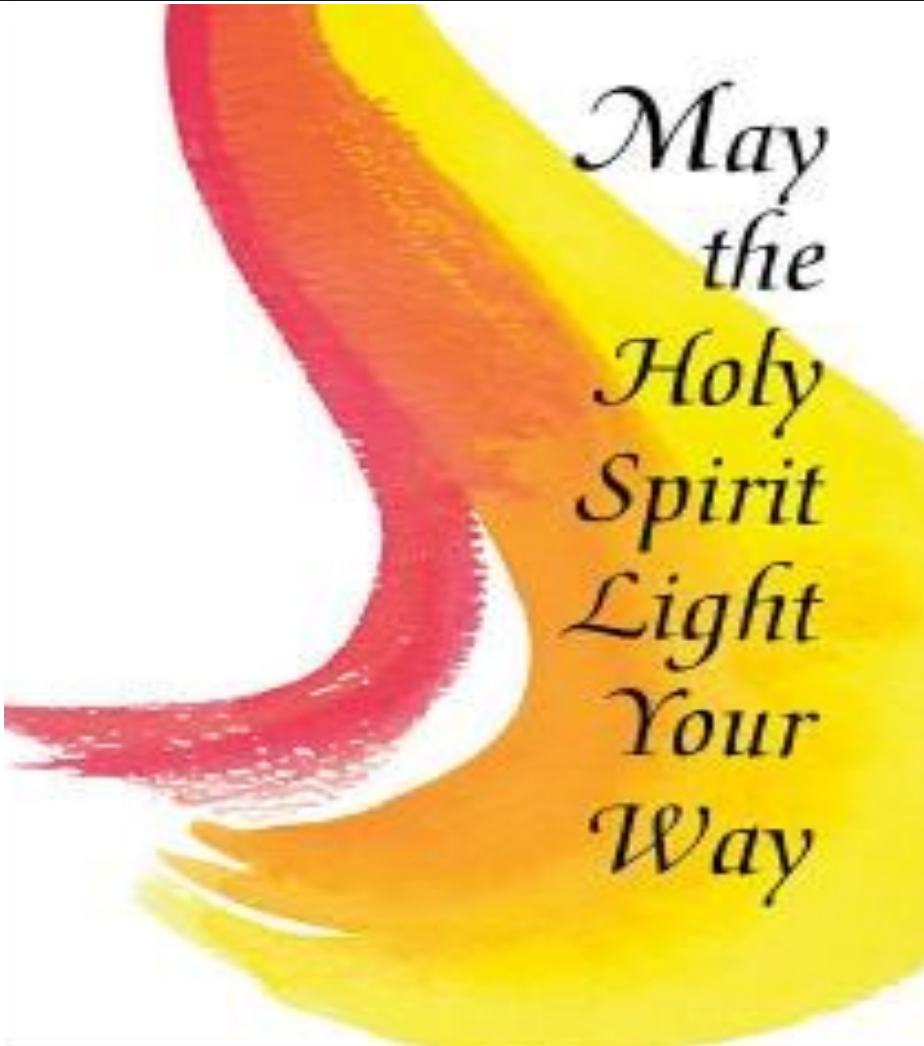




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Confirmation Sunday
April 30, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on "Start a Fire In My Soul," by Unspoken) Lexi Weingarten

Leader: This world can be so cold and bitter that it feels like it is the dead of winter!

People: We need to stop waiting on something better, and live our lives in the fullness of Your forever!

Leader: Over and over again Lord, we hear Your Word inside our heads:

People: Let Your light shine for all to see! For it is by your grace that we become, all we can be!

Leader: So light a fire inside our souls! Fan the flames and make them grow!

People: So that there is no doubt or denying, and that it burns so brightly all can see!

Leader: For it is You, it is You we need!

People: Start a fire in me! You are the flame! You are the light on the darkest day!

Leader: We have the hope and we bear Your name!

People: We carry the news that you come to save! So start a fire in our souls and fan the flame that makes it grow!

***Opening Song**

"I Will Follow"

PraiseWorks Band

Moment for All Ages

Jacob Rinehimer

(There is no Children's Worship this morning)

Opening Prayer

Anna Castaldi

I am no longer my own, but Thine.

Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by Thee or laid aside for Thee,
exalted for Thee or brought low by Thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou are mine, and I am Thine. So be it.

And the covenant that I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

Pastor Tim

Meditation “Living, Loving From God’s Perspective” Pastor Tim

Anthem “This I Pray” Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Heather Sorenson

Reception of New Members (See Insert)

***Affirmation of Faith for Confirmation** Abby Herman

We believe in God, almighty and everlasting, Creator of the universe, forgiver of sins, the source of all goodness, truth, and love.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ. The son of God, both human and divine; Our teacher, savior, and example. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born from the virgin Mary; He was crucified, died, and buried. On the third day, he rose from the dead, Ascending into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He has come to reconcile all things and make all things new.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God’s presence with us. The Holy Spirit guides us, comforts us, and strengthens us.

We believe we are the church; A family that worships and celebrates God and God’s kingdom. We believe in a universal and diverse church; Seeking justice, receiving and sharing generosity; A community that strives to learn and love as Christ loves.

***Song of Response** “The Same Power” PraiseWorks Band

Scripture Reading *John 10:1-10* Jacob Rinehimer
and Clarissa Robinson

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Jim

Offertory Song “Spirit of the Living God” PraiseWorks Band

Dedication of the Offering Aiden Seltzer

***Closing Hymn** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH No. 593

***Benediction** Pastor Tim

Postlude
(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship	(Based on "Start a Fire In My Soul," by Unspoken)	Pastor Tim Page 2
*Opening Hymn	"Come, Thou Font Of Every Blessing"	UMH No. 400
*Opening Prayer		Pastor Tim Page 2
*Scripture Reading	<i>Colossians 3:14, 12-17</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"Living, Loving From God's Perspective"	Pastor Tim
Scripture Lesson	<i>John 10:1-10</i>	Pastor Jim
*Affirmation of Faith		Pastor Jim
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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	"Here I Am, Lord"	UMH No. 593
*Benediction		Pastor Tim

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

Scripture Lesson: John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me^[a] are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 (The Message)

He Is Your Life

3 1-2 So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from *his* perspective.

3-4 Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you’ll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

12-14 So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

15-17 Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

DON HURST MEMORIAL SERVICE: The family invites you to the Celebration of Life for Don Hurst on **Saturday**, 5/13/23 at **1:00 p.m.** at Camp **Pecometh** in **Centreville** MD in **the** Fellowship Hall. The address is: 401 Jack Elliot Way, Centreville MD 21617. Please RSVP to auntidi58@hotmail.com so we can plan for seating.

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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.

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 & PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON: Thursday, May 11th at 10:30 a.m. See your bulletin insert on details about how you can sponsor a trike to support the preschool!

RAP 25th Anniversary Celebration: Friday, May 12th, Noon to 2:30 p.m. Come and celebrate with RAP! You are invited to bring a covered dish to share. The program will include entertainment by the "Leaman Trio". RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger: 610-869-3863.

Confirmation Class



2023

Anna Castaldi

Abby Herman

Jenna Miller

Jacob Rinehimer

Clarissa Robinson

Aiden Steltzer

Lexi Weingarten

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 23, 2023

General Offering: \$ 2,675

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 70

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 20 Est. 11:00: 45 & 9 Live Stream

Food Pantry: 98 families on April 26-27

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
	Melanie Jones
	The Confirmation Class of 2023
Music Director:	Betsy Smith

	<u>Today: 04/30/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00	<u>Next Week: 05/07/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	C. Bruno/J. Leaman
Children's Worship:	None	Melanie Jones
SS Roamer:	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Confirmation Class	Carol McGinley
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simonds	TBD
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Cindy Hoover	TBD
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	TBD
Greeter: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	TBD

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.