



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Mel Leaman

One: Our God, we come just as we are.

All: We thank you for loving us just like that.

One: We come, called to be who we can yet become.

All: Thank you for the adventure and joy in this journey.

One: We come to rest in the comforting arms of Your love and this community.

All: We come to risk your call to step outside the box of our comfort zone.

One: We come because we too easily conform to the temptations that thwart your best hopes for us, all of humanity, and Your creation.

All: We come with our best hopes to be transformed through the renewal of our minds.

*Opening Song

“The River is Here”

PraiseWorks

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Mel Leaman

God of grace we long to be free-flowing rivers of your love carrying the rich nutrients for wholesome relationships to all in need.

God of power we hope what we hear and see in this hour of worship will empower us to be a community of faith that more fully reflects your compassionate ways.

God of forgiveness help us to acknowledge our failures in the past but refuse to let them define our now or determine our future. Amen.

Moment With All God's Children

Mel Leaman

The Morning Scripture

*Exodus 20:1-7; *Matthew 6:9-10*

Valerie Kapp-Benner

Meditation

“Thy Kin-dom Come”

Mel Leaman

Anthem

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Chancel Choir

*Our Confession of Hope

Ephesians 3:14-19

Mel Leaman

Left Side Speaking: ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray

Right Side Speaking: ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

PraiseWorks

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Betsy Smith

Dedication of the Offering


PraiseWorks

Ephesians 3:20—21

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Postlude

As we are having the sanctuary floors cleaned tomorrow, October 9th, anyone willing to stay after the service and help move the sanctuary chairs, would be greatly appreciated.









*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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*Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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*Opening Prayer

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The Morning Scripture:

*Exodus 20:1-7; *Matthew 6:9-10 (NRSV)*

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Meditation

“Thy Kin-dom Come ”

Mel Leaman

*Our Confession of Hope

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Congregation
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Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Mel Leaman

Invitation to the Offering

Dedication of the Offering

*Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH No. 577

Benediction

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Postlude

Passing of Peace

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

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:1-7 (NKJV)

And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of [a] bondage. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor [b] serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting [c] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6: 9—10 (NKJV)

And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

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.

WGUMC WORK DAY: Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 11th WGUMC is having a church work day. Anyone willing and able to volunteer their services would be greatly appreciated. We will be doing grounds work, repairing our cross and flame on the church front, among other tasks. Give an afternoon, or an hour, you decide.

TRUSTEES MEETING: Our next Trustees meeting is will be Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.

*** 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.

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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.

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, Extravaganza, Vacation Bible School, etc.). For a full job description, please send your contact information to WGUMC at: office@westgroveumc.org.

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 October 1, 2023

General Offering: \$2414.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: ZZ 11:00: 54 Live Stream: 5

Food Pantry: 105 families on 10/4 & 10/5

Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May (Trainee needed)
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Sound Booth 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:	

Today: 10/08/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 10/15/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Cindy Haley	Mary Anne Covington
Counters:	Nancy Renk-Wise and Paulette Bryan	Joan Leaman & Janice Bowers
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Read 11:00	Valerie Knapp Benner	Cindy Haley
Ushers: 8:30	Allison and Gene Aucott	Amy & Mark Simmonds
Ushers: 11:00	Tom and Cindy Hoover	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Smith	Nancy and Scott Renk-Wise

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.