



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*Spirit
of Truth*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 14, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on I Corinthians 13)

Pastor Tim

Leader: If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy, but don't love,

People: I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate!

Leader: If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all His mysteries and making everything plain as day,

People: And if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing!

Leader: If I give everything I own to the poor and go to the stake to be burned as a martyr,

People: But I don't love, I've gotten nowhere!

Leader: So no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love!

People: Love never gives up, cares more for others than for self, doesn't have a swelled head or force itself on others, isn't me first. Love trusts God always, always looking for the best, and keeps going to the end!

*Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH No. 98

Opening Prayer (Based on I Corinthians 13)

Pastor Tim

Lord many of us have come to know

that what we have to say about You,

is always incomplete and never really enough.

We see and understand only a portion of the truth.

And while it may unsettle us, it is also a sign of just who You are,

the incredible nature of Your love and creativity.

Help us to entrust ourselves to You more fully.

We thank you for people who have blessed and taught us,

mothers, fathers, teachers, friends.

May the complete nature of Your love come upon us all in grace,

so that our in-completes are dissolved away into sacred fellowship with You.

Clear the fog of confusion and indecisiveness from within and among us,

and let the sun shine brightly and may we come to see You

as clearly as You see us.

May we trust steadily in You, hope unswervingly, and love extravagantly,

as You have shown us.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Tim

(All children are invited to Room 12 for Children's Worship.)

*Gospel Reading	<i>John 14:15-22</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"A Mother's Faith In The Spirit of Truth"	Pastor Tim
Anthem	"You Are The Love" Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram	Chancel Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>1 Peter 3:13-18</i> <i>(The Message, A Paraphrase)</i>	John McGinley
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Traditional Version</i> 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.	John McGinley
*Song of Response	"Testify To Love"	PraiseWorks Band
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory	"Give You Faith"	PraiseWorks Band
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Song	"Sing For Joy"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude	<i>(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)</i> <i>Please stand as you are able</i> Bold Print = Say in unison	

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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- *Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" UMH No. 98
- *Opening Prayer** Pastor Tim
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- *Gospel Reading** *John 14:15-22* Pastor Tim
- Meditation** "A Mother's Faith In The Spirit of Truth" Pastor Tim
- Scripture Lesson** *1 Peter 3:13-18 (The Message, A Paraphrase)* Pastor Tim
(A Mother's Faithful Advice?)
- *Affirmation of Faith** Pastor Tim
- Invitation to the Offering** Pastor Tim
- Dedication of the Offering** Pastor Tim
- *Closing Hymn** "For The Beauty Of The Earth" UMH No. 92
- *Benediction** Pastor Tim

Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.
(*) Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

***Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-22**

[15](#) “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**Scripture Lesson: I Peter 3:13-18 (The Message, a paraphrase)
(A Mother’s Faithful Advice?)**

[13-18](#) If with heart and soul you’re doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you’re still better off. Don’t give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They’ll end up realizing that *they’re* the ones who need a bath. It’s better to suffer for doing good, if that’s what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad. That’s what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others’ sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all—was put to death and then made alive—to bring us to God.

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP during the 11:00 a.m. worship service is offered during the worship service for children in grades K-4. Children will have the opportunity to learn the scripture lesson of the day as well as worship practices of the church, and the church seasons. Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be invited to follow our volunteer leader to Room 12 after the Moment For All Ages. The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday and All Worship Sunday. The children remain in worship for the service as we celebrate Communion together.

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.

YOUTH GROUP END OF THE YEAR GAME NIGHT! All middle and high school youth are invited to the year end game night on **Friday, May 19th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** There will be lots of games, snacks and fun—join us!

UMM BREAKFAST: The monthly breakfast meeting of the men (all ages) of our church will be **Saturday, May 27th , 2023, at 8:00 AM at the church.** There will be a light breakfast with dishes provided by our men. If you would like to provide a breakfast dish please speak with Pastor Jim or Mike DuVall. The objective of our gathering is to grow our spiritual life for the glory of God. We invite the men of the church to join us. Pastor Jim and Mike DuVall.

West Grove UMC Calendar of Events: Be sure to check out the church calendar on our website! There are many activities, groups, events, studies and more going on every week. **Sunday School** has classes for adults and children of all ages. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings.

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.

Dianne Bunch

(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi

(Castaldi)

Dick & Mildred Chambers

Joann Coates

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Lena Douglas

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Family of 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

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Lisa Rowe (Mullen)

Family of Richard Saller

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Bob Sweet

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Family of 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 May 7, 2023

General Offering: \$ 5,585

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 170

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 25 11:00: 43 & 26 Live

**Stream Food Pantry: 105 families on
May 3-4 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
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment For All Ages:	Pastor Tim

Today: 05/14/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 05/21/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
SS Roamer:	Paulette Bryan	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Nancy Renk Wise and Paulette Bryan	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	John McGinley	Caryl Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	TBA
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Charlotte Adams	TBA
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Andrew Herman	TBA

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.