



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*First Sunday of Advent
Consecration Sunday
November 27, 2022*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Emily Lucas, Cello Betsy Smith, Piano

Cello and Piano Duet

Arranged by John Purifoy

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

The Anderman Family

Scripture Reading

Pastor Tim

Isaiah 60:2-3

*"For darkness shall cover the earth & thick darkness the peoples;
But the Lord will rise upon you, & his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, & kings to the brightness of your dawn."*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness

To show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come Emmanuel!

*Call to Worship (Based on Hymn #86, Mountains Are All Aglow)

Pastor Jim

Leader: Mountains are all aglow with autumn colors so bright,

People: Rivers are full of water giving life to our days

Leader: Golden fields wave their praise to God's bountiful harvest;

People: Gratefully, skyward arising, hear our joyous songs of praise!

Leader: Praise the Lord as we're planting God's word deep in each heart!

People: God has sent sunshine and the rain so the seedlings of faith may grow!

Leader: Dessert lands which seem barren, yet flowers still will bloom;

People: Trusting in God's promises our thanks to God we will show!

*Opening Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH No. 131

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

**O Lord, our God as we begin a new Advent season,
we ask you to come into our hearts more completely and deeply.**

Teach us your ways.

**We want to prepare for all that you are doing in creation,
and be faithful in the ways we live and love you and one another.**

**Help us to grow in the ways we embody your grace and mercy,
as Christ taught us.**

**Expand, broaden, and deepen our understanding of you and one another,
and in our responses to the world's needs.**

We give you thanks and may we always make room for you in our hearts.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 2:1-5* Pastor Tim

Meditation “Let God Provide The Future” Pastor Tim

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Tim
The congregation is invited to come forward with their offering and Commitment Cards

Offertory “We Are An Offering” PraiseWorks Band

Consecration of the Offering Pastor Tim

Scripture Lesson *Romans 13:11-14* Dick Stuhrke

Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation Dick Stuhrke

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Anthem “Come Emmanuel” Chancel Choir
Emily Lucas, Cello

*Words: Latin Hymn, tr. John M. Neale
Tune: O Waly Waly (Traditional) and Veni Emmanuel (Traditional French Plainsong)
Arranged by Mary McDonald*

Joys and Concerns Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim

The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Postlude

Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality

Please join us for a time of Fellowship and Sunday School following the service.

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Scripture Lesson: *Romans 13:11-14*

The Day Is Near

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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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.

SHARING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING WITH RESIDENTS AT TWIN PINES: As in the past, this Christmas we will be collecting gifts to be given to the residents at Twin Pines Health Care Center in Chatham. We have been given the names of 20 residents and their gift suggestions. Those gift tags are hanging on the small Christmas tree in the lobby. **We ask you to wrap the gifts and put the tag on the outside of the gift. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the church and placed under the tree by Sunday December 18th.** Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM: Mondays, November 28. December 5, 12, 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a Bible study entitled **BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.** See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

UMM TOY DRIVE: The UM Men will, once again, support the 2022 HOLIDAY TOY & GIFT DRIVE for the Methodist Home for Children, Methodist Services of Philadelphia. A flyer of the suggested gifts that may be donated in support for the children can be found in your newsletter on our website: www.westgroveumc.org. **All gifts need to be delivered to the church no later than Dec. 4th** All gifts to be unwrapped. Contact Pastor Jim or Mike Duvall with questions.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION NEXT Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. The Advent season is almost here!! We look forward to welcoming the season with our traditional Christmas Music Celebration! There will be music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells, and PraiseWorks Band. There will also be a variety of musical numbers by our talented friends and, of course, a carol sing-along. If you would like to perform in this special event with a solo, duet, small group, instrumental, dance, poetry, etc., please let Betsy Smith know today, November 27. (musicmomva@aol.com)

LUTHER HOUSE CHRISTMAS MISSION: The mission team is returning to our Luther House Christmas by making up goodie bags and inviting residents to our Christmas services. Please sign up in the Narthex to donate individually packaged cookies and candies. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday the 11th of December.** We will be filling the bags with homemade cookies and individually wrapped Christmas Candies after service on that date. We ask the congregation to sign up to indicate kinds and quantities of cookies or candies you wish to bring so we can make sure we have enough for all the residents there.

AMAZON SMILE: When shopping this holiday season, **please sign on to Amazon Smile** and chose West Grove UMC as the non-profit you would like have benefit from your shopping. You only have to do this once and then just sign in under Amazon Smile when you shop. **It costs you NOTHING** and the church gets a percentage of all purchases from all shoppers. If you have any questions, contact Donna in the office and she will be happy to share the benefits of shopping with Smile!

**~~ 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)**

**Consecration Sunday
First Sunday in Advent**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group Thanksgiving Dinner
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	GS Troop # 41366 (8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Advent Bible Study (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (1)
	12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Soccer Shots
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	GS Leaders Meeting (8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	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.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Dist.
	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Youth Games Night
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

Second Sunday in Advent

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	GS Troop 2292 (12)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Christmas Music Celebration

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

Family of 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)
Family of Pat Gaughan
(Fackler)
Alysia Groves (McGinley)
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplet)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Family of Don Hurst
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)
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
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)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Tyler Winters (Saller)



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 November 20, 2022

General Offering: \$ 5,847

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 180

Thanksgiving Offering: \$ 530

**Attendance: 71 in-person and 10 on-line
as of 11/20/22**

Food Pantry: 48 families on 11/17/2022

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. Timothy Carl Anderman Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley

	<u>Today: 11/27/22</u>	<u>Next Week: 12/04/22</u>
Nursery Aide:	OPEN	Joan Leaman
Children's Worship:	Melanie Hartley	Melanie Hartley
Roamers:	Paulette Bryan	Amy Castaldi
Counters:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Dick Stuhrke and Carol Stuhrke
Lay Readers:	Dick Stuhrke	Sandy Deckard
Ushers:	Mark Simonds and Amy Simonds	TBA TBA
Greeter:	Fran Miller	TBA

***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.***