SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Sunday.

PowerPoint:	Michael Duvall
Audio:	Mike Wiwel and Matt Simonds
Camera:	Nate Robinson
Soundbooth Technician:	Steve May
Officiating:	(Live) Pastor Tim Anderman
	(Live) Pastor Jim Mundell
Music Director:	(Live) Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Mini:	(Live) Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Bill Ditzel, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley

West Grove United Methodist Church

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Tim

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

*** Call to Worship** Pastor Tim

(Based on the song by Sidewalk Prophets, "Keep On Pushing Back the Dark")

Leader: There's a million reasons why we shouldn't even try, we're just one heart, a single candle in the dark!
People: And there are shadows here that are feeding on our fears!
Leader: We don't have what it takes; we can never make the change!
People: We don't, but don't underestimate the God we follow! Whatever we do, don't look back, longing for what might have been;
Leader: Someone needs the Light you have and whatever you do, don't lose heart!
People: With Christ, we keep on pushing back the dark! We are pushing back the dark!
Leader: A city built on a hill, it must be shining still!
People: Every sinner saved by grace has a purpose, has a place!
Leader: So don't underestimate the God we follow! He's the Light that burns inside our souls!
People: Keep shining 'till the whole world knows! And keep pushing back the dark! We are pushing back the dark!

Opening Song "I Will Rise Up" PraiseWorks Mini

***Opening Prayer** Pastor Tim

God of wisdom and grace,
we come to you this day with so many different emotions.
We are often overwhelmed with so much change
that challenges and uproots us.
We had hopes and expectations that we often feel compelled to let go of,
and then we often feel cheated and angry.
Our anger turns to grief; it may even lead to feeding our fears.
Come to us Lord, in personal ways; set the agenda and vision for us.
Empower and transform us in our hearts and minds
to lift up our attention to see and claim what is possible.
We ask for your discernment and presence.
Thank you for assuring us, for helping us grow and mature in our faith.

Prayers of the Community

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for August Sunday School Programs
Mission Prayer Focus for August: Twin Pines

Glenn Allen (Mundell)
John Boyd
Helen Carlin
Marilyn Churchhill
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Donna Fackler
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Baby Evelyn Herrera
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Karen Hruz
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)
Mo Kase (Fackler)
Kenny Lenhard (Fackler)
Gordon Maule (Phillips)
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Laura Minnick
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Prayer Chain

Family of Phillip
Onderdonk (Kuch)
Linda Peirson
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Reed Smith
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
Norway

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

THIS WEEK: August 16th through August 23rd, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The church is open for essential business only. Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	**9:30 a.m.**	**Worship (Facebook Live)**
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Wednesday:	10 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (The Anderman home)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Thursday:	4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Children's /Youth Ministry Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	**9:30 a.m.**	**Worship (Facebook Live)**

Please contact Donna Fackler (office@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook/westgroveumc for more information.

Please join us for worship at www.facebook/westgroveumc. You do not need Facebook to worship. Click on the link or type it into your web browser. Best of all, God is with us!

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact and change lives for Christ!

Report from August 21, 2020

General Offering: $ 9,491
Building Maintenance Fund: $90
Emergency Groceries YTD: 1,834 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: $ 3,347.00
Family Promise Assistance : $2,105.00

**May we learn to let go of what we don't need,
so that we might be embraced by your love.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Hymn	"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"	UMH No. 418, Vv. 1-4
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Song of Reflection	"Cry Out To Jesus"	PraiseWorks Mini
Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Tim
Hymn	"Stand By Me"	UMH No. 512
Scripture Lesson	*Psalm 137:1-6 (The Message)* *Acts 4:1-22 (The Message)*	Pastor Tim

Response to the Lesson Pastor Tim
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Meditation	"Living In The Midst Of Grief"	Pastor Tim
Closing Song	"Blessed Be Your Name"	PraiseWorks Mini
***Benediction**		Pastor Tim
***Postlude**		

- *= Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

Scripture Lesson: *Psalm 137:1-6 (The Message)*

Alongside Babylon's rivers we sat on the banks; we cried and cried, remembering the good old days in Zion. Alongside the quaking aspens we stacked our unplayed harps; That's where our captors demanded songs, sarcastic and mocking: "Sing us a happy Zion song!"

Oh, how could we ever sing God's song in this wasteland? If I ever forget you, Jerusalem, let my fingers wither and fall off like leaves. Let my tongue swell and turn black if I fail to remember you, If I fail, O dear Jerusalem, to honor you as my greatest.

Scripture Lesson: *Acts 4:1-22*

Nothing to Hide

While Peter and John were addressing the people, the priests, the chief of the Temple police, and some Sadducees came up, indignant that these upstart apostles were instructing the people and proclaiming that the resurrection from the dead had taken place in Jesus. They arrested them and threw them in jail until morning, for by now it was late in the evening. But many of those who listened had already believed the Message—in round numbers about five thousand!

The next day a meeting was called in Jerusalem. The rulers, religious leaders, religion scholars, Annas the Chief Priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander—everybody who was anybody was there. They stood Peter and John in the middle of the room and grilled them: "Who put you in charge here? What business do you have doing this?"

With that, Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, let loose: "Rulers and leaders of the people, if we have been brought to trial today for helping a sick man, put under investigation regarding this healing, I'll be completely frank with you—we have nothing to hide. By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the One you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of his name this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is 'the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.' Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one."

They couldn't take their eyes off them—Peter and John standing there so confident, so sure of themselves! Their fascination deepened when they realized these two were laymen with no training in Scripture or formal education. They recognized them as companions of Jesus, but with the man right before them, seeing him standing there so upright—so healed!—what could they say against that?
They sent them out of the room so they could work out a plan. They talked it over: "What can we do with these men? By now it's known all over town that a miracle has occurred, and that they are behind it. There is no way we can refute that. But so that it doesn't go any further, let's silence them with threats so they won't dare to use Jesus' name ever again with anyone." They called them back and warned them that they were on no account ever again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John spoke right back, "Whether it's right in God's eyes to listen to you rather than to God, you decide. As for us, there's no question—we can't keep quiet about what we've seen and heard."

The religious leaders renewed their threats, but then released them. They couldn't come up with a charge that would stick, that would keep them in jail. The people wouldn't have stood for it—they were all praising God over what had happened. The man who had been miraculously healed was over forty years old.

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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 God's name.

Welcome, one and all!

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IN PRAYER The prayer ministry team has been praying at 7pm each night. We pray for protection and health and wellbeing for each other, for the church, for our community, our nation and our world that has been upended. Set an alarm for 7pm to pause for prayer.

BULLETIN BOARD: We are hoping to decorate the lobby bulletin boards with photos, artwork and writings of our church family. It will serve two purposes. The first being to acquaint Pastor Tim and his wife, Julie, to our congregation. The other intent is to reconnect with each other, as we begin to use the church building again, whenever, that time comes. We would like to post a photo of each person or family showing something that they have done while we have been apart. Consider these questions: What have you and your loved ones been doing during the pandemic? What memories have you created? Did you play games? Learn something new? Take a trip? Honed a skill? Created something? Spent more time with family? Added a family member (human or animal)? Sadly, some of our members and friends have passed away during this time of COVID 19. It would be special to have a photo of those people, as well, so we can remember, honor and celebrate their lives and legacies. **Please send your photo(s) to Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net) and include all names and a brief description of the photo. It would be great to have most photos by Aug. 24, although later arrivals will certainly be welcome.**

Re-Opening Volunteers: As we are looking towards a re-opening of our church, there are roles that you may wish to volunteer to fill. Initially, we will not have many congregants in the sanctuary, however, your help is needed. We hope to have several volunteers for each role so that we can rotate them over the weeks. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact The church office at 610-869-9334.
We will need volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Set-up chairs: Important to set up in a manner to insure distancing for those able to attend.
- Thermometer Attendant: Check the temperatures of all who attend the service.
- Greeter: Welcome our guests and guide them to the next check-in step.
- Usher: Help our guests find their seating in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.