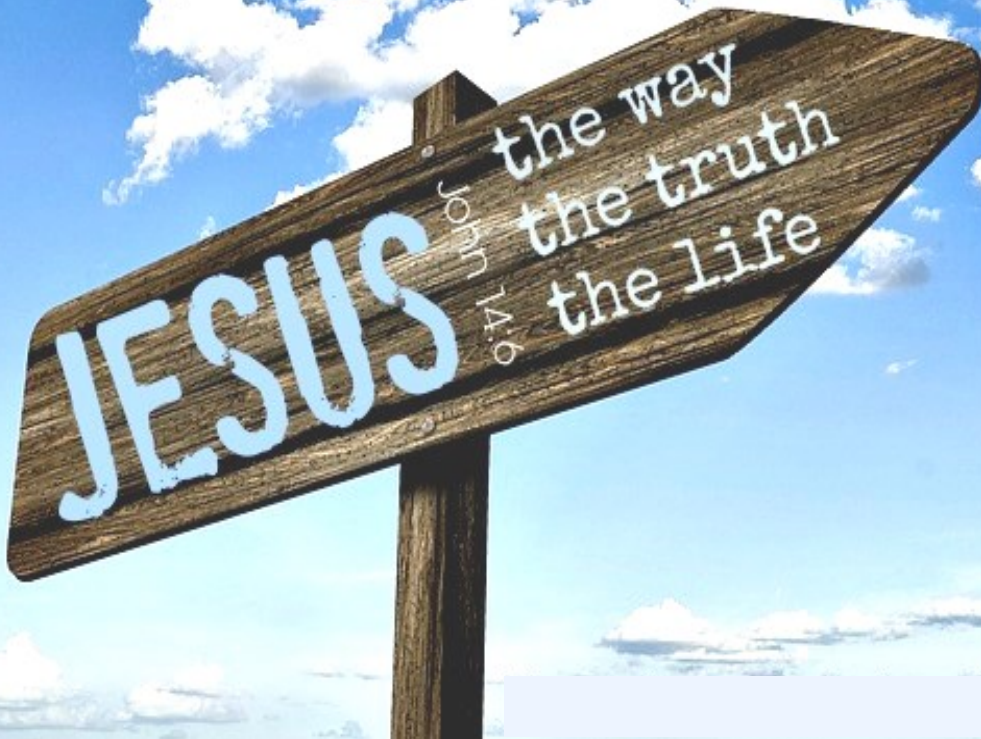




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Communion Sunday

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

*Call to Worship

Karen Boyd

One: Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

Many: Let's gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!

One: From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God's people!

Many: And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters for all!

One: Our journey brings us to God's wondrous river of life!

Many: Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.

*Processional Hymn

"Shall We Gather At The River?"

UMH, No. 723

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Boyd

Living God, you sent your apostle to preach the gospel to women gathered by a river, in a secluded place of prayer.

There a businesswoman named Lydia was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth. You opened her heart in love, and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **Many: And also with you.**

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Julie Hughes

New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Karen Boyd

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:19

Karen Boyd

Response to the Lesson

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Change The World With Love"

Chancel Choir

11 am Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

“God’s Welcome”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“Draw The Circle Wide”

PowerPoint

Moment of Impact

Congregational Clean-Up Day

Pastor Monica

Offering

***Offertory Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH, No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Shirley

Sovereign God, your splendor shines throughout the universe! Your glory is higher than the heavens and fills the world you created in great beauty and variety. We rejoice that you do not stay far away in heaven, but became one of us in your Son, our Savior. Even he had no place to rest his head. Let our offerings extend your love through the church’s ministries to people who are homeless or refugees. We ask this for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

***Invitation**

Pastor Shirley

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Pastor Shirley

Merciful God, you call us to repentance and forgiveness through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. Help us to hear your call with the eagerness of the disciples. Turn us away from the distractions that keep us from seeing Jesus and knowing who he is. Forgive us when we neglect to study the scriptures and fail to seek your word of life. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call to feed your sheep. Help us to live as your beloved children now and clothe us with joy. In the name of Jesus, the holy and righteous one, we pray, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Pastor Shirley

The Great Thanksgiving

The ushers will guide us. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH, No. 620

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Shirley

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed and empowered us through the gift of your presence. Embolden us with your conviction; inspire us with your grace to strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“I’ll Fly Away”

TFWS, No. 2282

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“Shalom (*Farewell Dear Friends Have Peace*)”

Chancel Choir

Postlude

*** Please stand as you are able**

New Testament Lesson: *Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 10:19*

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report April 24, 2016

General Offering: \$3,810.98.⁶⁰

Building Maintenance Fund: \$210.⁰⁰

**Combined Worship Attendance:
190**

Emergency Groceries YTD: 38 Bags

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$364.⁰⁰

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

Moment of Impact

Congregational Clean-Up Day

West Grove UMC serves the community by opening our doors to boy scouts, girl scouts, venture crew, AA groups, Wildcats, and other community groups. We give thanks to God for all who came on Saturday, April 16th to clean up and prepare our church for all the ways in which we OPEN, GROW, and SERVE.

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 His name.

Welcome as we continue to celebrate Easter — not just a day but a season. Alleluia! 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. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**JOB POSTING: ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST** West Grove UMC is seeking a dynamic person to join our team as an engagement specialist. The Engagement Specialist will lead in engaging connections with community and congregation through social and traditional media, as well as providing administrative support in the office. This is part-time position with potential to grow. Please email inquiries, resumes, and questions to pastor [@westgroveumc](mailto:@westgroveumc). See David Delaney, our SPRC chair or Pastor Monica for more details.

**RAP WILL BE MEETING AT NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 13TH.** Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. After our meeting and enjoying our meal together at the church, we are invited by Scott Steele to take a tour of his West Grove museum. Scott is a long-time collector of West Grove memorabilia. Learn about the history of West Grove through old photographs, newspapers, invoices, signs, and much more! The museum is located at Scott's house, 201 Paschall Mill Road, West Grove--about a three minute drive from WGUMC.

**RAP AND FRIENDS** will be carpooling to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** to attend the world premiere of **SAMSON** on **Wednesday, October 26th**. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations must be paid in full before best available seats may be chosen. Group rate price: **\$51 for Adults** and **\$21 for Children (3-12)**. The show begins at **11 a.m.** The suggested time of arrival is 10:15 a.m. **Contact Sara Ann Ramberger** for reservations and questions at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net). Reservations for those wanting a meal following the show will be arranged at a later date.

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** There is a new shopping list on the shopping cart in the lobby. If you would like to help the Emergency Pantry, please pick up a copy of the list today!

**KITCHEN REQUEST:** There are many tablecloths and dish towels that someone kindly took home to launder. We are very low on these items. Could you please return them to the kitchen at your earliest convenience? Thank you!

**TWIN PINES WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 2 P.M.** Please join as we worship with our friends at Twin Pines Health Care Center! The Memory Bells choir will play as well!

**THIS WEEK: May 1 through May 7, 2016**

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
**2:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship with Memory Bells**  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting (#1)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #4383 (#14)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (#3)  
4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
11:15 a.m.+11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. CMO Soccer Shots (church grounds)  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Training Meeting (#15)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-**1:30 p.m.** CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #4567 (#8, 10)  
6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)  
8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 4070 (#8, 10)

**Saturday:**

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. New Members Breakfast (Sanc. and Kitchen)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MOTHERS' DAY**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus April: The Trustees**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in April: The Ronald McDonald House**

Wayne Achuff  
 Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Family of Jim Belay (K. Boyd)  
 Family of Julie Bradley (Ramberger)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Danny (J. Hughes' brother)  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 John Paul Dean and Family (Delaney)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Bob and Marge Erling (Mundell)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 James Hampton (Hampton)  
 Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd)  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)



Family of Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)  
 Ellen McCahon (Hruz)  
 Jim McGettigan (Bratton)  
 Kyle McGettigan (Bratton)  
 Alan Michaels (Michaels)  
 Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Hazel Owens (Hampton)  
 Rick Renzulli  
 Vinny Runicski  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Vinny Runicski  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliiss Wilson  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)

Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)



Allan Frost - South Carolina (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA (The Rambergers)  
 Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Tyler Thompson—Kandahar, Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weidman - Okinawa, Japan (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**This Sunday, May 1**  
**Ushers—8:30** Open and Open  
**Greeters—8:30** Carolyn Bratton and Karen Hruz  
**Ushers—11:00** Open and Open  
**Greeters—11:00** Open and Open  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Matt Simonds / Joshua Robinson  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** H. McCummings/E. Mullen/A. Castaldi  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** MA Covington / Joan Leaman  
**Sunday School Roamers** Maryanne Covington  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Mark Simonds  
**Liturgist—11:00** Karen Boyd  
**Moment All Ages** Julie Hughes  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
**Counters** Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, May 8**  
 Catoia Family  
 Mike and Cindy Haley  
 Open and Open  
 Judy Gambill and Open  
 Cecelia Figueroa/Sydney Curtis  
 C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
 Open and Open  
 Fran Miller  
 Rain Catoia  
 Bill Jones  
 Pastor Monica  
 Steve May/Dick & Caryl Stuhrke  
 Sara Ann and Vernon Ramberger  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Communion Sunday

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "The River Is Here" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "With One Voice"  
"Sanctuary" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**New Testament Lesson** Acts 16:9-15 Mark Simonds

**Old Testament Lesson** Deuteronomy 10:19 Mark Simonds

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**Sermon** "God's Welcome" Pastor Monica

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** Congregational Clean-Up Day Pastor Monica

**Offering** "We All Bow Down" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Invitation** Pastor Jim

**\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** Pastor Jim

**Great Thanksgiving** ~ *The ushers will guide us. All are welcome.*

**Communion Song** "For Everyone Born" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Big House" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**