



West Grove United Methodist Church

OPEN • GROW • SERVE

Preaching today: Rev. Janice L. Bowers
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PURPOSE IS PRESENT

When we offer what we have in our hands right now to Jesus, we find to our surprise that it is enough.

ON PURPOSE

June 16, 2024
4th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Janice

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Janice

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xavier Feliciano

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jace Hepler

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OPENING HYMN

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

UMH #371 (vs. 1,2, & 4)

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Janice

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Janice

MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES

“Purpose is Present”

Xavier Feliciano

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS

Pastor Janice & Xavier Feliciano

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.

HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH No. 601

<u>FIRST SCRIPTURE READING</u>	(pg. 6) 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13	Jace Hepler
<u>SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON</u>	(pg. 6) 2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Jace Hepler
<u>ANTHEM</u>	“The Image of God” Lyrics by Susan Bentall Boersma, Music by Craig Courtney	Chancel Choir/Violinist Diane Persons
<u>*GOSPEL LESSON</u>	(pg. 7) Matthew 14:13-21	Pastor Janice
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<u>MESSAGE</u>	“Purpose is Present”	Pastor Janice
<u>HYMN OF RESPONSE</u>	“He Lives”	UMH No. 310
<u>MOMENT OF IMPACT</u>	“POEM: Everything Changes”	Mel Leaman
<u>CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE THINGS ON OUR HEARTS</u>		
<u>LORD’S PRAYER</u>		Pastor Jim
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		
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	“Morning Has Broken” Tune: Gaelic Melody, Arranged by John Purifoy	Diane Persons/Betsy Smith
<u>OFFERTORY PRAYER</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>CLOSING SONG/HYMN</u>	“Standing on the Promises”	UMH No. 374 (vs. 1 & 2)
<u>*BENEDICTION</u>		Pastor Janice
<u>POSTLUDE</u>		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.

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BENEDICTION

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³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. ¹⁶ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 14: 13—21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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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.

WGUMC NAME TAGS: Starting next Sunday, June 30th WGUMC will start wearing name tags to help us all get to know each other as we combine services. The tags will be located on a table as you enter the narthex. They will be in alphabetical order so they are easily located. The ushers and/or greeters will remind you to pick up your name tag if you forget. After the service, there will be baskets on either side of the name tag holders, to drop your tags back into. Help us, also, help DJ get to know us.

9:30 BLENDED SERVICE: Our Summer schedule of blending our 7:30 and 11:00 services into one service at 9:30 will begin July 7th. We will be discussing the future of two services verses one over the summer. Speak with Pastor DJ or a member of SPRC, (Listed on page 12) or a member of the worship team, if you want to express your opinions on this topic.

PASTOR DJ'S FIRST SERVICE AT WGUMC: July 7th will be Pastor DJ Choi's first service as pastor of WGUMC. Join us in welcoming him. A reception will follow the service. If you have not met DJ yet, this would be a perfect time.

PLANT WATERING: Have you signed up to help WGUMC 's building look beautiful through the summer months by watering our flowers in the front of the building? We could use your help. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

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.

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

JULY 15th-19th We have **94** 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.

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

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

Report from June 9 2024

General Offering: \$4112.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance:

7:30: 9 & 11:00: 60

Food Pantry: 97 families on 6/12 & 6/13

Food donations are appreciated.

*** * * SERMON NOTES * * ***

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:

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:	10:00 am. — 8:00 pm.	Meetings in Conference Room
Tuesday:	10:00 am. — 8:00 pm.	Meetings in Conference Room
	1:00—3:00 pm.	Contemplating Jesus (Library)
	6:00—7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop # 4189 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30—8:00 pm.	SPRC Meeting (Conference Room)
Wednesday:	OFFICE CLOSED	
	NO FOOD PANTRY	
	6:00—7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop # 427 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30-8:00 pm.	Ad Council Meeting (Conference Room)
Thursday:	1:00—2:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	6:00—7:00 pm.	Youth Group
	6:00—8:45 pm.	Girl Scouts Trps #4251 & 4567 (Rms. 8 & 10)
	6:30—8:30 pm.	Contemplating Jesus (Library)
	7:00—8:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #14377 (Rooms 8 & 10)
Friday:		
Saturday:	8:00—9:30 am.	UMM Breakfast (Sanctuary & Kitchen)
	10:00 am.-11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)

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 :	Joan Leaman & Judy Gambill
Projection:	Kaiti Beauchamp
Officiating:	Rev. Janice Bowers, Rev. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 06/16/24

Next Week: 06/23/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	No Roamer	No Roamer
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch & Paulette Bryan	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader:	Jace Hepler	Paulette Bryan
Ushers:	Tom & Cindy Hoover & Joan Saller	Linda & Virgil Brown
Greeter:	Cindy Haley	Joyce Smith

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.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

<u>SPRC MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM END</u>	<u>STAFF MEMER</u>
Richard Sturhke (Chair)	12/24	Janice Bowers and Jim Mundell
Andrew Herman	12/25	Xavier Feliciano
Cindy Hoover	12/26	Abbie Gruscavage (CMO)
Priscilla Barkman	12/25	Maira Tena
Susan Paisley	12/25	Betsy Smith
Dan Elliott	12/26	April Spencer
Judy Gambill	12/26	Xavier Feliciano
Cindy Haley (serves as Christ Servant)	N/A	Lavenia Civitella