



West Grove United Methodist Church

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World Communion Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Based on the River, by Feliz)

Pastor Tim

Leader: I know a place where we can go, to lay our troubles down that are eating at our souls.

People: I know a place where mercy flows and takes away the stains to make you cleaner than snow!

Leader: Like a tide that is rising up deep inside, within a current that moves and makes you come alive!

People: Living water that brings the dead to life, we're going down to the river to pray!

Leader: He has moved in my life, took me from dusty roads to paradise!

People: All of my dirt, all of my shame, is now drowned in the streams that have made me born again!

Leader: His love makes a difference in our lives! Builds a community in the Spirit as He gives us heart!

People: So think of yourself the ways Christ thought of himself, and set aside the advantages and privileges, and come and receive and live and as he did, in His sacrifice!

*Opening Hymn

"O Worship the King"

UMH No. 73

Opening Prayer (Based on prayers in the UMH, page 6)

Pastor Tim

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we might continue to grow and mature,
develop in the ways we perfectly love you
and those whom You have entrusted to us in life.
May all that we do worthily magnify Your holy name.
As we come to claim what is sacred and holy in our lives,
open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
so that as the Scriptures are read aloud and Your Word is proclaimed,
that we may hear with joy and weave throughout our lives,
what You say to us today.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

Time of Thank You & Blessings For Melanie
Philippians 2:1-13

Scripture Reading

Pastor Tim
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Meditation

“The Difference God’s Love Makes ”

Pastor Tim

Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

UMH No. 534

Communion Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday

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Anthem

“Come Share this Feast of Love”

Chancel Choir
Lyrics by
Mary Kay Beall, Music by Lloyd Larson

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

Dedication of the Offering

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn**

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH No. 170

***Benediction**

Pastor Tim

Postlude

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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Leader: His love makes a difference in our lives! Builds a community in the Spirit as He gives us heart!

People: So think of yourself the ways Christ thought of himself, and set aside the advantages and privileges, and come and receive and live and as he did, in His sacrifice!

*Opening Hymn

"O Worship the King"

UMH No. 127

*Opening Prayer (Based on prayers in the UMH, page 6)

Pastor Tim

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we might continue to grow and mature, develop in the ways we perfectly love you and those whom You have entrusted to us in life. May all that we do worthily magnify Your holy name. As we come to claim what is sacred and holy in our lives, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, that we may hear with joy and weave throughout our lives, what You say to us today. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading (Page 5)

Philippians 2:1-13

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"The Difference God's Love Makes "

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Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Dedication of the Offering

Pastor Jim

*Closing Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH No. 530

*Benediction

Pastor Tim

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2: 1—13

2 1-4 If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. 5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion. 9-11 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.. 12-13 What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most

***** Missionary Visit on October 15th *****

The Mission team is happy to announce that we will be receiving a visit from Umba and Ngoy Kalangwa from Tanzania on the 15th of October. Those of you that have been at WCUMC for a long time will recall that we have supported their mission in the past. We are planning to have fellowship time with them after the 11am service that will include viewing their slides and having some refreshments. Offerings supporting their mission will be welcome.

The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday

The Lord be 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,
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

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.
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.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth
and to make disciples of all nations
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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.”

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.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to 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 Father (*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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334

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.

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.

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! . Can you offer an afternoon to our church family and community? Contact the church office to sign up, or look for the sign up sheet in the church lobby.



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!



FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The church food pantry provides assistance every week to families in our community dealing with food insecurity. The bulk of the food we distribute comes from the Chester County Food Bank. We also receive food from the West Chester Food Cupboard, the Acme in Avondale and the Jennersville and New Garden Giants. We welcome monetary donations and food and household products. The most needed food items include corn tortillas, cooking oil and dry pinto beans. Household and personal items such as detergent, baby wipes, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner are also greatly appreciated. We thank you for your on-going support!

WGUMC SEEKS DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Part-time position: 30 hours per week. Compensation commensurate with experience. Responsibilities include: Development and implantation of children's programs, grades Pre-K through 5th grade, and youth grades 6th through 12th. Develop Sunday School curriculum, Children's Worship, Youth Group Meetings and special events (i.e. mission trips, Etravaganza, Vacation Bible School, etc.)For a full job description, please send your contact information to oWGUMC Sffice@westgroveumc.org.

CHURCH EMAIL: Donna Fackler, our office administrator, has officially retired. However, she will be working from home on the church's billing, payroll and financials. All other church related matters will be handled in the church office, by the new church administrator, April Spencer. Accordingly, we have separated our email addresses as follows: Anything **other** than billing, payroll and financial matters will be emailed to: **office@westgroveumc.org**. All billing, payroll and any other financial matters should be emailed to: **donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org** . This takes effect immediately.

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 (Shiplot)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplot

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 24, 2023

General Offering: \$3220.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$392.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 32 11:00: 79 Live Stream: 34

Food Pantry: 100 families on 9/27 & 9/28

Food donations are appreciated.

THIS WEEK: through October 1, through October 8, 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)

World Communion Sunday Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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| Sunday: | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Monday: | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| | 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Girl Scout Troop Meeting (8—10) |
| | 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) |
| | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Girl Scot Troop Meeting (8—10) |
| | 6:00 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: | 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) |
| | 6:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. | GS Troops 4251 & 4567 (8, 10) |
| | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (6) |
| Friday: | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Teachers in Service Day |
| | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Fall Rummage Sale (Sanctuary & Lobby) |
| 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.) |
| | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Fall Rummage Sale (Sanctuary & Lobby) |

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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| Sunday: | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service |

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

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| 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: 10/01/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 10/08/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

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| Nursery Aide: | Open / Open | Open / Open |
| Children's Worship: | TBD | TBD |
| Roamers | Paulette Bryan | Paulette Bryan |
| Counters: | Dick and Carol Stuhrke | Nancy Renk Wise and Paulette Bryan |
| Lay Reader: 8:30 | Volunteers Needed | Volunteers Needed |
| Lay Read 11:00 | Paulette Bryan | Valerie Knapp Benner |
| Ushers: 8:30 | Kim O'Neill and Fred Sullivan | Allison and Gene Aucott |
| Ushers: 11:00 | Fran Miller and Joyce Smith | Tom and Cindy Hoover |
| Greeter: 8:30 | Karen Hruz | Fred Sullivan |
| Greeter: 11:00 | Dick Stuhrke | Joyce Smith |

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.