West Grove United Methodist Church

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Virtual 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 (Based on Psalm 65:5-8) Pastor Tim

Leader: For God alone my soul waits and looks, listens in silent anticipation.
People: For our real hope is from God, who alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken!
Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God!
People: Let us trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your whole heart before God who is a refuge for us!

Opening Hymn "Ye Servants Of God" UMH No. 181

Opening Prayer Pastor Tim

God of grace and mercy, we come to you this day,
seeking to be open hearted, open minded
and ever ready to live in your grace,
that helps us come to terms with the truth.
We have been entrusted with such great blessings,
that we seek your empowerment and wisdom
in knowing how to share effectively.
We lift up our lives as individuals, as a community,
and as a nation in citizenship in your world,
and first and foremost as your children of your kingdom.
Empower us Lord, to clearly hear your call
and be responsible and active in faith throughout our lives.
Guide us by your vision in your Word,
and may we grow in exercising compassion to understand,
that our efforts in following you will lead to healing and fullness of life for all people.
Develop and deepen our personal relationship with you in Christ Jesus,
and may it overflow to all our relationships, always.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons	*Mark 1:14-20* *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*	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.**		
Sermon	"What A Great Difference It Makes"	Pastor Tim
Song	"May The Words Of My Mouth"	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Hymn	"He Leadeth Me"	UMH No. 128
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offertory	"We Walk By Faith" Words and Music by Lloyd Larson. Based on John 20:19-29	Chancel Choir
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	"My Story"	PraiseWorks Band
***Benediction**		Pastor Tim

***Postlude**

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

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Completion
With Pastor Jim: Mondays, January 25 and February 1
at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

As Pastor Jim's Bible Study was cut short due to Covid concerns, he is offering the last two weeks of the study: 3) Birth of Jesus Foretold; 4) The Birth of Jesus on January 25 and February 1. We will us masks and social distancing. Your presence along with your Bible will help us gain more understanding about Christ and His incarnation and the importance to each of us as believers in Jesus. See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

Scripture Lesson: *Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)*

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Scripture Lesson: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (NRSV)*

Conversion of Nineveh

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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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! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS OPEN! WGUMC is reopening our doors to LIVE worship. Beginning Sunday, January 24th, we will offer in-person worship limited to 35 people to allow for safe distancing, as well as continuing to provide our online services. At this time, all music will be recorded. Your health and safety is our primary concern.

Using guidelines developed by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") as well as the PA Department of Health ("DOH"), the Reopening Committee created the following guidelines for a safe and enjoyable worship experience: In-person attendance will be limited to **35 persons**. **Masks must be worn** at all times, except for presenters. Only the front Narthex doors will be available for entry and a touch-free thermometer will be used to check **temperatures**. We ask that everyone **sanitize their hands** using church provided sanitizer before entering the sanctuary. Chairs have been arranged in "pods" to ensure proper **social distancing**. Some pods will be larger than others to allow people who live together to sit together. Please do not rearrange the chairs. **Services will not include singing or passing of the peace** by the congregation. There will not be a formal collection: we continue to encourage you to share your tithes and offerings electronically or by mail as we have done since March. At the conclusion of the service please do not congregate in the narthex. Conversations with your fellow attendees can be had safely outside practicing social distancing.

We all miss seeing our church family in person. While you may want to reach out and great each other (handshake, hug etc.) please respect the 6 foot social distance guideline.

The Reopening Committee recognizes many may not be comfortable with the above. Rest assured, our Facebook Live services will continue into the future.

YOUR NEW 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Due to mail delays, we have just received our 2021 Offering Envelopes. They are **ready for you to pick up at the church**. We will have a table in the lobby with your envelopes in alphabetical order. As the church office hours have changed, please call Donna Fackler to ensure someone is in the building when you would like to pick up your envelopes. The office is open from 10 am to Noon daily, but Donna is available at other times as well if you call ahead. **Do you no longer wish to have envelopes**, or would like to offer electronically? Please advise the office at office@westgroveumc.org so that we can make the change to our records. **Unable to pick up your envelopes?** Let the church office know and we will arrange delivery or mail them.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: The Eastern PA Conference's 2021 Tools for Ministry, **March 13, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM,** will make history by being **totally online for the first tim**e, rather than being held in onsite district locations. Offering virtual classrooms on Zoom for this annual, half-day academy of learning for church leaders is yet another way the Conference is adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic and overcoming required social-distancing restrictions against large gatherings.

Ironically, that adaptation is bearing fruit in allowing the Conference to offer a cornucopia of 35 diverse, online courses taught by expert faculty, **all for a nominal registration fee of only $5**. And even more fruit may result from a record-breaking turnout, due to the convenience, affordability and growing acceptance of online, home-based adult learning. Bishop Peggy Johnson will begin the morning plenary with devotions. An offering, using text-to-give on smartphones, or mailed options, will be received to support the antiracism and justice work of POWER, an interfaith community organization to which some Eastern PA Conference churches belong. The 35 workshops cover a wide array of interesting and helpful subjects. One is in Spanish and another will be offered bilingually in English and Spanish. The workshops will be offered in two 90-minute sessions-beginning at 9:00 and 10:45 AM, with a break in-between. Visit the online information page and register today (https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=597616&). Also, download the flyer and the full brochure with worship descriptions

THIS WEEK: January 24 through January 31, 2021

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Wherever you are)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday:	**9:30 a.m.**	**In-Person and Facebook Worship w/Chancel Choir**
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	6:45 p.m.	Youth Mission Planning (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	10:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	**WGUMC Food Pantry**
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	**Mighty Writers Food Distribution**
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday:	**9:30 a.m.**	**In-Person and Facebook Worship**
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)

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.com/westgroveumc for more information.

Please join us for **virtual worship only** at www.facebook.com/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!

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 and Mission Prayer Focus for January: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

George Anderson
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Joe Carberry
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Family of Jeanette Christman (Deckard)
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Family of Norma Herb
Baby Evelyn Herrera
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)
Kathy Kase (Fackler)
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)
Steve May
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Laura Minnick
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Linda Peirson
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Linda Shiplet
Reed Smith
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Fernando Tena
Family of Larry Thompson (Saller)
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)
Steve Williamson (Heist)
Family of Larry Yates
Jacob Yoder (Wills)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Daniel Engberg—USA (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

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)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from January 17, 2021

General Offering: $ 13,700
Building Maintenance Fund: $60
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: $1,750

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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

Easy Worship/Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio	Nate Robinson
Camera	TBA / Nate Robinson
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Remote Video Editing:	Keith Schneider
Officiating:	(Live) Pastor Tim (Live) Pastor Jim
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	(Recorded) Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Hymn Vocalists:	Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith
Chancel Choir:	Sandy Deckard, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Vicki Owens, Dick Price, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley