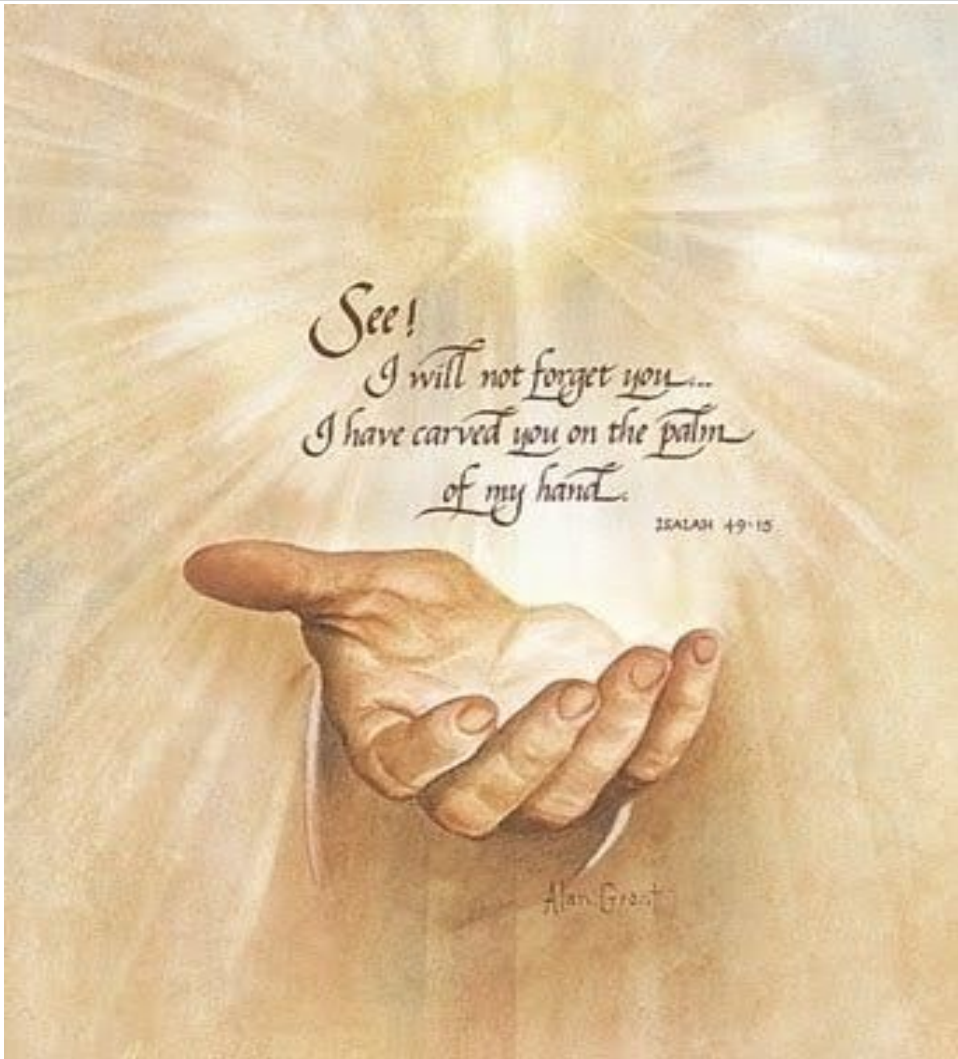




# West Grove United Methodist Church

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*FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*  
*February 7, 2021*

# 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!*

## **Call to Worship** (Based on a song by Cain “Rise Up (like Lazarus)”) Pastor Tim

Leader: In Christ we are no longer in the dark and all alone, too scared to walk out of our tombs!

**People: With him we are no longer comfortable buried underneath the lies that were once believed!**

Leader: We are not stuck in the ground, too lost to be found; we rise up from our graves like Lazarus!

**People: As we hear the voice of Jesus calling, let us rise up and take a breath, the Holy Spirit fills us with life!**

Leader: Rise up! Take in His breath, we are alive now! With him, no power of death can hold us! Rise up!

**People: He is calling us to walk out of the dark, giving us new resurrected hearts, out of the grave, let us rise up!**

## Opening Hymn

“Near To The Heart Of God”

UMH No. 472

## **Opening Prayer** (Based on the song, “God Only Knows,” by King & Country)

Pastor Tim

**God of mercy and wholeness,**

**while the world is often asleep, unaware or even avoiding problems,  
you are ever present and engaged with us all.**

**Your empathy is powerful, as you love and understand us in compassionate ways.**

**God, only you know and see us;**

**God only you know what we have been through;**

**only you know what they say about us.**

**And God, only you know the real person deep inside,**

**for there is a love that only you know.**

**Be the one who sees all, and yet never leaves us.**

**For only your love can heal us, our loved ones, and our world.**

**Bring wholeness to the lonely, ashamed, and the misunderstood,  
and the ones who are often blamed.**

**Heal and transform us, and may we live fully, creatively**

in the life of grace and wholeness that you God, only know.  
Renew us and our fellowship together  
as we move towards restoration from the virus and its impact,  
so that we might live in the joy of your promises.  
Thank you Lord for the faith we live in and share.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

<b>Scripture Lessons</b>	<i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	Pastor Tim
<b>Response to the Lesson</b>	One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: <b>Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>	Pastor Tim
<b>Sermon</b>	“Preparing For Healing”	Pastor Tim
<b>Song</b>	“Healing Rain”	Duet, Betsy Smith and Mel Leaman
<b>Moment for All Ages</b>		Melanie Hartley
<b>Hymn</b>	“He Touched Me”	UMH No. 367
<b>Joys and Concerns</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offertory</b>	“Part The Waters”	Vocal Duet, Jake and Debbie Schneider by Charles F. Brown
<b>Dedication of Offering</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Closing Song</b>	“Healing Hand Of God”	PraiseWorks Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Tim
<b>*Postlude</b>		
• = Please stand as you are able <b>Bold Print = Say in unison</b>		

### **Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV)***

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### **Scripture Lesson: *Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)***

#### **Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

#### **A Preaching Tour in Galilee**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

# 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! Church Office: 610-869-9334

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS OPEN!** WGUMC is reopening our doors to LIVE worship. Currently, we will offer in-person worship limited to 35 people to allow for safe distancing, as well as continuing to provide our online services. We all miss seeing our church family in person. Call or email the church office to ensure your seat.

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CLASS, Mondays, February 22-April 5, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary:**

During the Mondays of Lent, beginning on February 22 and continuing each Monday until the Monday after Easter (April 5th), there will be a Bible Study on the events of each day of Holy Week and for the days following the Resurrection. It will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM and will be supported by a PowerPoint program that I am developing. This 7-week study will begin with Palm Sunday when Jesus rode triumphantly and victoriously into Jerusalem and will look at the events of each day of Holy Week and will include events leading up to the Ascension of Christ. Our study will use the Gospel of Mark as our foundational text and add the events from the other Gospels that are not included in Mark.

**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT TODAY, February 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m.:** We're cozying up with some good food and a good flick. Bring a blanket or something cozy to sit with! We will have pizza and snacks for the occasion and watching on the big screen in the sanctuary. Contact Melanie with any questions!

**PENN LONDON VALENTINES:** This is our 15th year of donating boxed valentines to the children of Penn London Elementary who do not have Valentines to give to their classmates. Please consider buying a box of valentines and dropping it off in the collection box provided in the church lobby. You may also leave them at the office door or in shopping basket outside of the front lobby doors.. **We will be collecting the valentines now through TODAY, February 7th.** Thank you!

**YOUR NEW 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Due to mail delays, we have just received our 2021 Offering Envelopes. They are **ready for you to pick up at the church.** We will have a table in the lobby with your envelopes in alphabetical order. Call the office and Donna will be sure to have them ready for you! **Unable to pick up your envelopes?** Let the church office know and we will arrange delivery or mail them.

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY:** The Eastern PA Conference's 2021 Tools for Ministry, **March 13, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, will make history by being **totally online for the first time.** Ironically, that adaptation is bearing fruit in allowing the Conference to offer a cornucopia of 35 diverse, online courses taught by expert faculty, **all for a nominal registration fee of only \$5.** The 35 workshops cover a wide array of interesting and helpful subjects. One is in Spanish and another will be offered bilingually in English and Spanish. The workshops will be offered in two 90-minute sessions-beginning at 9:00 and 10:45 AM, with a break in-between. Visit the online information page and register today (<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=597616&>). Also, download the flyer and the full brochure with worship descriptions

## THIS WEEK: February 7 through February 14, 2021

**~~ 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)***

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>In-Person and Facebook Worship</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group Movie Night (Sanc.)</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	7:00 p.m.	Re-Opening Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>CMO Registration—Open to the Community</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Team (at home)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	<b>5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>WGUMC Food Pantry</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.-4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mighty Writers Food Distribution</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

### TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>In-Person and Facebook Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Jenner's Pond Worship (Televised)</b>
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)

**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.**

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](http://www.westgroveumc.org), our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://www.facebook.com/westgroveumc) for more information.

Please join us for **virtual worship only** at [www.facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://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 and Mission Prayer Focus for February: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

George Anderson  
Glenn Allen (Mundell)  
Barber Family (Saller)  
Joe Carberry  
Helen Carlin  
Dick & Mildred Chambers  
Family of Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
Joann Coates  
Dee Crawford  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Michael Fackler (Fackler)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Mary Finn (Mullen)  
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)  
Ellen Hayes  
Richard Heacock  
Family of Norma Herb  
Baby Evelyn Herrera  
TJ Hess (Hruz)  
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)  
Kathy Kase (Fackler)  
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)  
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)  
Steve May  
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)  
The McCulloch Family (Owens)



Laura Minnick  
Kristi Moore  
Betty Mundell  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Linda Peirson  
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Rich and Joan Saller  
Linda Shiplet  
Reed Smith  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Fernando Tena  
Family of Larry Thompson (Saller)  
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)  
Steve Williamson (Heist)  
Family of Larry Yates  
Jacob Yoder (Wills)



Anderson S. Camp  
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)  
Daniel Engberg—USA (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 January 31, 2021

General Offering: \$ 6,720  
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$225  
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$825

## **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:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	(Recorded) Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Hymn Vocalists:	Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith
Vocal Duet:	Jake and Debbie Schneider
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley