



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on Matthew 16:13-21)

Pastor Tim

Leader: As disciples of Christ, the world confronts us, asking us to name the identity of Jesus.

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Leader: And how about you? Who do you, in your own very personal ways, say who Jesus is?

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Leader: Here is life's great treasure, to know Him personally! For then we are blessed!

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Leader: Such a faith is the foundation of life, and all authentic church fellowship!

People: God provides us all with expansive energy, with the keys to open hearts and minds, with no more barriers in heaven or one earth! Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn**

"God of Love And God of Power"

UMH #578

Opening Prayer (Based on Romans 12:1-4)

Pastor Tim

**Dear Lord, our God, help us to take our everyday, ordinary life,
our sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life,
and place it before You as an offering.**

**Empower us to embrace what You are doing for us,
and understand it is the best thing we can do for You.**

**May we never become so well adjusted to this world's culture that we live
without thinking. Instead, may we fix our attention upon You.**

Transform us from the inside out.

**Help us to readily recognize what You want from us,
and quickly respond to it. May we not be dragged down by the levels of
immaturity surrounding us. Lord, bring out the best in us,
develop in us well formed maturity that living in pure grace provides.**

**May we always remember and not misinterpret,
that it is not *we* who bring goodness to You,
always remembering *You* bring goodness to us.**

**Help us to claim our identity by who You are
and by Your actions and creativity.**

**And may we help to complete the fullness of Your fellowship,
each of us in our own part.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages		Melanie Jones
	<i>(Children are invited to attend Children's Worship in Room 12.)</i>	
Scripture Reading	<i>Exodus 1:8-22</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"Blinded by Fear, Restored by Faith"	Pastor Tim
*Hymn of Response	"God Will Take Care of You"	UMH #130
Affirmation of Faith		Carol McGinley
	<i>Apostles Creed Traditional Version, UMH #881</i>	
	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalms 133</i>	Carol McGinley
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		
Consecration of the Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Hymn	"A Change to Keep I Have"	UMH
#413		
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		
Passing the Peace		

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

8:30 a.m. Worship

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UMH # 578

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Exodus 1:8-22

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Pastor Tim

*Hymn of Response

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UMH #130

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Jim

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UMH #413

*Benediction

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(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 1:8 - 22

The Israelites Are Oppressed

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude 14 and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 133

The Blessedness of Unity

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

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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.

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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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 11:00 SERVICE ONLY: As another new school year begins, we invite students and teachers alike to bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 27th, so that they may be blessed. This blessing of the bags serves as a reminder that God is always with us, even at school. He will help guide us through the ups and downs that come with every school year. We hope to see you here!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHRISTIANS WITH KIDS DISCUSSION GROUP: The groups will meet on **August 27th**. We look forward to everyone returning in September! Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 10th. **Contact Melanie Jones with any questions about Sunday school at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org** You can contact **Julie Anderman with questions or for information on the discussion group, at jwanderman111@gmail.com**

SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 5-7 P.M. RAIN DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25th, 5-7 P.M. Pastor Tim and Julie are looking forward to hosting the THIRD Ice Cream Social this year. Everyone is invited! Of course, there will be lots of syrup and toppings to help enhance the experience. Last year we offered at least 22 flavors, and we look forward to sharing most of them again this year too. Please remember, it is not just about the ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Please join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.

GRIEF SHARE FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Thursdays. A 13 week fellowship group focused on sharing life's journey through times of loss and grief. It takes time to heal wounds, above all it takes God's love together to heal our wounds, whatever they may be. 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.**

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).

PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY: "LEARNING FROM THE PRAYERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT" In our Bible Study, we will study the prayers of a few of the Hebrew Saints, review the situation that initiated the prayer, delve into the prayer, and see how that prayer will help us in our prayer life. Come join us on **Mondays, beginning September 11th at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, as we look at the scriptural prayers of Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David, Solomon, Jonah, and others.

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)

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)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Lenny Marten (K. Smith)



Jim May (Mullen)

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Peter Mullen

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)

Harrison Winters (Saller)

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 August 13, 2023

General Offering: \$6647

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 70

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 24 11:00: 38 Live Stream: 16

**Food Pantry: 90 families on 8/09 &
8/10 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: 08/20/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 08/27/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Counters:	Janice Bowers and Dave Talley	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Carol McGinley	Fred Sullivan
Ushers: 8:30	Gene Aucott and Alison Aucott	Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan
Ushers: 11:00	Tom Adams and Charlotte Adams	Linda and Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Dick Sturhke

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.