



West Grove United Methodist Church

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We Walk ⁱⁿ the Light

HOW SHALL WE LIVE WORSHIP SERIES

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Greeting Pastor Janice

Ministry Opportunities Pastor Janice

Prelude “Christ the Lord has Risen Today” Memory Bells
-Please quiet and center yourselves for worship during this time-

***Call to Worship** (Bold in unison) Paulette Bryan

Leader: How shall we live when shadows gather?

People: Drawn to God’s unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another’s presence.

Leader: What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

People: When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.

Leader: Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

***Opening Hymn** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” UMH No. 557

***Passing the Peace** Pastor Janice

Morning Prayer (In Unison) Paulette Bryan

Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts to remember the blessings of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day. In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the truths of your story. Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us. And open our eyes to your glory—a glory reflected in the faces around us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers for Celebrations, Concerns, and one-on-one time with God. Pastor Janice

Moments for All Ages “God is Light” Xavier Feliciano
(The children may exit the service with Xavier to continue on to Children’s Worship in Room 12)

First Scripture Reading (pg. 4) Acts 4:32-35 Paulette Bryan

Second Scripture Lesson (pg. 4) John 1: 1-2: 2 Paulette Bryan

***Gospel Lesson** (pg. 5) John 20: 19-31 Pastor Janice

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “We Will Walk in the Light” Chancel Choir

Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig, Music by Don Besig

Message:	“We Walk in the Light”	Pastor Janice
Hymn of Response	“Trust and Obey”	UMH No. 467
Affirmation of Faith		Pastor Jim
Confession of Sins		Pastor Jim
Holy Communion		Pastor Janice/Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		
Receiving the Bread and Cup.		
	(At this time, the ushers will direct you to the feast.)	
Hymn during Communion	“I Come with Joy”	UMH No, 617
Post Communion Prayer	- Unison	
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	Memory Bells
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	TFWS 2173
Benediction		Pastor Janice
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.

First Scripture Lesson: Acts 3: 32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means son of encouragement³⁷). ³⁷ He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Second Scripture Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

² My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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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 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.

PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY: It's not too late to join in on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm. in the Sanctuary. A study on the book of Hebrews and Jesus's duty as High Priest.

RAP MEETING: Friday, April 12th at noon. Bring your lunch, desert and beverage provided. We are excited to welcome Charles Shattuck of Wild Birds Unlimited in Hockessin, who usually talks about birds and their habitats. However, as we know, squirrels can be quite aggressive at getting to our bird feeders, so we will hear about different squirrels and ways to deter their hungry behaviors with baffles, squirrel proof feeders, hot pepper bird feed, etc.

CMO ART SHOW: April 17th 5:00 to 7:30 pm. in the narthex and sanctuary. Come and enjoy the artwork of the kiddos who attend our CMO (Children's Morning Out). This is a fund raiser for CMO, purchases or donations are truly appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Saturday, April 20th from 7:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Join us as we "Spring Clean" West Grove UMC inside and out. Please volunteer to help in anyway you feel led. Contact Kim O'Neill at tim-kimOneill@verizon.net to sign up as a volunteer. Or just show up on Saturday and join in.

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 Monday, April 29th. Volunteers to help set up, man and break down the sale are always welcomed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S TEA: You are invited to join us for an afternoon tea and light desserts on Sunday, May 19th, 2024 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.

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: 04/07/24

Next Week: 04/14/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Priscilla Barkman	Paulette Bryan
Counters:	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader:	Paulette Bryan	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers:	Joan Saller & Paulette Bryan	Paulette Bryan & Nancy Duvall
Greeter:	Priscilla Barkmen	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.

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 610-529-8699. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet
 Renee Bergstrom
 Linda Sue Black (Hruz)
 Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)
 Sandee C (Jim Mundell)
 Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)
 Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)
 Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)
 Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)
 Joann Coates
 Dante Danilshenko (Grace Kennedy)
 Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
 Irma Devom (Stryjewski)
 Linda Eyster (Combs)
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Donna Fackler
 Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
 Richard Heacock
 Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
 Brody Howard, Pam & Phil Howard
 Karen Hruz
 Lynn Jackson
 Michele Johnson (Spencer)
 Maria Kanno (Mullen)
 Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
 Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
 Joyce Lewis



Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)
 Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
 The Family of Len Marten (K. Smith)
 Jim May (Mullen)
 Jill and Jay, Fran Miller
 Richard Minnick
 Betty Mundell
 Tim Mullen
 The Family of Linda Myers, Betsy Smith
 Doug Paine (Jackson)
 Vivian Paisley
 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)
 Connie & Jobe Simcox
 Linda Shiplet
 Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith
 Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
 Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)
 Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
 Heidi Streibel, (Edel Mullen)
 Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Josephine Tena
 Mary Weidman (Miller)
 Jill Williams (Miller)
 Hazel Winters & family
 (Joan Saller)
 Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
 Philippines
 (Wayne & Pam)
 Brian Kubo—Washington
 (Mullen)
 Chris Weidman—Idaho
 (Miller)
 Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
 Corps
 Drew Zumpino—USA

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and
 gifts that impact and change
 lives for Christ!*

Report from March 31, 2024

General Offering: \$5,731.11
Building Maintenance Fund: \$120.00
Attendance: In-Person and You Tube
Sunrise: 12 /11:00: 101 /You Tube 8
Food Pantry: 95 families on 4/3 & 4/4
Food donations are appreciated.