



West Grove United Methodist Church

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FORGIVENESS HEALS



*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and All Worship Sunday
September 3, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 133 & Genesis 50:20)

Pastor Tim

Leader: How wonderful, how beautiful it is when brothers and sister get along and truly love each other!

People: It is like costly oil, a balm that heals and renews our strength when we are worn and tired!

Leader: It renews our sense of the holy and sacred, restoring the strained relations among us!

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Leader: For, where in our sins, we sadly intend harm,

People: God can transform our hearts and lives, and bring forth life, blessings in the miracle of His love!

***Opening Hymn**

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

UMH No. 117

Opening Prayer (Based on *Forgiveness* by Matthew West)

Pastor Tim

Merciful God, please help us,

for it is the hardest thing to give away,

and too often the last thing on our minds each day;

it is so frustrating because it seems to go to those who don't deserve.

In our anger and rage, it's the opposite of how we feel,

when the pain imposed on us is just too real.

Help us Lord, for it takes everything we have to say: Forgiveness.

It flies in the face of all of our pride,

as it moves away the mad we have inside.

It is our anger's worst enemy,

even when so many juries and the judge say we must hold a grudge.

So Lord, please speak into our ears, and write into our hearts and minds,

your mercy and grace to set it free.

Empower us to receive, to live, and to give: forgiveness.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

Scripture Reading	<i>Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Evil, Human Intentions, God Transforms Into Good”	Pastor Tim
*Hymn of Response	“Freely, Freely”	UMH No. 389
Sacrament of Communion	Pastor Tim and Cindy Haley	
The Lord’s Prayer		
Invitation to the Offering	Pastor Tim	
Offertory	“Blessings”	Chancel Choir
	Words and music by Laura Mixon Story	
	Arranged by Heather Sorenson	
Dedication of the Offering	Pastor Tim	
*Closing Song	“Ask Ye What Great Things I Know”	UMH No. 163
*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

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Scripture Lesson: *Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21*

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Joseph Forgives His Brothers Genesis 50:15-21

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Great Thanksgiving for the Season After Pentecost

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice
shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 5-7 PM. RAIN DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24th, 5-7 PM. 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, including dairy and gluten-free, and we look forward to sharing most of them again this year too. Feel free to bring toppings to share! Please remember, it is not just about the ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Come, bring friends and neighbors and please join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.

GRIEF SHARE FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays at 10:00 AM at the church. 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.**

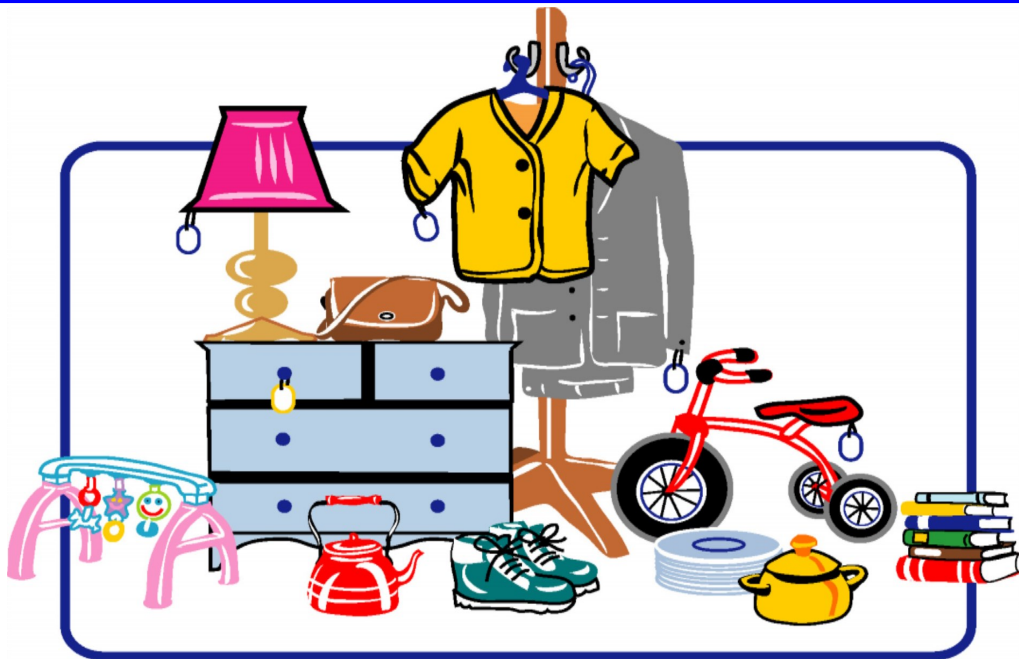
NEW FALL BOOK STUDY STARTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 10 AM.: "The Color of Compromise" Facilitators are Mel Leaman and Peter Mullen. Please contact Mel or Peter for more information. The book's website is: <https://jemartisby.com/>

THE FAITH LINKS CLASS will begin a new study on **Sunday, September 10th, at 9:45 AM.** 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.

R.A.P. (Retired Active People) Please join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Our celebration "kick-off" will be September 8, in the WGUMC sanctuary. RAP will begin at noon. Bring your lunch! Hot and cold beverages and delicious desserts will be provided. Ray McKay will present the program "Civil War Trivia and Interesting Facts". Invite your friends! Hope to see you there! RSVP to Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.

CMO AND PRESCHOOL: Hello! If you or anyone you know is currently looking for a preschool class for this coming year, please check us out! We have six open spots between our two PreK classes (must be 4 by September 1, 2023) as well as 3 spots open in our Three year old room (age 3 by September 1, 2023)! We are also actively looking for a PreK assistant! All the best-Abbie Gruscavage, Director



**United Methodist Women's
Fall Rummage Sale
Friday, October 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
and Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-Noon**

**Bring your donations from Sunday, October 1st
through Thursday, October 5th.**

Saturday special: Fill a Bag for only \$5.00!!

Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. Our United Methodist Women, who sponsor this sale, fund ministries and missions within the church and throughout community with the proceeds from the Rummage Sale. Thank you!

THIS WEEK: September 3 through September 10

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)

Fourteenth Sunday Communion and All Worship Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	Church Office Closed in recognition of Labor Day	
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (1)
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (4, 5)
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group (3)
	1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (4, 5)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (6)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	R.A.P. Lunch and Program (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (8, 10)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	"Color of Compromise" Study (Sanc.)

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Rally Day!

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR OR PRAISEWORKS!

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and would like to invite you to join us! Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the choir room. You don't need to be able to read music and certainly don't need to be an expert singer. We gather in fellowship and use whatever gifts we have to sing in worship!

If you play an instrument or enjoy singing praise music, we'd love to have you join PraiseWorks! We have a great, supportive group and enjoy Christian fellowship and singing and playing worship music together. We usually sing two Sundays per month and rehearse on Thursday evenings at 8:00 or Sunday mornings. We will sing next on Sunday, September 24 and will practice at 10:00 am that Sunday morning.

If you have any questions about either group, please contact Betsy Smith, or any of the choir or praise team members. musicmomva@aol.com

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 27, 2023

General Offering: \$4,998

Building Maintenance Fund: \$95

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: — 11:00: 52 Live Stream: 14

Food Pantry: 113 families on 8/30 & 8/31

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

	<u>Today: 09/03/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00	<u>Next Week: 09/10/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers:	N/A	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke	Paulette Bryan and Joan Leaman
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	N/A	Dick Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Amy Simonds and Mark Simonds	Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan
Ushers: 11:00	Fran Miller and Joyce Lewis	Paulette Bryan and Nancy Duvall
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	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.