



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*Encountering God's Word:
What It Really
Means to
Be A Child of God
Romans 8:13-25*

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 30, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 105:1-7)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Thank God! Pray to Him by name! Tell everyone you meet what He has done!

People: Sing songs to Him! Belt out hymns! Translate His wonders into music!

Leader: Honor His holy name with Hallelujahs! You who seek God, love a happy blessed life!

People: Keep your eyes open for God! Watch for His works! Be alert for signs of His presence!

Leader: Remember the wonders He has made! His miracles and the verdicts of mercy He has rendered!

People: He is God, our God, in charge of all creation! His generosity in Grace flows to all! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***Opening Song**

"Let The Praises Ring"

PraiseWorks

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

God of grace,
help us every day to let go of the things and people
that distract and even control us,
and help us turn more fully to You and Your presence.
You bless us with so much through Your Word and presence,
and Your gifts of fellowship together.
Empower us to live in the expectancy of what You will do next.
May Your Spirit live in each of us, and provide humble assurance,
so that we can perceive more fully the breadth and depth of Your miracles,
and then trust in Your direction.
As we face hard times, may we know that You will lead us
to grow and mature in new ways through it all.
Thank you Lord for loving us so.
May we share freely all that You have entrusted to us, in all we do.
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

Romans 8:12-25
(The Message, A Paraphrase)

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"What's Next?"

Pastor Tim

Affirmation of Faith

Caryl Stuhrke

From Romans 8:35, 37-39

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

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.

*Song of Response

“My Story”

PraiseWorks

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

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 Jim

Offertory

“Oceans”

PraiseWorks

Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Jim

*Closing Hymn

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

TFWS No. 2158

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

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

Ministry Opportunities

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*Opening Hymn

"Near To The Heart Of God"

UMH No. 472

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

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Scripture Reading

Romans 8:12-25

(The Message, A Paraphrase)

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"What's Next?"

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Affirmation of Faith

From Romans 8:35, 37-39

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*Hymn of Response

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH No. 349

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Consecration of the Offering

Pastor Jim

*Closing Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH No. 474

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

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

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:12-25 (The Message)

12-14 So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

15-17 This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

18-21 That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

22-25 All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:12-25 (NRSVUE)

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Future Glory

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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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. August: Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 24.** Put the dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun! Melanie will update you on the events throughout the summer!

SUMMER SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIANS WITH KIDS 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's discussion group.** Sunday school and parent's group will be meeting on the following dates: **August 6, August 13.** The Christians With Kids discussion group is open to parents with children of all ages. You can contact **Julie Anderman with questions or for information at jwanderman111@gmail.com** 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/>

THE FAITH LINKS CLASS will begin a new study on **Sunday, September 10th, at 9:45am.** We will be studying **"The Lord's Prayer" (part of Adam Hamilton's Bible study curriculum).** In this study he reflects on the deeper meaning and power behind the prayer Jesus taught, how it shapes our lives as we follow Him, and in turn, change the world." This is a walk-in class and we will begin with a short video followed by discussion. Hope you will join us for this exciting new study! (Any questions please contact Caryl Stuhrke at (302) 239-1743).

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.

Murphy Berkheimer
(Kapp-Benner)
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)
Karen Hruz
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
Don Nixon (Mullen)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
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 23, 2023

General Offering: \$2,909
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 40
Attendance: In-Person and You Tube
8:30: 24 11:00: 39 Live Stream: 16
Food Pantry: 84 families on 7/26 & 7/27
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:	Melanie Jones

Today: 07/30/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 08/6/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

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

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.