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**2023**

*~ 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.*

**The Reverend Timothy Carl Anderman, Lead Pastor**

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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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Chaplain at Jenner's Pond

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