



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. James Mundell
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2 Corinthians 12: 7

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Betsy Smith

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities:

Pastor Jim

Words of Welcome

Rev. Jim Mundell

***Call to Worship (*Bold to be read in unison)**

Val Kapp-Benner

One: In Christ, we are made new

All: And filled with hope.

One: In God, we belong to a new community,

All: Discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.

One: In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal,

All: For we have turned toward the new light.

One: In God, we receive a new name and a new call.

All: We are God's beloved, and we carry on the ministry of loving each other.

One: In Christ, we are a new creation.

All: The old is passed away, and we live as signs of a new life with love for Christ.

***Opening Song**

"Here I Am To Worship"

PraiseWorks

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Pastor Jim

Generous God, every day we seek your presence, wisdom, and grace. We need it every moment of every day, if not for ourselves, for our church, our community, and loved ones. Empower us to seek and understand your will and desire for our lives, and to set it always as our first priority. May we not shy away from deep inquiry that the Holy Word speaks of; may your wisdom be among our life's most greatest treasures, as it surely is. As fearful of the truth as we may be, do not hide your face from us, and may our hearts seek your face. Turn frustrations into understanding and wisdom; melt anger and bitterness into reconciliation, wholeness, and joy. May the confinement of narrowness of heart and mind melt away as you teach us your way, leading us into new, creative possibilities of being faithful to your word. May our hearts be strong and take courage and follow you in all we do. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer: one on One with God

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

Moments for All Ages

Xavier Feliciano

***Scripture** (See pg. 5)

2 Corinthians 12: 6-10 (NIV)

Pastor Jim

Morning Meditation

"Let God Help"

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Response**

"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

UMH No. 430

***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Jim

Anthem

“Fear Not, I Am With You”
Words from Isaiah 41:10 and 40:31, Music by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

***Affirmation of Faith** (UMH No. 885) A Modern Affirmation Valarie Kapp-Benner

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Trust in God”	PraiseWorks
Dedication of the Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Sing For Joy”	PraiseWorks
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
Postlude		Betsy Smith

*** * Note of Thanks from Pastor Tim: * *** (see pg. 5)

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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*Hymn of Praise	"Morning Has Broken"	UMH No. 145
Opening Prayer (In Unison) (pg. 2)		Pastor Jim
Silent Prayer: one on One with God		Pastor Jim
Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Moments for All Ages		Xavier Feliciano
*Scripture Lesson (See pg. 5)	2 Corinthians 12: 6-10 (NIV)	Pastor Jim
Morning Meditation	"Let God Help"	Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Response	"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"	UMH No. 430
*Passing of the Peace		Pastor Jim
*Affirmation of Faith (Page 3)	A Modern Affirmation"	UMH No. 885
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Hymn	"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"	UMH No. 540
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
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Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12: 6-10

⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

*** * Note of Thanks from Pastor Tim: * ***

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Please accept our deep gratitude for your heartfelt blessings,
abundant well wishes,
and most generous gifts and cards as I transition into retirement.
So many of you have blessed us in these years as part of the
West Grove church family.**

**We will continue to lift you in our prayers, and we look forward to reconnecting
as friends in the future.**

**May you always walk with God,
Tim and Julie Anderman**

HEARING AID DONATIONS The Help4Hearing Project is collecting hearing aids for those who may not be able to afford them. If you have hearing aids that are no longer of use to you, please consider this worthwhile donation. A flyer with more information is located on the round table in the Narthex.

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.

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

NEW FAITHLINKS BIBLE STUDY: Began **January 21st during the Sunday school hour (9:45—10:45)** a new bible study by Adam Hamilton: "Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet." Contact Caryl Stuhrke for more information: 302-239-1743 or at spikoe@aol.com.

CMO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Hurry!! Space is limited. Offering Two year old classes, Three year old classes, and Pre-K (must be 4 years old and meet Kindergarten requirements for the following school year) NEW PRE-K choice featuring extended stay on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00 am to 1:30 pm.) Currently enrolled families enroll on Jan. 31, at 9:15; Alumni enroll on Feb 2, at 9:30 and the community can enroll on Feb. 5, at 9:30. Email Abbie Gruscavage at cmo@westgroveumc.org for all the details.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT BIBLE STUDY: Began January 8th at 6:30 pm., led by Pastor Jim Mundell, in the sanctuary. It's not too late to join us in delving into Jesus's teachings on the "Sermon on the Mount".

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY: Pastor Jim Mundell will be leading the services on February 4th and 18th and Pastor Mel Leaman will be leading the services on February 11th and 25th. Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary led by Pastor Jim. The service will involve the giving of ashes on the forehead or the back of one's hand. The Meditation will be "Prayer and Fasting in Preparation for Easter Sunday."

8:30 LAY LEADERS NEEDED: Anyone willing and able to be a Lay Leader (reads scripture) at the 8:30 service please call Joyce Lewis at 302-293-3463 or email her at joyalew29@comcast.net.

GAME NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA: The previously cancelled Game Night hosted by Xavier for Youth of all ages, has been rescheduled for Friday, February 9th, 6:00—8:00 pm. Let's bond over indoor Mini golf, scavenger hunts and ice cream sundaes. RSVP to Xavier at 610-612-7377 or xavierfeliciano5@gmail.com

COOKIE BAKING PARTY: Coming on February 16th at 6:00 pm. Join Xavier and youth of all ages for a SWEET night of cookie baking and decorating.

THANK YOU FROM PEGGY WATKINS: Peggy Watkins would like to thank WGUMC for there generous gift and would like us to know that: It was a joy and privilege to direct the Memory Bells over the past year and I look forward to ringing with the group when I am able."

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 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.

Tom & Charlotte Adams
Renee Bergstrom
Family of Murphy
Berkheimer (Kapp-Benner)
Linda Sue Black (Hruz)
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)



Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Lenny Marten (K. Smith)
Jim May (Mullen)
Jill and Jay, Fran Miller
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

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)
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 January 21, 2024

General Offering: \$397.00.
Building Maintenance Fund: \$440.00
Attendance: In-Person and You Tube
8:30: 27 11:00: 52
Food Pantry: 112 families on 01/24 & 01/25 Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Aiden Steltzer
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Sound Booth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	
Officiating:	Rev. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 01/28/24 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 02/04/24 **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	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Valerie Kapp-Benner	TBD
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simmonds & Kim O'Neill	Alison & Gene Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Joyce Lewis & Fran Miller	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Joan Saller	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	Esther Culbertson

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.