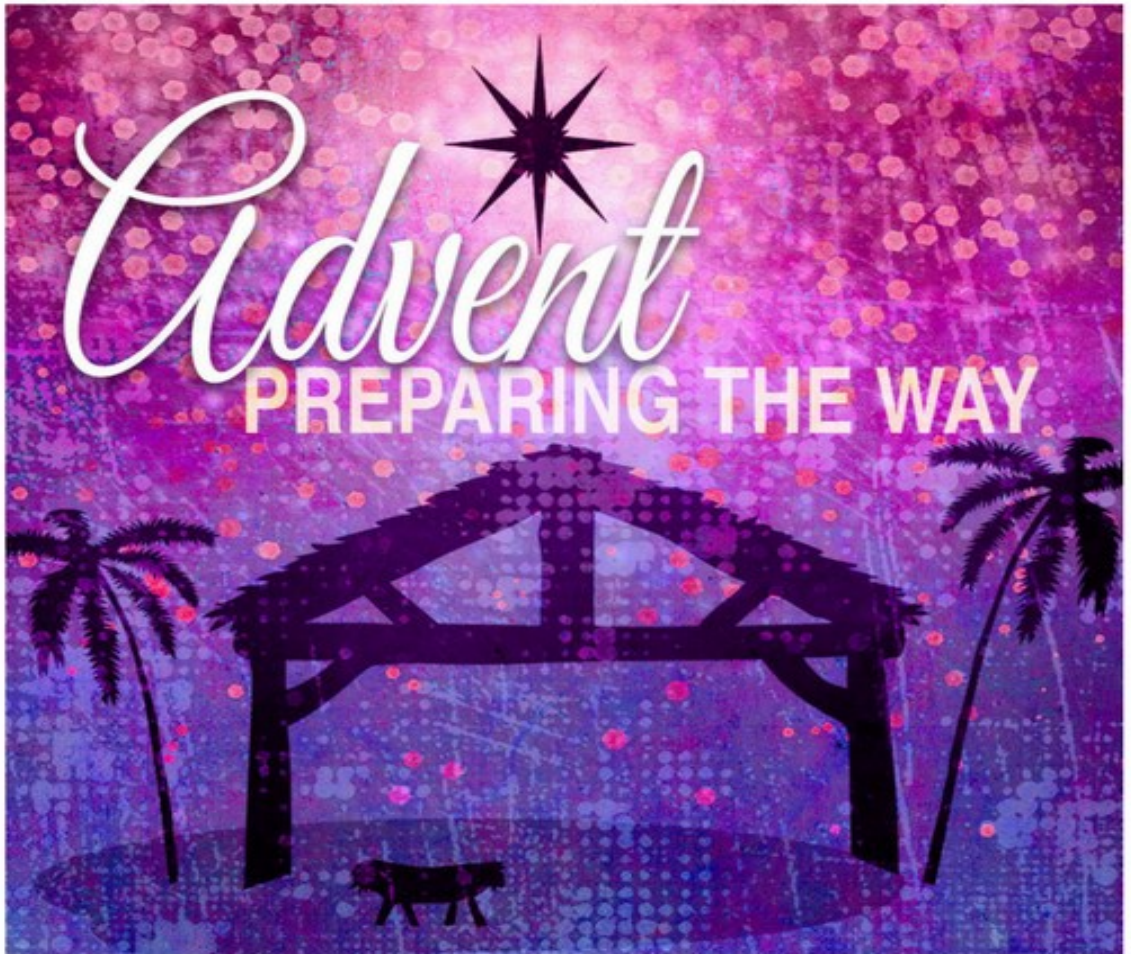




West Grove United Methodist Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 6, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

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

*Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: Where there seems to be no way to end the conflict and violence in our time, we pray that you would teach us, O Christ, to prepare the way.

People: Where we can see no way to provide for the needs of all people, we pray that you would show us, O Christ, how to prepare the way.

Leader: In a world where we are tempted to see so many of our challenges as dead-ends, we pray for a new vision, a new heart and a new commitment to prepare the way for your reign, your grace, your shalom and for the justice and peace that you bring.

All: Amen.

Opening Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

UMH No. 211
Vv. 1, 2, 6 & 7

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Preparing the Way: John 1:23,29

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way for the Lord.

When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said,

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 40:3-5

Mark 1:1-8

Pastor Jim

Response to the Lesson

Pastor Jim

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

“Knowing The Meaning Of Christmas”

Pastor Jim

Song

“Prepare The Way”

PraiseWorks Mini

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Hymn	"There's A Song In The Air"	UMH No. 249
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offering	"African Advent Carol"	Chancel Choir Ensemble By Michael Barrett
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"	PraiseWorks Mini
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Postlude		
• = <i>Please stand as you are able</i> Bold Print = Say in unison		

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICES: A Family service will be offered at 6:00 p.m. with Contemporary music and a Traditional Service will be offered at 11:00 p.m. Attendance will be by reservation only so that we can ensure proper social distancing. As each service is limited in size, please call (610-869-9334) or email (office@westgroveumc.org) the office to make your reservation. It is on a first come basis.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY With Pastor Jim: Mondays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21 at 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 30th and continuing on December 7th, 14th and the 21st. We will us masks and social distancing. See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

Celebrating our Cultures at Christmas, Dec. 13

A Conference-Wide Christmas Celebration on Zoom, Sunday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 5 PM.

Featuring Celebrations from Around the World to be shared:

§ Three King's Day	§ Korean Celebrations
§ Kwanzaa and New Year's Celebrations	§ Democratic Republic of Congo @ Christmas
§ Native American Traditions @ Christmas	§ Indian Celebrations
§ Evangelical Bretheran/German Traditions	§ British Traditions
§ Sierra Leone @ Christmas	

We will also hear church traditions, family traditions and close by lifting the light of Christ together.

Register! <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=582271&>

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 40:3-5 (NIV)*

A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Scripture Lesson: *Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)*

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—
“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with [blue](#) water, but he will baptize you with [blue](#) the Holy Spirit.”

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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

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 have planned a wide variety of celebrations including music, art, dance, poetry, and more! We have very talented participants! Some performances have been recorded and other are 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. You can view through facebook at Facebook.com/westgroveumc and the program is available through the event link on our website: www.westgroveumc.org

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year we will be sharing Christmas with the families who come to our Church's Food Pantry. Instead of gifts, the church will be **giving away 40 \$25 Walmart Gift Cards** away. If you would like to donate to the gift cards, please note in the memo on your check "Christmas Gift Cards". If you could ensure your donation is received by December 20th, that would be very helpful. We will continue our tradition of **purchasing gifts for 10 residents of the Twin Pines Nursing Home**. Please sign up with Joan Leaman with your interest in providing gifts.

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 chose 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 chose us too!**

Order Your Holiday Poinsettias



Poinsettias

Once again we will be adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias, the beautiful Christmas season flower. Please use this order form, email the office at office@westgroveumc.org or call Donna at the office at 610-869-9334. Each plant will be in a 6^{1/2} pot and will be red with 4 to 5 blooms and will be **\$6.50 each**. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary in honor, memory or in celebration of a special person or event. Simply fill out the form below and return it to the office by **Sunday, December 13th**. Those who ordered flowers and who they ordered them for will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Please pick up your poinsettias after worship on December 27th or during that following week.

Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

Name: _____

No. of Plants _____ x \$6.50 each = \$ _____ Total (Please make checks payable to WGUMC with memo for Poinsettias)

CIRCLE ONE:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

In Celebration of:

THIS WEEK: December 6 through December 13, 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim (Sanctuary)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	BOOM at West Lawn UMC
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Re-Opening Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering at home
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	Morning	Kitchen Cleaning for inspection
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	11 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Tim (Sanctuary)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Tim (via Zoom)
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming
	11:00 a.m.	Worship at Jenner's Pond
	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Celebrating Our Cultures (via Zoom)
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

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)
 Joe Carberry
 Helen Carlin
 Marilyn Churchhill
 Joann Coates
 Dee Crawford
 Linda Eyster (Combs)
 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)
 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
 Larry Thompson (Saller)
 Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
 Mary Weidman (Miller)
 Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)
 Steve Williamson (Heist)



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 29, 2020

General Offering: \$ 9,942
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$65
 Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$100
 Emergency Groceries: 30 families served
 with Thanksgiving Turkeys and food.

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 Jim
Music Director:	(Live) Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Mini:	(Live) Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith
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