



West Grove United Methodist Church

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We
Abide in Christ

HOW SHALL WE LIVE WORSHIP SERIES

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING		Pastor Janice
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES		Pastor Janice
PRELUDE		Betsy Smith
-Please quiet and center yourselves for worship during this time-		
*CALL TO WORSHIP (Bold in unison)		John McGinley
The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.		
We will love one another, as Christ loves us.		
Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.		
We will love one another, as Christ loves us.		
Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.		
We will love one another, as Christ loves us.		
Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.		
We will love one another, as Christ loves us.		
*OPENING HYMN	“Come, Christian, Join to Sing”	UMH No. 158
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		Pastor Janice
MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)		John McGinley
Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love.		
You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.		
PRAYER OF YEARNING		Pastor Janice
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Pastor Janice
MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES	“Love by Action”	Xavier Feliciano
(The children may exit the service with Xavier to continue on to Children’s Worship in Room 12)		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 5)	Acts 4:5-12	John McGinley
HYMN	“The Church’s One Foundation”	UMH No. 545
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (pg. 5)	1 John 3:16-24	John McGinley

*GOSPEL LESSON (pg. 6)	John 10:11-18	Pastor Janice
This is the Word of God for the People of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
MESSAGE:	“We Abide in Christ”	Pastor Janice
ANTHEM	“I Then Shall Live”	Chancel Choir
Words by Gloria Gaither, Music: “Finlandia” by Jean Sibelius, Arranged by Jay Rouse		
CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		Pastor Jim
PASTORAL PRAYER		Pastor Jim
MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE THINGS ON OUR HEARTS		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Jim
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Pastor Jim
OFFERTORY		Betsy Smith
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Jim
CLOSING SONG	“In Christ Alone”	by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
ANTHEM	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”	Chancel Choir
BENEDICTION		Pastor Janice
Go in peace to love and serve as children of God.		
POSTLUDE		Betsy Smith

*** STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

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

Please stand as you are able* **BOLD PRINT = SAY IN UNISON.

7:30 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

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MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)		Pastor Janice
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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Join our UMM for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 am. in the sanctuary.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. Start rummaging through your closets and basement for the annual Spring Rummage Sale. Donations will be accepted beginning after the 11:00 am. service on Sunday, April 28th. Volunteers to help set up, man and break down the sale are always welcomed.

YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE: Come one, come all to a WGUMC Bonfire on May 10th, from 6—8 pm. Come enjoy the music, smores, BBQ and more. Hosted by Xavier and our Youth Group.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S TEA: You are invited to join us for an afternoon tea and light desserts on Sunday, May 19th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the church lobby and sanctuary. Following a time of refreshments and fellowship, we are excited to welcome an amazing storyteller, Diane Albertson. Diane will entertain us with a whimsical story that incorporates various Mother Goose characters, along with the stories of Eve, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachael, Rahab and Mary. All women of the church, your family, friends and loved ones are invited for an enjoyable afternoon.



RAP: Join us on Friday, May 10th, at noon in the church sanctuary as we gather for a potluck luncheon to celebrate the end of this program year. We are excited to welcome back the Providence Brass Band to entertain us with their musical talents. Bring your favorite luncheon dish to share with others. Desserts and beverages will be provided. We truly thank everyone who helps make our monthly gatherings possible. We continue to meet on the second Friday each month from September through May.

Retired Active People



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

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored.

Email **Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-529-8699. Or email: **April Spencer** at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.

Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List. Requests will remain on the prayer chain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested or updated.

Do YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet
Renee Bergstrom
Chris Bruno
Sandee C (Jim Mundell)
Family of Dan DePaul (Jackson)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Donna Fackler
Richard Heacock
Brody Howard, Nancy & Phil Howard
Michele Johnson (Spencer)
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Joyce Lewis
The Family of Len Marten (K. Smith)

Jay Miller, Fran Miller
The Family of Karen Moore
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Vivian Paisley
The Family of Linda Myers, Betsy Smith
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)
Connie & Jobe Simcox
Linda Shiplet
Jeannie Sullivan
Josephine Tena
Jill Williams (Fran 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 April 14, 2024

General Offering: \$4,135.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00

Attendance:

7:30: 6 & 11:00: 50

Food Pantry: 109 families on 4/17 & 4/18

Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth :	Aiden Steltzer
Projection:	Kaiti Beauchamp
Officiating:	Rev. Janice Bowers & Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 04/21/24

Next Week: 04/28/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader:	John McGinley	Jace Hepler
Ushers:	Tom & Cindy Hoover	Virgil & Linda Brown
Greeter:	Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise	Paulette Bryan

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.