



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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# *World Communion*



# *Sunday*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*October 2, 2022*

# 11:00 a.m. Blended Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

### \*Call to Worship (Based on the Song, "I Will Fear No More," by The Afters)

Pastor Jim

Leader: Every anxious thought that steals my breath is a heavy weight upon my chest!

**People: As I lie awake and wonder what the future will hold, help me to remember Lord, that You are in control!**

Leader: You are my courage when I worry in the dead of night; you are my strength, 'cause I'm not strong enough to win this fight!

**People: You are greater than the battle raging in my heart, so I will trust You Lord, I will fear no more!**

Leader: I will lift my eyes, I will lift my cares! Lay them in Your hands, I'll leave them there!

**People: When the wind and waves are coming, You shelter me! Even though I am in the storm, the storm is not in me!**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus"

UMH No. 362

### Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

*(The children are invited to go with the Children's Worship leader to Room 12 for their activities.)*

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**God of mercy and grace, God of forgiveness and love,  
we give thanks for your generosity of life and friendship  
that you have taught us to share freely.  
Empower us Lord, especially this day,  
to seek a deeper relationship with you and each other.  
You made the sacrifice in Jesus,  
so that we might be free from what confines, suffocates,  
and kills off life, in and among us.  
Continue to bring down the barriers we have built,  
that keep us from living intimately with you and each other.  
Help us now to receive your mercy and live fully by your Spirit.  
May we learn and grow to make our sacrifices  
from our hearts on life's altars,  
wherever and whatever they may be.  
Strengthen our insights, empower our living,  
so that we recognize and claim the opportunities we have,  
to share the gifts you have entrusted to us,  
especially our friendships in you.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

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| <b>Scripture Lesson</b>   | <i>II Timothy 1:1-14</i>  | Pastor Tim       |
| <b>Meditation</b>   | “Only The Blood Of Jesus Christ”  | Pastor Tim       |
| <b>*Gospel Lesson</b>   | <i>Luke 17:5-10</i>   | Joyce Lewis      |
| <b>*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed</b>   |   | Joyce Lewis      |
| <b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty,<br/> maker of heaven and earth;<br/> And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;<br/> who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,<br/> born of the Virgin Mary,<br/> suffered under Pontius Pilate,<br/> was crucified, dead, and buried;*<br/> the third day he rose from the dead;<br/> he ascended into heaven,<br/> and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;<br/> from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.<br/> I believe in the Holy Spirit,<br/> the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints,<br/> the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,<br/> and the life everlasting. Amen.</b> |   |                  |
| <b>*Hymn of Response</b>  | “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”   | UMH No. 452      |
| <b>Communion</b>  | <i>World Wide Communion Sunday</i>  |                  |
| <b>Lord’s Prayer</b>  |   |                  |
| <b>Communion Song</b>   | “For Everyone Born”   | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Invitation to the Offering</b>   |   | Pastor Jim       |
| <b>Offertory</b>  | “Together At The Table Of The Lord”<br><i>Words by Jan McGuire, Music by John Purifoy</i> | Chancel Choir    |
| <b>Consecration of the Offering</b>   |   | Pastor Jim       |
| <b>*Closing Song</b>  | “Sacrifice”   | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>*Benediction</b>   |   | Pastor Tim       |
| <b>Postlude</b>   |   |                  |
| <b>Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality</b>  |   |                  |
| <i>(Please join us for a time of Fellowship and Sunday School following the service.)</i>   |   |                  |

## **Scripture Lesson: II Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSVUE)**

### **Salutation**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Thanksgiving and Encouragement**

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 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, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him.<sup>[d]</sup> 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10 (NRSVUE)**

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

# **The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts. .*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people

to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth

and to make disciples of all nations

and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,  
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people  
to witness faithfully in your name.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and for ever.

**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

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**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** on the Holy Spirit is held on Monday nights at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. 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. Contact Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

**CHRISTIAN PARENTING STUDY:** Looking for a place of grace to share your laughter, questions and doubts about parenting? Wonder what the Bible says about parenting? **Come to an exploratory meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday, Oct. 2 with other parents of children under 18.** We want your input about study topics most meaningful to you! Julie Anderman is excited to be facilitating this discussion-based study during the Sunday School hour for the next few months. You will learn with – and from – other parents. Both single and dual parents have rich wisdom to share. No Bible knowledge necessary. Each lesson does not depend on the previous lesson. Look for signs to the meeting space after you grab your coffee in the

**CMO & PRESCHOOL PIZZA FUNDRAISER:** We are partnering with Pasquale's Pizza in New London and are offering a Pizza Kit as a Fundraiser for Preschool. Included in the kit is: Dough for two 14" pizzas, pizza sauce, mozzarella, and oregano. You bake at your convenience. A portion of each sale will go directly to the Preschool! We would like to start offering the kit two Tuesdays a month on the first and third Tuesdays. **You can place an order by giving your money ( \$15.00 cash or check made out to WGUMC-CMO) by the Friday before the kit distribution (i.e. \$15 due by 10/14 for 10/18 pick up).** Kits will be at school and ready to be **handed out by NOON on those Tuesdays.** Any kit not picked up on Tuesday will be promptly refrigerated until you are able to get it. Thank you in advance for supporting our Preschool. We appreciate you.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, October 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.** Donations accepted at the church from TODAY, Sunday, October 2nd through Thursday, October 6th. On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!! Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.

**CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE:** Fall/Winter Children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, baby items and equipment. **Friday, October 21st ~ 9am – 4:00pm and Saturday, October 22nd~ 9am – 12:00 pm** West Grove United Methodist Church Children's Morning Out and Preschool will be holding its annual Children's Consignment Sale. This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at great prices! If you are interested in consigning, you can pick up an instruction packet at the church. For additional details, please call the Abbie Gruscavage at 610-806-5393 or email her at [cmo@westgroveumc.org](mailto:cmo@westgroveumc.org)

# **Disaffiliation of a Discernment Process**

## **Saturday, October 29, 9AM**

### **Your Attendance Is Important**

The United Methodist Church is going through an extreme transition, as many churches are trying to discern whether or not they want to continue to take part in the denomination's structure and guidelines found in our covenant together in the Book of Discipline. Many churches, for a variety of reasons, have started to break away and form a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church. At the last General Conference six years ago, guidelines to a process for disaffiliation were presented and approved, and many churches are choosing to move forward with disaffiliation for a variety of reasons. The virus interfered with the process in many ways. **Our Conference in Eastern PA has offered churches the opportunity to have trained, informed pastors come in and make a presentation about the discernment process for disaffiliation. Having them come for an initial presentation does not obligate us to go forward with disaffiliation or the process of discernment.**

Because we believe it wise to make informed decisions, the Ad Council Board voted to have the two pastors come and present information about what the process would be, then right after the presentation all the members of our church who are present, will vote whether or not to go further in hearing and understanding more about the discernment process of disaffiliation. **It is not that the Ad Council wants to disaffiliate; it is that we believe we want everyone to be as informed as we can be at this time. All church members are invited and encouraged to attend.** We regret that this process is as limited as it is in time; it is what the Conference has offered and made available to us, and we want to make the most of what time and freedom we have, and not be passive, just allowing events to lead us.

Rev Dori Newcomer and Rev Mark Terry will make the presentation on **Saturday, October 29 starting at 9AM**. We do not expect the time to go beyond noon. There will be time for discussion after their presentation, and then time to vote as a congregation. **Only members of the church will be able to vote.** We urge you to join us in the gathering, and also in our prayers together, that we focus on listening and understanding God and one another. I encourage you to meet with me, Pastor Tim, with questions and/or concerns you may have.



## Courageous Dialogues – Sharing Our Views of Sexuality

You are invited: On **Monday, October 24, from 9AM to 1PM a special workshop** is being offered at Camp Innabah (near Pottstown) where participants are invited to come and share fellowship in worship and in courageous dialogue in small groups, sharing one story that would help others understand one's views on sexuality. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided. The cost is \$20 and scholarships are available. [Click Here to Register](#)

Sexuality is a sacred part of our lives and one of the most complex dynamics we share. When we hold differing views on it, as Christians we need to take time to listen in empathy to what others have been through, to learn, grow, and mature together. The Bible is full of stories about faith journeys, and those stories are not always complimentary of the people who lived them, but the stories are seeking to lift up God's faithfulness, and the ways God has helped bless and nurture life, and our relationship with Him. They teach us as they can prepare us for life's challenges, and they enrich and help to multiply our blessings. It is vital we strive and work to be active listeners, and understand one another's experiences and points of view. Much of the Bible's guideline and laws are entrusted to us, so that we might have more trusting, intimate relationships, where we can be more ready to share and grow from insights together, and build a closer, deeper community together. Stories also heal, as they provide identity and understanding; they can help nurture empathy, as they stretch us to understand God and one another. Sharing stories is a way to honor the Shema, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. I have learned so much from the stories that people have shared with me. You are invited to come and share your story to help in our understanding together in the larger community of faith. In a world so polarized and divided we have choices we can make to live

faithfully in the grace and fellowship God has entrusted to us.

Additional workshops are planned for:

**Monday, November 14 at  
Pocono Plateau, from 9AM to 1PM  
And Monday, January 30 at  
Gretna Glen, from 9AM to 1PM**

### Our Core Values for the Courageous Dialogues and as a Church Include:

- ☐ Centered in Jesus' calling to love others and see in every face the face of Christ
- ☐ Courageous/safe conversations
- ☐ Authenticity & Respect
- ☐ Attentive Listeners – not trying to “fix” people
- ☐ Framework: Maturing and growing in God's love together (sanctification); guided by the Wesleyan Quadrilateral (using scripture; tradition; reason & experience)
- ☐ Hear each other's heart/share our faith journey
- ☐ Stop the “flight or fight” response and provide space for connection in sacred relationships
- ☐ We hope to provide a model for the local church & for individuals for this & other issues
- ☐ Open-mindedness & outward mindset (seeing the other person as loved by God in Christ)
- ☐ Appreciation for diversity in complex perspectives, and God's creativity

It takes courage that only God can provide to share such an intimate part of who we are. Yet our Lord and Savior has done so much for us to help us claim the fullness of life God has offered in His Covenant to us. Now we are called to respond with our best, our all. I pray that God will continue to lead us in patience, empathy, compassion and grace to be the people who fulfill His promises, listening and sharing our hearts bringing the fullness of life in His fellowship to our world. I pray you will join us in one of these gatherings.

**~~ 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)**

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**World Communion Sunday**

- Sunday:** 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (8, 10)  
4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (8, 10)
- Monday: Fall Rummage Sale Set-Up (Sanc.)**  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Tech Team Meeting (1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (Sanc.)
- Tuesday: Fall Rummage Sale Set-Up (Sanc.)**  
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)  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cardio-Drumming Class (8, 10)
- Wednesday: Fall Rummage Sale Set-Up (Sanc.)**  
No Preschool  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #427 (8, 10)
- Thursday: Fall Rummage Sale Set-Up (Sanc.)**  
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 Dist.  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Food Pantry (6, Lobby)  
5:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. GS Troop #4567 (8, 10)  
6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
- Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Fall Rummage Sale**  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Fall Rummage Sale**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

- Sunday:** 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Blended Service in the Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. GS Troop 4492 (12)  
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (8, 10)  
4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (8, 10)

# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto: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 (Shiplet)  
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)  
Irm Devom (Stryjewski)  
Lena Douglas  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)  
Pat Gaughan (Fackler)  
Alysia Groves (McGinley)  
Richard Heacock  
Alan Herb (Shiplet)  
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)  
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 Shiplet  
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)  
Tyler Winters (Saller)  
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 September 25, 2022

General Offering: \$ 4,476

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 745

Attendance: 77 in-person and 26 on-line as  
of 09-29-22

Food Pantry: 29 families on 09/22/2022

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **Sunday Morning Servants**

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| 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. Tim Anderman<br>Rev. Jim Mundell                                     |
| Music Director:               | Betsy Smith   |
| Moment for All Ages:          | Melanie Hartley   |

|                     | <b><u>Today: 10/02/22</u></b>     | <b><u>Next Week: 10/09/22</u></b> |
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| Nursery Aide:       | Joan Leaman                       | OPEN                              |
| Children's Worship: | Melanie Hartley                   | Melanie Hartley                   |
| Roamers:            | Amy Castaldi                      | Paulette Bryan                    |
| Counters:           | Dick Stuhrke and<br>Carol Stuhrke | Janice Bowers and<br>Joan Leaman  |
| Lay Readers:        | Joyce Lewis                       | Peter Mullen                      |
| Ushers:             | John and Judy Gambill             | Linda and Virgil Brown            |
| Greeter:            | Fred Sullivan                     | 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.***