



West Grove United Methodist Church

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**THE POWER GOD GIVES
EVERY CHRISTIAN
TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE
2 Peter 1:2-11**

*February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent*

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Betsy Smith

Welcome and Ministry Opps

Pastor Jim

***Call to Worship**

Joyce Lewis

L. We have started down a road that will take us to the cross.

P. It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.

L. We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:

P. Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow. On this walk we rest and sing and pray and listen.

L. In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.

P. Then let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

‘Great is Thy Faithfulness’

UMH No. 140

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, As we gather on this First Sunday of Lent, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and expectation. Lord, we are reminded of our living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. May this awareness deepen our faith and strengthen us to stand firm in the face of trials, knowing that our inheritance is sure, imperishable, and undefiled. You are a faithful God who keeps every promise, and we take refuge in your unchanging nature. Help us, Lord, to anchor our lives on the solid rock of your promises. May your Spirit speak to our hearts and reaffirm the promises you have made to us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Moments for All Ages

Xavier Feliciano

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading (See pg. 5)

2 Peter 1: 1-11

Pastor Jim

Meditation

“Standing on the Promises of God”

Pastor Jim

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

Incorporating “Tis So Sweet to Trust Jesus, Standing on the Promises and
On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” Arranged by David Schmidt.

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostle’s Creed” (UMH No. 881)

Joyce Lewis

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;*
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic** church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns	(All are invited to share)	Pastor Jim
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory		Betsy Smith
Dedication of Offering		
*Closing Hymn	"Standing on the Promises of God"	UMH No. 374
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
Postlude		Betsy Smith

*** - Standing as able.**

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
Words and Ministry Opps		Pastor Jim
*Call to Worship (*Bold to be read in unison)		Karen Hruz
Leader. We have started down a road that will take us to the cross.		
People. It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.		
Leader. We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:		
People. Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow. On this walk we		
rest and sing and pray and listen.		
Leader. In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.		
People. Then let us worship God.		
*Opening Hymn	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	UMH No. 140
Opening Prayer (See pg. 2) (In Unison)		
Moments for All Ages		Xavier Feliciano
Passing the Peace		
Scripture Reading (See pg. 5)	2 Peter: 1: 1-11	Pastor Jim
Meditation	"Standing on the Promises of God"	Pastor Jim
Hymn of Response	"To God Be the Glory"	UMH No. 98
Affirmation of Faith (see pg 5)	"Apostle's Creed" UMH No. 881	Karen Hruz
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns		
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Offertory		
Dedication of Offering		
*Closing Hymn	"Standing on the Promises of God"	UMN No. 374
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
Postlude		Betsy Smith

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Scripture Lesson: 2 Peter 1:1-11 NIV

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:
2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
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the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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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 from 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.

Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again.

For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth.

Please feel free to ask for them.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH: WGUMC is honored to have two pastors who have volunteered to serve as we wait upon the announcement of an interim pastor, who would serve until our new pastor is appointed in July. Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman and Rev. James Mundell will be leading worship on the following schedule:

February 18--Pastor Jim, February 25--Pastor Mel

March 3 and 17--Pastor Jim, March 10 and 24 (Palm Sunday)--Pastor Mel

March 31 (Easter Sunday)--Pastor Jim and Pastor Mel

PASTORAL CARE: Along with preaching for the next few months, Pastor Jim and Pastor Mel will be available for those who may need to see or speak to a pastor during our transitioning. Please feel free to call or stop in during the hours they have designated to be at the church. See the schedule below:

Mon. thru Wed. from 10:00-Noon /Thurs. 3:30-5:30 pm. /Friday by appointment only.

Pastor Jim: Monday & Wednesday / Pastor Mel: Tuesday and Thursday

PRAYER CHAIN: Susan Paisley is our contact for the WGUMC Prayer Chain. You can call or email the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org. You can also email or call Susan directly @ sbrintonpais1@verizon.net., 610-529-8699.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to Dive into the fun from July 15th—19th Call or email Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or the church office at 610-869-9334, office@westgroveumc.org.

8:30 AND 11:00 AM LAY READERS NEEDED: Anyone willing and able to be scheduled as a Lay Reader for our 8:30 and 11:00 services please call Joyce Lewis at 302-293-3463 or email her at joyalew29@comcast.net.

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)

Sandee C (Jim Mundell)

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)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)



Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Lenny Marten (K. Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Jill and Jay, Fran

Miller

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

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)

Roann Schneider (P. Mullen)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

David Shaver (Hruz)

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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,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)

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 February 11, 2024

General Offering: \$5241.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 21 11:00: 57

**Food Pantry: 100 families on 02/14 &
02/15 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
Officiating:	Rev. James Mundell / Mel Leaman
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 02/18/24 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 02/25/24 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 11:00	Joyce Lewis	
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simmonds	Kim O'Neill & Fred Sullivan
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown & Nancy Duvall	Fran Miller & Joyce Lewis
Greeter: 8:30	Joan Saller	Karen Hruz
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 for more information.