



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Now

*We have received,
Not the spirit of the world, but*

*The Spirit Who is
from God*

*that we might know
the things that have been*

*Freely Given
to us by God*

1 Corinthians 2:12



*Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany
January 29, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based on "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing")
Pastor Tim

Leader: O for a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise!

People: The Glories of my God and King, the triumph of His grace!

Leader: Hear him you deaf, his praise you dumb, your loosened tongues employ!

People: You blind behold! Your Savior has come! And leap you lame for joy!

Leader: In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven!

People: Anticipate your heaven here below, and own that love is heaven!

*Opening Hymn

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

UMH No. 57
Vv. 1-5

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

(Children are dismissed to room 12 for Children's Worship Activities)

Opening Prayer (Based on "Nobody," by Matthew West)

Pastor Tim

**Oh Lord, why you ever chose me,
to love me and call me to serve,
has always been a mystery to me.**

**So many times I have been told I belong at the end of the line,
with others who are 'not quite.'**

**There are too many times it seemed I didn't get it right,
and yet it as I understand your grace,
this is who you have been reaching to all along.**

**While there are times when we may we feel like a nobody,
we can be a people who are trying to tell everybody,
about Somebody who saved our souls.**

**For you have given us hearts to sing,
to live for the world so that others see nobody by Jesus.**

**All of us have a purpose
as you have plans for us to receive, share and give.
Empower us this day to stay focused on who you are.
Light the fires in our hearts to share the grace and mercy
you have generously shared with us.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Pastor Tim

Meditation	“Unlikely Witnesses”	Pastor Tim
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Joyce Lewis
*Affirmation of Faith	From 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16	Joyce Lewis
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.		
Anthem	“Blessed Are They” <i>Words from Matthew 5:2-12 (the Beatitudes), Music by Lee Dengler</i>	Chancel Choir
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory	“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”	UMH No. 163
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	UMH No. 369
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		
Passing of the Peace of Christ		

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

(*) Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (The Message)

You're Blessed

- ¹ When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:
- ³ "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.
- ⁴ "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.
- ⁵ "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.
- ⁶ "You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.
- ⁷ "You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.
- ⁸ "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.
- ⁹ "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.
- ¹⁰ "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.
- ¹¹⁻¹² "Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

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

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.

UPCOMING CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA: Along with all of our regular Sunday morning anthems, the Chancel Choir is beginning to work on a cantata for Palm Sunday. We'd love to have you sing with us as we rehearse and prepare for the cantata "Amazing Love." Please join us on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary as we prepare for this meaningful experience. Please reach out to Betsy Smith if you have any question or need further information. (musicmomva@aol.com)

BRIDGE OF HOPE NEEDS A CAR: As you are talking with your church congregations and within your social networks please keep an ear out for any potential donations or a car that could be sold to a family in need. A car is vital to this family to make the commute to work and school each day. Rachel can be reached via email at rachelts@bridgeofhopeinc.org." Rachel Thomas Steadman, LCSW, Chester County Program Director

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: The West Grove UMC Preschool is opening its enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Current and church families can enroll beginning February 1st at 9:15 a.m.; Alumni families can enroll beginning February 3rd at 9:30 a.m.; Open to the public for new families begins at 9:30 a.m. on February 6th. Please contact Abbie Gruscavage if you have any questions at 610-806-5393

"ANGELS" BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on **Monday, February 6th at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, this Bible study will be offered by Pastor Jim. **WHY WE SHOULD STUDY ANGELS:** Angels play a very prominent role in Scripture. They have an important function in the plan of God. Angels reminds us of the reality of the unseen spiritual world. Understanding that angels protect believers will comfort us. Realizing angels are observing us will encourage us to live more consistent lives. The study of angels can have many benefits. Our faith in God cares for us is strengthened when we understand the ministry of (Good; Evil) angels. Week 1 Characteristics of Angels; Week 2 Ministry of Angels; Week 3 Evil Angels; Week 4 Guardian Angels.

FOOD PANTRY'S NEW HOURS: The church's food pantry has extended the days and times that it is open to the community: **Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm and Thursday from 1:00-2:00 p.m.** If you would like to participate in this vital ministry of the church, please contact Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net

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
Lynnea Anderman
(Pastor Tim)
Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Family of Marilyn Churchill
(Mundell)
Joann Coates
Pat Crawl (Shiplet)
Dan and Liz DePaul
(Jackson)
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Family of Robbie Fulton
(Saller)
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplet)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Lynn Jackson
Maria Kanno (Mullen)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)



Jeff Luttman (Miller)
Ted Lynam
(Stuhrke)
Family of Donald
Lytle (Lytle)
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)
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 January 22, 2022

General Offering: \$ 4,463

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 120

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 11 11:00: 66

Food Pantry: 21 families this past week.

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
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Jones

	<u>Today: 01/29/23</u>	<u>Next Week: 02/05/23</u>
Nursery Aide:	Open	Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
Roamers:	Paulette Bryan	Amy Castaldi
Counters:	Joan Leaman and Janice Bowers	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Readers:	Joyce Lewis	Dave Talley
Ushers:	Amy Simonds and Mark 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.***