



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*December 24, 2023 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve- 8:30 and 11:00 am.*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isaiah 9: 6-7

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on #214 Savior of the Nations Come)

Leader: Savior of the nations come! Virgin's Son, here make Your home!

People: Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth!

Leader: Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled!

People: Human and divine in one, eager now his race to run!

Leader: Now your manger's halo bright hallows night with newborn light!

People: Let no night this light subdue, let our faith shine ever new!

***Opening Song**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PraiseWorks

***Opening Prayer (in unison)** (Based on Hymn #211 O Come, O Come Emanuel, verses 5, 6, & 7)

Come, O Come great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai height, gave Your Covenant in law, in cloud and majesty and awe. Come to us personally Lord, and open wide our hearts to Your heavenly home. Free us from prisons of greed, fear, and pain. Help us conquer death's deep misery. Come, Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Your grace and justice here. Disperse the clouds of night, and put death's dark shadows to flight. Come Lord, for You are the true Desire of nations. Bind and bring together all peoples of all nations in one heart and mind. For You have brought us forth out of the dust to life! Deliver us from all earthly strife, and lead us to receive and shine Your Light. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Xavier Feliciano

Scripture

Luke 1:27—38

Pastor Tim

Meditation

"A Parent's Trust "

Pastor Tim

Anthem

"Song of Mary"

Chancel Choir

Words by Patricia Mock & Faye Lopex, based on Luke 1: 46-55.

Music by Faye Lopez, incorporating "Vocalise," Op.34, No. 17 by Sergae Rachmanioff.

Scripture

Luke 1: 47—55

Carol McGinley

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Tim

Song of Response

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

PraiseWorks

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Mary Did You Know?”	PraiseWorks
Consecration of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Hymn	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	UMH No. 240
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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*Thank you for joining us in celebrating the birth of Christ.*  
*May you have a very Merry Christmas*  
*And may our Lord and Savior Bless You and yours*  
*in the coming New Year.*

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8:30 a.m. Worship

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*Opening Hymn	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"	UMH No. 196
*Opening Prayer	(Page 2)	Pastor Tim
Scripture	(Page 5) Luke 1: 27—38	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"A Parent's Trust"	Pastor Tim
Scripture	(Page 5) Luke 1: 47—55	Pastor Jim
Passing of the Peace		Pastor Tim
Hymn	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	UMH No. 234
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	"Mary Did You Know?"	el Leaman & Betsy Smith
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## **Advent Candle Lighting Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9: 6—7**

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **Scripture Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38**

### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Then the angel departed from her.

## **Scripture: Luke 1: 47—55**

### **Mary said,**

"My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; <sup>50</sup> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

## OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*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. **For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR PASTOR AND STAFF:** It's that time of year once again, when we look to let our Pastor and staff know they are truly appreciated. Please use the envelopes located in the narthex. You can drop it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

**PASTOR JIM MUNDELL'S BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 pm., in the sanctuary. The study will be on the teachings of Jesus and how one is to live in the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. Known as the "Sermon on the Mount" found in the Gospel of Matthew, our study will take an in-depth analysis of what Jesus was teaching his followers. Please join us as we delve into Jesus's teachings on the "Sermon on the Mount".

**\* \* \*E-MAIL CHANGES\* \* \*:** Please note that we have separated our office email from Donna's, who is now working part time at home as our Financial Administrator. The office email is: **[office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org)**. Should you need to email Donna her email is: **[Financialadmin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:Financialadmin@westgroveumc.org)**.

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:**

**8:30 a.m.** Worship Service

**11:00 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service

**6:30 p.m.** *Christmas Eve Service at Jenners Pond*

**7:00 p.m.** Family Candlelight Service with music by our PraiseWorks Band

**9:00 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight Service with music by our Chancel Choir

**FAREWELL PASTOR TIM:** Please join us next Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, (both services) as we say farewell to Pastor Tim. As you know it will be Tim's last Sunday with us and we would love to have you present to help wish him well on his journey.

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## NEED PRAYER?

**Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email April Spencer** at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334 or **Email Susan Paisley** at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto: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)  
Linda Sue Black  
(Hruz)

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)



Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)  
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)  
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)  
Connie & Jobe Simcox  
Linda Shiplet  
Ian Smedley (Heist)  
Reed Smith  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)  
Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena  
Maira Tena  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Jill Williams (Miller)  
Kay Yates



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 December 17, 2023

**General Offering: \$8150.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$270.00**  
**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**  
**8:30: 29 11:00: 52**  
**Food Pantry: 105 families on 12/20 &  
12/21 Food donations are appreciated.**

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **Sunday Morning Servants**

|                               |                                                            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Digital Audio: 8:30           | Aiden Seltzer                                              |
| 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<br>Rev. S. James Mundell          |
| Music Director:               | Betsy Smith                                                |
| Memory Bells Director:        | Peggy Watkins                                              |
| Moment For All Ages:          | Xavier Feliciano                                           |

|                     | <b><u>Today: 12/24/23</u></b><br><b>8:30 / 11:00</b> | <b><u>Next Week: 12/31/23</u></b><br><b>8:30 / 11:00</b> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery Aide:       | Open / Open                                          | Open / Open                                              |
| Children's Worship: | TBD                                                  | TBD                                                      |
| Roamers             |                                                      |                                                          |
| Counters:           | Dave Talley &<br>Vicki Owens                         | Len & Ruth Kuch                                          |
| Lay Reader: 8:30    | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                             | <b>Volunteers Needed</b>                                 |
| Lay Reader 11:00    | Carol McGinley                                       | Dick Stuhrke                                             |
| Ushers: 8:30        | Alison & Gene Aucott                                 | Kim O'Neill &<br>Fred Sullivan                           |
| Ushers: 11:00       | Paulette Bryan &<br>Nancy Duvall                     | Fran Miller &<br>Joyce Lewis                             |
| Greeter: 8:30       | Fred Sullivan                                        | Karen Hruz                                               |
| 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***