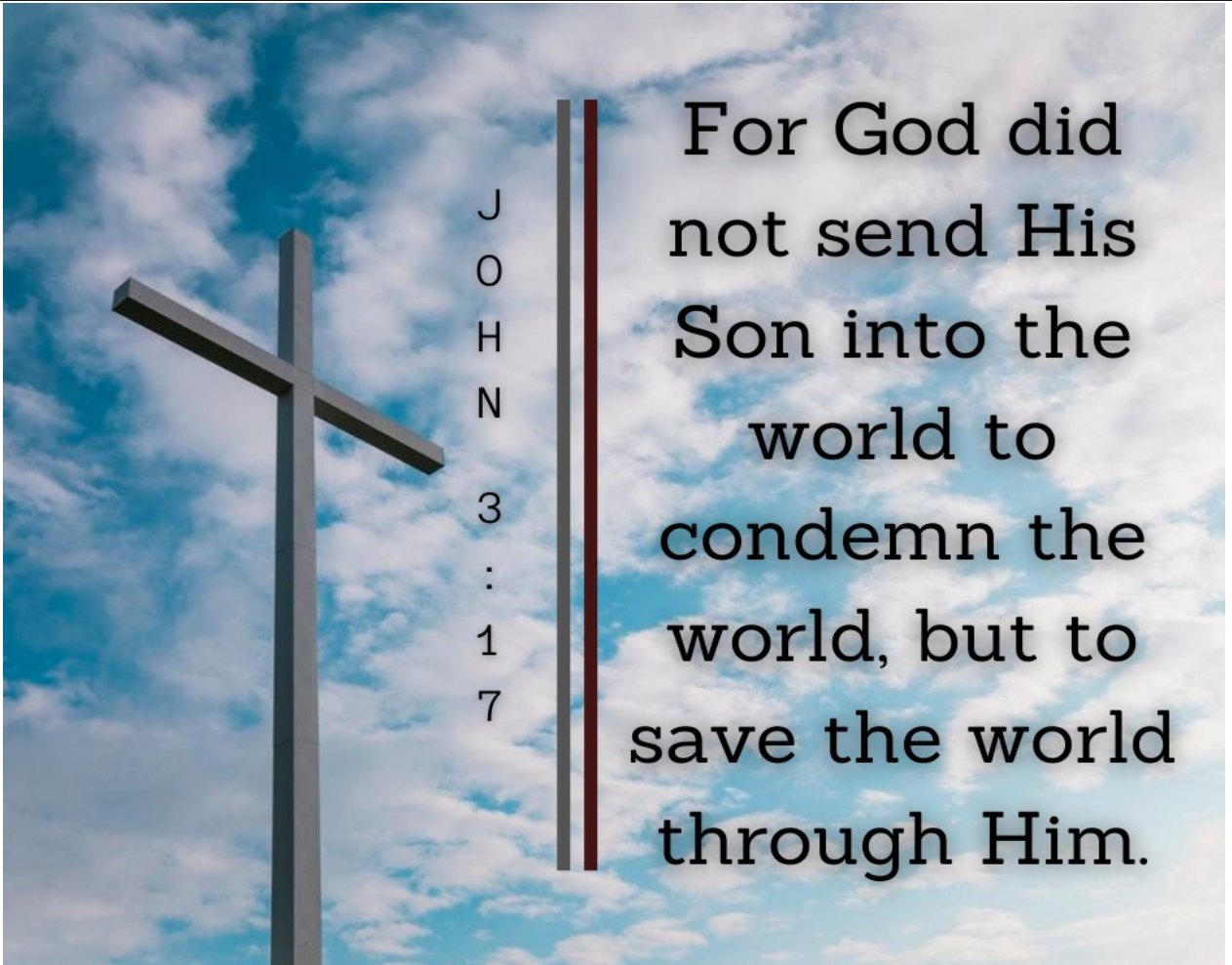




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*Second Sunday in Lent
Communion and All Worship Sunday
March 5, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on the song, "God You Are," by We Are Messengers) Pastor Tim

Leader: Even when we try to avoid you, God and turn the other way, You still reach out for us!

People: Lord, you step into the darkness, come down to earth, because of the kind of God You are!

Leader: When heaven is still beyond our reach, Lord you still see eternity in every one of us!

People: You turn ashes into art! Because that is the kind of God you are!

Leader: It's in the empty tomb, it's on the rugged cross!

People: Your death-defying love is written in Your scars!

Leader: Lord, You gave us freedom from our sin and told us we can start again!

People: All the hurt is dead and gone! Now we are Your daughters and now we are Your sons! So always hold our hearts, and throughout our life moments, be with in us the kind of God you are!

*Opening Hymn

"I Stand Amazed In The Presence"

UMH No. 371

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

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

Opening Prayer (Based on the song, "Battle Belongs," by Phil Wickam)

Pastor Tim

O Lord, our God, nothing can stand against your power of love.

You shine in the shadows; You win every battle.

As the great Source of creation, the Author of life and heart,

You go before us and provide our foundation and strength.

We give thanks, for you also provide room for us to grow and learn, even when it means we fall in sin as far as we do.

Help us as we resist and fight off the evil in our lives, may we always fight on our knees with our hands lifted high to you.

May we lay every fear at your feet, for the battle belongs to you.

When distress stirs and unsettles our hearts, help us to sing through the night.

Inspire and lead our thanks and praise, and may it turn into joy, woven throughout our lives.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

*Genesis 12:1-4a
John 3:1-17*

Pastor Tim

Meditation

“Born From Above In Wind And Spirit”

Pastor Tim

Anthem

“God So Loved The World”

Chancel Choir
*Words from John 3:16-17
Music by John Stainer
Arranged by Hal Wright*

Scripture Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Joyce Lewis

***Affirmation of Faith**

Joyce Lewis

Apostles' Creed Traditional Version, No. 881

**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 Early in Lent

Pastor Tim and
Pastor Jim, Pages 7-9

Communion Hymn

“Only Trust Him”

UMH No. 337

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

***Dedication of the Offering**

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn**

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

UMH No. 465

***Benediction**

Pastor Tim

Postlude

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

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Meditation	"Born From Above In Wind And Spirit"	Pastor Tim
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Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Call of Abram

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Scripture Lesson: John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Example of Abraham

4 What then are we to say was gained by ^[a] Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed ^[b] God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” **4** Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. **5** But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, **17** as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, ^[c] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

TWO PIZZA THURSDAY FUNDRAISER

WHO DOESN'T ENJOY A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING?!

EACH KIT INCLUDES TWO PIZZAS

Kits can be picked up on Thursday at
noon or picked up Friday

The kits can refrigerated
overnight and used on Friday

March Pay Dates: 3/7 and 3/21

March Pick-Up : 3/9 and 3/23



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EARLY IN LENT

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,

God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image

and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained
steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights,

you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family,

and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty

nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your

covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant,

your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights;

and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

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.
When you gave him to save us from our sin,
your Spirit led him into the wilderness,
where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for
his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to
life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,
and exalted him at your right hand.

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.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,
you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,
that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced
to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

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.

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
forever.

Amen.

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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

DON'T FORGET TO READ THE MARCH NEWSLETTER!

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.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT YOUTH FUNDRAISER! FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH. Need a night out without the kids? WGUMC Youth Group, along with the Preschool, is hosting a Parents' Night Out! **Drop your child/children off begins at 5 p.m. with pick-up at 8p.m.** and enjoy a kid free evening. A pizza dinner will be served! Registration is needed for this event. Please use this Link to Register, and find more information on the attached jpg. Thank You!

[REGISTRATION SIGN-UP HERE](#)

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BY PASTOR JIM: Beginning on Monday, March 6th and continuing until April 3, a five-week Bible study on Jesus' Atonement for Sin, entitled, "LAMB OF GOD", will be offered at **6:30 PM in the sanctuary**. The five in-depth lessons will be, 1. As a Lamb sacrificed for our sins; 2. The prophecy of Christ as the Lamb in Isaiah 53; 3. Redemption by the blood of the Lamb; 4. Christ as our Passover Lamb; 5. The Lamb on the Throne of God in Revelation 5. We hope you will join us for one or all of them!

SAVE THE DATE! WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show with Silent Auction, Monday, April 17th, 5:45-7:00 pm. Every child will have art on display in the Sanctuary. Each class has also created two art projects. We will be auctioning off these class projects through a silent auction. The classes have worked really hard on creating these beautiful works of art and we hope that you will see the love and beauty in each of them. Abbie Gruscavage, Director cmo@westgroveumc.org 610-806-5393

SAVE THE DATE RUMMAGE SALE: It's time to start cleaning out those closets, attics and garages! The Spring Rummage Sale is coming up fast — **Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. Donations will be accepted throughout the week beginning Sunday, April 23rd.** The United Methodist Women appreciate your donations and are grateful for your help if you are interested in setting up or cleaning up after the event. Contact Fran Miller or Cindy Haley with your interest.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle School Youth Group meets tonight at 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. followed by the High School Youth Group until 5:30 p.m. It's a lively group and everyone has fun. If you haven't ever come, please know you are invited to check it out!

R.A.P. LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM, MARCH 10 AT NOON. We welcome back Charles Shattuck who will present our program, "Nesting and Migrating Birds in Spring." Bring your lunch and enjoy provided desserts and beverages. Come and enjoy our time of fellowship and a great program. **Invite a friend or two! We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

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
Family of Lynnea
Anderman (Pastor
Tim)

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dick & Mildred Chambers

Joann Coates

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Lena Douglas

Family of Cindy Engle
(Ramberger)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Mike Hake (May)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Lynn Jackson

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)

Jeff Luttman (Miller)



Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Rich and Joan Saller

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)

Ruth Wilson (May)

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 February 26, 2023

General Offering: \$ 3,167

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 140

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 23 11:00: 65 + 12

Food Pantry: 97 families on Feb. 22-23

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream: 8:30	Volunteers needed. Will train.
Digital Audio,: 8:30	Steve May
Live-Stream: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall, Nate Robinson,
Soundbooth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy C. Anderman
	Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Jones

Today: 03/05/23

Next Week: 03/12/23

Nursery Aide:	Open / Amy Castaldi	Open / Joan Leaman
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
SS Roamers:	Amy Castaldi	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Nancy Renk-Wise and The Kuchs
Lay Readers: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Open
Lay Readers: 11:00	TBD	Carol Schoff
Ushers: 8:30	Mark & Amy Simonds	TBD
Ushers: 11:00	P. Barkman & F. Miller	F. Miller & P. Bryan
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	TBD
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Joyce Smith

***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.***