



# West Grove United Methodist Church

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## JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

*July 28, 2024*  
*10th Sunday After Pentecost*

# 9:30 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<b><u>PRELUDE</u></b>		Betsy Smith
<b><u>WELCOME AND GREETING</u></b>		Pastor DJ
<b><u>PRAISE:</u></b>	“Grace Like Rain”	PraiseWorks
<b><u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u></b>	The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
<b><u>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES</u></b>		Pastor Jim
<b><u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u></b>		Pastor Jim
<b><u>OFFERTORY</u></b>	“Trust in God”	PraiseWorks
<b>* <u>PRESENTATION OF OUR GIVING</u></b>		Pastor Jim
	“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”	UMH No. 95
<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b>	(Pg. 3) “Exodus 14: 10—25”	Valerie Kapp-Benner
<b><u>HYMN OF PRAISE</u></b>	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	UMH No. 496
<b><u>MESSAGE</u></b>	Exodus: Journey to Freedom / “The Exodus of Deliverance”	Pastor DJ
<b><u>HYMN OF PRAISE</u></b>	“Fear Not”	PraiseWorks
<b>* <u>MISSION</u></b>		Pastor DJ
<b><u>POSTLUDE</u></b>		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.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON: EXODUS 14: 10 – 25

<sup>10</sup> When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” <sup>15</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup> Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” <sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

## **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](http://www.westgroveumc.org) Email us at [info@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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.*

**COTTAGE FELLOWSHIPS:** Coming soon. Look for your opportunity to come out and meet with fellow parishioners and Pastor DJ in a small group setting. More details to follow. Call Cindy Hoover with questions or for more information. 484-883-2500.

**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. We still have a week or two still available in August for volunteers. Sign up sheet is in the lobby.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group is Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

**BASKET BALL ANYONE?** Bring your game and join us on Thursday nights in the church parking lot, 7:00—8:00 pm. Give Xavier a call or email for more information, 610-612-7377 [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org).

**UPRISE MUSICE FESTIVAL:** A two day event coming September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Shippensburg, Pa. Call Xavier for ticket and transportation questions. [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:sbrintonpais1@verizon.net) or call 610-529-8699. Or email: **April Spencer** at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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 21, 2024**

**General Offering: \$2,096.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00**

**Attendance: 9:30: 63**

**Food Pantry: 102 families on 7/24 & 7/25**

**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)**

**10th Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday:	9:30 am.	Worship Service
Monday:		
Tuesday:		
Wednesday:	5:00 am. — 6:00 pm. 6:00—8:00 pm.	Food Pantry Girl Scouts Rooms 8 & 10
Thursday:	1:00 am. — 2:00 pm. 6:00 pm.— 7:00 pm.	Food Pantry Youth Group
Friday:		
Saturday:	10:00 am.-11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)

**11th Sunday After Pentecost**

Sunday:	9:30 am.	Worship Service
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**Now through August 25<sup>th</sup> there will be one service at 9:30.**

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **Sunday Morning Servants**

Sound Booth :	Aiden Steltzer
Projection:	Nika Anklin & Andrea Estrada-Avalos
Officiating:	Rev. DJ Choi, / Rev. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

#### **Today: 07/28/24**

#### **Next Week: 08/04/24**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	No Roamer	No Roamer
Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Dick & Caryl Sturhke
Lay Reader:	Valerie Kapp-Benner	Susan Paisley
Ushers:	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Alison & Gene Aucott
Greeter:	Esther Culbertson	Fran Bryan

#### ***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](mailto: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),