



West Grove United Methodist Church

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JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

July 21, 2024
8th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>PRELUDE</u>	"I Am Thine, O Lord"	Debbie Schneider
<u>WELCOME AND GREETING</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>PRAISES: LIFTING OUR VOICES TOGETHER:</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>	The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Jim
<u>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES</u>		Dick Sturhke
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Debbie Schneider
* <u>PRESENTATION OF OUR GIVING</u>		Pastor Jim
	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH No. 95
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> (Pg. 3)	"Exodus 12: 15 - 32"	Dave Talley
<u>HYMN OF PRAISE</u>	"Nothing but the Blood"	UMH No. 362
<u>MESSAGE</u>	Exodus: Journey to Freedom "The Passover of Redemption"	Pastor DJ
<u>HYMN OF PRAISE</u>	"Blessed Assurance"	UMH No. 369
* <u>MISSION</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>POSTLUDE</u>	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	Debbie Schneider

*** 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: EXODUS 12:15-31

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. ²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. ²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the live stock.

³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said.

³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

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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.

WGUMC NAME TAGS: Remember to pick up your name tag in the narthex. A Basket is provided to drop them into after the service

9:30 BLENDED SERVICE: Our summer schedule is in full swing with one service at 9:30 am. We will be discussing the future of one service versus two, over the summer months. Speak with Pastor DJ, a member of SPRC or the Worship Team, (Listed on page 7), if you want to express your opinions on this topic.

PLANT WATERING: WGUMC is looking good with the beautiful flowers blooming out front. Help us keep them flourishing by signing up to water them. The month of August is wide open for volunteers. Sign up sheet is in the lobby.

YOUTH GROUP: Cancelled this week as we will be hosting the Youth Group Lock Down.

BASKET BALL ANYONE? Not us.....it's way too hot. So we are postponing this activity for the time being. Look for start up news in future bulletins.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK DOWN: Join us on Friday, July 26th and Saturday, the 27th for movies, games, a camp fire, lunch and dinner, devotional and a small mission project within WGUMC walls. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow and a blanket.

UPRISE MUSICE FESTIVAL: A two day event coming September 13th & 14th in Shippensburg, Pa. Call Xavier for ticket and transportation questions. childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org or 610-612-7377.

LOST AND FOUND: Did you lose something? Maybe a pair of sunglasses or a Tervis Eagles (Blevins) water bottle? We found them! Look in the Lost & Found basket in the narthex.

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)
Kristine LeSturgeon
Jay Miller, Fran Miller
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Cody Parker, (Joan Saller)

Jack Plale, (Spencer)
Michael Ranieri
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 July 14, 2024
General Offering: \$4945.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$275.00
Attendance:
9:30: 63
No Food Pantry this past week.
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)**

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:30 am.	Worship Service
Monday:	9:00 am. — 3:00 pm. 6:30 am. — 8:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp Transitions Team Meeting
Tuesday:	9:00 am. — 3:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp
Wednesday:	9:00 am. — 3:30 pm. 5:00 am. — 6:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp Food Pantry
Thursday:	9:00 am. — 3:30 pm. 1:00 am. — 2:00 pm. 6:30 pm. — 8:00 pm.	Mighty Writers Summer Camp Food Pantry Finance Meeting
Friday:	10:00 am. (all Night)	Youth Lock Down
Saturday:	8:00 am. — 9:30 am. 10:00 am (ends) 10:00 am. - 11:30 am.	UMM Breakfast Youth Lock Down Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)

10th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:30 am.	Worship Service
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Now through August 25th there will be one service at 9:30.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth :	Aiden Steltzer
Projection:	Nika and Andrea
Officiating:	Rev. DJ Choi, / Rev. James Mundell
Music Director:	Debbie Schneider
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 07/21/24

Next Week: 07/28/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	No Roamer	No Roamer
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader:	Dave Talley	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers:	Linda & Virgil Brown	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter:	Dick Sturhke	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.

WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship Team Pastor DJ, Betsy Smith, Pastor Jim, Xavier Feliciano, Lavenia Civitella, and April Spencer.

STAFF PARISH

Pastor DJ, Richard Sturhke (Chair), Andrew Herman, Cindy Hoover, Priscilla Barkman, Susan Paisley, Dan Elliot, Judy Gambill, Cindy Haley (serves as Christ Servant),