

Dear Saints at EOM,

Thank you again for giving West Grove Pres even more than we requested for the grant to prepare our church to share space with a new Spanish-immersion Montessori micro-school. You were wise and thoughtful!

Our dedicated Trustees found we also need a new door closer for the interior door, as well as new keys for both doors. There are new exit signs. Lots of little things are now possible, and we are grateful. Also, the new AC units are spectacularly efficient and so quiet people often ask if they are on.

We continue to rejoice in sharing our facility with the founders of KindCo, and look forward to the arrival of the students this month. The founders have given many tours and are pleased with the enrollment for their first year.

The 6-year-old child of the Ex. Dir. was asked if he would like to ring the big church bell for the call to worship on July 26th. He is still talking about doing that. KindCo held an Open House for the congregation after worship that day, and we were delighted that many of our members and friends attended and admired the spiffy new spaces. See the insert below for our bulletin that day. We will send photos with our final report.

Thank you for making it possible for our small church to reach out and partner with an exciting addition to our community. We feel blessed.

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West Grove Pres

THE STORY OF A SHARED MINISTRY SPACE

For several years, your Session has been listening for God's voice as it asks the question: to what ministry is God calling West Grove Presbyterian? How are we meant to serve our neighbors, to be Christ's light in this community? Then, God dropped a new ministry possibility right into our fellowship.

The newly-formed, non-profit Kind Collective Montessori Microschool reached out to us about hosting their Spanish immersion K – 2 classes two days/week. This venture will meet several needs for homeschool families in the tri-state area and teach Spanish at the ages best suited to learning a foreign language. KindCo's leaders looked at half a dozen churches and

buildings; they chose West Grove Presbyterian because it was enthusiastic and welcoming, with most suitable indoor and outdoor spaces.

Session viewed this as an opportunity to share ministry and move into God's future together. Now, after a lot of hard work by KindCo to begin their non-profit and by our Trustees and Christian Education teachers to help prepare the space for safety and learning, we are about to set sail for that future.

Nine children are currently signed up to begin their learning on August 6. When you see them, please greet our new friends with a hand and a smile: the children and their families, and KindCo Ex Director Melissa Johnson and Lead Teacher Ellen Kropiewnicki. We ask God to bless the seeds of our shared relationship so that it will grow and bloom!

Church Open House & Thank-You Celebration!

Kind Collective Montessori shares its gratitude & refreshments with the church congregation today, Sunday, July 26th, following worship.

- Meet the staff of KindCo!
- Enjoy homemade treats & refreshments!
- View our beautiful shared space on the second floor of the Christian Education building!
- Come see what God is doing right in front of our eyes!