



West Grove United Methodist Church

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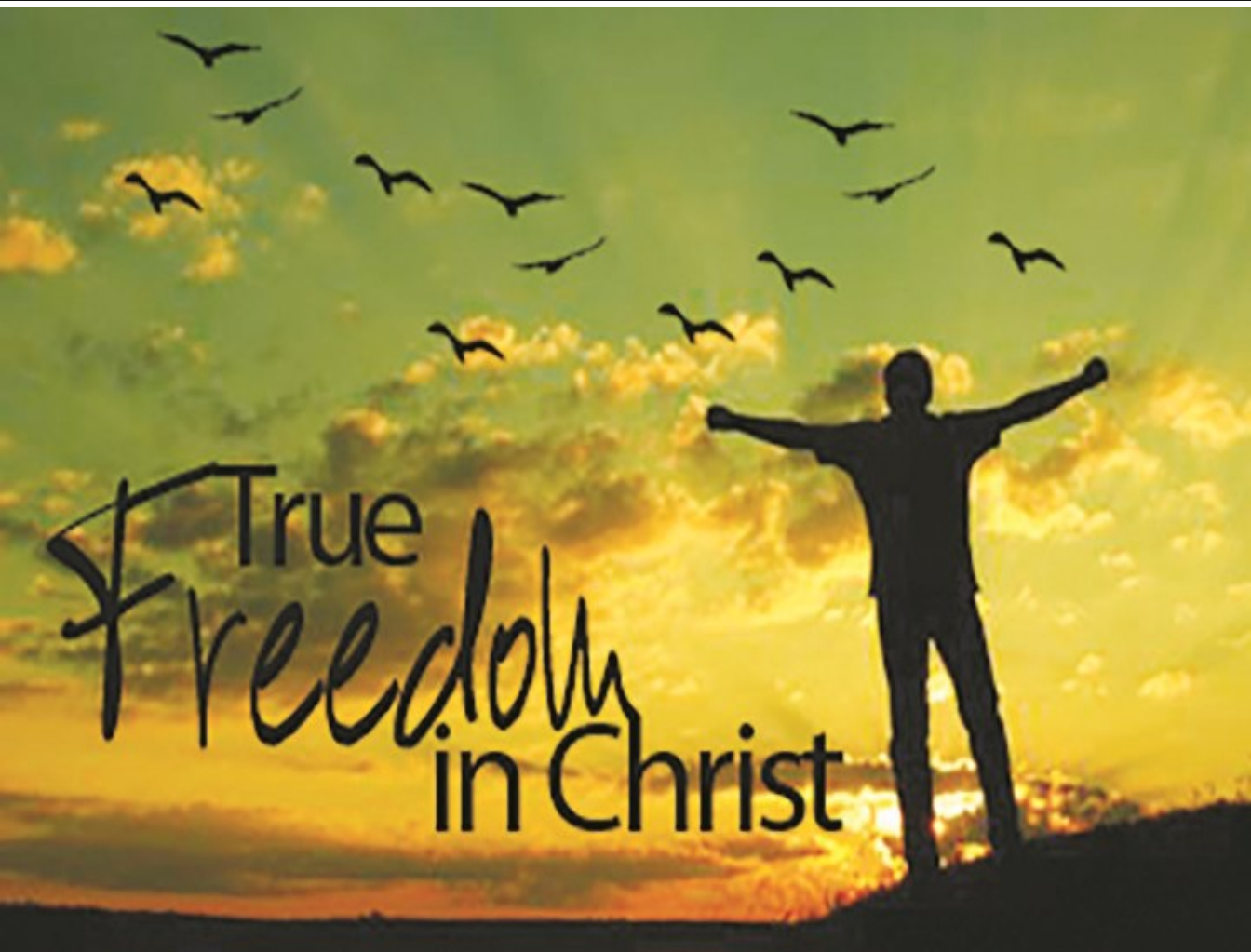
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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 2, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on Romans 5:1-5)

Pastor Tim

Leader: By entering into what God has always wanted to do for us, set us right with Him,

People: We have it all together, all we could ever want because of our Master, Jesus!

Leader: And that's not all: we throw open our doors to God,

People: And discover at the same moment that He has already opened His heart to us!

Leader: We find ourselves standing where we always hoped to be:

People: Out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise!

Leader: And we continue to shout our praise even when we are hemmed in with troubles!

People: Because we know how trouble can develop passionate patience in us forging tempered steel of virtue, preparing us for what God will do next!

Leader: In alert expectancy we are never left feeling short-changed! Quite the contrary!

People: We cannot round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

***Opening Hymn**

"Marching to Zion"

UMH No. 733

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

God of grace,
we thank you for seeking to be close to us,
for loving us so, and entrusting freedom and blessings
to us and our nation, in the ways that you have.
Help us to never take this miracle of creation for granted.
May Your Word be our guiding light.
When we feel overwhelmed with the responsibilities entrusted to us,
may we always turn to You, Your Word and Heart.
Be our Light.
May we remember this large work You have called us to,
is most often led by the smallest of acts of giving and receiving.
Help us to be a true apprentice in the ways of grace,
always following our Lord and Savior.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages		Melanie Jones
	<i>(Children are invited to attend Children's Worship in Room 12.)</i>	
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 6:15-23</i> (The Message, a paraphrase and NSRV)	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"True Freedom Serving God"	Pastor Tim
Hymn of Response	"This Is My Song"	UMH No. 437
The Great Thanksgiving for the Season After Pentecost		
Communion Song	"For All To See"	Mel Leaman, Soloist Joan Leaman, Guitarist Written by Mel Leaman
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory		
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Hymn	"America The Beautiful"	UMH No. 696
*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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Please join us for a time of Fellowship following the service.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 6:15-23

Romans 6:15-23 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁸ So, since we're out from under the old tyranny, does that mean we can live any old way we want? Since we're free in the freedom of God, can we do anything that comes to mind? Hardly. You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your last free act. But offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in *his* freedom!

¹⁹ I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture. You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?

²⁰⁻²¹ As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right *anything* for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

²²⁻²³ But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

Romans 6:15-23 (NRSV)

Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations.^[a] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving for the Season After Pentecost

The Lord is 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 formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

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

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice
shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

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.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

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.

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.”

At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 with 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 for ever.

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

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.

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! **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 a.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://wgumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>** Contact Melanie Jones, Director of Children and Youth Ministries for information at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.

VBS AND ALL CHURCH BBQ: ON SUNDAY, JULY 16, after the 9:30 Blended Worship Service, we will celebrate the VBS kids, their families, and the volunteers with a BBQ and games! The whole church is invited. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and we invite all who are able to bring a side dish, beverage, snack item or dessert to share. Bring your lawn chairs and yard games! **So, save the date and we hope to see you there!**

SUMMER SERVICES: During the month of June and July, we will continue to have **8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services. A Sunday school class led by Pastor Tim will be offered at 9:45 am each week.** On July 16, we will celebrate VBS Sunday with a blended service at 9:30 a.m. only. August worship service plans to be announced.

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



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Children ages Preschool (3 & 4*) through Grade 5
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THIS WEEK: July 2 through July 9, 2023

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is also open before and after the posted times. Call for an appointment. (office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and All Worship Sunday

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday: **Church Administration Office Closed**
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)
- Tuesday: **July 4th Independence Day Observance ~ Church is closed**
- Wednesday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Full Staff Meeting (1)
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
- Thursday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Youth Game Night (8, 10)
- Friday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (8, 10)

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

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

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

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 25, 2023

General Offering: \$ 4,234

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 135

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 14 11:00: 49 & 18 Live Stream

Food Pantry: 105 families on 6/21 & 6/22

Food donations appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May (Trainee needed)
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:	Melanie Jones

Today: 07/02/23

8:30 / 11:00

Next Week: 07/09/23

8:30 / 11:00

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Janice Bowers and Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	N/A	Dick Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simonds	Gene & Alison Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Fran Miller & Joan Saller	Linda & Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Joyce Smith

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.