



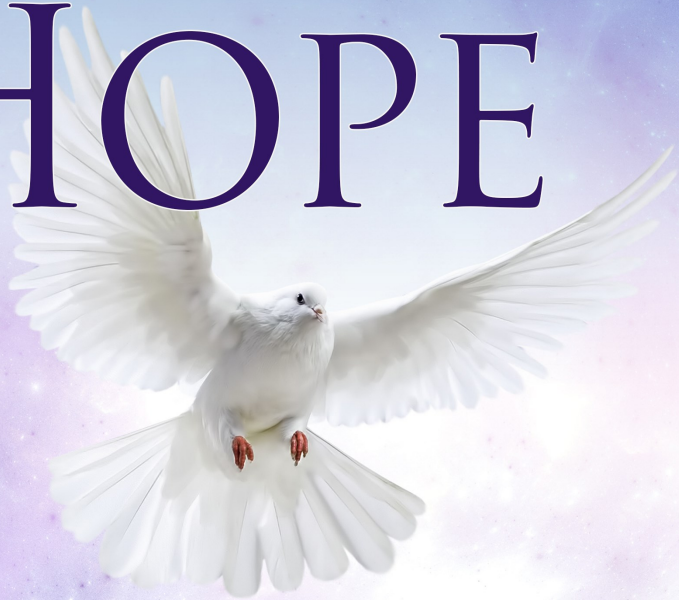
## West Grove United Methodist Church

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1 S T S U N D A Y O F A D V E N T

# THE POWER OF HOPE



Reverend Frank Coats

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**November 29, 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

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all the fullness thereof! The world and all who live upon it!

**People: Let us ascend to the places of God, to reach and strive for the intimate places of God's heart!**

Leader: For the Lord has not waited for us to be set right or to reach Him,

**People: He has reached out to us, through His Son, Jesus Christ, God's grace of heaven has come down to live in us!**

Leader: So let us be mindful of God's mercy, and always of His steadfast love. Lift up your heads! Let us open the gates of our hearts in fellowship together!

**People: Prepare and look for Him, and we will see the great gift of God's eternal love in Christ Jesus!**

## Opening Song

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

PraiseWorks Mini

## Lighting of the Advent Candle: Isaiah 60:2-3

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

## Scripture Lessons

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

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

"Hope: Imagination Woven In Faith"

Pastor Tim

## Hymn

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

UMH No. 203

<b>Moment for All Ages</b>		Melanie Hartley
<b>Song</b>	"The Hope Of Christmas"	PraiseWorks Mini
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offering</b>	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	Chancel Choir Ensemble Words and Music by Joseph Martin
<b>Dedication of Offering</b>		Pastor Tim
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	UMH No. 213
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Tim
<b>*Postlude</b>		

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

### **United Methodist Student Day is Nov. 29**

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. The purpose of this special Sunday is to urge the church to support our students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge and service to their faith. The funds received go into the UM Student Loan Fund to underwrite over 70 scholarships for our students. Your gifts offer young people crucial financial support for their studies. Learn more about this Special Sunday.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

# 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 God's name.*

Welcome, one and all!

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Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org) Email us at [info@westgroveumc.org](mailto:info@westgroveumc.org)

**UMM TOY DRIVE:** One of the charitable events that the LanChester UMM take part in every year is a toy, underwear, and sock collection drive for the Methodist Home for Children at Christmas time. Your unwrapped toys and clothing can be brought to the church **no later than Sunday, December 6th**. Our donations to the Home bring a happy and Merry Christmas for these children. We trust you will take part in the event. Gift cards are also accepted. If you have questions about the UMM please contact Dick Price or Pastor Jim

**ADVENT CELEBRATION: Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.** We have, traditionally, opened the Advent Season with a celebration enjoyed by the entire community on the first Sunday in December. This year, we are planning a wide variety of celebrations including music, art, dance, poetry, etc. Performances can be recorded or in person on the night of the event. The celebration will be live streamed in the same way that we live stream our worship service. Due to constraints on the number of people we can have attend, this event will be a Virtual attendance only for non-participants. Please contact Betsy Smith to sign up to participate!

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY With Pastor Jim: Mondays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary:** Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a Bible study entitled **BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**. It will be a four week study involving both the Old and New Testaments. The weekly studies are entitled: **1) OT Prophecies about Jesus; 2) God's Covenant with Us; 3) Birth of Jesus Foretold; 4) The Birth of Jesus**. This study will be held in the sanctuary on Monday evenings at 7 PM, beginning November 30<sup>th</sup> and continuing on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will use masks and social distancing. See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

**COFFEE AND SCRIPTURE WITH PASTOR TIM, THURSDAYS, 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 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. We ask you to **social distance in the morning wearing a mask and we will be seated 8 feet apart**. And if you are a coffee drinker, please bring your favorite coffee or other soft beverage. Come and share the fellowship we can safely have during these challenging times.

**AMAZON SMILE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CHURCH:** Due to Covid, many of us have been depending on on-line shopping to limit our exposure. If you use Amazon for your shopping, would you please consider signing in under Amazon Smile? It's the same stuff, same account, but you get to choose a charity and Amazon will donate (at no cost to you) a percentage of what you spend to the charity. Of course, we hope you chose **West Grove United Methodist Church** when you make your choice. It's painless and it helps the church. **Please ask your family and friends to choose us too!**

**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.

**THIS WEEK: November 29 through December 6, 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.**

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Live &amp; Live Streaming</b>
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	5:30 p.m.	Tech Team Meeting (via Zoom)
	<b>7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim (Sanctuary)</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation with Pastor Tim (Sanctuary)</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation with Pastor Tim (via Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	<b>2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mighty Writers Food Distribution</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
	<b>1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Girl Scout Event (outdoors)</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Eagle Scout Court of Honor</b>

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Live &amp; Live Streaming</b>
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

**Please contact Donna Fackler ([office@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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.**

**SCRIP IS BACK!** If you are ordering gift cards for the holidays to shop or give as gifts, grocery cards, gas cards, a selection of many store cards, please place your order through the church! We get a percentage as a donation to the church, so every card you purchase, helps the church! **Please call Gene Aucott to place your order today! 610-869-7355**

# 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 November: Youth Ministry**  
**Mission Prayer Focus for November: Sunday Breakfast Mission**

Glenn Allen (Mundell)  
 Debbie Beck (Shiplet)  
 Virgil Brown  
 Joe Carberry  
 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)  
 Doug Kaiser (Mundell)  
 Kathy Kase (Fackler)  
 Len Kuch  
 Jackie Light (Kuch)  
 Gordon Maule (Phillips)  
 Tom McClure (Fackler)



Joel & Heaven McCree  
 (Combs)  
 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 November 22, 2020

General Offering: \$ 3,370  
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$150  
 Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: 650  
 Emergency Groceries: 25 families,  
 75 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, Joan Leaman, Betsy Smith and Dave Talley
Chancel Choir Ensemble:	(Recorded) Sandy Deckard, Margee Michaels, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Dick Price, Vicki Owens, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Hymn Vocalists	(Live) Mel Leaman, Jim Mundell, and Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley