



West Grove United Methodist Church

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EPIPHANY

Epiphany Sunday
January 2, 2022

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.*

*Call to Worship (Based on Hymn #242 Love Came Down at Christmas)

Dave Talley

Leader: Love came down at Christmas, Love divine, Love all lovely!

People: Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign!

Leader: Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine!

People: Worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?

Leader: Love shall be our token and gift; love be yours and love be mine!

People: Love to God and all humanity, love for plea and gift and sign!

*Opening Song

“We Three Kings”

PraiseWorks Band

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**Gentle God of truth,
we know that at some point in our lives,
we often are at war within ourselves,
conflicted so severely that we cannot see, or trust,
that you are at work in our lives and world.
We are more like Herod than we would ever want to see or know.
There is so much competition, conflict, fear, and dis-ease in our lives.
Help us to overcome the limitations and confinement
that we so easily give in to; lift our attention to you.
Forgive us Lord, and lead us in your wholeness,
the understanding of what your true desire for us is,
that brings true peace to our hearts and lives.
Like the magi, may we seek you first, above all else,
and follow your creativity, possibilities, and newness in life.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Tim

Meditation

“Worthy Of Our Devotion”

Pastor Tim

Sacrament of Communion ~ The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany

*Song of Response	"I Will Follow"	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Tim
Anthem	"The Wonder of the Star"	Chancel Choir <i>By Tom Fettke</i> <i>Quoting "Kings of Orient" (by John H. Hopkins, Jr) and "Followers of the Lamb" (Shaker Tune)</i>
*Hymn	"There's A Song In The Air"	UMC. # 249 Vv. 1,3,4
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	"The Star Still Shines"	Peter Mullen and Vicki Owens, Duet
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"	UMC No. 224
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		
Passing of the Peace	<i>(Please honor those who perceive the need to maintain boundaries.)</i>	

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

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12*

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 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.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study, taught by Pastor Jim Mundell, will be **starting on January 10, 2022**, entitled "PORTRAITS OF CHRIST". The world has been asking, "Who is this Jesus"? This study from the Gospel of John presents a series of pictures or portraits telling us about Jesus. Each of the twenty-one chapters gives us a portrayal of some special aspect of the character, life, and work of Christ. You are invited to take part in this study to gain knowledge and understanding of Jesus and His life. **Study begins January 10th at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.**

YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE WEEK—June 26- July 2 Boston, MA: After a two-year delay, we will finally be embarking on our service trip to Bost, Massachusetts! We will be working with Next Step Ministries in the greater Boston area. One of the main worksites will be a new facility for the Boys and Girls Club of America, as well as other work sites. If you have any initial questions feel free to contact Melanie Hartley. We look forward to a great trip!

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!

A SMALL CHURCH MYSTERY: As you know, the bells have once again started playing live and rehearsing once a week. Our problem is that two of our folding bell tables are missing and now that things are beginning to ramp up after a year and a half of pandemic protocols, they are needed again. They have been shared with many different groups and people during that time, and If you have any information regarding these tables, could you please either contact Sandy Deckard, at davsav5@comcast.net, or 610-563-9500, or call the church office and let us know where they are. P.S. If you might be interested in playing bells, either as a permanent ringer, or as a substitute, we would also like to welcome you to our group. Let me know. Sandy Deckard, Memory Bells Director

**~~ 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)

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Tech Team Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Trustee Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	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)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Food Pantry (Lobby) 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.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution (Lobby) GS Troop #41377 (#8, 10)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

First Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group
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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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.*

Joyce Bischoff
Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Pat Crowl (Shiplet)
Christina DeFelice (Smith)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Lynn Jackson
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



The Minnick Family
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Family of Linda Peirson

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
RoAnn Bates Schneider
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 December 26, 2021

General Offering: \$ 2,069.00
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 95.00
Christmas Offering To-Date: \$1,569.00
Attendance: 55 in-person, 29 online views
Food Pantry: 16 families were served on
12/02/2021

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
Moment for All Ages:	Pastor Tim

	This Week:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	Open	Open
Counters:	TBA	TBA
Lay Readers:	Dave Talley	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Usher	Cindy Hoover	Esther Culbertson
Greeter	Tom Hoover	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.***