



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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West Grove, PA 19390

A photograph of a bright sun in a blue sky, with wispy white clouds. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, creating a lens flare effect. The clouds are scattered and have a soft, ethereal quality. The overall tone is bright and hopeful.

*Does God still move today?*

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
*May 29, 2016*

**11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
**5th Sunday Coin Collection – CMO Scholarships**

**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** (based on Psalm 96 from the Message paraphrase) Dave Talley

One: Sing God a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing!

**Many: Sing to God—worship God!**

One: For God is great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.

**Many: God made the heavens and royal splendor radiates from God. A powerful beauty sets God apart.**

One: An extravaganza praise before God as God comes to us,

**Many: God comes to set everything right on earth, Set everything right, treat everyone fair.**

**\*Processional Hymn** “Days of Elijah” PowerPoint

**Opening Prayer (Unison)** Dave Talley

**God of the incredible,  
as we gather today,  
we are reminded that you have shown up throughout time.  
You have always been a God who could be called on,  
who has gotten involved, and does not leave us gaping at the sky.  
We give you praise for the miracles in our midst,  
for your power and glory around us.  
Open our eyes to see and know you more.  
In the name of the miraculous one, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Passing of the peace** Dave Talley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

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**Moment for All Ages** Jamie Lindtner

**5th Sunday Coin Collection** CMO Scholarship Fund

**Old Testament Lesson** 1Kings 18:20-39 Dave Talley

**Response to the Lesson**

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

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem**

“God Is There”

Chancel Choir

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**Sermon**

“Miracle of Presence”

Pastor Monica

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**\*Hymn of Response**

“O God Who Shaped Creation”

UMH, No. 443

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
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.

UMH, No. 95

**\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Monica

**Living God, we praise you for the miraculous ways you answer prayer. You alone are the Lord! Throughout history, you have provided faithful leaders and sent your Spirit to renew all who follow you. Enable us to be more dedicated disciples, readily sharing our time and abilities through the ministries of this church. May your love in Jesus Christ be felt by people near and far whose lives are touched by our mission. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

**Gathered Prayer**

Pastor Monica

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Pastor Monica

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH, No. 77

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Monica

**\*Choral Benediction**

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

Chancel Choir

**Postlude**

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

## Old Testament Lesson: *1 Kings 18:20-39*

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!" Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it." So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God."

## Gospel Lesson: *Luke 7:1-10*

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

# 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 to this gathering of God's people worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. 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.***

**ROOM TRANSITION** – Preschool classrooms and education rooms will be moving the week of **May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>**. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are available to help moving items, please let the office know so we can coordinate times.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY WILL BE JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**. If you or a family member are graduating or have just graduated from high school, college, technical school, or graduate school, please make sure the church office knows so that we can celebrate you!

**OUR CMO AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:** Are you looking for a preschool program for your child? Do you want your child to meet friends, learn, and play in a loving environment? Come check out the wonderful program we have right here at our church. We begin accepting children at the age of 18 months in our Children's Morning Out program and our preschool classes help children learn the skills they will need when they go off to Kindergarten. We do still have a few openings for next school year. Please email me, [tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org) or call the church for more information. I would love to give you a tour and tell you more about our program.

**AVON GROVE AREA SENIOR CELEBRATION - June 6th/7:00 @ The West Grove Garage.** Please join the area churches and youth groups as we celebrate the graduation and faith journeys of our seniors! The celebration is planned and led by our students and will be a wonderful opportunity for each of our church families to honor the work that God has done and will continue doing in the lives of each of our students graduating from High School this year. We'd love to have you there! Questions - please contact Jamie Lindtner ([jamielindtner@Gmail.com](mailto:jamielindtner@Gmail.com))

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: JULY 18-22, 2016.** Join us as we teach and serve our children! Volunteers are needed and welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in the VBS program in any capacity this year, please see Pastor Monica.



## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In celebration of Erik Joseph Hendrickson's Baptism  
With love from his family



**THIS WEEK: May 29 through June 5, 2016**

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

**Sunday:**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
BAPTISM SUNDAY ~ ERIK JOSEPH HENDRICKSON  
Fifth Sunday Coin Collection ~ CMO Scholarships**

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

**Monday:**

**Memorial Day ~ Church Office is closed**  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)

**Tuesday:**

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Jenner's Pond Memorial Service (Pastor Jim)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

**Wednesday:**

**8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Ministerium hosted by WGUMC**  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders -Forms (Lobby)  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Food & Fun Night**  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

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:**

No Activities scheduled

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ EMERGENCY PANTRY SUNDAY  
GRADAUTE RECONGITION SUNDAY**

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  
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. SE District Conference Meeting at Lima UMC

**God's Faithfulness ~  
Your Stewardship  
Report May 22, 2016**

**General Offering: \$5,256.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$140.00**  
**Combined Worship Attendance: 181**  
**Peace With Justice: 134.00**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 38 Bags**  
***It is your tithes, offerings,  
and gifts that impact  
and change lives for Christ!***

**Moment of Impact**  
**CMO Scholarships**

Our church has been committed to the ministry of CMO and preschool in service to our church and community. Children learn and grow in a loving and encouraging environment that supports individual development and offers opportunities for children of all abilities. Help us impact our world with scholarships to those who might not be able to offer these opportunities to their children.

# 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)  
 Alan Bratton  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Danny (J. Hughes' brother)  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 John Paul Dean and Family (Delaney)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Family of James W. Hampton (Hampton)  
 Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd)  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)  
 Family of Chris Matthews (B. Smith)



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

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 29**  
**Ushers—8:30** OPEN  
**Greeters—8:30** Simonds Family  
**Ushers—11:00** Featherston Family  
**Greeters—11:00** OPEN  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Wesley Boyd / Parker Featherston  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** J. Lindtner/K. Smith / Open  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman  
**Sunday School Roamers** Joan Leaman  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Fred Sullivan  
**Liturgist—11:00** Dave Talley  
**Moment All Ages** Jamie Lindtner  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Don Hurst / Steve May  
**Counters** Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, June 5**  
 Fred Sullivan & The Chalmers  
 M. Rubincan & C. Bratton  
 Larry and Kay Yates  
 OPEN  
 Matt Simonds / Nathan Robinson  
 C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Williamson  
 Amy Simonds / No CW  
 Cindy Haley  
 Cindy Haley  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Julie Hughes  
 Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Baptism Sunday

### **OPEN**

- \*Opening Song** "God of All" PraiseWorks Band
- Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica
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- \*Celebration Set** "It's All For You"  
"I Will Never Be" PraiseWorks Band
- \*Passing of the Peace**

### **GROW**

- Moment For All Ages** Jamie Lindtner
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- Sermon** "Miracle of Presence" Pastor Monica

### **SERVE**

- Sacrament of Baptism** *Erik Joseph Hendrickson*
- Baptism Song** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" Hymnal No. 611
- Offering** "Holy Spirit" PraiseWorks Band
- Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley
- Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley
- The Lord's Prayer**
- \*Closing Song** "Holiness" PraiseWorks Band
- \*Benediction** Pastor Monica
- \*Postlude**

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