



The Wesleyan Star October

West Grove
United Methodist Church
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A message from Pastor Jim

“TIME: GOD’S CREATION”

As we enter October, the fourth quarter of the year, we are drawn to the divine order of time and seasons. How did they come about? In our Bible study in Genesis, we read, “And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years.” (Gen. 1:14)

Time is God’s creation. It began when God created the heavens and the earth. God exists outside of time but created time as part of the created universe. He created seasons within time. Psalm 104:19 says, “He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.” God created the birds and put time and season within them. Jeremiah 8:7: “ Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration.” Time is interwoven within the physical fabric of our lives and reflects change, movement, and the progression of events. God gave us time to govern and control our daily lives. In the creation story, these words of God closed each of the 6 days of creation: “and there was evening, and there was morning,” showing that these were 24-hour days of creation. Our lives are measured by time, by day and night. Time also marks off the seasons of the year. Genesis 8:22, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

As we enter this last quarter of the year, what events do we look forward to? We await the fall colors as the trees bring forth the beauty of God’s creation. The United Methodist Women have their rummage sale on the first weekend in October. Trunk and Treat comes later in the month. This is followed by All Saints Day, at the beginning of November, when we remember those who have finished their course of life and now spend eternity with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Later in the month, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, giving thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

December marks the beginning of the new church year with Advent, the time when we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. We look forward to the musical celebration of Christmas, directed by Betsy Smith, as this leads us to our Christmas Eve Services and Christmas Day, one of the two greatest days in our Christian faith. The other great day is Easter, the Day of Resurrection.

During this time period, the United Methodist Men will collect toys and clothing for Methodist Services. We trust you will help make this a joyful time for those with little.

Pastor DJ has begun a sermon series on the Lord’s Prayer this fall season. Then, he will be on vacation as he returns home to South Korea. In the Advent season, he will bring sermons on, “Can Christmas still change the World?”

As we look forward to this last quarter of the year, we ask for your support of West Grove UMC’s mission. Your financial giving helps us serve you spiritually and helps serve our community and the world.

Enjoy this last part of 2024, and I look forward to worshiping with you. Great is our Lord for this thing we call time. Let me close with a quote from Joyce Meyer, “When you take time with God and listen to His voice, He renews your strength and enables you to handle life.”

Pastor Jim



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



Worship Service 9:30 am. Youth Group Tuesday, 6 to 7 pm.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, Who Art in Heaven...



Oct 6th: Give Us this Day Our Daily Bread

Matthew 6:11

Oct 13th: Forgive Us Our Debt

Matthew 6:12

Oct 20th: Lead Us Not into Temptation

Matthew 6:13

Oct. 27th: To be Announced

Xavier Feliciano/Youth Director Preaching

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

If you have a loved one you would like to honor (recently deceased) on this special Sunday, please send the church office a picture along with the date of their birth and date of death.

Their picture will be displayed at the front of the sanctuary.

A candle will be lit in their name, they're name will be read and a prayer will be said over them.



Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 24th, WGUMC will celebrate and confirm our commitment to God and church.

Christmas Music Celebration

Mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas Music Celebration

which will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 6:30 pm.

If you sing, play an instrument, dance or have a story you'd like to tell and want to participate in the Celebration, contact Betsy Smith at musicmomva@aol.com



Guest Preaching Dates

Our Youth Director, Xavier Feliciano will be preaching on October 27th.

Our Associate Pastor, Rev. James Mundell will be preaching on November 3rd.

Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman will be preaching on November 10th.

Our Young friend Efra (Compassion International) writes to WGUMC from Indonesia

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Surat untuk sponsor saya yang terkasih

A letter to my dear sponsor

Tanggal (Date) 16/8-24



Kepada: Friends

Hai Papa Friends, senang bisa menulis surat lagi. Puji Tuhan saya dan keluarga berada dalam keadaan sehat. Saya mendoakan papa sekeluarga berada dalam keadaan sehat dan selalu dalam lindungan Tuhan. Saat ini saya sudah lulus dari SMP dan meneruskan sekolah ke sekolah Menengah Kejuruan. Sayur yang saya tanam sudah berkembang dan sudah bisa dipanen dan di nikmati bersama keluarga. Di ppa saat ini saya mengikuti les kompu ter dan paduan suara juga les musik yaitu gitar. Salam sayang Bm

Terjemahan/Translation

Dear Friends,

Hi papa Friends, it is nice to be able to write another letter. Praise the Lord, my family and I are in good health. I pray that your family is in good health and always in God's protection. I have graduated from Middle School now and continue education to Vocational School. The vegetables I grow have grown and can be harvested and enjoyed with the family. In the Church Partner, I currently take computer and choir lessons as well as music lesson, which is guitar, Love, Efra.



RUMMAGE SALE

United Methodist Women's Fall Rummage Sale/Bake Sale

Friday, October 4th, 9 AM—2 PM

Saturday, October 5th, 9 AM—Noon

Bring your donations from Sunday, September 29th, through Thursday, October 3rd.

Saturday special: Fill a Bag for only \$5.00!!

Left-over items are donated. Our United Methodist Women, who sponsor this sale, fund ministries and missions within the church and throughout community with the proceeds from the Rummage Sale.

Thank you!



United Methodist Women News

We thank everyone for supporting the missions of the United Women of Faith. Don't forget our Rummage Sale on October 4th and 5th which is our means of fundraising to support these various local and global ministries. We agreed to provide a bake sale and coffee for purchase during our sale this year. If you would like to donate a baked good item or two that would be greatly appreciated. We would like the items brought to the church no later than Thursday, October 3rd. Please be sure to pre-wrap all items with plastic wrap or have the items in baggies.

We truly appreciate help cleaning up at the end of the sale on Saturday. We are not able to provide this event to the public without the help and support of many volunteers, and, we thank you.

We had a great meeting on Sunday, September 22nd. In addition to deciding to add a bake sale during our Rummage Sale, we will once again, prepare and send care boxes of goodies to our college students and begin working on the preparation of our annual Advent Bags for our church family and friends who are not able to join us weekly in worship.

Again, thank you to everyone who supports the United Methodist Women and our many missions.

Cindy Haley and Fran Miller

Youth Sunday School

Join us during the 9:30 service for our Youth Sunday School program.



Youth Conference—Ignite October 11-13

In Wildwood, NJ. Preachers—Bands—Events

To register or for more information Please call Xavier at 610-612-7377

Or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

West Grove United Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Bring your kids for an evening of treats,
games, and costumes!

JOIN US FOR
A SPOOKY
NIGHT!

Friday October 25th, 2024

6pm - 8pm

300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove,
PA 19390



Questions?
(610)-612-7377

childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

**YOUTH
GROUP**

MEETS TUESDAY'S IN THE YOUTH ROOM

FROM 6:00—7:00 PM.

CONTACT XAVIER @ childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org



AUTUMN IS HERE!

*Southern Chester County
UMC mission link*

Join us, as we gather together as one, to share God's love with everyone over breakfast followed by a devotional.

When: Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 8:30 am

Where: Cristo Rey UMC
316 Prospect UMC
West Grove, PA 19390

Contact person for questions or concerns:

Bryan Serrano,
Leader of the Youth Ministry
(610) 880-5999
bryanserrano1973@gmail.com



Retired Active People



RAP (Retired Active People)

RAP is back in full swing and meets the second Friday of every month, September thru May at noon in the church sanctuary. Join us as we look forward to another year of fellowship and interesting programs.

RAP met last month on Friday, September 10th, for lunch and fellowship. We thank RAP member, Raymond McKay, for an interesting program on measurements and particularities.



Join us for our next gathering on Friday, October 11th, at noon in the church sanctuary. Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Robert Hotchkiss, Executive Officer/EMS Chief, Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. MEDIC 94, to share information about their services.

We are so grateful to everyone who helps make our monthly gatherings possible. If you would like to volunteer to bring a dessert or help with our setup and/or cleanup, please let us know.

Come, join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship with good friends.

Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends!

Please RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57uar@verizon.net or 610-869-3863 to let us know if you plan to attend so we may setup and plan accordingly.

Your RAP Committee:

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



West Grove UMC Food Pantry
Weekly Hours:
Wednesdays: 5:00—6:00 pm.
Thursdays: 1:00—2:00 pm.

Our Church Food Bank Depends on You!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The number of families that visit our church food pantry on a weekly basis, continues to rise. We are averaging about 110 families each week.

This means that more than 450 individuals facing food insecurity in our community are provided nutritious food. While we purchase a small portion of the food we distribute, the major outreach of our church is through the offering of our church facility for the distribution and, most importantly, the volunteers who serve in so many ways.

The Chester County Food Bank relies on food pantries, like the one we provide, to be able to distribute food to vulnerable families throughout the county. Each week we receive, from them, 4 pallets of food that include fresh produce, meat, eggs, cheese and shelf stable food items. Our church is glad to be one of the 39 Chester County Food Bank partner pantries.

Prayer Room Coverage



A member of the Prayer Ministry team will be available in the Prayer Room for anyone desiring prayer after the service.

All prayers are confidential and will be shared with permission, with Pastor DJ.

Members of Prayer Ministry are: Carolyn Bratton, Cindy Haley, Sandi Hampton, Pam Howard, Carol McGinley and Susan Paisley.



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

TWO PIZZA THURSDAY FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a 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 Friday between 9-12.

The kits can be refrigerated
overnight and used on Friday

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

Happy Fall to everyone!

It has been a fun September in Preschool! The various classes learned all about their classmates, talked about family, taste tested some apples, and most importantly, got adjusted to being at school, met new friends, and bonded with their new teachers! We were lucky to have some pretty great weather this past month, and made the most of it by playing out on our playground. A fundraising goal is to raise enough money for some new playground equipment soon!

Speaking of fundraisers...Our pizza kit fundraiser kicked off in September. We are offering delicious pizza kits from the Stottsville Inn for \$15. Our next order date is October 22nd with a delivery date of October 24th. If you would like to order a kit, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the church lobby and place your money in CMO's mailbox. Thanks for your support!

The Stottsville Inn is also offering a "NO COOK" Sunday, where they will give back a portion of their proceeds on Sunday, October 6th. If you eat at the Inn between 11-7 on Sunday, October 6th, please make sure to mention our preschool so that we receive our portion. They offer a delicious menu, so stop on in after church on Sunday, October 6th!

We will be taking a fun field trip to Milburn Orchards the second week in October. We are looking forward to our hayride, farm tour, and apple and pumpkin picking! This trip is always a fall favorite tradition, and we look forward to it every year!

All the best!

Abbie

The United Methodist Men hold a monthly breakfast at the church. There is time for scripture, sharing, some speakers and lots of fellowship.

We meet on the

Fourth Saturday of each Month, 8:00 -9:30 am.

More information will be shared as plans are made.

All men and boys are invited to attend. Contact Michael Duvall with your questions. (mwduvall@aol.com)



Have a question about the UMC, it's worship (what is Pentecost?), beliefs (what is repentance?), the sacraments (what do I need to know about baptism?), or the UMC in general (are all Methodist churches part of UMC)?
<https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/ask-the-umc-faqs>



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Jonathan LeSturgeon	04
Grace Bowes	08
Jake Schneider	08
Bob Hocking	11
Harper Lingenfeler	11
Joanna Stephenson	13
Valerie Kapp-Benner	16
Pam Carmichael	17
Madeline Smith	17
Lois Hocking	18
Susan Paisley	18
Christian Schneider	18
Amy Aucott	19
Gina Bechtel	19



Janice Bowers	20
Simonds, Amy	21
Kyle Aucott	23
Jill Croft	23
Jill Hocking	24
Jackson May	26
Fernando Tena	26
Jonathan Tena	26
Matthew McLaughlin	28
Donald Anderson	29
Jessi Timm	29
Austin McCummings	29
Jessica Timm	29

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



West Grove United Methodist Church
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October 2024



DO YOU RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY (WGUMC) CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS?

We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition which features upcoming events or events that have popped up unexpectedly. Also a Saturday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including our newsletter, and a link to the current week's bulletin.

If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash.

If you are missing out and would like to be on the list, email April Spencer, our Church Administrator, at office@westgroveumc.org or call the office at 610-869-9334. She will be happy to add you to the list!

~ 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.

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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**Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am.**

Christ Servant Ministers

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Board and Committee Leadership

Val Kapp-Benner - Interim Administrative Council Chair and
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Kim O'Neil - Trustee Chair

OPEN - Finance Chair

Vicki Owens - Treasurer

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Children's Ministry Team Contact

Janice Bowers - Missions Chair

Dick and Caryl Stuhrke - Hospitality Committee Chair

Susan Paisley & Cindy Haley - Delegate to Annual Conference

Open - Committee on Lay Leadership

Karen Hruz and Cindy Haley—Co-Lay Leader

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

Susan Paisley - Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Joan Leaman—Emergency Food Pantry Coordinator

Amy Castaldi - Nursery Coordinator

Cindy Hoover—CMO Advisory Board Chair

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