



## West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman  
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this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted  
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and it would obey you."*

Luke 17:5-6



*The Power of Faith*

*January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday After The Epiphany*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Ministry Opportunities:** (\* \* Thanks for reading these listings in the bulletin.\* \*)

**Prelude**

Betsy Smith

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

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Joyce Lewis

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH No. 89

**\*Passing of Shalom**

Pastor Mel

May shalom be with you and yours!

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

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**Moments for All Ages**

Xavier Feliciano/Youth Director

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH No. 454 (vs. 1-2)

**\*New Testament Lesson** (See pg. 5)

Luke 17: 11-19

Joyce Lewis

**Song of Prayer**

“Healing Rain”

Duet—Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith

Words and Music by Marianne Adams, Sue Detweiler, & Dale Evrist Arranged by Doug Beiden

<b>New Testament Lesson</b>	(See pg. 5) Luke 17: 1-6	Pastor Mel
<b>Morning Meditation</b>	“A Miracle Story: Of Seeds, Scars and Sunflowers”	Pastor Mel
<b>Chancel Choir Anthem:</b>	“Blessings”	Chancel Choir
	Words and Music by Laura Mixon Story, Arranged by Heather Sorenson	
<b>Sharing Our Joys and Concerns</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Giving of Our Gifts</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offertory</b>	“What Gifts Can We Bring”	UMH No. 87 (vs. 1-3)
<b>*Sending Hymn</b>	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow”	UMH No. 95
<b>*Words of Benediction</b>	Amos 5: 21-24	Pastor Mel
<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals, I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.		
<b>Postlude</b>		Betsy Smith

*Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.*

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**Scripture Lesson: Luke 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

**Scripture Lesson: Luke 17:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! <sup>2</sup> It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. <sup>4</sup> And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.” <sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and

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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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**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.**

**WGUMC YEARLY GIVING ENVELOPES:** Our giving envelopes have arrived and are located in the narthex. Stop by and pick yours up. If you don't receive envelopes and would like to have a booklet **OR** if you no longer need giving envelopes because you give electronically, please contact Janice Bowers. **Text or call Janice Bowers at 484-888-6821 or email her at [pastorjaniceb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjaniceb@gmail.com).**

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

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>:** When Rev. Jim Mundell delivers a worship service entitled "Let God Help".

**PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:** Pastor Jim Mundell will be leading the services on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Mel Leaman will be leading the services on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:joyalew29@comcast.net).

**UNITED METHODIST MEN:** Will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for breakfast. Pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs and Danish are on the menu. Please contact Michael W. Duvall if you plan on attending. Email: [mwduvall@aol.com](mailto:mwduvall@aol.com)., Cell: 443.553.4072

# 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)

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)

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)

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Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim 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 14, 2024

**General Offering: \$6,019.00.**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**8:30: 19 11:00: 54**

**Food Pantry: ZZ families on 01/10 &  
01/11 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. Dr. Melvin Leaman
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Pianist (8:30)	Debbie Schneider
Memory Bells Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Xavier Feliciano

	<b><u>Today: 01/21/23</u></b> <b>8:30 / 11:00</b>	<b><u>Next Week: 01/28/23</u></b> <b>8:30 / 11:00</b>
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley & Vickie Owens
Lay Reader: 8:30	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Lay Reader: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers: 8:30	Fred Sullivan & Kim O'Neill	Amy & Mark Simmonds
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown	Joyce Lewis & Fran Miller
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Joan Saller
Greeter: 11:00	Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise	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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***