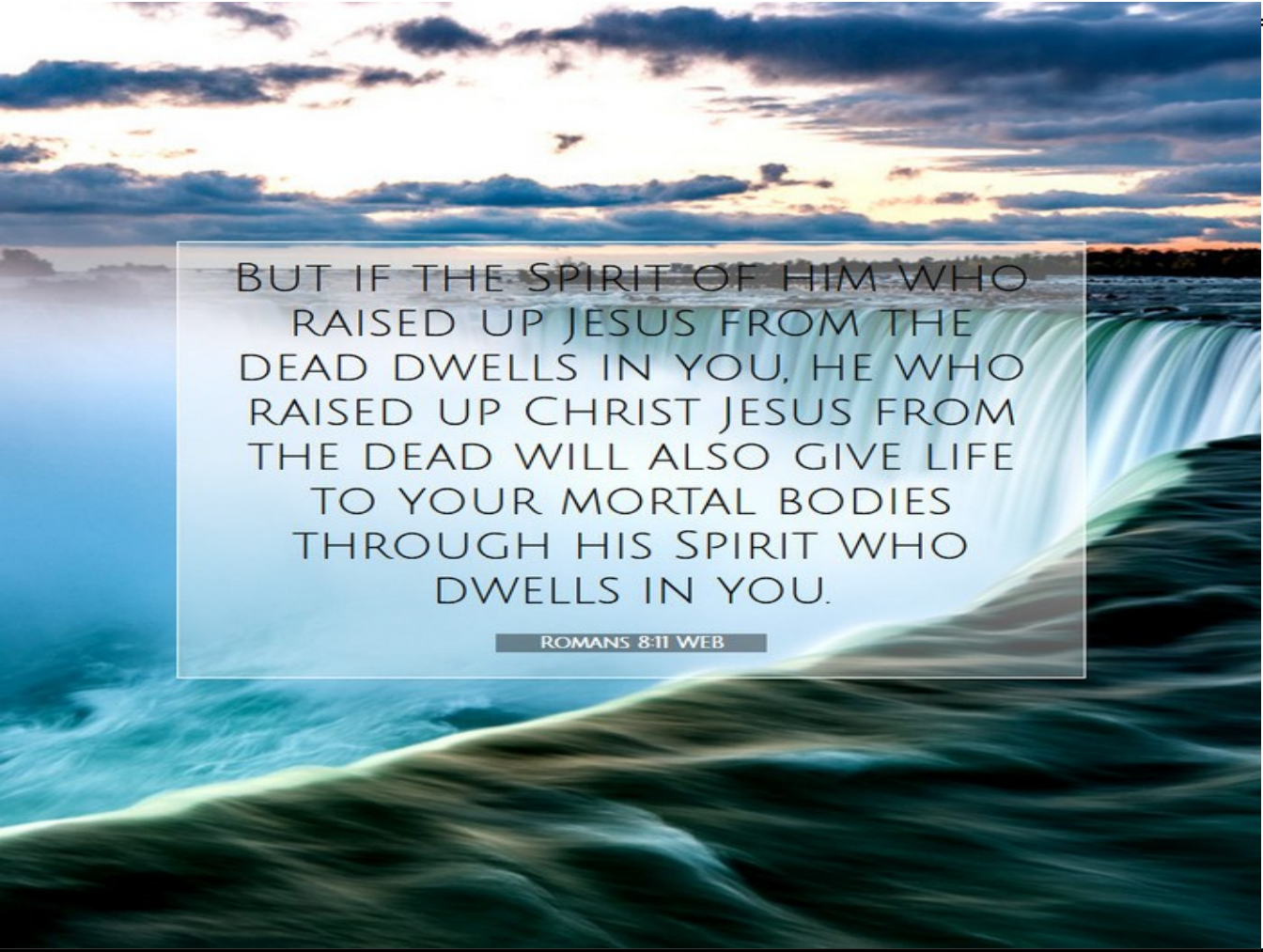




West Grove United Methodist Church

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BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO
RAISED UP JESUS FROM THE
DEAD DWELLS IN YOU, HE WHO
RAISED UP CHRIST JESUS FROM
THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE
TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT WHO
DWELLS IN YOU.

ROMANS 8:11 WEB

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Memory Bells
Arranged by Hall H. Hopson

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities:

Pastor Jim

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

Dick Stuhrke

One: God gives us one day at a time:

All: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

One: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

All: Time enough to help someone in need;

One: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

**All: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear
down a wall of resentment;**

One: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with
children, and sing praises to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

***Opening Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

UMH No. 64

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Pastor Jim

Lord, today we confess that we often live as those who have never heard of you. We plan and strategize as though the outcome depended solely upon us. We worry and fret like those who have no advocate. Forgive us, Lord, for the scheming and conniving we do to make sure that we have our own way. Forgive us, Lord, for grasping at power when you are the Power, for seeking glory when all glory belongs to you, and for not leaning upon you when we feel weak, powerless, or alone. Forgive us Lord, for relying upon ourselves and other mortals when we should turn to you. Teach us how to live more like those who belong to you and less like those who belong to the world. As we come to Holy Communion, cleanse us, and allow us to share together remembering the great sacrifice of Jesus for our sins, we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer A time for one-on-One, together with God.

Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

Chancel Choir Anthem:

“A Breathing Place”
Words by Joseph M. Martin, Music by Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

Scripture (See pg. 5)

Romans 8: 1-11

Pastor Jim

Sermon

“Rebranding: Life in the Spirit”

Pastor Jim

Holy Communion (See pg. 3) The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jim

Communion Hymn	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	UMH No. 618
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	Memory Bells
	Arrangement by Frances L. Callahan	
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Hymn (See pg. 5)	“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”	(See pg. 5)
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
Postlude		Betsy Smith

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation (Responsive)

Pastor: The table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of God’s presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive and belonging to God through Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy.

People: At this table, we celebrate Jesus, Who touched our brokenness with His life and who gathers us together, inside and out. Rebranding us with your Spirit. We give ourselves to that wholeness, moving from hurt to grace and from darkness to light, filling our lives with love, laughter, and each other, and joining with all created things to say: “Holy are You, O God.”

Pastor: Holy are You, O God, for your mercy is endless. You have filled all creation with light and life, and Your glory stretches through the heavens. It was You Who led Abraham and Sarah to the land of promise, to the land of the living. It was You Who blessed Miriam and David when they danced and sang in holy places. And through Jesus, You taught us to celebrate Those who were blind saw the sun of Your goodness, the lame leaped for joy, and those who were locked in the prison of their fears were given the freedom to love.

People: Your Spirit calls us now, in this place, to gather all people into our celebration, to befriend those who are suffering and struggling, to wipe away tears through our caring.

Pastor: The bread of our being loved, and the wine of our joy remind us that miracles of faith, love, and risk continue to happen. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask You to bless the bread and wine so that, in sharing them together, we shall be Your people. Amen.

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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

Prelude	Betsy Smith
Welcome & Ministry Opportunities:	Pastor Jim
*Call to Worship (*Bold to be read in unison)	Kim O'Neill
One: God gives us one day at a time:	
All: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;	
One: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;	
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*Opening Hymn	"Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH No. 64
*Opening Prayer (See pg. 2) (In Unison)	Pastor Jim
Silent Prayer A time for a one-on-One, together with God.	
Lord's Prayer	Pastor Jim
Scripture (See pg. 5)	Romans 8: 1-11 Pastor Jim
Sermon	"Rebranding: Life in the Spirit" Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Response	Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH No. 618
Holy Communion (See Page 3)	The Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor Jim
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Scripture Lesson: Romans 8 1-11 - Life Through the Spirit

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit - Words and Music by Doris Akers

Verse 1) There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Chorus) Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

(Verse 2) There are blessings you cannot receive,
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
I am goin' to walk with Jesus all the way.

(Chorus)

(Verse 3) If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield.
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

(Chorus)

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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.**

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.). The community can enroll on Feb. 5, at 9:30. Email Abbie Gruscavage at cmo@westgroveumc.org for all the details.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY: Pastor Mel Leaman will be leading the services on February 11th and 25th. The Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 7:00 pm will be led by Pastor Jim. Ash Wednesday's 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." Pastor Jim will lead the service on the 18th.

8:30 LAY READERS 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.

TENTATIVE VBS PLANS: A tentative date has been set for this year's Vacation Bible School!! Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to Dive into the fun on July 15th—19th. Donations are always welcome and now being accepted. Call or email Xavier for all the details. Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, 610-612-7377 or call the church office at 610-869-9334.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU: We would be remiss if we did not send out our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the kind and generous gift bestowed on us for our service to WGUMC in 2023. Please know that **we all truly appreciated it.** Donna Fackler, Abbie Gruscavage, April Spencer, Betsy Smith, Xavier Feliciano, Pastor Tim, Pastor Jim, Maira Tena and Peggy Watkins.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Please join us on February 14th at 7:00 pm. for our Ash Wednesday Service. Pastor Jim will lead us in a meditation on "Prayer and Fasting in Preparation for Easter Sunday". There will be ashes spread on the forehead or the back of one's hand.

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.

Renee Bergstrom
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)
Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)
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)
Heidi Streibel, (Edel Mullen)
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 28, 2024

General Offering: \$4,450.00.

Building Maintenance Fund: \$340.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 20 11:00: 24

**Food Pantry: 112 families on 01/28 &
01/29 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 / Youth Director

	<u>Today: 02/04/24</u>	<u>Next Week: 02/11/24</u>
	8:30 / 11:00	8:30 / 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Paulette Bryan	Fran Miller
Counters:	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	Dick Stuhrke	Judy Gambill
Ushers: 8:30	Alison & Gene Aucott	Fred Sullivan & Kim O'Neil
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Paulette Bryan & Nancy Duvall
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Fran Miller

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.