



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Romans 7:15-25a

SCRIPTURE READING

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 9, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on “How Can You Not”, by Leanna Crawford)

Pastor Tim

Leader: I feel and see the sun rise in the morning, and the vastness of a million stars at night

People: I hear the birds; they can't stop singing Hallelujah!

Leader: I experience His goodness when I fall down, and His grace picks me back up!

People: Everyday, I can't stop singing, Hallelujah!

Leader: How can you not perceive God in every little thing, in every little moment!

People: How can you not perceive God and feel loved! How can you not!

Leader: 'Cause He is in the middle of every little thing, and every little moment!

People: In the awe of a sunset, the joy of laughter, no one else could make a world so beautiful!

Leader: So, how could I hesitate in His love when it is everywhere I go!

People: Wherever I look I find another miracle! So help me understand and always perceive your love, given in grace!

***Opening Hymn**

“There's Within My Heart A Melody”

UMH No. 380

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**O Lord, our God, help us to remember
that You are ever at work, creating and recreating.
How awesome are the things You do.**

**We give thanks and sing praise for the many blessings
that have been entrusted to us all.**

Thank you for making us a part of creation's miracles.

**You care for our hearts, our well being,
and we are so blessed by Your desires for us to live in freedom and joy.
May we understand who we really are in You.**

**Humbly we ask that You continue to reveal more of Yourself to us,
ever aware that we can continue to grow and mature
into Your likeness by faith.**

**Strengthen the trust we have in Your care and guidance.
And expand our hearts to include our reach to the people in our lives.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

(Children are invited to attend Children's Worship in Room 12.)

Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 7:13-25a</i> (The Message, a paraphrase)	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“A Focus That Leads To Joy”	Pastor Tim
*Song of Response	“Freedom”	PraiseWorks Band
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalms 66:1-7, 13-14, 16-20 (NRSV)</i>	Dick Stuhrke
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>“From Romans 8:35, 37-39”</i>	Dick Stuhrke
<p>Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?</p> <p>People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.</p>		
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory	“I Give You My Heart”	PraiseWorks Band
Consecration of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Song	“Everyday”	PraiseWorks Band
*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

Ministry Opportunities

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UMH No. 380

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor Tim

Scripture Reading

Romans 7:13-25a
(The Message, a paraphrase)

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Meditation

“ZZZ”

Pastor Tim

Scripture Reading

Psalm 66:1-7, 13-14, 16-20 (NRSV)

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Affirmation of Faith

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Invitation to the Offering

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Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Tim

***Closing Hymn**

“When We All Get To Heaven”

UMH No. 701

***Benediction**

Pastor Tim

Postlude

(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)
Please stand as you are able **Bold Print = Say in unison**

Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:13:25a (The Message, a Paraphrase)

¹³ I can already hear your next question: “Does that mean I can’t even trust what is good [that is, the law]? Is good just as dangerous as evil?” No again! Sin simply did what sin is so famous for doing: using the good as a cover to tempt me to do what would finally destroy me. By hiding within God’s good commandment, sin did far more mischief than it could ever have accomplished on its own.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ I can anticipate the response that is coming: “I know that all God’s commands are spiritual, but I’m not. Isn’t this also your experience?” Yes. I’m full of myself—after all, I’ve spent a long time in sin’s prison. What I don’t understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can’t be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God’s command is necessary.

¹⁷⁻²⁰ But I need something *more*! For if I know the law but still can’t keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don’t have what it takes. I can will it, but I can’t *do* it. I decide to do good, but I don’t *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don’t result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

²¹⁻²³ It happens so regularly that it’s predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

²⁴ I’ve tried everything and nothing helps. I’m at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn’t that the real question?

²⁵ **The answer**, thank God, **is** that **Jesus Christ** can and does.

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### (NSRV) The Inner Conflict (Not read aloud)

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Scripture Lesson: Psalm 66:1-7, 13-14, 16-20

### *To the leader. A Song. A Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. <sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him, <sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

<sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. <sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

## 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](http://www.westgroveumc.org) Email us at [info@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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 20; August: Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 24.**

**THIS WEEK!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—HERO HOTLINE: July 10-14, 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Vacation Bible school is HERE! 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! **Preschool (3 & 4\*) through grade 5 (Preschoolers must be potty trained)—Registration can be completed at <https://wgumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>** Contact Melanie Jones, Director of Children and Youth Ministries for information at [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP:** During the month of July and August, we will continue to have 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services. **An Adult Sunday school class led by Pastor Tim will be offered at 9:45 am each week.** This summer offers **Children's Sunday school in along with our parent discussion group.** Sunday school and parent's group will be meeting on the following dates: **July 9, July 23, August 6, August 13.** Our parent group meets down the hall! The parent group is open to parents with children of all ages. You can contact **Julie Anderman with questions or for information at [jwanderman111@gmail.com](mailto:jwanderman111@gmail.com)**

**\*On Sunday, July 16, we hope you join us for worship at 9:30 am. to celebrate VBS and a church community picnic and games following the service**  
Contact Melanie Jones with any questions about Sunday school at [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto: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)

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)

Lynn Jackson

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Family of Destiny Kates (B. Smith)

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

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp  
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Nathaniel Howard,  
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington  
(Mullen)

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 July 2, 2023

**General Offering: \$ \$3,767**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 170**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube  
8:30: 20 11:00: 47 & 37 Live Stream**

**Food Pantry: 91 families on 7/5 & 7/6**

**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                                              |

|                     | <b><u>Today: 07/09/23</u></b>       | <b><u>Next Week: 07/16/23</u></b>        |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:30 / 11:00</b> | <b>8:30 / 11:00</b>                 |                                          |
| Nursery Aide:       | Open / Open                         | Open / Open                              |
| Children's Worship: | TBD                                 | TBD                                      |
| Counters:           | Janice Bowers and<br>Paulette Bryan |                                          |
| Lay Reader: 8:30    | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>            | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                 |
| Lay Reader: 11:00   | Dick Stuhrke                        | Paulette Bryan                           |
| Ushers: 8:30        | Gene & Alison Aucott                | (9:30) Kim O'Neill and<br>Fred Sullivan  |
| Ushers: 11:00       | Fran Miller & Joan Saller           | N/A                                      |
| Greeter: 8:30       | Fred Sullivan                       | (9:30) Nancy Renk-Wise<br>and Scott Wise |
| Greeter: 11:00      | Joyce Lewis                         | N/A                                      |

***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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***