



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Epiphany Sunday
January 1, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

*Call to Worship (Based on Hymns #247, O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright) Pastor Jim

Leader: O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light!

People: O Sovereign now meek and lowly! Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master you have won my heart to serve you only!

Leader: Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine! O deep within my heart now shine!

People: And make thee an angel altar! Fill me with strength to be your member and ever joined to you that cannot falter!

*Opening Hymn

"We Three Kings"

UMH No. 254

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

(Children will remain in worship for All Worship Sunday)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**God of grace and light,
without you and the assurances of your love and mercy,
we all would be wandering aimlessly about this earth,
unsure of what to do or who we are.
We can only begin to imagine how lost we would be,
and yet, we need not look very far to find out.
Keep us from harm and especially from committing harm to others.
Forgive us this day of our sins, that which we have done,
and that which we have left undone.
Continue to lead us in the light of your truth,
your presence from your heart.
And help us to believe and trust that nothing and no one
is beyond your redemption.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"Trust His Light"

Pastor Tim

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

Joyce

Lewis

Communion: The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany and New Year's Day

Communion Hymn

"What Child Is This?"

UMH No. 219

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed, #881**

Joyce Lewis

**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.**

Anthem

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Chancel Choir

Traditional English Carol, Arranged by Heather Sorenson

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jim

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"The Star Still Shines"

Duet, Dave Talley

and Betsy Smith

Music by Shawna Edwards

Words by Shawna Edwards and Linda Urquhart, Arranged by Tyler Castleton

Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

UMH No. 224

***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.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Magi

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped,[g] they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 Then Joseph[a] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The Massacre of the Infants

16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. 17 Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

The Return from Egypt

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20 “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” 21 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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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.

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

Remember to pick up your Poinsettia after Worship today!

ANNUAL COATS, BLANKETS AND SLEEPING BAG DRIVE: The Mighty Writers in conjunction with our church's mission, are collecting **new and lightly** used Men, Women, and Children's Coats of all sizes, blankets of all sizes and sleeping bags. Your donations can be brought to the church lobby. **We will continue to collect them through today.** Let's all help keep someone warm this winter! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Disciple Bible Study: One of the great joys I have had has been in sharing a great fellowship with others in Disciple Bible study. We have several people who have expressed an interest in sharing in the study. We will come together once a week for about 2 hours to share what we have read and learned, and then look at a video tape that gives us more background on our readings. It's the Word of God interwoven with fellowship with sacred friends, a real Methodist experience of holiness. Please contact me if you have any interest or would like more information. We'd need to determine a day & time to meet. Call and leave a message at the office or e-mail me at pastor@westgroveumc.org

R.A.P. (Retired Active People): Please join us in the new year on **Friday, January 13, 2023 at noon.** We welcome Tom Yarnall who will present a program entitled, "Walking the Thin Blue Line," highlighting his time as a policeman in West Chester. Please RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57@verizon.net so we may plan our setup. Also, if you are able to provide a dessert, let Sara Ann know. We look forward to a great year of continuing friendships and interesting programs. Everyone is welcome!

J.U.L.I.E.T. Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together: We will be meeting **Saturday, January 14th** in the church lobby at 9am. Anyone is welcome to bring a chair and join the conversation. **(In the event of inclement weather, the group will move to the church lobby)** Questions? Contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374)

Youth Group In the New Year! The first youth groups of the new will be on Sunday, January 8th. Middle School is 3-4 p.m. with High School at 4:15-5:30 p.m. Bring your friends for great discussions and fun!

THIS WEEK: January 1, 2023 through January 8, 2023

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is also open before and after the posted times. Call for an appointment. (office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

**Epiphany Sunday
Communion Sunday**

Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	Church Office is Closed	
	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Tech Team (via 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 4189 (8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (5,6)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
	5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	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.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 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.)

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond 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

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.

Tom Adams
Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Family of Marilyn Churchill (Mundell)
Joann Coates
Pat Crawl (Shiplet)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irm Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Judy Gambill
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplet)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Family of Don Hurst
Lynn Jackson
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)
Jeff Luttmann (Miller)



Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Jim May (Mullen)
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen
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)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Stephen Syska (Mullen)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Jill Williams (Miller)
Tyler Winters (Saller)
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 December 25, 2022

General Offering: \$ 5,645

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 120

Christmas Offering To-Date: \$ 834

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

Christmas Eve: 165 11:00 a.m.: 26

Food Pantry: 16 families on 12/29/2022

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall, Steve May
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: 01/01/23</u>	<u>Next Week: 1/08/23</u>
Nursery Aide:	OPEN	Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Hartley	Melanie Hartley
Roamers:	Fran Miller	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Joan Leaman and Dave Talley
Lay Readers:	Joyce Lewis	David Frame
Ushers:	Joan Saller and Priscilla Barkman	Andrew Herman and Kim O'Neill
Greeter:	Paulette Bryan	Ralph Curtiss

***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.***