



West Grove United Methodist Church

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**So let us strive for the things that bring us peace
and the things that build each other up.(!)**

Romans 14:19 (NRSV)



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

VBS Sunday

July 16, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

Call to Worship (Based VBS theme song, Hero Hotline)

Pastor Tim

Leader: We're in search of new horizons! We are going where we have never been!

People: When God's call comes we will answer! We will follow where Jesus leads!

Leader: Oh Lord, together we will learn to serve and go together and transform the world!

People: Living with God's hotline this is not a test, this is primetime!

Leader: If you are ready to serve let me hear you shout! Sharing God's love is what it is all about!

People: There is no other place, no better time! So, you've got His light, throw it up and let it shine!

Leader: Biblical faith is full of ordinary people just like you and me, and in the hands of God we do extraordinary things!

People: Together we will learn to serve and grow! We're following the greatest hero ever told: Jesus! Let's GO!

***Opening Hymn**

"We Are The Church"

UMH No. 558
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

Opening Prayer (Based on the Song from VBS, *Beat Like Yours*)

Pastor Tim

**Dear Lord, where there is trouble and pain,
where there is a need,**

**I pray that you give me a heart to perceive,
and the courage to help.**

**Where there is hurt, where there is grief,
empower my heart to beat like Yours.**

**I need You to transform my heart,
and open my mind, transforming everything from the inside.**

I want my heart to beat like Yours.

**Empower me in the small things, the ordinary part of life,
to see them as the extraordinary gift and miracle
that You have entrusted to us.**

**My request is something only You can fulfill.
So may our hearts always beat together, just like Yours.
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.)

*Hymn	“Thy Word Is a Lamp”	UMH No. 601
Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 8:1-11 (The Message)</i> <i>Romans 14:19 (NRSV)</i> So let us strive for the things that bring us peace and the things that build each other up.(!)	Pastor Tim
Meditation & Reflection	“A Compelling Blessing to Share”	Pastor Tim
Reflections from Parents		
VBS Songs	“That’s What Makes A Hero” “Let’s Strive”	
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
*Hymn	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”	UMH No. 349
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord’s Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!	Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Offertory		
Consecration of the Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Hymn	“This Little Light Of Mine”	UMH No. 585
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		
Hospitality Time	<i>Please join us for games and covered dishes. We will be grilling hot dogs & hamburgers!</i>	

Please stand as you are able **Bold Print = Say in unison**

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:1-11 (The Message)

The Solution Is Life on God's Terms

8¹⁻² With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

3-4 God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that.

The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us.

5-8 Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

9-11 But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

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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.

TODAY—VBS AND ALL CHURCH BBQ: 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. Bring your lawn chairs and yard games! **We hope to see you there!**

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.**

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 along with our parent discussion group.** Sunday school and parent's group will be meeting on the following dates: **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**

****We would like to especially welcome our VBS families in worship today! We hope everyone will join us as we celebrate VBS and our church community with a picnic and games following today's service. Contact Melanie Jones with any questions about Sunday school at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org**

GRIEF SHARE FELLOWSHIP: A fellowship group focused on sharing life's journey through times of loss and grief is being planned to begin this summer. Have you experienced a loss these past several years? It takes time to heal wounds, above all it takes God's love together to heal our wounds, whatever they may be. We've been through many changes in the past few years, and many have lost loved ones. It is a blessing to be together, share fellowship, and strengthen friendships. **If you are interested in taking part, or have questions, please call pastor Tim (484.720.8626) or the church office.** We learn and help each other by sharing the journey together.

NEW FALL BOOK STUDY STARTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 10 A.M.: "The Color of Compromise" Facilitators are Mel Leaman and Peter Mullen. Please contact Mel or Peter for more information. The books website is: <https://jemartisby.com/>

THIS WEEK: July 16 through July 23, 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)

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

VBS Sunday

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Everyone is invited to a BBQ to Celebrate our VBS Families and Volunteers!

Monday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**

Tuesday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting (1)

Wednesday: **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mighty Writers Summer Camp (Sanc., 8, 10, 12)**
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Food Pantry (6, Lobby)
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting (1)

Thursday: **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: **No Activities**

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast (Sanc.)
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (8, 10)

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
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.

Jim (J. Bischoff)

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 9, 2023

General Offering: 2,390

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 370

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 12 11:00: 40 & 19 Live Stream

Food Pantry: 95 families on 7/13 & 7/14

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

	<u>Today: 07/16/23</u>	<u>Next Week: 07/23/23</u>
8:30 / 11:00	8:30 / 11:00	
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Counters:	Janice Bowers and Joan Leaman	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	N/A	John McGinley
Ushers: 8:30	(9:30) Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan	Amy & Mark Simonds
Ushers: 11:00	N/A	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	(9:30) Nancy Renk-Wise and Scott Wise	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	N/A	Esther Culbertson

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.