



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Janice L. Bowers
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West Grove, PA 19390
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WHO AM I?

We are not defined by our highs
and lows, but by God's love,
which redeems our stories and
invites us into deeper connection
with God and our neighbors.

ON PURPOSE

June 9, 2024
3RD Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Janice

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Peter Mullen

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xavier Feliciano

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Valerie Kapp-Benner

L: We come here today with our stories, pasts that have shaped us.

P: Our stories shape us, but our past mistakes do not define us.

L: In worship, we open ourselves to God's work within us today.

P: We come ready to be molded into who we might become.

ALL: Let us worship the one who draws us, always, into new life.

OPENING HYMN

"Love the Lord"

PraiseWorks

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Janice

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

Val Kapp-Benner

God of everlasting love that never fails, we say thank you. Thank you for believing in us and giving us purpose, even when we find it hard to believe in ourselves. Thank you for your patience with us. Help us to support and uplift one another as we each grow in purpose and in community together. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Janice

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and , having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Janice

MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES

"Who Am I?"

Xavier Feliciano

(The children may exit the service to Room 12 following Moments for all ages)

ANTHEM

"This is My Song"

Chancel Choir

Words by Franny J Crosby/Music by Joel Raney

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 6) 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 Val Kapp-Benner

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (pg. 6 & 7) Acts 9:1-19 Val Kapp-Benner

***GOSPEL LESSON** (pg. 7) John 21:15-19 Pastor Janice

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MESSAGE "Who Am I ?" Pastor Janice

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH No. 454

MOMENT OF IMPACT "Linda Pierson" Kim O'Neill

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS Pastor Janice

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Janice

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE THINGS ON OUR HEARTS

LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Janice

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, AMEN

INVITATION TO OFFERING Pastor Janice

OFFERTORY "My Story" PraiseWorks

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Janice

CLOSING SONG "Testify to Love" PraiseWorks

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Janice

POSTLUDE Betsy Smith



Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers today are in
Loving Memory of Linda Pierson



*** 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.

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⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” ¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” ¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ¹¹ ¹⁴ Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” ¹⁵ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 9:1-19

⁹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on

SECOND READING CONTINUED: ACTS 9:1-19

him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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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.

COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER: Let's help out Girl Scout Troop 427, who meets here at WGUMC, is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, tissue packets, makeup wipes, gum, mints and feminine products for the DVC starting today and ending on June 30th. Out of these donations, care packages will be made and delivered to the center. Look for the bin in the narthex. Questions should be directed to Melissa the leader of the troop at daisyleader2019@gmail.com.

MISSION LINK: June 15th at 4:00 pm. Join WGUMC as we join with other churches in the Southern Chester County Mission Link project to share fellowship. See page 9 for more details.

YOUTH GROUP: Join Xavier on Thursday nights between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. for a "youthful" good time.

JULY 15th-19th. We have 88 children signed up thus far for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** and we will need lots of volunteers to give them the experience we have in store for them. If you haven't signed up to volunteer for this extremely worth while event, there is still time. Call Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or call the church office at 610-869-9334, or email us at office@westgroveumc.org.

OFFICE CLOSED ON JUNETEENTH Office will be closed in observance of Juneteenth. Will reopen on Thursday the 20th for normal hours.

WGUMC CONSTANT CONTACT: WGUMC's church office sends out special notices during the week, via email, about upcoming events or events that have popped up unexpectedly. They also send out a "Sneak Peak" about the upcoming Sunday's sermon. If you are NOT receiving these notices, please let April in the church office know. office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.

CHURCH ACCESS: If you are a leader of a group that meets regularly at WGUMC and need access to the church (a key) please contact the church office at 610-869-9334 or email April at office@westgroveumc.org

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

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

Report from June 2, 2024

General Offering: \$6279.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$245.00

Attendance:

7:30: 8 & 11:00: 62

Food Pantry: ZZ families on 6/05 & 5/06

Food donations are appreciated.

2024

**SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY
UMC MISSION LINK**

Join us as we gather as one to share
God's love with all.

Program :

BBQ

Home made
dishes

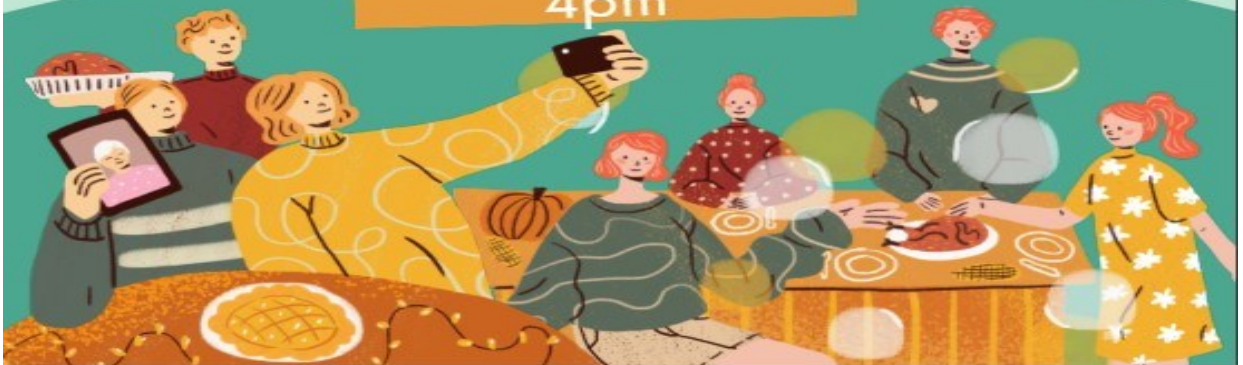
Desserts

Games

West Grove United Methodist Church
300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA
19390

Questions or concerns
Xavier Feliciano
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
610-612-7377

June 15th, 2024
4pm



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?



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.

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet
Renee Bergstrom
Virgin Brown
Linda Brown
Santee C (Jim Mundell)
Donna Fackler
Family of Pat Heist
Brody Howard
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Joyce Lewis
Jay Miller, Fran Miller
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell

Jack Plale, (Spencer)
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Connie & Jobe Simcox
Linda Shiplet
Jeannie Sullivan
Josephine Tena
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)

Message Notes:

THIS WEEK: June 9th through June 16th, 2024

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is also open before and after the posted times. Call April for an appointment.
(office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	7:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:45—10:45 am.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 am.	Worship Service
Monday:	Noon—4:00 pm.	Meetings in Conference Room
	6:30—8:00 pm.	Transitions Team Meeting (Conference Room)
Tuesday:		
Wednesday:	5:00—6:00 pm.	Food Pantry
Thursday:	1:00—2:30 pm.	Worship Team Meeting
	1:00—2:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	6:00—7:00 pm.	Youth Group
	5:45—7:30 pm.	Girl Scouts Trps #4251 (Rms. 8 & 10)
Friday:		
Saturday:	10:00 am.-11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)
	4:00—8:00 pm.	Mission Link (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Outside)

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	7:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:45—10:45 am.	Sunday School for all Ages
	11:00 am.	Worship Service

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

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

Today: 06/09/24

Next Week: 06/16/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	No Roamer	No Roamer
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader:	Valerie Kapp-Benner	Jace Hepler
Ushers:	Paulette Bryan & Joan Saller	Tom & Cindy Hoover
Greeter:	Esther Culbertson	Cindy Haley

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.