

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall	
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke	
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel	
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy Carl Anderman Rev. S. James Mundell	
Music Director:	Betsy Smith	
Handbell Director:	Sandy Deckard	
Moment for All Ages:	Pastor Tim	
This Week:		
Nursery Aide:	Open	Next Week:
Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Amy Castaldi
Lay Readers:	Chris Curtiss	Dick & Carol Stuhrke
Usher	Andrew Herman	Joan Leaman
Greeter	Esther Culbertson	Nancy Duvall
SS Roamers:	Please contact Fran Miller for information on being a Sunday School Roamer.	

***Thank you to all of our Sunday Morning Servants.
Please prayerfully consider serving on Sunday mornings.
Share your interest with the office and you will be connected with the
correct person to give you information and to sign-up.***



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*First Sunday in Advent
Baptism Sunday
November 28, 2021*

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

*Welcome! We are Open and In-Person! No reservation is needed.
You are welcome to join us on YouTube as well.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

The Crowder Family

Scripture Reading

Chris Curtiss

Isaiah 60:2-3

“For darkness shall cover the earth
& thick darkness the peoples;
But the Lord will rise upon you,
& his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
& kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
To show us the way of salvation.
O come, O come Emmanuel!

*Call to Worship (Based on Luke 21:25-36)

Chris Curtiss

Leader: At times it seems the forces of evil are in charge, surrounding the faithful, closing in to suffocate life.

People: The powers that be quake in the confusion and darkness! Yet the faithful turn anew to God for hope!

Leader: We anticipate His coming in new ways this season! We welcome him in glorious style.

People: Let us get up on our feet and stand tall with heads held high! His help is on the way!

Leader: We look at the signs, attentively looking for God’s promise in real hope!

People: We can’t brush it off, let us be on our guard, attentive to his grace!

Leader: Sky and earth may wear out, but the Word of the Lord is forever!

People: Let us never fall asleep to faith, and be on our guard, and pray constantly for the strength we need to be part of God’s renewal for this and future generations!

*Opening Hymn

“My Soul Gives Glory To My God”

UMC No. 198
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. **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.*

The Bishop Family (Anderman)
Joyce Bischoff
Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Pat Crowl (Shiplet)
Christina DeFelice (Smith)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Bill Jones (Peirson)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Mrs. Luke (K. Smith)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Jim May (Mullen)
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
Maxine Miller (Mullen)
Laura Minnick



Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Linda Peirson
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Sandy Smith (Mundell)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Stephen Syska (Mullen)
Carol Sweet
Martin Tiderman (Hughes)
Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Steve Williamson (Heist)
Linda and Ken Woodward (Mullen)



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—Idaho
(Miller)
Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps
Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact and change lives for Christ!

Report from November 21, 2021

General Offering: \$ 3,927
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 160
Thanksgiving Offering To-Date: \$910
Attendance: 72 in-person, 10 online views
Food Pantry: 27 families were served on
11/22/21

THIS WEEK: November 28, 2021 through December 5, 2021

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is open before and after the posted times. Call for an appointment.
(office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
BAPTISM SUNDAY OF CHASE CROWDER**

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) GS Troop #427 (#8 &10)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 500 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Food Pantry (Lobby)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) GS Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution GS Troop #41377 (#8, 10) PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc. Or Parking lot)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Communion Sunday**

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4492 (#8, 10)
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	ADVENT MUSIC CELEBRATION (SANC.)

****PLEASE NOTE****

There will not be a Children's Worship, Children's Sunday School or Nursery available today.

Our volunteers all had plans for the holiday. As you can see, there is a great need for additional volunteers! Please contact Melaney Hartley with your interest in serving the children of the church! childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org Thank you!

Opening Prayer Pastor Tim

**Precious Lord, we often are not ready for the great depth of hope
and success that you would have us live in.**

**We settle for living in darkness, when all the while,
your light of love can guide and fulfill us.**

Forgive us, and help us let go

of what keeps us from seeing and receiving your blessings in Jesus.

Come anew to us, and to our fellowship and our community this season.

**May we not hide away, but come out and lift up your light
from within our hearts,**

**so that the world might know your grace and mercy,
and the joy of your strength.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *Jeremiah 31:31-34, 32:38-41, 33:14-16* Pastor Tim

Meditation "Fulfilling Life, Fulfilling the Covenant" Pastor Tim

Baptismal Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMC No. 611, Vv. 1,2

Sacrament of Baptism **Chase Crowder**

Hymn Of Dedication "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMC No. 611, Vv. 3,4

Moment for All Ages Pastor Tim

Song of Response "The Hope Of Christmas" PraiseWorks Band

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Jim

Offertory "A Voice Cries Out, Prepare The Way Of The Lord" Chancel Choir
Words from Isaiah 40:1, 3-5; 7:14
Music by Lloyd Larson

Dedication of Offering Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Choral Benediction "Christmas Peace" Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

Passing of the Peace

*(Please honor those who perceive the need to maintain boundaries
to prevent the spread of illness)*

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

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34, 32:38-41, 33:14-16

A New Covenant

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; & I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, & remember their sin no more.

They shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for all time, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them, never to draw back from doing good to them; and I will put the fear of me in their hearts, so that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing good to them, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

A Fresh and True Shoot from the David-Tree

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”



Annual Christmas Gift Tree

The small tree in the lobby is filled with gift tags for residents of Twin Pines Care Facility and three families in our community. Please take as many tags as you would like. Be sure to write your name

on the paper listing the gifts, identifying which gift tags you took. All gifts need to be wrapped, with tags taped on the outside of the gift and brought to church by Mon. Dec. 13th. Please contact Joan Leaman with any questions. Thanks!

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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

WELCOME TO THIS GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our welcome center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

ADVENT MUSIC CELEBRATION WITH SIGN-UP: Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! Bring your family and invite your friends! Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows all ages to join in the festivities. Welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, PraiseWorks Band, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. In order to assure appropriate social distancing, **seating is limited, so we request you SIGN-UP now. The link can be found in your digital bulletin, Constant Contact emails and our website. You may also call the office for a reservation.**

RAP (RETIRED ACTIVE PEOPLE): RAP MEETS AT NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021 RAP will gather once again, after quite a lengthy hiatus due to the pandemic. We look forward to greeting our members and friends again. Please bring your bagged lunch! Coffee, decaf, water, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Of course, we must have desserts! Please notify Sara Ann Ramberger, 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net if you would like to provide a dessert. We are delighted to welcome the return of The Providence Brass to share their musical talents with RAP by playing a selection of sacred and secular Christmas music. Remember your lunch, and invite your friends! Everyone is welcome! RSVP YES or NO to Sara Ann Ramberger, 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.

BLUE CHRISTMAS—Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. As we prepare for Christmas, some of us might not feel the joy of the season. Perhaps, this is a season of loss and pain. Anyone who feels that the holly and the jolly of the season is not where they find their hearts, is welcome to join us for our Blue Christmas service. The service welcomes all with trust and understanding in what can be a very painful time of the year. The service includes the lighting of candles, meditative music, prayers, comforting scriptures, and the giving of prayer shawls. Join us as we offer a quiet and reflective service of light in the midst of darkness.

POINSETTIAS: Once again, we will adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias, the beautiful Christmas season flower. **Please stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby and pick up an order form or you can also find them in your newsletter.** Each plant will be in a 6" pot and will be red with 4 to 5 blooms.

The cost is \$7.00 each. The order form enables you to place a flower in the sanctuary in honor, memory or in celebration of a special person or event. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate **by Sunday, December 19th** or into Donna Fackler's mailbox in the copy room. You may also email Donna at office@westgroveumc.org with your order. Those who ordered flowers, and for whom they are ordered, will be listed in **Christmas Eve bulletins**. All flowers will adorn the sanctuary until after Christmas. You may pick up your flowers on Sunday, December 26th after the 9:30 a.m. service or during that week. Any flowers remaining after Sunday will be delivered to our homebound and nursing home residents. Thank you.

Baptismal Liturgy For Chase Crowder November 28, 2021

Parents: Jon and Elizabeth Crowder

We give thanks for all that God has given you and welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of this church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, so that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

*Pastor Tim presents **Chase Crowder** to the congregation.*

Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward & visible sign of the grace & love of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal, and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

Those receiving this Sacrament are there by marked as Christian disciples, And initiated into the fellowship of Christ's holy Church, made part of the family of faith. All this is God's generous gift, offered to us without price. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied to them! Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them; For to such as these belongs the kingdom of God.

To the parents and guardians:

Do you who present this child **Chase**, confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

If so, answer "I do!" **I do.**

The pastor addresses parents or other sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves:

Will you nurture **Chase** in Christ's holy Church, that by **your** teaching and example he may be guided to **accept** God's grace for himself, to **profess** his faith **openly**, and to **lead** a Christian life?

If so, answer "I do!" **I do.**

*The pastor addresses the **congregation**,*

& the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, **reaffirm** both your **rejection** of sin and your **commitment** to Christ?

If so, answer, we do! **We do.**

Pastor continues to address all the people:

Will you **nurture** one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons (family) now before you in your care?

Please Join in the response:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround this child, Chase, with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him, that he may be true a disciple who walks in the ways that lead to life.

The Apostles' Creed in threefold question-and-answer form appeared at least as early as the third century as a statement of faith used in baptisms and has been widely used in baptisms ever since. The candidate(s), sponsor(s), and local congregation join with the universal Church across the ages in this historic affirmation of the Christian faith. The pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins the parents and sponsors in responding:

Let us all join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The pastor pours water for baptism into the font at this time in such a way that the congregation can see & hear the water.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you **swept** across the **dark** waters and **brought** forth **light**. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan River to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to **share** in the baptism of his death & resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

The pastor may place hands in or over the water, stir the water, or lift the water.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water & those who receive it, to wash away our sin and clothe us in righteousness throughout our lives, that, dying & being raised with Christ, we may share in his final victory.

****All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

Chase Crowder, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Pastor, sponsors, family and friends gather and laying hand on the newly baptized as the pastor says:

May the Holy Spirit work *within* you, that being born through water & the Spirit,

you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. *(Everyone:)* **Amen.**

Members of the household of God, I commend to you this child before you to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm and strengthen her hope and perfect her in love: