



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Janice L. Bowers
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WILL PURPOSE MAKE ME HAPPY?

In a world that prioritizes happiness,
God calls us into a more expansive
vision of faith and flourishing.

ON PURPOSE

June 30, 2024
6th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Janice

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Janice

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Xavier Feliciano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John McGinley

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L: Sometimes living with purpose looks bright and cheerful.

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L: We worship Jesus whose purpose led to the cross – and beyond!

P: And today, we follow the Spirit who leads us through obstacles to a life of love and service. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH No. 159

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Janice

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

John McGinley

God, we sometimes think that the goal of life is happiness. You show us that true flourishing is so much bigger than that. Help us, today, to trust that in living out your purposes for us, we will experience true joy and fulfilment. Help us to know, deep in our souls, that we have a part to play in your vision for all of humanity and creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Janice

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES

“Working for Our Purpose”

Xavier Feliciano

(The children may exit the service to room 12 following Moments for all Ages)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 5)

Psalm 130

John McGinley

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (pg. 5)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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HYMN

“I Surrender All”

(vs. 1—3) UMH No. 354

*GOSPEL LESSON (pg. 5)	Matthew 16:24-26	Pastor Janice
This is the Word of God for the People of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
<u>MESSAGE</u>	“Will Purpose Make Me Happy?”	Pastor Janice
<u>HYMN OF RESPONSE</u>	“Standing on the Promises”	UMH No. 374
<u>MOMENT OF IMPACT</u>	“Technology Team”	Xavier Feliciano
<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>		Betsy Smith
<u>OFFERTORY PRAYER</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>CLOSING HYMN</u>	“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (vs, 1 & 2)	UMH No. 672
<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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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: PSALM 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 16:24-26

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

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OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334

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.

WGUMC NAME TAGS: WGUMC will start wearing name tags to help us all get to know each other as we combine services, as well as help Pastor DJ get to know us! 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 a basket at the front door, to drop your tags back into.

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: Time is running out to help out Girl Scout Troop 427, who meets here at WGUMC, as they are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, tissue packets, makeup wipes, gum, mints and feminine products for the DVC. This opportunity ends today, Sunday, 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. There will be no Youth Group on July 4th, Independence Day.

JULY 15th-19th AND VBS IS APPROACHING FAST: We have **103** children signed up thus far for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** and we still 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 call him at 610-869-9334 or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or email us at office@westgroveumc.org.

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
Santee C (Jim Mundell)
Donna Fackler
Family of Pat Heist
Brody Howard
Zoe Jane (Bowers)
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
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)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from June 23, 2024

General Offering: \$926.50

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance:

7:30: 8 & 11:00: 58

**Food Pantry: 101 families on 6/26 & 6/27
(No pantry on July 4th)**

Food donations are appreciated.

**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)**

6th 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:	9:00 am. — 3:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp
Tuesday:	9:00 am. — 3:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp
	6:00—7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Trp. #4189
	6:30—8:00 pm.	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 am. —3:30 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp
	10:00—11:00 am.	Full Staff Meeting
	5:00-6:00 pm.	Food Pantry
Thursday:	Office Closed in Observance of July 4th: Independence Day.	
	9:00 am. —3:30 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp
Friday:		
Saturday:	10:00 am.-11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:30 am.	Worship Service
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**Today Sunday, June 30th, is the last Sunday this summer for 7:30 and 11:00 services.
Sunday, July 7th through August 25th will be one service at 9:30.**

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth :	Aiden Steltzer
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: 06/30/24

Next Week: 07/07/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	No Roamer	No Roamer
Counters:	Janice Bowers & Paulette Bryan	Dick & Carol Sturhke
Lay Reader:	John McGinley	Carol McGinley
Ushers:	Priscilla Barkman & Paulette Bryan	Paulette Bryan & Fran Miller
Greeter:	Joan Saller	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