



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Search me, O God,
& know my heart!

Try me and
know my thoughts!

-Psalm 139:23



PsalmsQuotes.com

First Sunday After Epiphany
January 9, 2022

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*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 Psalm 139)

Pastor Jim

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and know us!

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out our path and our lying down, you are acquainted with all our ways.

People: Your Spirit is everywhere! If we take flight in morning, you are there to the farthest limits of the land and sea, and your right hand leads us!

Leader: At times we are surrounded in fear, and say, "Surely the darkness shall cover us, and the light surrounding us will become night."

People: But even the darkness is not dark to you Lord! Night is a bright as day! Strengthen us in your courage, for you are the Author of creation, and all creativity!

Leader: How weighty are your thoughts O God, how creative is your Spirit!

People: Search us O God, and know our hearts! Lift us up to new creativity in the Light of your Truth! Name us as your beloved!

*Opening Song

"Search Me, O God"

PraiseWorks Band

(Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are invited to meet in room # 10 for Children's Worship after the Opening Hymn/Song. Children will return to worship at the Moment for All Ages.

Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room # 15 to participate in a story and guided activities.)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

**Lord, our lives are in your hands and we are grateful,
for you have called us by name;
you have personally reached out to us in Jesus,
to help us live a full life.
You bring us together in community,
to multiply the blessings of life together as we give care.
We are never alone, your Spirit is with us,
and as you have been creative, so too you are creating.**

**Help us to see and live in the possibilities.
Broaden and deepen our outlook, our hearts and minds in faith,
and humbly we ask that you strengthen the courage we need
to share and fulfill your vision for our world.
Help always to not be afraid of encountering you personally;
may we never hide from your presence.
Instead let us soar in joy to the heights and depths
of faithfully living by grace.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson	<i>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Holy Ghost Power, God’s Creativity Brings Identity”	Pastor Tim
Affirmation of Faith	Valerie Kapp-Benner A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church (Page 4)	
*Song of Response	“The River Is Here”	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Reflective Hymn	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	UMC No, 420, Vv. 1-3
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory	“Into The Waters” <i>Words by Patricia Mock and Patti Drennan, Music by Patti Drennan</i>	Chancel Choir
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	UMC No. 369
*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: *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Affirmation of Faith—UMC No. 884

We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness,
and in the life everlasting. Amen.

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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, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. 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 tomorrow, 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 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!

RETIRED ACTIVE PEOPLE (RAP), Friday, January 14, 2022, 12:00 PM RAP was very excited to gather once again on December 10th. Thank you to everyone who helped us launch our welcome back and to those who provided desserts and helped with our cleanup.

Join us on January 14, 2022 at noon, as we welcome a New Year and the opportunity to continue our monthly gatherings. Invite your friends and bring your bagged lunch. Desserts and beverages are provided. We are pleased to welcome RAP member **D. K. Taylor, local author and member of West Grove UMC**, as she discusses her five book series about the Vail family and tells us how she got started in writing. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon program and fellowship!

RAP Committee

Paulette Bryan, Cindy Haley, Caryl Stuhrke, and Sara Ann Ramberger

**~~ 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 After Epiphany

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Portraits of Christ Bible Study (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering at Home
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Reopening Committee Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution (Lobby)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby)
	4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.	GS Troop Daisies (#8, 10)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #4251 (#8, 10)
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	R.A.P. (Retired Active People) (Lobby, Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)
	12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Private Event

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.-11:45 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
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group

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)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Family of 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 January 2, 2022

General Offering: \$ 3,305.00
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 55.00
Christmas Offering To-Date: \$1,689.00
Attendance: 61 in-person, 23 online views
Food Pantry: 10 families were served on
12/30/2021

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:	Melanie Hartley

	Today:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	Amy Castaldi	Open
Counters:	D. Stuhrke & D. Talley	H. McCummings & S. Nesbitt
Lay Readers:	Valerie Kapp-Benner	Caryl Stuhrke
Usher	Esther Culbertson	Ray Leonardo
Greeter	Nancy Duvall	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.***