



**West Grove United Methodist Church**

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*Mind of Christ*

the  
body of christ



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
*May 3, 2015*

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### GATHERING

#### 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 visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

#### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Vernon Ramberger

One: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

**Many: Together we shall read and understand.**

One: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

**Many: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.**

One: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

**Many: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.**

#### \*Processional Hymn

“We Would See Jesus”

Hymnal No. 256

#### \*Opening Prayer

Vernon Ramberger

**Holy Lord, indeed, your thoughts are beyond us. Your ways exceed our understanding. Yet you have graciously made yourself known to each of us.**

**Thank you for revealing yourself in Jesus Christ. Thank you for continuing to reveal yourself through the Spirit, who teaches us your truth. Gracious God, may we have the mind of Christ. May we think like Christ, feel like Christ, discern like Christ. May your Spirit continue to teach me and guide me, so that I might be more like Christ in all of my ways. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.**

#### \*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

### LISTENING AND RECEIVING

#### Moments for All Ages

Pastor Monica

#### New Testament Lesson

*1 Corinthians 2*

Vernon Ramberger

#### \*Gospel Lesson

*John 15:1-8*

Vernon Ramberger

#### \*Response to the Lessons

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

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

#### Anthem

“Teach Me, Lord”

Chancel Choir

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.

**RESPONDING**

- \*Hymn of Response** “May the Mind of Christ” PowerPoint
- \*Offertory Response** “We Are The Body Of Christ” TFWS No. 2227  
**One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, We are the body of Christ.**  
**One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.**  
**And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.**  
**One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,**  
**We are the body of Christ.**
- \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim  
**Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**
- \*Invitation**
- \*Prayer of Confession** (written by *Joe Seremane*)  
**Christ, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you... only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. God, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross, Amen.**
- \*Words of Assurance**
- Sacrament of Holy Communion**
- Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Jim  
 Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we might go into the world to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
- \*Hymn of Sending Forth** “Wonderful Words” Hymnal No. 600
- \*Benediction**
- \*Choral Benediction** “Go Forth in Song” Chancel Choir
- \*Postlude**

## **New Testament Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 2*

### **Proclaiming Christ Crucified**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

### **The True Wisdom of God**

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. But we have the mind of Christ.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *John 15:1-8*

### **Jesus the True Vine**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### **View and discuss the movie "THE BUTLER": Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 -8:45**

(refreshments included): This film, inspired by a true story, tells the saga of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this black man's life and family. Mel Leaman will facilitate a brief discussion following the film. Sign-up in the lobby.

# 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.*

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5, NRSV). Welcome, then, to “the body of Christ, the family of God.” 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.***

**DINNER OUT AT PERKINS!** Come out and support our Boy Scout Troop 12 by eating out at the Perkins Restaurant, Route 41, in Avondale on **Monday, May 4 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** All you have to do is let your server know that you are there to support Troop 12, and 10% of the proceeds from your meal will be donated to the scouts.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, June 14:** If you are a high school or college graduate, or have one in your family, please call the church office at 610-869-9334 or email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org), so that we can recognize their accomplishment at this service.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** The missions team of West Grove UMC in conjunction with Family Promise of Southern Chester County is discerning if God is calling us to be a host church for homeless families in Southern Chester County. If you would like to see WGUMC be a host church please sign up in the lobby. If you have a particular area of interest, indicate such beside your name. Additional information about Family Promise can be found in our newsletter. Please call Janice Bowers with any questions: 484-888-6821 days, 610-444-8470 evenings or email [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com).

**Volunteer information sessions for Family Promise: Please join us for these informative meetings following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on 5/17 & 5/24 in Room 16.**

**STOP HUNGER NOW CANCELLATION:** Please be advised that the Stop Hunger Now program that was scheduled for **Saturday, May 30** has been cancelled. Look for new information about this mission in the Fall.

## God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for April 26, 2015

**General Fund: Offering: 4,355.<sup>55</sup> Offerings Received YTD: 96,769.<sup>46</sup>**

**Estimated Weekly offerings needed to meet annual Budget: \$7,540.<sup>29</sup>**

**Estimated YTD \$128,184.<sup>93</sup> Budget credit/(deficit) = (-\$31,415.<sup>47</sup>)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$220.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$3,110.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30: 96 + 11:00: 103 = Total: 199 Sunday School: 50**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 16**

**Easter Offering for Family Promise: \$2,370**

**THIS WEEK: May 3 through May 10, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Communion Sunday ~ Emergency Food Shelf**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages  
**9:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. New Members Class (#16)**  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Chancel Choir  
**2:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship**  
**3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Community Handbell Concert (Avondale Presby)**  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. All Youth Fellowship and Food! (#8, 10)

*\*Emergency Food Pantry Collection Day is on the first Sunday of each month*

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
**5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Dinner at Perkins to support Boy Scout Troop 12**  
6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. CMO Advisory Team meeting (#1)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (#3)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Training (#8 & 10)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Brownie 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)  
10:15 a.m.+10:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 453(#9)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting (#1)  
5:30 p.m.- 6:30 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)  
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)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)

**Saturday:**

**12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)  
**9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. JULIET Breakfast- Sunrise Café, Kennett Square**

**Sunday:**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Mother's Day ~ "No More Malaria"**  
**New Member Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with 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 in May: United Methodist Women**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in May: Compassion International**

Darlene Alleger  
(Guepet)

Kory Arnold

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Family of Dan Bennett (Guepet)

Maura Carroll (Bates)

Family of Ruth Coccione

Ruby DeBoard

Colin Delaney (McGinley)

Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Marcus Forst (Howard)

Rev. Kim Gilson (Hurst)

Grace Gurney (Wolff)

Family of Jason Haley (Haley)

Matt Helm (Laird)

Richard Kreutzfeldt

Bill Lilley

Kay Longnecker (Mullen)

Lopez family (Tena)

Neva Luttman (Miller)

Julia McDonnell (Czerpak)



Gloria Miller

(Ramberger)

Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Tim Mullen

Ed O'Brien

Pastor Doug (May)

Family of Lawrence Ramberger

Tammy Ramberger

Lisa Reoli

Ron Ritter (Chalmers)

Dot Russell

Richard Saller

Roann Schneider

Christian & Luke Schneider

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Jonathan Tena

Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Dot Weeks

Megan Wittman (Lytle)

Baby Wynne (Dea)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy,  
Mexico City (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
(Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
(Lynne Strawhecker)

Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base,  
Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30**

**Ushers—11**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Greeters—11**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**S. S. Roamers**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, May 3**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell

Edel Mullen and George Anderson

Mark and Amy Simonds

Maryanne & Lianne Covington

Matt Simonds / Sarah Reynolds

J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/E. Mullen

Amy Castaldi / OPEN

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Rain Catoia

Vernon Ramberger

Pastor Monica

TBA

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, May 10**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell

Edel Mullen and George Anderson

Mark and Amy Simonds

Maryanne & Lianne Covington

Cecelia Figueroa/Sydney Curtis

H. McCummings/K. Smith/K. Boyd

TBA

Fran Miller

Karen Hruz

Peter Mullen

Pastor Monica

TBA

George Anderson and Donna Shaub

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

