



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Matthew 9:9-13
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Graduation Sunday
June 11, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on Be Magnified, by We Are Messengers)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Lord, we've been trying to make sense of the sorrows we feel and the life before us.

People: We hold on for dear life to the only thing that is real!

Leader: We've only scratched the surface, and barely had a taste

People: But just a glimpse draws our hearts to change, and one sight of you lays our sins to waste!

Leader: We don't need to see everything, just more of You! So take it all!

People: Take it all away! Magnify no other name! Open up our eyes to You! To You!

Leader: Our sight is incomplete and we often make You look small, staring at our problems way too long!

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Leader: God, be greater than our worries, be stronger than the weakness in our minds.

People: Be louder, let Your glory come alive! Be magnified!

*Opening Song

"Today Is The Day"

PraiseWorks Band

Opening Prayer (Based on Fires, by Jordan St. Cyr)

Pastor Tim

Lord of grace, You have warned us that life will not always be easy.

Yet You have promised us that You will always be faithfully with us.

You walk with us through the fires of life, pulling us through the flame.

You are in it all with us; so may we overcome our fears

with courage that comes personally from Your heart.

For we are changed by Your mercy, covered by Your peace,

brought to wholeness that only You can provide.

May we live out the victory, knowing we will still feel the heat.

We can face anything, because You are here with me.

Whatever life may hold for me, I'll walk through the fires

because you are walking with me.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

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

*Gospel Reading	<i>Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"A Deep Awareness Nurtured"	Pastor Tim
Anthem	"He Who Began A Good Work"	Chancel Choir
	Lyrics taken from Philippians 1:6, Additional words by Joseph Martin and Pamela Martin	Music by Joseph Martin
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 4:13-25</i> (The paraphrase, The Message)	Carol McGinley
*Affirmation of Faith:	<i>The Apostles' Creed ~ Traditional</i>	Carol McGinley
	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.	
Recognition of Graduates		Pastor Tim and Melanie Jones
	<i>Megan Dilworth</i>	
	<i>Jenna Miller</i>	
	<i>Matthew Rinehimer</i>	
	<i>Nate Robinson</i>	
	<i>William Stuhrke</i>	
Graduate Litany of Blessings		See Insert
*Hymn of Response	"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place"	UMH No. 334
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory	"One Touch (Press)"	PraiseWorks Band
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Song	"Lifesong"	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

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*Opening Hymn

"Make Me A Captive, Lord"

UMH No. 421

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

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*Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"A Deep Awareness Nurtured"

Pastor Tim

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

(The paraphrase, The Message)

Pastor Tim

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed ~ Traditional*

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Recognition of Graduates

Pastor Tim and Melanie Jones

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Tim

Dedication of the Offering

Pastor Tim

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us"

UMH No. 398

*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: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Call of Matthew

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner^[a] in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting^[b] with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

(The Message, a paraphrase)

God’s Promise Realized through Faith

¹³⁻¹⁵ That famous promise God gave Abraham—that he and his children would possess the earth—was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God’s decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed. If those who get what God gives them only get it by doing everything they are told to do and filling out all the right forms properly signed, that eliminates personal trust completely and turns the promise into an ironclad *contract*! That’s not a holy promise; that’s a business deal. A contract drawn up by a hard-nosed lawyer and with plenty of fine print only makes sure that you will never be able to collect. But if there is no contract in the first place, simply a *promise*—and God’s promise at that—you can’t break it.

¹⁶ This is why the fulfillment of God’s promise depends entirely on trusting God and his way, and then simply embracing him and what he does. God’s promise arrives as pure gift. That’s the only way everyone can be sure to get in on it, those who keep the religious traditions *and* those who have never heard of them. For Abraham is father of us all. He is not our racial father—that’s reading the story backward. He is our *faith* father.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ We call Abraham “father” not because he got God’s attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn’t that what we’ve always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, “I set you up as father of many peoples”? Abraham was first named “father” and then *became* a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he *couldn’t* do but on what God said he *would* do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, “You’re going to have a big family, Abraham!”

¹⁹⁻²⁵ Abraham didn’t focus on his own impotence and say, “It’s hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child.” Nor did he survey Sarah’s decades of infertility and give up. He didn’t tiptoe around God’s promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That’s why it is said, “Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right.” But it’s not just Abraham; it’s also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us *right with God*.

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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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP during the 11:00 a.m. worship service is offered 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.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER GAME NIGHTS! All middle and high school youth are invited to Game Night, **6:00-8:00 p.m.** throughout the summer. Put the dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun! Melanie will update you on the events as the summer moves along!

June: Friday, June 15 and Thursday, June 29; July: *Thursday, July 6 and Thursday, July 20; August: Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 24.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—HERO HOTLINE: July 10-14, 9:00-11:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible school is right around the corner! This year our theme is about what makes a hero and that all of us are true heroes when our goal is to serve God! In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day, our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

We hope you join us for an awesome week of games, stories, songs, and fun with friends! **Registration can be completed at [https://](https://wgumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/)**

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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** schedule for the summer is changing. A class with Pastor Tim is offered for Adults and Melanie can be contacted regarding plans for the children. Updates will be posted. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc. **www.westgroveumc.org**

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)

Family of Dick Chambers

Joann Coates

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Family of Lena Douglas

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Family of Mike Hake (May)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Family of Jay Hughes

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 Buck Sakers

(Elliott)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Family of 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 June 4, 2023

General Offering: \$ 5,216

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 170

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube
8:30: 29 11:00: 64 & 14 Live Stream**

Food Pantry: 120 families on 5/30-7/1

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: 06/11/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 06/18/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Chris Bruno / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Janice Bowers	Nancy Renk-Wise and Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Carol McGinley	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simonds	Gene and Alison Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	P. Barkman & F. Miller	Tom and Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Nancy Renk-Wise

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.