



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Living Ready: Be Prepared

Matthew 25:1-13

*Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

"A Simple Dance" arr. Michael J. Glasgow

Memory Bells

***Call to Worship (in unison)** (Based on Keep Your Lamp Trimmed & Burning, an African-American Spiritual)

Leader: Keep your lamp trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh!

Children don't grow weary! For the time is drawing nigh!

People: Darker midnight lies before us for the time is drawing nigh! So keep your lamps trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh!

Leader: Lo, the morning soon will be breaking! Lo, the morning soon is breaking!
The time is drawing nigh!

People: Lo, the morning soon will be breaking! Children don't grow weary! Trim your lamps for the time is drawing nigh!

Leader: Christian, journey soon be over, Children don't grow weary! For the time is drawing nigh!

People: Christian journey soon be over, Children don't grow weary! So keep your lamps trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh!

***Opening Hymn**

"Maker in Whom We Live"

UMH No. 88

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Pastor Tim

(A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition)

I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by Thee or laid aside for Thee, exalted for Thee or brought low by Thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine and I am Thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Tim

Scripture

Matthew 25: 1—13

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"Persevere in Receiving Strength & Light"

Pastor Tim

Invitation to Weekly Offering & Consecration of Our Financial Giving for 2024

Pastor Tim

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH No. 92

Dedication of Offering

Memory Bells

"Be Thou My Vision—Lord of All Hopefulness" arr. Cathy Moglebust

Affirmation of Faith (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, UMH #883)

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:

**Who has created and is creating. Who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, Who works in us and others by
the Spirit. We trust God. We are called to be the church:**

**To celebrate God's presence, To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil, To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Anthem

"Anthem of Gratitude"

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin Quoting words from "Now Thank We All Our God"
and "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jim

Closing Hymn

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

UMH No. 525

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

*****Listening to Hear God's Call*****

This morning's call to worship is based on an old African-American spiritual that was often sung as a code, alerting people just before someone was going to escape slavery, or a way to encourage helping someone escape, it was and has been both a sign and a word of encouragement. A great rendition of the song is found on You Tube, just search for "Keep Your Lamps!" (Trimmed & Burning), arranged by Andre Thomas recorded/posted 4 years ago, and also one by Capital University Chapel Choir. There are several renditions on You Tube; OPC music has a clear one, more like a good local choir, with good, clear sounds and voices in the recording. Each is worth taking time to hear. Blessings!



Thank you, friends, for your well wishes and gift of a lovely floral arrangement to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We are grateful for everyone in our lives who has contributed to our joy! Pastor Tim and Julie.

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: 11/19/23
8:30 / 11:00

Next Week: 11/26/23
8:30 / 11:00

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Janice Bowers	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens

Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader 11:00	Carol McGinley	Dick Stuhrke
Ushers: 8:30	Alison & Gene Aucott	Amy & Mark Simmonds
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Paulette Bryan & Nancy Duvall
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	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 April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25: 1— 13 (NSRV)

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

²⁵ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women [a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those young women [c] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Psalm 123 (NSRV)

Supplication for Mercy

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- ² As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.
- ³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- ⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

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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.

WGUMC WELCOMES XAVIER MARANDO Please join us in welcoming Xavier as our new Youth Ministries Director. We are looking forward to the talents he brings to our programs and to our Youth.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are **collecting personal care items**, such as, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioners, to be distributed to our food pantry clients during the holidays. If you would like to help us collect these items, please bring them to the church anytime in November and place them in the black bin in the lobby marked for this collection. Nancy Howard will see that these items are distributed.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION: **Sunday, December 3rd ~ 6:30 pm.**

Welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, PraiseWorks Band, special musical numbers by our talented friends and, of course, a carol sing-along. Like to participate with a solo, duet, small group, instrumental, dance, etc., please let Betsy Smith know by Sunday, November 26th. musicmomva@aol.com

RAP MEETS: Our December meeting is a covered dish, sign up sheet on Greeters table in the Narthex. We will also be needing volunteers to organize the arriving food and clean up.

MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH: Join us on Sunday, November 26th at 2:00 pm and make your own advent wreath to take home. Great for families of ALL ages, including those with grandchildren. We'll show you how to assemble the wreath. We'll supply the wire frame, candleholder, fresh greens, decorations, candles and a devotional to guide your family advent lighting at home. Cookies and hot chocolate to boot! Suggested \$10 donation for supplies. Space is limited, so please contact Julie Anderman if you're interested: call 484-720-8626 or jwanderingman111@gmail.com.

GRIEF SHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: The holidays, while they offer many blessings, can also be a difficult time for people who are missing and grieving loved ones who passed away recently, or even long ago. They can also offer us opportunities to honor, show and pass on the love we have been entrusted with by our loved ones. With so much change happening all around us, we face grief from an overwhelming number of sources. We all might face "hard-hitting emotions" that ambush us at unexpected times. And when grief is not cared for and not entrusted to God, it only festers and leads to more pain. It often comes out in some of the most unhealthy ways, and at the worst times. It can prevent us from growing closer to God, our loved ones, and friends as it stifles creativity. There are ways to approach the social gatherings that can help us be blessed, and bless others. Christmas and holidays can help us celebrate the cherished moments, and memories of our loved ones in ways that help us embrace life every day. Join us for "Surviving the Holidays" that is tentatively planned for Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. If others are interested in sharing at another time, please let Pastor Tim know, and we can work to form another group at an additional time.

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)

Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)

Joann Coates

Dante Danilshenko (Grace
Kennedy)

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)
Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

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)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

David Shaver (Hruz)

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

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 November 12, 2023

General Offering: \$5570.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$404.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 18 11:00: 48 Live Stream: 25

**Food Pantry: 145 families on 11/15 &
11/16**

Food donations are appreciated.

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