



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Therefore
judge nothing before the time,
until the Lord comes,
who will both bring to light
the hidden things
& of darkness
& reveal
the counsels
of the hearts.
Then
each one's praise
will come
from God.
1 Corinthians 4:5



Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 5, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on the song, "Always," by Chris Tomlin)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Lord I believe you gave sight to the blind! I believe you gave life to the dead!

People: I believe there are wonders and signs and in them your love always remains!

Leader: I believe every word that you said! I believe there are scars on your hands!

People: I believe that your goodness is good without end and your faithfulness will never change!

Leader: I will tell of your wonders and sing of your grace!

People: The God of creation knows me by name! The Lord is faithful yesterday, now, and always!

Leader: Your mercy is mighty age after age! All generations will bow down and praise!

People: The Lord is faithful yesterday, now, and always! Always!

*Opening Hymn

"I Am Thine O Lord"

UMH No. 419

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

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

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

O Lord, our God, we come to you this day,
realizing that as those who are called to serve,
and be stewards of your mysteries and life,
we must not imagine we are something we are not.
We are servants of Christ, the one who served and sacrificed.
So help us to embrace the empowerment
that his sacrifice and discipleship offers us and our world.
May we not hide or keep away,
nor act like security guards or tattletales in life.
Instead may we be reliable, trustworthy in our graciousness
and the ways we embody your love.
Help us to let go of the ways our world draws us into competing and arguing,
so that instead of keeping our distance from others,
we are ready to understand what you, by grace, reveal.
Help us to move beyond what is dividing us,

Scripture Lesson	<i>1 Corinthians 4:1-5</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Trust His Light”	Pastor Tim
Anthem	“Be Still and Know” <i>Adapted from Psalm 46:10, Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson</i>	Chancel Choir
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>	Dave Talley
*Affirmation of Faith: Traditional		Dave Talley
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.		
Communion: The Great Thanksgiving for After The Epiphany		
Communion Hymn	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH No. 474
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory		
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Hymn	“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”	UMH No. 402
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		
Passing of the Peace of Christ		

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

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship** (Based on the song, "Always," by Chris Tomlin) Pastor Jim

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***Opening Hymn** "I Am Thine O Lord" UMH No. 419

Opening Prayer Pastor Tim
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Dedication of Offering Pastor Tim

***Closing Hymn** "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" UMH No. 402

Benediction Pastor Tim

Passing of the Peace of Christ

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

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

4 Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴ I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,^[a] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks^[d] one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR AFTER EPIPHANY 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,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

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,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time
had come when you would save your people.

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.

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.

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 God, now and for ever.

Amen.



Next Courageous Dialogue Feb. 7 at Gretna Glen

EPA Conference members will again engage in Courageous Dialogue on Tuesday, Feb. 7 to share their stories with one another and seek common ground at Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center in

Lebanon. **[Learn more and register.](https://na.eventscLOUD.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=712521&)**

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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.

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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)

"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

RAP will meet Friday, February 10th, at Noon. Dr. Bob Hayes and Mike Duvall, RAP members, will share information about the Water Street Mission located in Lancaster, PA. Join us to learn about this exciting ministry. From their website: "Each day Water Street seeks to go beyond providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. We invite each man, woman, and child to experience restoration in all areas of life." Remember your bagged lunch and plan to enjoy special desserts. February desserts will be provided by Linda Brown, Charlotte Fiske, Cindy Haley, and Karen Underwood. A special thank you to Ray McKay for that special container of mixed nuts that is most always shared at our dessert table! Please RSVP YES or NO to Sara Ann at sar57ver@verizon.net so we may plan adequate seating. **MARCH 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.: Our RAP Committee will be planning for the 2023-24 Season.** Please join us with your ideas and suggestions! Please sign up at the Greeter Table! Members could offer to present programs or suggest interesting topics and willing community presenters. Coffee and muffins will be served!



OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE FINALLY IN AND CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE CHURCH LOBBY!!

Due to a company error, our 2023 Offering Envelopes that were ordered in September have just arrived. We thank you for your understanding and patience. Please know that your offering is important to the on-going ministry of the church **Do you no longer wish to have envelopes, or would like to offer electronically?**

Please advise the office at office@westgroveumc.org so that we can make the change to our records and offer any assistance needed.

Helping our Community

Through information shared by the Mighty Writers, a need for shoes was initially discovered. There are many children who do not have sufficient shoes. As the discussion progressed, more needs arose and the following is a list of those needs. Donations can be put in the black bins in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your caring and generosity!

**All sizes for children and adults are needed. They can be gently used or new:
Shoes, Boots, Socks, Underwear, Men's jeans**



This is our **17th year** of donating boxed valentines to the children of Penn London Elementary who do not have Valentines to give to their classmates.

Please consider buying a box of valentines and dropping it off in the collection box provided in the church lobby. You may also leave them at the office door or in shopping basket outside of the front lobby doors. **Please bring**

them in by Tuesday so that they can be distributed. Thank you!

THIS WEEK: February 5, 2023 through February 12, 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)

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

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
	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:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:30 p.m.8:00 p.m.	“Angels” Bible Study
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)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.	CMO Soccer Shots (outside)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
	5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #4251 (8, 10)
	5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	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)
	12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	R.A.P. Luncheon and Program (Sanc.)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (8, 10)

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

Rev. David Frame Preaching

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.	GS Troop 4492 (#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 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 Luttmann (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
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
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 29, 2023

General Offering: \$ 5,029

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 250

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 22 11:00: 74

Food Pantry: 57 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 Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Jones

	<u>Today: 02/05/23</u>	<u>Next Week: 02/12/23</u>
Nursery Aide:	A. Castaldi/J. Leaman	Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
Roamers:	Amy Castaldi	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Nancy Renk-Wise and Paulette Bryan
Lay Readers:	Dave Talley	Peter Mullen
Ushers:	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
Greeter:	TBA	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.***