



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship (in unison)** (Based on I Thessalonians 1:1-10) Pastor Tim

Leader: Let us give thanks for each other, and keep our hearts focused in prayer,

People: Constantly remembering before God our Father, the work of faith and its labor of love!

Leader: Let us remember always the steadfastness of hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: For we are all beloved of God and He has chosen to love us!

Leader: For the Gospel has come to us not just in words alone, but also in the power of the Holy Spirit!

People: Who gives us the full empowerment to live life fully, courageously by faith!

Leader: God knows us all by name, we find favor in His sight, and He invites us to experience His glory!

People: We are God's people! Let us draw closer to Him by faith with His presence ever near within our hearts and minds!

*Opening Song

"How Great is Our God"

Praiseworks

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Pastor Tim

Lord, our God, there is no comparison between You and Pharaoh, or You and so many of our leaders today. You don't want to drive us into the ground making bricks, weighed down by unfair burdens that crush our spirits and bodies. You don't play with our emotions; You lift us up, and seek to include us in Your miracle work. Help us perceive the possibilities and live life fully on Your terms, that are overflowing with grace, empathy, and compassion. Come to us in a fiery bush or tree, a voice, a bulrush, or a baby's cry. Give us the courage of faithful midwives who know right from wrong, and know Your heart from greed and self-centered fear. Help us, empower us to trust in your promises, and to give deeply and freely from our hearts, as You have given to us. May we always set You first in our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Tim

Scripture

Exodus 33:12-23

John McGinley

Meditation

"Partnering with God, Our Beloved Father "

Pastor Tim

Scripture

"Psalm 99 "

Pastor Tim

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem	“Lead Me On the Paths of Righteousness”	Chancel Choir
	Words and Music by Pepper Choplin, based on Psalm 23:3b	
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Plans”	PraiseWorks
Consecration of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Lord Reign in Me”	Praise Works
Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		Betsy Smith

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

Lay Leadership Meeting: Would you like to serve Christ by helping with the lay leadership at WGUMC? If you are interested, we are having a lay leadership meeting on Wednesday November 1, at 6:30 pm. All who are willing to serve are invited.

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As we are having the sanctuary floors cleaned Tuesday, October, 24nd, anyone willing to stay after the service and help move the sanctuary chairs, would be greatly appreciated.

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8:30 a.m. Worship

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***Opening Hymn** "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

UMH No. 371

***Opening Prayer** (Page 2)

Pastor Tim

Scripture (Page 5) Exodus 33:12-23

Pastor Jim

Meditation "Partnering with God, Our Beloved Father"

Pastor Tim

Scripture (Page 5) Psalm 99

Pastor Jim

Affirmation of Faith (Page 3)

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Response** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH No. 496

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer (Page 2)

Pastor Jim

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory

Consecration of Offering

Pastor Jim

***Closing Hymn** "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

UMH No. 163

Benediction

Pastor Tim

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Scripture Lesson: Exodus 33: 12—23 (The Message)

¹²⁻¹³ Moses said to God, “Look, you tell me, ‘Lead this people, ’but you don’t let me know whom you’re going to send with me. You tell me, ‘I know you well and you are special to me.’ If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don’t forget, this is your people, your responsibility.”

¹⁴ God said, “My presence will go with you. I’ll see the journey to the end.”

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Moses said, “If your presence doesn’t take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you’re with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we’re special,

I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth?” ¹⁷ God said to Moses: “All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please. Let me see your Glory.”

¹⁹ God said, “I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I’ll call out the name, God, right before you. I’ll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I’ll be kind to whomever I want to be kind.” ²⁰ God continued, “But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live.” ²¹⁻²³ God said, “Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I’ll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I’ve passed by. Then I’ll take my hand away and you’ll see my back. But you won’t see my face.”

Psalm 99 (NSRV)

¹ The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

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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. Children of all ages and their families are invited. **Trunk hosts 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: A recent fire in Oxford left many families homeless. The Red Cross is asking us to please donate gift cards for the victims. Walmart, Dollar General, and Wawa are among the most useful card donations. Card donations 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's alternative to transportation. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The church food pantry provides assistance every week to families in our community dealing with food insecurity. Food is provided by the Chester County Food Bank, Chester Food Cupboard, the Acme in Avondale and the Jennersville and New Garden Giants. We welcome monetary donations, 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.

WGUMC SEEKS DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Part-time position: 30 hours per week. Compensation commensurate with experience. For a full job description, please send your contact information to WGUMC at: office@westgroveumc.org.

CHURCH EMAIL: Effective immediately, we've 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**.

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: Next Trustees meeting is will be Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.

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.

Renee Bergstrom
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 October 15, 2023

General Offering: \$6959.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$480.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 18 11:00: 54 Live Stream: 17

**Food Pantry: 113 families on 10/18 &
10/19**

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: 10/22/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 10/29/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Cindy Haley	Paulette Bryan
Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader 11:00	John McGinley	Joyce Lewis
Ushers: 8:30	Kim O'Neill &	Alison & Gene Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown	Paulette Bryan & Nancy Duvall
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Joyce Smith	Dick Sturhke

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 April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.