



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Love



Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 19, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

“A Tree and a Star”

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Kathleen Wissinger

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 - Love

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. Make the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy!

Scripture Reading

Pastor Tim

Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulder; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12)

Pastor Tim

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence, for our hope is from God!

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation! We shall not be shaken!

Leader: On God rests our deliverance and our honor, our refuge is God alone!

**People: Let us trust in God at all times, whatever we face! Let us pour out
our hearts before God who is our true refuge!**

Leader: Even when He is silent, power belongs to God!

**People: And so to you O Lord, belongs steadfast love and friendship! Your
grace flows like water bringing life!**

Opening Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMC No. 211
Vv. 1, 2, 6, 7

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**Generous Lord, we know deep within our hearts
that you don't want sacrifices and burnt offerings
in the ways that so many have offered them in the past.
You want us to give of our hearts, in real friendship,
the way Jesus gave himself for us.
Write your Covenant within our hearts,
however challenging it may be for us.
We thank you for coming to us in very real ways,
for bringing peace, wholeness to our world and to our lives.**

**And we thank you for showing us
how faith can be alive in the ways we embody it.
Continue to help us grow and mature in living out our faith in you.
And may our lives be a great blessing to others.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson	<i>Luke 1:39-45</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"Our Need for Incarnation from Each Other"	Pastor Tim
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada		Karen Hruz Page 4, UMC No. 883
Anthem	"Sound Of The Round" Words and Music by Annie Herring, Arranged by Bruce Greer	Chancel Choir
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
*Song of Response	"My Peace"	PraiseWorks Band
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Arranged by Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney	Memory Bells Choir
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	"My Soul Magnifies The Lord"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Choral Benediction	"Christmas Peace"	Chancel Choir
*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**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

A Statement of Faith of the United Church Of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services-Friday, December 24th As we move through the Holiday Season and Advent, may we also move closer to Christ the Lord and to one another. We invite you to join us throughout this blessed season as we anticipate the birth and second coming of Christ. Our Sunday services are at 6:00 p.m. (Family), 8:00 p.m. (Contemporary), and 10 p.m. (Traditional) with nursery provided for all services. We joyfully invite you to join us to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24. We offer three different services, so we hope you will find one that will be a blessing to you!

- 6:00 p.m. Our family service with music by our Memory Bells Handbell Choir**
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Jenner's Pond with The Rev. Jim Mundell in Allison Theater**
- 8:00 p.m. Our Contemporary Service with music by our PraiseWorks Band**
- 10:00 p.m. Our Traditional Service with music by our Chancel Choir and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

No reservations are necessary. We do ask that you wear a mask to protect children who are not vaccinated and others who are immune compromised. We hope you will join us!

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. There will be an information meeting on Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m. In the youth lounge for students and parents who have made payments as well as any new students who are interested. 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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages GS Troop #4492 (#8, 10) Youth Mission Trip Meeting (Sanc.) Youth Group Christmas Party (#8, 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Site Team (J. Bowers) (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Toy Distribution (Lobby)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution Full Staff Meeting (#1)
Thursday:	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday	Church Office is Closed	
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc. Or Parking lot)

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages
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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.*

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)
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



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 12, 2021

General Offering: \$ 12,596.50
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 300
Christmas Offering To-Date: \$25
Attendance: 66 in-person, 11 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
Handbell Director:	Sandy Deckard
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley

	This Week:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	Chris Bruno	Open
Counters:	Valerie Kapp-Benner & Joan Leaman	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Readers:	Karen Hruz	Fred Sullivan
Usher	Ralph Curtiss	Priscilla Barkman & Joan Saller
Greeter	TBD	Kim O'Neill & Paulette Bryan
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.***