



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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# WRESTLING WITH GOD

GENESIS 32:22-32

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*August 6, 2023*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship (Based on "God Is In the Story", by Big Daddy Weave )

Pastor Tim

Leader: There are torn up pages in this book! Words that tell us, we are no good!  
Chapters that have defined us for so long!

**People: But the hands of grace and endless love, dusted us off and picked us up!  
Told our hearts that hope is never gone!**

Leader: God is in this story! God is in the details! Even in the broken parts,

**People: God holds our hearts! God never fails!**

Leader: When we are at our weakest, we will trust in Jesus!

**People: We will always trust in the One who goes before us! For God is in this story!**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Jacob's Ladder"

UMH No. 418

### Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 17:1-7, & God Is In the Story)

Pastor Tim

**Lord, we are blessed, knowing that You listen carefully to us;  
please hear us as we open our hearts to You.**

**Examine us from the inside out, empower us to be candid with You.**

**May our words be true.**

**May we not seek *our* way, but Your Way.**

**Help us to walk the sure path of your grace and mercy.**

**When the storms we are walking through feel like too much,  
please go ahead and hold on tightly to us,  
and may we experience Your love and care.**

**May we not fear the transformations You are bringing to us and creation,  
only trust You all the more.**

**May we not hide from what and Who we do not know or understand,  
and embrace more fully the miracles and mysteries You share.**

**Be in our story Lord, be within the details, even the broken parts,  
for Your love holds our hearts,  
and our healing is written in Your scars.**

**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

Genesis 32:22-31<sub>(NRSVUE)</sub>

Pastor Tim

## Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone, and a man

wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” 27 So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28 Then the man[a] said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,[b] for you have striven with God and with humans[c] and have prevailed.” 29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel,[d] saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

<b>Meditation</b>	“Mysterious Identities”	Pastor Tim
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<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	UMH No. 397
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**The Great Thanksgiving for the Season After Pentecost**

<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>	Pastor Jim
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**Offertory**

<b>Consecration of the Offering</b>	Pastor Jim
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<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	“’Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”	UMH No. 462
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<b>*Benediction</b>	Pastor Tim
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**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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Pastor Tim

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

## 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. 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](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/>

**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, how it changes 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).

**THIS WEEK: August 6 through August 13, 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)**

**Tenthth 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: **No Activities**

Tuesday: **No Activities**

Wednesday: **5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Food Pantry (6, Lobby)**

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: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (8, 10)

**Eleventh 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

**SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS ON SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 5-7 P.M. RAIN DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25, 5-7 P.M.**

# 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.

Family of Murphy  
Berkheimer (Kapp-  
Benner)

Jim (J. Bischoff)

Dianne Bunch  
(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Family of Mildred Chambers

Joann Coates

Esther Culbertson

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)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Family of Peg Spahn (RAP)

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 30, 2023

**General Offering: \$3,790**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 70**

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

**8:30: 19 11:00: 43 Live Stream: 18 F  
ood Pantry: 83 families on 8/02 & 8/03**

**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 Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment For All Ages:	Melanie Jones

	<b><u>Today: 08/06/23</u></b> <b>8:30 / 11:00</b>	<b><u>Next Week: 08/13/23</u></b> <b>8:30 / 11:00</b>
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Nancy Renk-Wise and Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Lay Reader: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers: 8:30	Kim O'Neill & Fred Sullivan	Amy Simonds and Mark Simonds
Ushers: 11:00	Fran Miller & Joan Saller	Paulette Bryan and Nancy Duvall
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Nancy Renk-Wise and Scott Wise

***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.***