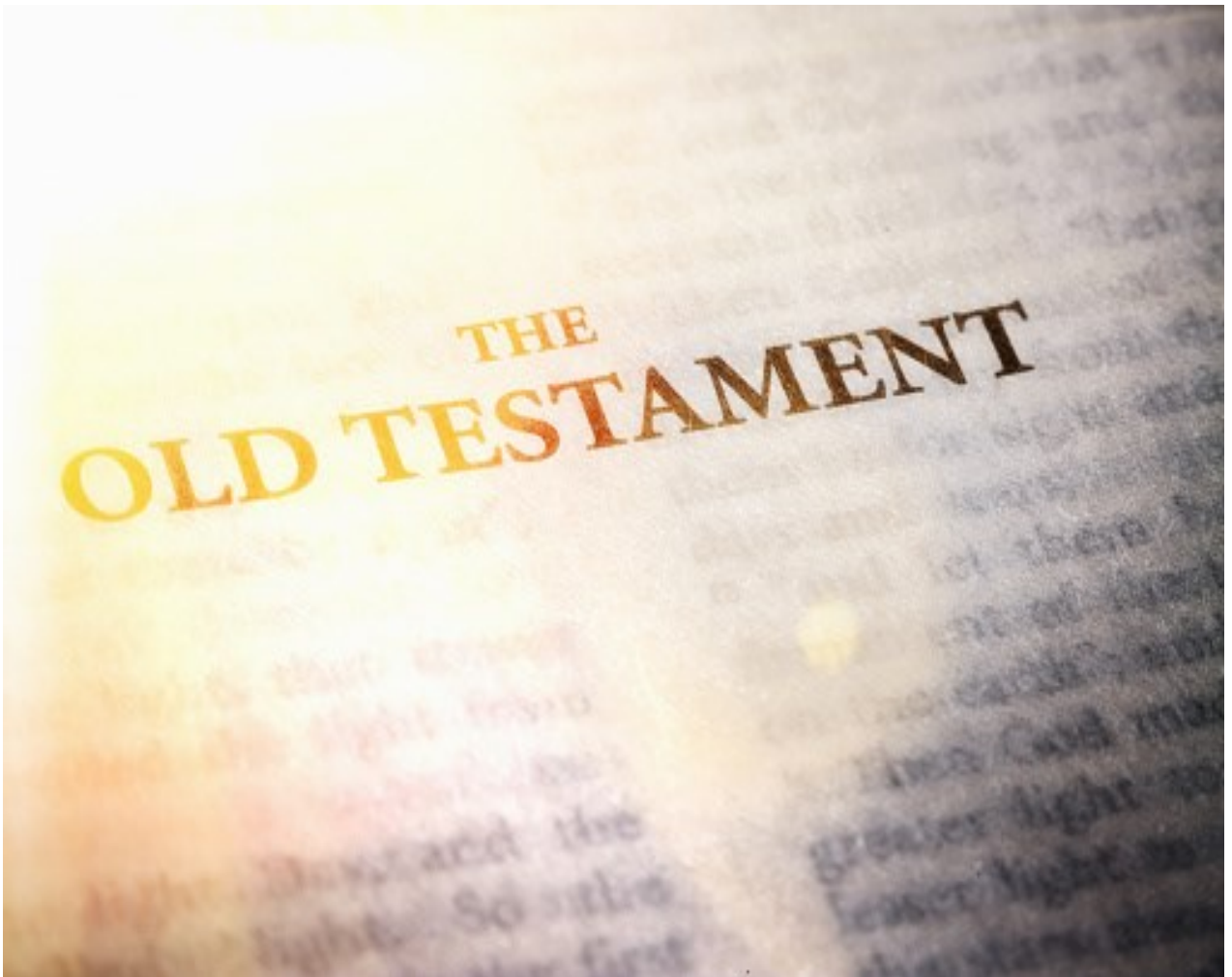




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 23, 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 (Psalm 19:7-8)

Pastor Tim

Leader: The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

*Opening Song

“The God of Abraham Praise ”

UMH No. 116

(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 Tim

**Breathe on us breath of God, fill us with life anew,
so that we may love as you love, and do what you would have us do.**

**May we come to know your Word, not as a hard tablet of stone,
nor a dried out piece of paper.**

**May we instead understand your Word,
Lord as our living breathing source of life,
your personal Presence with us, clarifying our vision,
as you open us up to new possibilities.**

**Be alive within us Lord,
may the Holy Spirit continue to transform our hearts and lives.**

**Continue instilling hope & joy into our lives,
so that we may bless others in our friendships in fellowship together.
In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Rev. Dr. David Frame

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

Rev. Dr. David Frame

Meditation	“The Old Testament Isn’t Old!”	Rev. Dr. David Frame
Psalter Reading	Psalms 119:1-8, 33-40	Sandy Deckard Responsive, Pg. 6
*Apostles’ Creed		Sandy Deckard Unison, Pg. 7
*Song of Response	“Word of God Speak”	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
*Hymn	“Thy Word Is A Lamp”	UMH No. 601
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“The Child Grew Strong” Words by Louis F. Benton (1855-1930), Additional words by Joseph M. Martin. Music by Joseph M. Martin	Chancel Choir
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	“The Book”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. David Frame
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: *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 4:14-21*

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Psalter: *Psalm 119:1-8, 33-40*

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**People: Blessed are those who keep God's Testimonies,
who seek God with their whole heart,**

Leader: who also do no wrong,
but walk in God's ways!

**People: You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**People: Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**People: I will observe your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.**

Leader: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**People: Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to gain!**

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities,
and give me life in your ways.

**People: Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

Leader: Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

**People: Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**

Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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. 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

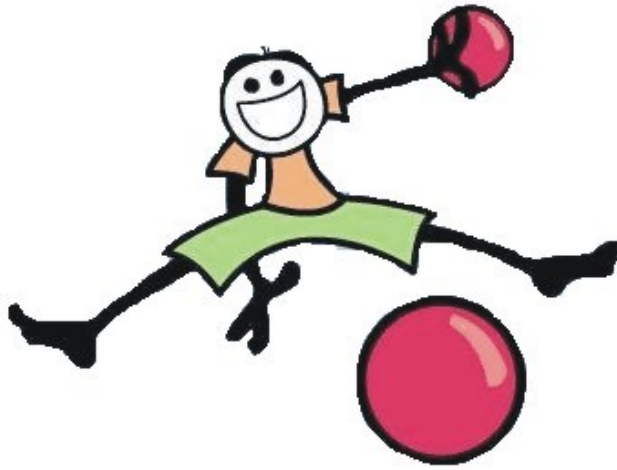
Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

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.

BRIDGE OF HOPE: Through Bridge of Hope, our church family has a new opportunity to extend the love and care Christ has given us, to families facing homelessness. Bridge of Hope is a unique ministry, a three-way partnership among families facing homelessness, church-based Neighboring Volunteers trained to provide practical support and encouragement, and professional staff. Rather than offering short-term solutions, the Bridge of Hope Neighborhood of Support is designed to last 18 to 24 months to give families the time and opportunities necessary for long-term change. We are hoping to get about 10 volunteers who would commit to "neighboring" a family. Neighboring is similar to what we do, as we support and care for family and friends. We would be available to a family dealing with homelessness, by being a support network for them. We might provide a ride, make a meal together, help with taxes, homework assistance, and/or make a phone call offering encouragement. Each family and volunteers are unique, so neighboring will be specific to those working in partnership.

This seems like a great way to continue our care for families facing homelessness, in the absence of being able to house them in the local churches, through Family Promise. If this sounds like something you would care to know more about, there is an informational Zoom meeting scheduled with the Chester County Church Engagement Director. **We will be meeting with the Rev. Scott Dorsey at 4:00 on Jan. 23rd.** He will share more about the ministry and what is expected of the volunteers. **Please let Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net) know of your interest in being part of that Zoom gathering on Jan. 23 and she will send you the Zoom invitation.** Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this wonderful opportunity.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study, taught by Pastor Jim Mundell, entitled "PORTRAITS OF CHRIST" meets on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** 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.



DODGEBALL IS BACK!!!

1st Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

Bring your friends and be ready to have fun!

There will be other games, so there is something for everyone! Plus great snacks!

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 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)

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
The Rev. Dr. David Frame, Preaching**

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	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:	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Portraits of Christ Bible Study (Sanc.)
	6:30 p.m.	J. Bowers Site Team Meeting (Zoom)
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)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (#1)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.	GS Troop #Daisy (#8, 10)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby)
	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)
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution (Lobby)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

Fourth 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 16, 2022

General Offering: \$ 5,105

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 300

Attendance: 59 in-person, 48 online views

Food Pantry: 25 families were served on
01/20/2022

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Steve May
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 Rev. Dr. David Frame
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley

	Today:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	Chris Bruno	OPEN
Counters:	V. Kapp-Benner & J. Leaman	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Readers:	Sandy Deckard	Paulette Bryan
Usher	Andrew Herman	Mark Simmons
Greeter	Esther Culbertson	Amy Simmons
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.***