



# West Grove United Methodist Church

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***First Sunday After Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 29, 2019***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder located on a chair in your row.*

*First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

### \*Call to Worship

Susan Paisley

One: Dream, dream, dream!

**Many: Are we open to how God may speak with us?**

One: Joseph experienced God's presence in his dreams.

**Many: It was by an angel of God that Joseph was directed to do God's will.**

One: Are we open to God calling us to do His will?

**Many: Lord, open our mind, our heart, and our spirit, that we may respond to your calling.**

### \*Processional Hymn

"Once In Royal David's City"

Hymn No. 250

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

**Our Loving God, our God of new beginnings,  
we have come to a crossroad in time.**

**The new Christian Year is upon us  
as we have passed through the Advent Season into Christmastide  
and are looking for new beginnings with You.**

**At the same time, we are coming upon the end of another calendar year,  
another decade of time,**

**and we are preparing for the adventures of the coming year.**

**We ask for your guidance in these new seasons of life.**

**May your blessings, your word, and your presence,  
lead us as you call us to be your disciples. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment For All Ages

Joan Leaman

### Fifth Sunday Coin Collection

Ronald McDonald House

### New Testament Lesson

*Hebrews 2:10-18 (NIV)*

Susan Paisley

<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)</i>	Susan Paisley
<b>*Response to the Lesson</b>		Susan Paisley
	One: This is the word of God for the people of God. <b>Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	“No Room, No Room”	Chancel Choir
	Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.	
<b>Sermon</b>	“Third Chances-Responding to God’s Call”	Pastor Jim
	<b>SERVE</b>	
<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	“Go Make of All Disciples”	Hymn No. 571
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>*Offertory Response</b>	“ <i>What Child Is This</i> ”	UMH No. 219, V. 3
	<b>So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant king to own him. The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing, Haste, Haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.</b>	
<b>*Offertory Prayer (Unison)</b>		Pastor Jim
	<b>Blessings, blessings we have received, Giving, giving is our response. Receiving, receiving you accept, Joy of giving is our good news, Amen.</b>	
<b>Gathered Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>*Hymn of Sending Forth</b>	“He Is Born”	Hymn No. 228
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>*Choral Benediction</b>	“Christmas Peace”	Chancel Choir
<b>*Postlude</b>		

\* = Rise in body or spirit    **Bold Print = Say in unison**

**New Testament Lesson:** *Hebrews 2:10-18 (NIV)*

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)*

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

# 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.*

Welcome, one and all!

We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide!

We encourage you to join us again.

Our Welcome Center, in the lobby, is a place to find information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to silence your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



**FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE:** Bring your Christmas cards for your church family now through **January 5th**. Place your cards into the box with the first initial of the recipients' last name. Pick up your cards at the same time. It is a wonderful way to share the Christmas joy with our church friends!

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will close at noon on December 24th and remain closed through January 1st. The church office will reopen on January 2nd at 7:30 am. Please contact Pastor Monica for any emergency pastoral care or urgent administrative concerns. Blessings to all our staff as they celebrate Christmas with their families.

**PASTOR MONICA** is on vacation on Sunday December 29th with her family. Please see Pastor Jim for pastoral care needs today.

**FIFTH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION:** Today is our 5th Sunday coin collection to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Let us join our gifts together to bless our neighbors as they care for their children while they receive care at A.I. Dupont Hospital. Bring your noisy gift to help others!

**FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS OF METHODISM:** What do Methodists believe? This course will focus on the documents that form the basis for our Methodist belief. These documents date back to the founding era of Methodism and stem from John Wesley himself. When United Methodist pastors are ordained, they are questioned about their support for these documents. However, many Methodist laypeople have never encountered them. You may be surprised by some of the beliefs and practices these documents espouse. The course will run for 3 weeks, beginning Sunday, January 12, and will meet from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 5 ( the Men's Class meeting room). The course will be taught by Dr. David Frame, retired UM pastor. This course will be immediately followed by a second short-term class, beginning

## ***God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship***

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

## **Report from December 22, 2019**

*Combined Worship Attendance: 135*

*General Offering : \$ 3,939.01*

*Building Maintenance Fund: \$235*

*Emergency Groceries YTD: 371 bags*

*Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,970.11*

**THIS WEEK: December 29 through January 5, 2019**

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**First Sunday After Christmas  
Fifth Sunday Coin Collection—Ronald McDonald House**

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir  
12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)

**Monday: Church Office is Closed**  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)

**Tuesday: Church Office is Closed**

**Wednesday: Happy New Year—The church office is closed.**

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)  
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #4099 (#12)  
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #4567 (#8 &10)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Disciple Class (#3)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. BS Troop # 12 (3,4,5)  
6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Preschool(9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

**Saturday** 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8 and 10)

**Epiphany Sunday  
All Worship Sunday  
Communion and Emergency Aid Sunday**

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12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting (#1)  
12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Disciple Class (#5)  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)  
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #4070 (#12)  
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth Group (# 8, 10)

# P R A Y E R S   O F   T H E   C O M M U N I T Y

## 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 December: Advent Activities and Services Mission Prayer Focus for December: UMCOR

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)  
Glenn Allen (Mundell)  
Helen Carlin  
Joann Coates  
Dee Crawford  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Michael Fackler (Fackler)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Family of Bill Fili (Bratton)  
Mary Finn (Mullen)  
The Gastaldi Family (Strewjewski)  
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)  
John Gorman (McGinley)  
Mike Haley  
Ellen Hayes  
Scott Helsel (Stewart)  
Family of Bob Herb (Shiplet)  
Linda Herb (Shiplet)  
Muff Hurst  
Family of Sandy Kates (B. Smith)  
Peg Kent  
Gordon Maule (Phillips)



Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Betty Mundell  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Family of Vernon Ramberger  
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Joan Saller  
Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Charlie Smith (B. Smith)  
Reed & Joyce Smith  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Mary Tharp (RAP)  
Tommy Lake (Simmons)  
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Anderson S. Camp  
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)  
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
Nathaniel Howard,  
North Carolina  
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Fayetteville, NC  
(The Rambergers)  
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)  
Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine Corps  
Drew Zumpino—South Korea  
(Beauchamp)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### This Sunday, December 29

**Ushers—8:30** Fred Sullivan  
**Greeters—8:30** TBD  
**Ushers—11:00** Daisy Ingiosi  
**Greeters—11:00** TBD  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** TBD / TBD  
**Communion- 8:30-1/5** F. Sullivan, J. Mundell, M. Hartley, C. McGinley, C. Barrett  
**Communion 11:00-1/5** J. Mundell, M. Hartley, D. Taylor  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/P. Fulton  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** TBD / TBD  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Judy Gambill  
**Liturgist—11:00** Susan Paisley  
**Moment All Ages** Joan Leaman  
**Roamers** Heather McCummings  
**Hospitality 8:30** John Gambill  
**Hospitality 11:00** Linda Peirson & Don Hurst  
**Counters** Dave Talley and Janice Bowers  
**Sound Booth** K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

### Next Sunday, January 5

The Aucotts  
TBD  
Linda Peirson & Laura Minnick  
TBD  
TBD / Alisabeth Guepet  
A. Castaldi/K. Smith/J. Leaman  
TBD / TBD  
David Bohnsack  
Dave Talley  
TBD  
Amy Castaldi  
L Shiplet, K. Smith, K. Underwood  
The Stuhrkes  
Donna Shaub and George Anderson  
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**Opening Song** “Angels We Have Heard On High” PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** “Let The World Sing Gloria” PraiseWorks Band  
“Emmanuel Has Come”

**\*Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band  
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## GROW

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## SERVE

**Offering** “Joseph’s Song” PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3)** Pastor Jim

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Jim

**The Lord’s Prayer** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** “I Will Follow” PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Jim

**\*Postlude**

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