



West Grove United Methodist Church

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WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS?



Luke 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on The Same Power, by Jeremy Camp)

Pastor Tim

Leader: We can see waters raging at our feet and feel the breath of those surrounding us!

People: We can hear the sound of nations rising up! We will not be overtaken! We will not be overcome!

Leader: We can walk down this dark and painful road and can face every fear of the unknown!

People: And we can hear all of God's children singing out! We will not be overtaken! We will not be overcome!

Leader: The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,

People The same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us! Lives in us!

Leader: The same power that moves mountains when He speaks,

People: The same power that can calm a raging sea, lives in us! Lives in us! Greater is He that is living in me! He has conquered our enemy! No power of darkness, no weapon prevails! We stand here with Him in Victory!

***Opening Hymn**

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

UMH No. 304

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Tim

(There is no Children's Worship this morning)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**God of resurrection power,
we come today not looking for a fad or a celebrity to follow.**

**We come to be embraced by You, our risen Savior,
even when faith brings us great challenges.**

**Where we need hope and clarity,
fill us with Your strength and a greater understanding
of how You have entrusted us with the miracle of life,
and life everlasting.**

**Help us to face the sins of this world with humble hearts.
Instead of relying on ourselves, may we rely on Your grace and mercy,
and always live in Your truth.**

**Give us the courage to live transformed lives,
always seeking your presence in all we do.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson	<i>Acts 2:14, 36-42 (NIV)</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Disciples Transformed to Live Beyond Themselves”	Pastor Tim
Anthem	“We Are Not Alone”	Chancel Choir
		Words and Music by Pepper Choplin
*Gospel Reading	<i>Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)</i>	Dick Stuhrke
*Affirmation of Faith		Dick Stuhrke

Traditional Version

**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.**

*Hymn of Response	“In The Garden”	UMH No. 314
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Hymn	“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”	UMH No.325
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		

(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

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

8:30 a.m. Worship

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***Closing Hymn** "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" UMH No.325

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.
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Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:14, 36-42 (NIV)

4 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH. Be sure to come to the confirmation services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. to support our 7 confirmation students on their Christian journey. It is a special day to remember our baptisms and the sacrifices Christ made for us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE: VBS is quickly approaching. Lists are being made, volunteers being recruited, decorations being collected and, most of all, all the fun being planned! **The dates are Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to Noon.** If you are able to volunteers in any way, your time, your talents, your donations, please let Melanie Jones know. You can contact her at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org or call her at 610-869-9370.

CMO PIZZA FUNDRAISER ENDING SOON! Each kit contains the ingredients to make 2 full pizzas for only **\$15 per kit.** **The last order date is Tuesday, April 25 with delivery on Thursday, April 27 after preschool pick-up.** If you are not able to pick up your pizza on Thursday, it will be refrigerated until Friday. Please consider helping the school send off their Fundraiser efforts with a bang! Order your pizzas today! Contact Abbie Gruscavage, Director, at 610-806-5393 or cmo@westgroveumc.org

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE, Friday, April 28, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.—Noon. Donations will accepted beginning after services today, and continuing throughout the week. There are many treasures to be found! **On Saturday, there is a special with bags of items for \$5.00 each.** All proceeds benefit the many missions of the United Methodist Women.

Middle School Youth Group: Today, April 23 and next Sunday, April 30 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
High School Youth Group: Today, April 23 and next Sunday, April 30 from 4:15-5:30 p.m.

GROVE UMC CELEBRATES 250TH ANNIVERSARY! Grove United Methodist Church is celebrating their 250th Anniversary this year with monthly events and special speakers during worship. In April, Rev Fred Day, expert on Methodist History, will be speaking about Francis Asbury at the 9:00 Traditional Worship and 11:15 Rooted Contemporary Worship. You are invited to join them in celebrating their Methodist heritage! Any questions, contact office@GroveChurch.org or call 610-696-2663 during office hours. their website with information about our 250th is at www.grovechurch.org/history.

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
Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)
Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Nancy Duvall
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)
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)



Lenny Marten (K. Smith)
Jim May (Mullen)
Family of Mike McGowan (Kilmartin)
Betty Mundell
Peter Mullen
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
Family of Richard Saller
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Linda Shiplet
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
Jeannie Sullivan
Family of Bob Weer (Mundell)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Jill Williams (Miller)
Ruth Wilson (May)



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 April 16, 2023

General Offering: \$ 4,580

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 565

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 19 11:00: 55 & Tech Difficulties

Food Pantry: 125 families on April 12-13

Food donations appreciated.

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: 04/23/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 04/30/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
SS Roamer:	Fran Miller	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	David Frame
Ushers: 8:30	K. O'Neill & F. Sullivan	Amy & Mark Simonds
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown	Tom & Cindy Hoover
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Nancy Renk-Wise & Scott Renk	Dick Stuhrke

We have a need for Lay Readers for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. With enough volunteers, your reading rotation would be once every 6 weeks or so. Substitution of dates is always available. Please contact Joyce Lewis to be on the Lay Readers list. Thank you.