



West Grove United Methodist Church

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**God saved us
and called us
to live a holy life.**

2 Timothy 1:9

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and All Worship Sunday
September 4, 2022*

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Betsy Smith

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

***Call to Worship**

Dave Talley

Leader: We are children of God:

People: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

Leader: We are members of a community:

People: Called to know each other, to accept each other, and welcome all.

Leader: We are citizens of a nation:

People: Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

Leader: We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

People: So may our hearts be as one and let us worship our God.

***Opening Song**

"With One Voice"

PraiseWorks Band

Opening Prayer

Dave Talley

Here in this time of worship, O Lord,

I offer myself fully to you. May your will be my guide.

May your love be the pattern of my life.

May your way be my hope. May your path be my help.

Lord, I surrender to you my hopes, my dreams, my goals, my ambitions.

**Fill me, Lord, here and now, with a deep sense of your presence
and a strong sense of your empowering Spirit.**

Take this time of prayer to renew my faith and replenish my heart.

**Rebirth my spirit so that I may live with hope and confidence
this day and every day, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 14:25-33

Dave Talley

Meditation

"A Spirit Of Confidence"
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Response**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH No. 714

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Affirmation of Faith**

Dave Talley

Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Invitation To The Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

“Come, Follow Me”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Elly and Steve Kupferschmid

Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Jim

***Closing Song**

“I Will Follow”

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Pastor Jim

Postlude

Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality

(Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.)

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)*

Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Scripture Reading: *2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NIV)*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation (Responsive)

Pastor: The table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive and belonging to God through Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy.

People: At this table we celebrate Jesus, Who touched our brokenness with His life, Who gathers us together, inside and out. We give ourselves to that wholeness, moving from hurt to grace and from darkness to light, filling our lives with love, laughter, and each other, and joining with all created things to say: "Holy are You, O God."

Pastor: Holy are You, O God, for your mercy is endless. You have filled all creation with light and life, and Your glory stretches through the heavens. It was You Who led Abraham and Sarah to the land of promise, to the land of the living. It was You Who blessed Miriam and David when they danced and sang in holy places. And through Jesus, You taught us to celebrate. Those who were blind saw the sun of Your goodness, the lame leaped for joy, and those who were locked in the prison of their fears were given the freedom to love.

People: Your Spirit calls us now, in this place, to gather all people into our celebration, to befriend those who are suffering and struggling, to wipe away tears through our caring.

Pastor: The bread of our being loved and the wine of our joy stand as reminders that miracles of faith, love and risk continue to happen. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask You to bless the bread and wine so that, in sharing them together, we shall be Your People.

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

Act of Consecration

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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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.

PASTOR JIM'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Pastor Jim will offer a new Bible Study on the Holy Spirit. It will be held on **Monday nights beginning September 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. To many Christians the Holy Spirit may seem to be a mystery. Our objective is to explore the key Bible passages about the Holy Spirit, from Genesis to Revelation. It is designed to help us grow in our relationship with the Spirit, and to understand what a believer needs to know about the Spirit to learn to walk with Him. This study is for all people, whether you are a new Christian or a long-time believer, or one who wants to know more about the Holy Spirit. We trust you will join us for this study; bring your Bible and note taking material. Contact Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR! Rehearsal are on **Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.** Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them! If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith, the Choir Director, or any of the choir members. We would be happy to help you! musicmomva@aol.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The church has **big plans** for children and youth ministries starting in September. We all want to see the church grow and this is where you come in! We need volunteers for Children's Worship and Sunday School classes and also just being the second adult in the room during our youth groups. All the church is asking is for you to volunteer one hour a month. **(JUST ONE HOUR)** Please reach out to our Youth Minister, Melanie Hartley, if you have an hour a month to spare!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND ALL WORSHIP SUNDAY: Children's worship is offered during the worship service for children in grades K-4 on all Sundays **except the 1st Sunday of the month** when we offer Communion and All Worship Sunday. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson of the day, as well as worship practices of the church, and the church seasons. Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be invited by the pastor to attend children's worship after the Opening Prayer.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY OFFERED: How much of the Bible have you been blessed to read over the years? In Disciple Bible Study participants spend about a half hour every day reading several chapters in the Bible; they then meet together once a week for about two hours at the church to view a short video and share what they have read in more detail. It is a time of strengthening our practice of devotions and living in great fellowship together while listening and hearing a more complete way to relate with God together, blessed by sharing with others in God's Word. We cover 85% of the Bible in 36 weeks. Learn more, speak with Tim; sign up! Email Tim at pastor@westgroveumc.org

THIS WEEK: September 4, 2022 through September 11, 2022

**~~ 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)**

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and All Worship Sunday**

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Service in the Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Monday:	Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day	
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop 4189 (8, 10)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop 427 (8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby)
	5:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop 4251 (1)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Blended Service in the Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	GS Troop 4492 (8,10)

Please note: Pastor Tim and Julie will be on vacation from September 1st-9th

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred
Chambers
Joann Coates

Denise Cordavano (Saller)
Dee Crawford
Pat Crawl (Shiplot)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irm Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplot)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Cindy Hoover
Lynn Jackson
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Jim May (Mullen)
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
Maxine Miller (Mullen)



Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Darlene Murphy
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe
(Hruz)

Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
RoAnn Bates Schneider
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Linda Shiplot
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Sandy Smith (Mundell)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Stephen Syska (Mullen)
Carol Sweet
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Linda and Ken Woodward
(Mullen)
Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

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 August 28, 2022

General Offering: \$ 4,719

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 140

Attendance: 72 in-person and 12 on-line as
of 8-28-22

Food Pantry: 32 families on 08/25/2022

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley

	<u>Today: 09/04/22</u>	<u>Next Week: 09/11/22</u>
Nursery Aide:	Amy Castaldi	OPEN
Children's Worship:	Melanie Hartley	Melanie Hartley
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	TBD
Lay Readers:	Dave Talley	David Frame
Ushers:	Joan Saller and Paulette Bryan	Ralph Curtiss and Joan Saller
Greeter:	Fran Miller	Ray Leonardo

***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.***