

**8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Communion and Graduate Recognition Sunday**

OPEN

***Opening Song** "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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

***Celebration Set** "My Life Is In You Lord"
"More Love, More Power" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

Moment For All Ages Julie Hughes

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-24 Cindy Haley

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 7:11-17 Cindy Haley

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 "Miracle of Presence" Pastor Monica

Graduate Recognition PowerPoint

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Moment of Impact *Family Promise* Mike Bell
Family Promise of Southern Chester County Board Member

Offering "I Give You Me" 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.
Our communion bread is gluten free so that all may receive together.*

Communion Song "The Greatest Thing" PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** "Everyday" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390



**Third Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 5, 2016**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Communion and Graduate Recognition Sunday

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96 from the Message paraphrase)

Sandy Deckard

One: When we feel down-hearted...

Many: Jesus says: "Rise!"

One: When we wonder if we can continue on our journey...

Many: Jesus says: "I am with you. Do not fear."

One: When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief...

Many: Jesus says: "Come, follow me."

One: Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

Many: Open our hearts and spirits to feed upon your healing word. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn "O Young and Fearless Prophet"

UMH, No. 444

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

O God, who lifts us up, sets us free, and watches over us, visit us this day.

Lift our spirits, and free our minds.

**Open our eyes and hearts to your words,
your will, and the miracle of your holy presence,
that we may encounter you in the meeting of friends
and in kindness to strangers.**

May we know the miracle of life with you.

Lift us up, and set us free, O God.

Watch over us, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Julie Hughes

Old Testament Lesson

1Kings 17:8-24

Sandy Deckard

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:11-17

Sandy Deckard

Response to the Lesson

Sandy Deckard

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"For The Beauty of the Earth"


Chancel Choir

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P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

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 week-ends, 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	 Prayer Chain	Family of Chris Matthews (B. Smith)
Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)		Family of Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)
Cory Beattie (Shaub)		Ellen McCahon (Hruz)
Alan Bratton		Margee Michaels
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)		Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Fran Bryan		Tim Mullen
Danny (J. Hughes' brother)		Ed O'Brien
Bill Davis (Mullen)		Hazel Owens (Hampton)
John Paul Dean and Family (Delaney)		Rick Renzulli
Colin Delaney (McGinley)		Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Ester (Howard)	Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)	
Tom Fagan	Roann Schneider	
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)	Kyle Schoch (Bratton)	
Marcus Forst (Howard)	Connie Simcox	
Family of James W. Hampton (Hampton)	Lorrie Steele	
Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd)	Maureen Stickel (Fackler)	
Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)	Fernando & Jonathan Tena	
Lynn Jackson	Zach Trexler (Lytle)	
Bill Lilley	Ron and Marliiss Wilson	
Neva Luttmann (Miller)	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

Ushers—8:30

This Sunday, June 5

Fred Sullivan & The Chalmers

Greeters—8:30

M. Rubincan & C. Bratton

Ushers—11:00

Larry and Kay Yates

Greeters—11:00

Joan Saller

Acolyte 8:30/11

Matt Simonds / Nathan Robinson

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11

C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Williamson

C. Worship—8:30/11

Amy Simonds / No CW

Sunday School Roamers

Cindy Haley

Lay Reader—8:30

Cindy Haley

Liturgist—11:00

Sandy Deckard

Moment All Ages

Julie Hughes

Hospitality 8:30/11

Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt

Counters

Margee Michaels and Scott Steele

Sound Booth

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, June 12

Cindy and Mike Haley

Fred Sullivan and Margaret Rubincan

Larry and Kay Yates

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Cecelia Figueroa / Madeline Jones

M. Rubincan/Kim Smith/Amy Castaldi

Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman

Fran Miller

John McGinley

Tom Hoover

Joan Leaman

Steve May / The Stuhrkes

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

THIS WEEK: June 5 through June 12, 2016

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

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
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting- Ice Cream Party(#8 & 10)
Monday:	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. - 7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#6)
Tuesday:	4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)
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)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga-Sanc.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting
Wednesday:	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Wednesday Food & Fun Night
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Caregivers Dinner Out Meeting
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 04317 (#14)
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:	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball (Sanctuary)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Private Event (Sanc.)
Sunday:	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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
12:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Private Event (Sanc.)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Youth Mt. Hope Planning Meeting (#8, 10)

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship
Report May 29, 2016**

General Offering: \$5,164.³¹
Building Maintenance Fund: \$50.⁰⁰
Combined Worship Attendance: 163
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

Family Promise

We give thanks to God for our third time hosting guests of Family Promise. Through this collaborative structure, we are impacting our community in areas of housing and families.

Sermon "Miracle of Life" Pastor Monica
***Hymn of Response** "Fill My Cup Lord" PowerPoint

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Graduate Recognition PowerPoint
Moment of Impact *Family Promise* Mike Bell
 Family Promise of Southern Chester County Board Member

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 Jim
As crowds spread the word of Jesus' power, O God, so may we spread the word of your grace, as we share these gifts and our very lives with those in need. May these offerings be instruments of your healing, your justice, and your good news, in this community and around the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Invitation** Pastor Jim

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Jim
God of healing, we have broken down again. We have broken relationships with worldly values of success, wealth and fame over relationships and trust. We have broken our hearts over empty desires and failed promises of security and satisfaction by listening to the voices of this world above our call. We have broken our faith by failing to follow your commandments to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us. Call us back to your ways, your wisdom, following you, now. In the name of Christ, the one who lived and died for us, that we might have the hope of resurrection, we pray, Amen.

***Words of Assurance** Pastor Jim

The Great Thanksgiving *The ushers will guide us. All are welcome.
Our communion bread is gluten free so that all may receive together.*

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH, No. 618

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Jim
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS. No. 2153

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Chancel Choir

Postlude

*** Please stand as you are able**

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-24

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



**Save the Date!!
Saturday,
September 17!
Trustees to
Spearhead a
Breakfast, Flea Market, & Food Truck
Fundraiser.**

The Trustees are picking up the reins on this adventure of a fundraiser, but it is the entire congregation that will be needed to help make it a success! Costs and details will follow at a later date, but here is what we know so far: The plan is to open the day with a big breakfast. We don't have a menu yet, but it is sure to be yummy! We will invite vendors to rent parking spaces to display their wares. If you or someone you know may be interested, please spread the word. To appease the lunch crowd, we will be inviting Food Trucks (for a fee, of course!), to participate in the festivities of the day.



Do you have an idea that you'd like to share? Vendors to suggest?

**A volunteering heart to offer?
Please contact the trustees listed below.**

Darlene Murphy: Vendors and Truck space—

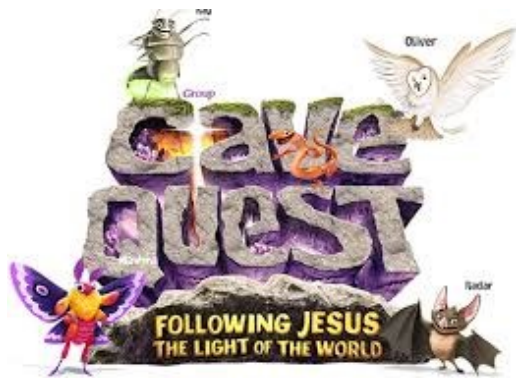
d123murphy@aol.com

Linda Shiplet: Breakfast—
littlered2111@gmail.com

Gene Aucott: General labor, ideas,

suggestions—gene.aucott@comcast.net





SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS
JULY 18-22, 2016

Join us as we teach & serve our
Children!

Volunteers are needed & welcomed!

If you are interested in being involved
in the VBS program in any capacity this
year, please let Joan Leaman or Pastor

Monica know of your interest. Joan Leaman can be reached at
jmleaman@comcast.net. Pastor Monica can be contacted at
pastor@westgroveumc.org.

Last year, we started **Wednesday Night Fun** in the summer. This year it began on **June 1** and will continue through **August 31**. It is a casual evening for people to come for food, short devotion, fun, and fellowship.

We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able.

Games are available for children and adults.

We are outside, when the weather cooperates.

Join us one week or every week!
Can't wait to see you there!



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 IS TODAY, 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!

**CARE GIVERS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "Dinner Out" Wednesday, June 8 @ 6:30 p.m.** We meet to address the needs of those who do not want to eat alone and suffer from loneliness. This month, we will meet at **AURORA'S PIZZA in Jennersville**. By meeting for a dinner out, we continue to share our support with one another. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Susan Paisley, 610-268-3305

**AVON GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL 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 Joan Leaman or Pastor Monica.



### Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In celebration of Ron and Marliiss Wilson's 70th Birthdays  
With love from his family



## ***Our High School Graduates***

Casey Bruno - Graduating from KHS. Attending Temple University

Erika Strout - Graduating from AGHS. Attending Mansfield College

Shelby White - Graduating from AGHS. Attending Drexel University

Ben LeSturgeon - Graduating from AGHS. Attending University of Pittsburgh

Petyon Ingiosi - Graduating from Oxford HS.. Attending Liberty University

Jacob McMinn - graduating from AGHS. going??

Luke Chalmers - Graduating from AGHS. Attending University of Delaware

Lianne Covington - Graduating from AGHS. Attending Fashion Institute of NY

Justin Lytle - Graduating from AGHS. Attending Lebanon Valley College

Alyssa Lytle - Graduating from AGHS - Attending Kutztown University

Emily Lytle - Graduating from AGHS - Attending American University

Katie Barrett - Graduating from AGHS - Attending Penn State University

### **Also..**

Heather Wolfe—Graduating with Masters in athletic training from University of Kentucky.

Kaiti Beauchamp -Graduatingwith Bachelors in Integrated Marketing Communications from Duquesne University

Kelly Hendrickson - Graduating with Masters in Applied Studies in Elementary Education West Chester University

Sophie McClain - Graduating with Masters in Education from Messiah College

## ***Litany for Celebrating Our Graduates***

Pastor: God leads us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

**People: Let us never lose the sense of wonder and awe that God has given us. Let us see God in the miracles around us.**

Pastor: God gifts us with knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and fear. As we celebrate graduates this morning, may we pray that they will use the gifts that God has given them to build God's world:

**People: A world in which peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.**

**Graduates: May we seek God in all that we do. May our lives glorify God and usher in God's kingdom.**

Pastor: Let us pray together:

**People: God of joy and hope, we thank you for this time of graduation. Your spirit of wisdom has empowered our hard work and discipline in such a way that hunger for learning has been nourished with knowledge, discovery, creativity, and determination. God, as our graduates have faced challenges and accomplished much, we understand that our lives move into a new chapter where there will be more challenges to face and more will be demanded of us in order to accomplish good things. Give them patience and hope to energize search for work that is just and makes proper use of gifts. Give them courage to face the challenges of carving out a place in society where they might live in peace, service, and gratitude. Give them strength to resist the temptations of greed, laziness, pride, and envy as we strive to do and be our best. May Your spirit guide them as they unfold the next chapters of our lives. Help us all to enliven hope in the world and bring good things to Your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.**

## **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, June 5~ Saturday, June 11



**Sunday:** *"Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 1 Kings 17:8-9.* The word of the Lord came to Elijah to care for him as he cared for others. Where is God caring for you as you care for others?

**Monday:** *"But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 1 Kings 17:12.* When it seems like all is lost and you may as well lay down and die, look for God to intercede in miraculous ways!

**Tuesday:** *"Elijah cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" 1 Kings 17:20.* Even Elijah began to lose hope in God's way. Offer your prayers to God in petition and supplication when you begin to lose hope. God is never far!

**Wednesday:** *"So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth." 1 Kings 17:24.* Who do you hear the word of the Lord in their mouth? Draw near to God's messengers.

**Thursday:** *"The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother." Luke 7:15.* In the miraculous, Jesus always connects the healed with their community. How can you build healing community supports?

**Friday:** *"Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" Luke 7:16.* Miracles bring fear and awe in our lives. Prayerfully consider where God has brought fear and awe in your life.

**Saturday:** *"This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country." Luke 7:17.* When Jesus was healing and teaching the word of God proceeded him in words of the people. Listen closely to where God is moving today.