



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Psalm 105:1

**GIVE THANKS TO
THE LORD AND
PROCLAIM HIS
GREATNESS**

*Let the whole
world know what
he has done.*

The Joy fm

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on Speak Life, by TobyMac)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Some days, life feels perfect, other days it just "ain't" working!

People: The good, the bad, the right, the wrong, and everything in between!

Leader: Though it is incredible, amazing to know we can turn and transform a heart through the words we say!

People: Mountains can crumble with every syllable! Hope can live or die!

Leader: So speak life! Speak life! To the deadliest darkest night!

People: Speak life! Speak Life! When the sun won't shine and you don't know why!

Leader: Look into the eyes of the broken hearted! Watch them come alive as soon as you speak:

People: You speak love! You speak life!

Leader: Some days our tongues get twisted, our thoughts fall apart, I do, I don't! I will I won't!

People: It may seem crazy to imagine: words from our lips as the arms of compassion. Hope can live or die! So speak life! Speak life!

*Opening Song

"God of All"

PraiseWorks

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers, for knowing our needs, even before we ask. Thank you for loving us so much, that even our sighs and groans can be a prayer. Empower us to speak directly with you, to reach for your heart and then to trust the transformation you bring to us. May we not hold on to what is unhealthy, or some romantic vision of what was. Instead may we be open to the possibilities you provide every day, to grow in new ways by your grace and mercy. May we continue to draw near to you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

Pastor Tim

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Meditation

"Choosing to Trust God, Ready to be Stretched"

Pastor Tim

Anthem

"Hear Us, O Father"

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Nancy Price and Don Besig

Scripture

Psalm 105:1-10

Carol Stuhrke

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Affirmation of Faith: “A Modern Affirmation ” UMH No. 885

Leader: Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the holy spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Joys and Concerns	A Special Thank You - Donna Fackler Welcome - April Spencer	Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer:		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	"Trust in God"	PraiseWorks
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	“Fear Not”	PraiseWorks
*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**

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*Opening Hymn

“ Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah ”

UMH No. 127

*Opening Prayer (Page 2)

Pastor Tim

Scripture Reading (Page 5)

16:2-15 (NRSV)

Pastor Tim

Meditation

“Choosing to Trust God, Ready to be Stretched”

Pastor Tim

Scripture (Page 5)

Psalms 105:1-10

Pastor Jim

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Pastor Jim

*Closing Hymn

“ Are Ye Able ”

UMH No. 530

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

Postlude

Passing the Peace

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

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

¹⁶ ² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” [a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 105:1-10

¹O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. ²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Seek he Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, ⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham, [a] children of Jacob, his chosen ones. ⁷He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations, ⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, ¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

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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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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.

TODAY!!! THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 5-7 P.M. (Cancelled from last Sunday) If it rains we will enjoy our ice cream in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited! Many flavors, syrups and toppings. Feel free to bring toppings to share! Remember, it's not just about ice cream, it is all about the fellowship with many great people. Come, bring friends and neighbors and join us as you are able, and share your heart with others.

FALL RUMAGE SALE, Friday, October 6, 9 am-2 pm, & Saturday, October 7, 9 am-Noon. Donations accepted from Sunday, October 1st through Thursday, October 5th. Saturday special: Fill a Bag for only \$5.00!! Unsold items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. Our UMW, sponsoring this sale, fund ministries and missions within the church and throughout community with the proceeds from the Rummage Sale.

"CHRISTIANS WITH KIDS" Join us each week 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: jwandering111@gmail.com or 484.720.8626.

TRUNK OR TREAT, Sunday, October 29th, 2 - 4 pm in the church parking lot.

Trick or Treating at all the decorated and candy stocked cars along with games and crafts in the lobby. Children of all ages and their families are invited. Contact Melanie Hartley for more information or questions. **Trunk hosts & activity volunteers needed!** A fun day for all involved, including volunteers! We want to make sure we have a variety of fun trunks as well as adults to help kids with games and crafts. Can you offer an afternoon to our church family and community? Contact Melanie Hartley to sign up, or look for the sign up sheet in the church lobby. Need help with your trunk? Also contact Melanie for assistance and ideas!



GIFT CARD REQUEST FOR OXFORD FIRE VICTIMS:

After the recent fire in Oxford, when many families were made homeless, the Red Cross is asking that anyone who is able, to please donate gift cards for the victims. Walmart, Dollar General, and Wawa are among the requested, most useful card donations. Donations of actual cards can be either dropped off at the church office or mark your check "Oxford Fire" and make it part of your offering. They are also requesting an adult bicycle for someone who uses it to go to work and get around town. Thank you for your help!



MIGHTY WRITERS In celebration of the football season they're offering a special edition Mighty Writers Kelly green T-shirt for a \$60 donation to the literacy program. Go to the <https://dalmatian-manatee-ga2t.squarespace.com/mighty-writers-online-shop/p/kelly-green-mighty-writers-shirt> to make your donation and receive your T-Shirt!

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)

Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

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

Michele Johnson (Spencer)

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Jim May (Mullen)



Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Peter Mullen

Tim Mullen

Doug Paine (Jackson)

Family of Dan DePaul
(Jackson)

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)

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 September 17, 2023

General Offering: \$4,035.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$90

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 43 11:00: 34 Live Stream: 5

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Food Pantry: ZZ families on 9/20 & 9/21

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May (Trainee needed)
Live-Stream & 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
Memory Bells Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Melanie Jones

Today: 09/24/23

8:30 / 11:00

Next Week: 10/01/23

8:30 / 11:00

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	TBD	TBD
Counters:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Dick and Carol Stuhrke
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Read 11:00	Carol Stuhrke	Paulette Bryan
Ushers: 8:30	Amy and Mark Simonds	Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan
Ushers: 11:00	Linda and Virgil Brown	Fran Miller and Joyce Lewis
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Fran Miller	Dick Stuhrke

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.