



West Grove United Methodist Church

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**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 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 (Based on the song Lifesong, by Casting Crowns)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Empty hands held high are such a small sacrifice if not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight!

People: May the words we say and the things we do make our life songs sing, and bring a smile to you!

Leader: Let our life songs sing to you, and sign your name to the end of this day;

People: Knowing that our hearts are true, let our life song sing to you!

Leader: Lord, we give our lives as a living sacrifice, to reach a world in need, to be your hands, your feet;

People: So may the words we say and the things we do, make our life songs sing and bring a smile to you!

*Opening Song

"Lifesong"

PraiseWorks Mini

*Opening Prayer (Based on Revelation 22)

Pastor Tim

Empowering God, we turn to you in a time of great need for wisdom and vision.

Come! Move into our neighborhood, dwell deeply with us.

**Help us to see the new heaven and earth,
the transforming power that you can provide,
and strengthen us to fulfill that vision.**

**May your glory be at the center of our lives,
building community in the hearts of all humanity.**

**Thank you for providing us with such insight;
may we not shy away from graciously fulfilling your vision.**

**As we see the new heaven and new earth,
where all women and men from all parts of the world
are treated as your sacred children,
may it transform us to be better stewards of life and creation,
to partner with you in bringing forth and tending life.**

**Help us to raise up leaders of strength
who are gracious, thoughtful, and who lead us in empathy,
to make the most of all that you have entrusted to us all.**

**May the tears we have cried, in your hands,
lead us to new understanding and insight about your love and grace,
as you lead us into the joy of heaven.**

Love Divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down!

Come Lord Jesus!

Come into our hearts every day, and may we freely share the blessings, always.

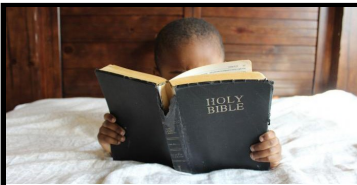
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn

"Soon and Very Soon"

UMH No. 706

Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory Music	"Grace" "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Bill Ingram
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
Hymn	"Marching to Zion"	UMH No. 733
Scripture Lesson	<i>Revelation 21:1-8, 22:1-7</i>	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	"Visions of Heaven: The Kingdom of God Comes Here; God's Vision of Community"	Pastor Tim
Closing Song	"Bleed The Same"	PraiseWorks Mini
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		
• = <i>Please stand as you are able</i> Bold Print = Say in unison		



Coffee and Scripture with Pastor Tim
Thursdays beginning October 22, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
and 7 p.m. (Zoom)

Please join us on Thursdays for a time of coffee and scripture with Pastor Tim. We will share a time to look more completely at our views of heaven. We will examine the scriptures we've been sharing on Sunday mornings, and also share some of our own experiences about what we have been taught about heaven. Who was important in your faith journey and what did they have to say about heaven to you? What visions do you have and where do you think they came from? How do our visions of heaven influence the ways we live our lives today?

We will meet in person in the clean, sanitized sanctuary on Thursday morning from 11AM until noon, and then by **Zoom on Thursday evening at 7PM.** Please join us.

Tim is looking forward to getting to know you better and learn more about your journey of faith, so that we can continue to build sacred friendships here at West Grove UMC and in our community. We ask you to **social distance in the morning wearing a mask and we will be seated 8 feet apart; also, please bring your own coffee.** And if you are not a coffee drinker, please bring your favorite soft beverage and come and share the fellowship we can safely have during these challenging times.



Scripture Lesson: *Revelation 21:1-8, 22:1-7 (NRSV)*

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

The River of Life

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

The leadership of the church encourage you to take time to let our pastors know how much their ministry means to you. Our lead pastor, Pastor Tim and his wife, Julie, had just arrived in July and, due to Covid, have not had an opportunity to meet many of you. Please take the time to call Pastor Tim to set up an appointment to meet, send them a card (a gift card to local businesses is also a good idea), and most importantly, keep them in your prayers.

Pastor Jim and Betty have served the church here and at Jenner’s Pond for many years. Be sure to thank them for their faithful service. We are blessed with many Pastors in our congregation. Keep them all in your prayers each day.

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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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 1st : On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished tradition has been important in this congregation for many years. We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles. You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 1st .Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 25th . It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

TRUNK OR TREAT, October 25, 3-5:00 p.m. The annual Trunk or Treat tradition is continuing this year! This year there will be outdoor trick or treating for family and friends. All participants and attendees are required to wear a mask (it is Halloween, after all!) Contact Melanie Hartley for more information! **Trunk or Treat: Trunk hosts!** Let's get ready to decorate some really fun trunks! Trunk or Treat is a fun day for all involved, including our volunteers! This year we want to make sure we have a variety of fun trunks for children to visit. Some neighborhoods may not have Trick or Treating, or perhaps you just don't get them where you live. This is the perfect way to participate in the fun! Can you offer an afternoon of fun to our church family and community? You can contact Melanie Hartley to sign up, for information and help with setting up your trunk! Contact Melanie to get on the email list and for other children's ministry information.

LIVE WORSHIP: The church has reopened its doors to live worship. **Every precaution is being taken** to ensure the safety of those attending live service and includes disinfecting of all surfaces (The trustees purchased a disinfecting fogger for large areas), temperature check at the door, chairs placed for social distancing, masks required to name a few of the precautions. There is limited seating to ensure social distancing. **If you would like to attend worship, call (610-869-9334) or email (office@westgroveumc.org) the church office. Your message needs to include your name, the number attending in your group, your email address/phone number and the date of the service you wish to attend (ie, Sunday, October 4). This information must be received by 6 p.m. Thursday of the current week. A confirmation email or call will be received by 2pm on Friday.**

SUNDAY MORNING SOUND BOOTH ASSISTANCE: Our Sunday Morning sound booth crew needs your help! They would like to train you to use the sound booth to help with Sunday mornings or when someone is out due to an emergency. Please call the church office, Michael Duvall or Steve May to express your interest. No experience necessary!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TEAM: This team is being newly formed. More details to come. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have interest in being a part of this team.

Please contact Donna Fackler (office@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting.

THIS WEEK: October 11 through October 18, 2020

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and
other mediums for nonessential business.**

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming with Memory Bells
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	3:30 p.m.-5:30	Youth Group (church parking lot)
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.	Finance/Ad Council Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Thursday:	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Friday	12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Saturday:	6:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Avon Grove Wildcats Parking in church lot
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Racial Justice Ministry Summit (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Reformation Sunday

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming with Choir Ensemble
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	3:00-5:00 p.m.	TRUNK OR TREAT (Church Parking Lot)

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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 worship 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 Prayer Focus for October: Church Finances Mission Prayer Focus for October: Emergency Food Pantries and Distribution

Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Debbie Beck (Shiplet)
Virgil Brown
Helen Carlin
Marilyn Churchhill
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Steve Croft
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)
Len Kuch
Kenny Lenhard (Fackler)
Gordon Maule (Phillips)
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)



Family of Pastor James McIntire
Laura Minnick
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Linda Peirson
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Linda Shiplet
Reed Smith
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)
Jacob Yoder (Wills)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (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 October 11, 2020

General Offering: \$ 10,343
Building Maintenance Fund: \$280
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$885
Emergency Groceries: 25 families, 50 bags

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:	(Live) Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Mini:	(Live) Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Memory Bells Ensemble:	(Recorded) Sandy Deckard (Director) Cindy Haley, Karen Hruz, Joan Leaman, Christy Robinson, Richard Stuhrke and Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley