



West Grove United Methodist Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 20, 2020

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!*

Choral Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship: the Lighting of the Advent Candle (based on Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace!

People: May the visitation of the Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy!

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Opening Hymn

“What Child Is This?”

UMH No. 219

Scripture Lessons

*Isaiah 42:1-4
Luke 1:26-38*

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

“Entrusted with Life ”

Pastor Tim

Song

“Mary, Did You Know?”

PraiseWorks Band

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Hymn

“Love Came Down At Christmas”

UMH No. 242

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Tim

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tim
Offertory	"Angels We Have Heard On High"	Memory Bells Arranged by Bill Ingram
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
Closing Song	"My Soul Magnifies The Lord"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		
	• = <i>Please stand as you are able</i>	Bold Print = Say in unison

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 42:1-4 (NRSV)*

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Scripture Lesson: *Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)*

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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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

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. There will be **NO IN PERSON worship**. It will be virtual only and you can access the services by going **online to facebook.com/westgroveumc**

We hope you will join for an evening of celebration of the birth of our lord, Jesus Christ.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON OFFICE HOURS: The Church will modify its office hours effective immediately. **The office will be open for essential business only from 10 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday.** Please schedule an **appointment in advance** if those hours do not work for you. As often as possible, please use email, calls, and texts to contact the church office. Telephone messages will be checked frequently throughout the day. The shopping cart is on the outside front lobby entrance for donation drop-offs and will be checked regularly. The mailbox is available to drop off information, envelopes, etc. for the office and will be checked daily. **Please call Donna Fackler if you have any questions: 610-869-9334 or email at office@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!**

THIS WEEK: December 20 through December 27, 2020

**~~ 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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live Streaming Only w/ Chancel Choir Memory Bells recordings
Monday:	1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Christmas Gift Distribution Food Pantry
Tuesday:	No Activities	
Wednesday:	No Activities	
Thursday:	6:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Worship Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
Friday	Merry Christmas!	The Church office is closed
Saturday:	No Activities	

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live Streaming Only
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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 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!

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

Glenn Allen (Mundell)

Debbie Beck (Shiplet)

Joe Carberry

Helen Carlin

Dick Chambers

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)

Family of Tom McClure

(Saller)

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

Family of Jerry Summers

(Jackson)

Larry Thompson (Saller)

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)



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 December 13, 2020

General Offering: \$ 6,844

Building Maintenance Fund: \$60

Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$500

Emergency Groceries: 29 families and 87
bags of 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:	(Recorded) Pastor Tim
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Band:	(Recorded) Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Memory Bells Ensemble:	(Recorded) Cindy Haley, Joan Leaman, Christy Robinson, Dick Stuhrke, Carol Sweet and Peg Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley