



West Grove United Methodist Church

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HUMBLE ENOUGH TO CONFRONT
MATTHEW 18.15-20

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on Romans 13:10-14)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Let us not get absorbed by this world, and become exhausted by day to day demands!

People: We cannot lose track of the time and the ways God is at work today!

Leader: The darkness is about over; God's great Light is upon us!

People: So let us be up and awake! Alert to what God is doing!

Leader: God is putting the finishing touches on salvation's promise, the work He began when we first believed!

People: So we can't afford to waste a minute and not squander His precious trust!

Leader: For there is no authority except from God, commanding us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: Setting His love first in the only way! May the love of Christ shine from within us in all we do!

*Opening Hymn

"Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus"

UMH No. 277

Opening Prayer (Based on, "O' Lord" by Lauren Daigle)

Pastor Tim

**Lord, there are many days when it feels life is coming undone,
far too many challenges to face,
and far too often it can feel so very lonely walking in life
where others want to run a race.**

**Thank you for being with me Lord, for I know you hear my cries,
your love is lifting me above it all, hearing my prayers in my sighs.**

Help us to stand our ground where hope can be found.

May we rise above what holds so many back,

to claim and freely share the blessings You provide.

**Take pleasure in our lives Lord, and as we live humbly with You,
may our lives give You the glory.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:19

Pastor Tim

¹⁹ So let us strive for the things that bring peace and build each other up."

Matthew 18:1-5, 15-20

Meditation

"Our Joy In Real, Faithful Friendships"

Pastor Tim

Anthem

"Children of Light"

Chancel Choir

Words from Ephesians 5:8-9, 14 and Isaiah 60:1-2

Music by Pepper Choplin

Affirmation of Faith

Dick Stuhrke

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church ~ UMH No. 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Scripture

Psalm 149

Dick Stuhrke

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Tim

Offertory

Dedication of the Offering

Pastor Tim

*Closing Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

UMH No. 514

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

Postlude

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



Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers today are in
Celebration of Pastor Tim Anderman's birthday
Given with love by the congregation



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Passing the Peace

(Please join us for Fellowship Narthex/Lobby.)

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Scripture Lesson: *Matthew 18:1-5, 15-20*

True Greatness

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 He called a child, whom he put among them, 3 and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Reproving Another Who Sins

15 “If your brother or sister sins against you, [h] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Scripture Lesson: *Psalms 149*

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
- 7 to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
- 9 to execute on them the judgment decreed.
This is glory for all his faithful ones.

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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.

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.

NEW FALL BOOK STUDY STARTED 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 today, **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).

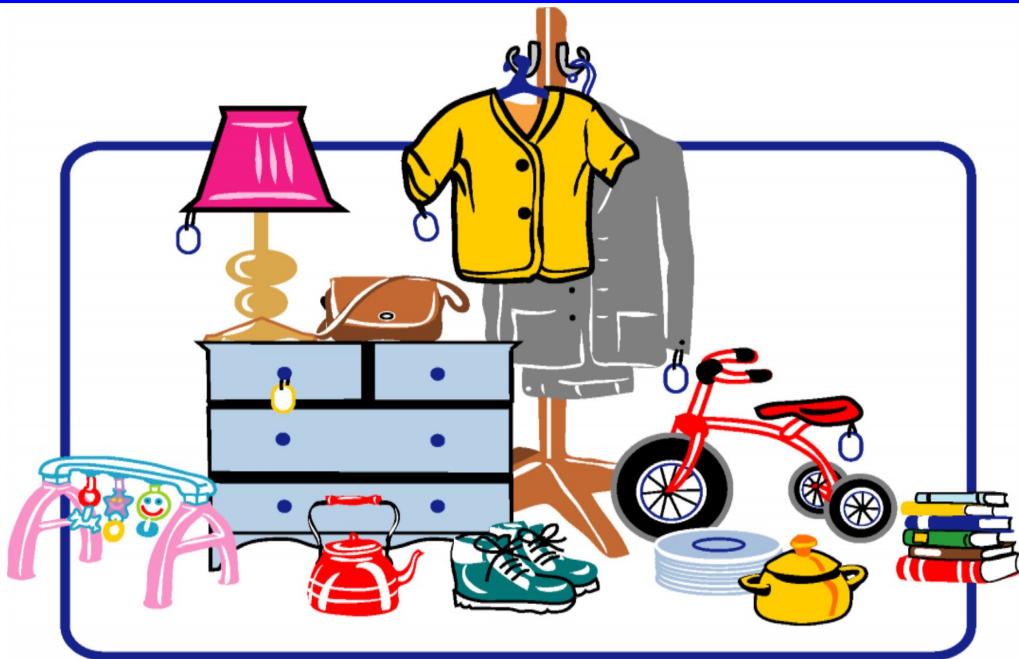
PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY: "LEARNING FROM THE PRAYERS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT" In our Bible Study, we will study the prayers of a few of the Hebrew Saints, review the situation that initiated the prayer, delve into the prayer, and see how that prayer will help us in our prayer life. Come join us on **Mondays, beginning tomorrow, 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.

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



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**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!

“Christians With Kids”

Want to feel more confident about answering your child's questions about faith and scripture? Feeling pressed to make time for your own spiritual well-being and growth? Join us each week (for the next six weeks), as we have an adult discussion about the parable your children are studying that week in Sunday School. Contact Julie Anderman, facilitator, with questions or ideas:

jwanderman111@gmail.com or 484.720.8626. No Bible knowledge necessary. Come when you can. We'll be looking for you!

UMW Meeting and Tea

All women are invited to join us on **Sunday afternoon, September 24, 2023, at 3:00 pm** for light refreshments. We will meet in the Sanctuary to connect with one another as Women in Christ. It will be a short meeting for you to find out the purpose and mission of the United Methodist Women and how we may grow and work together in fellowship and Christ's love. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cindy Haley or Fran Miller, co-leaders.

Berkshire Hathaway Realtors Community Service Day **Thursday, October 5th**



The realtors at Berkshire Hathaway contacted the church office to offer their services as a gesture of kindness to the community. If you or someone you know, needs help with chores, contact the church office (610-869-9334) and they will submit your request. The kind of chores could be yard work, painting (inside or out), minor house repairs, or heavy lifting. Perhaps you have a AC window unit that needs to come out? Is your lawn too much for you to clean the leaves and sticks? Let us know!

Mighty Writers Donations—Get T-Shirt



WGUMC supports the Mighty Writers whenever we can, so we wanted to share the following invitation to make a donation to help their mission.

To celebrate the start of the football season, we're offering a special edition Mighty Writers Kelly green T-shirt for a \$60 donation to our literacy program. Order one now and your friends will be green with envy! Go to the website listed below to make your donation and receive your T-Shirt!

<https://dalmatian-manatee-ga2t.squarespace.com/mighty-writers-online-shop/p/kelly-green-mighty-writers-shirt>

THIS WEEK: September 10 through September 17

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)

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
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Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	"Prayers From the Bible" Study (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (4, 5)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group (3)
	1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (4, 5)
	Note: No Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
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.)

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social

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. We will not be rehearsing this Thursday, September 14. Our next rehearsal will be Thursday, September 21. 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 September 3, 2023

General Offering: \$2,378

Building Maintenance Fund: \$120

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 13 11:00: 32 Live Stream: 30

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
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment For All Ages:	Melanie Jones

A big thank you to Jake and Debbie Schneider for providing today's music.

	<u>Today: 09/10/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00	<u>Next Week: 09/17/23</u> 8:30 / 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers:	Cindy Haley	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Paulette Bryan and Joan Leaman	Len Kuch and Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	Carol McGinley
Ushers: 8:30	Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan	Alison Aucott and Gene Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Paulette Bryan and Nancy Duvall	Tom Adams and Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Nancy Renk Wise and Scott Renk

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