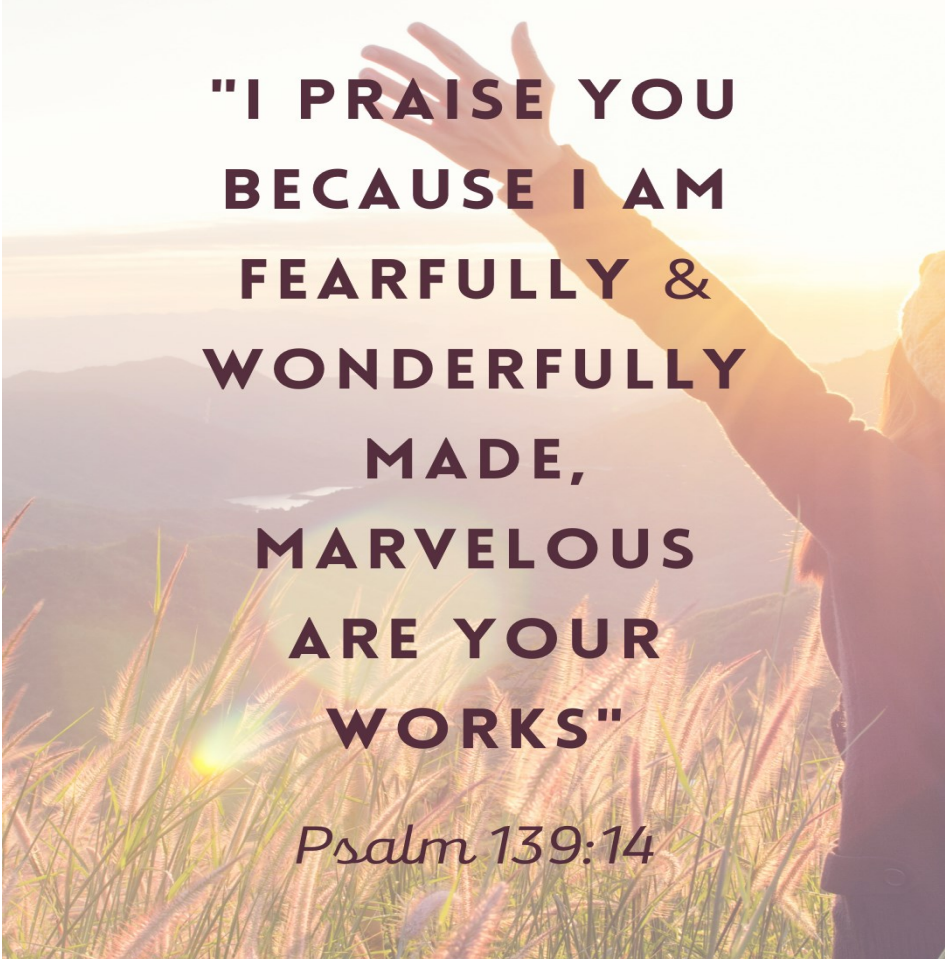




# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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**"I PRAISE YOU  
BECAUSE I AM  
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WONDERFULLY  
MADE,  
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ARE YOUR  
WORKS"**

*Psalm 139:14*

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 23, 2023*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities**

Pastor Tim

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 17:3-5 NLT)

Pastor Tim

One: You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night.

**All: You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong.**

One: I am determined not to sin in what I say.

**All: I have followed your commands, which keep me from following cruel and evil people.**

One: My steps have stayed on your path;

**All: I have not wavered from following you.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH No. 127

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Tim

**In times of weakness and hour of need,  
yours is the strength by which we carry on,  
the shoulder we rest our head upon.**

**It is you who knows us and searches us and knows who we are.  
When our load is heavy and too much to bear,  
yours are the arms stretched out to help us,  
the grace that we depend on.**

**In times of weakness and hour of need,  
your voice is heard, “Come to me and find rest.”  
This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness  
of body and spirit, the path that leads to you,  
and for which we offer our offering of praise.  
Thank you, Lord, for knowing me from head to foot  
And leading me in your path of life. Amen.**

**Moment for All Ages**

Pastor Tim

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

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 (NIV)*

Pastor Jim

**Meditation**

“Who Knows Our Identity?”

Pastor Jim

**\*Hymn of Response**

“Breathe On Me, Breath Of God”

UMH No. 420

**Affirmation of Faith: A Modern Affirmation**

John McGinley

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns** Pastor Tim

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Tim

**The Lord’s Prayer** Pastor Tim  
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!

**Invitation to the Offering** Pastor Tim

**Offertory** “The Image of God” Vocal Quartet  
Lyrics based on Psalm 139, Additional Lyrics by Susan Bentall Boersma  
Music by Craig Courtney  
Peter Mullen, Vicki Owens, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley

**Consecration of the Offering** Pastor Tim

**\*Closing Hymn** “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” UMH No. 381

**\*Benediction** Pastor Jim

**Postlude**

**Passing the Peace**

*Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.*  
*Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

## 8:30 a.m. Worship

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## Scripture Lesson: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 (NIV)

Psalm 139 Of David. A psalm.

- 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
  
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
  
- 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.
  
- 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## 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! **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](mailto:jwanderman111@gmail.com)**

**Contact Melanie Jones with any questions about Sunday school at [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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/>

**GROVE UMC** is celebrating their 250th anniversary and is one of ten sites on the 2023 Chester County Planning Commission's Town Tours and Village Walks. **Join us on Thursday, July 27th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM** for a tour and family-friendly activities. **Visit [grovechurch.org](http://grovechurch.org) for more information.**

# 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.

Jim (J. Bischoff)

Dianne Bunch  
(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Mildred 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)

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)

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Family of 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 16, 2023

**General Offering: \$4,723**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 50**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**9:30: 68 11:00: N/A 34 Live Stream**

**Food Pantry: 81 families on 7/19 & 7/20**

**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
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:	Pastor Tim

	<b><u>Today: 07/23/23</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week: 07/30/23</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:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Janice Bowers and Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Lay Reader: 11:00	John McGinley	Caryl Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simonds	Gene & Alison Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Linda & Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Dick Stuhrke

***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.***