



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390

Strength of God

the
body of christ



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

OPEN

Prelude “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Cathy Moglebust

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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***Call to Worship (Responsive)** (Based on Luke 24) Chris Curtiss

One: As Jesus ascends to heaven, the promise of the Holy Spirit awaits us.
Jesus says to the disciples:

**Many: “You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you
what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been
clothed with power from on high.”**

One: God’s power is a glorious inheritance among the saints.

Many: God’s power is manifested in love, forgiveness, and peace.

***Processional Hymn** “O God Our Help in Ages Past” Hymnal No. 117

***Opening Prayer** Chris Curtiss

One: The risen Christ is with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior ascended far above all
heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully grant us faith to
recognize his abiding presence with his people on earth, even to the
ends of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory forever. AMEN**

***Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moments for All Ages Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 1* Chris Curtiss

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:9-12

Chris Curtiss

Response to the Lessons

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Refuge and Strength”

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.

Sermon

“Strength of God”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“Guide My Feet”

TFWS 2208

Moment of Impact

Community Garden

Offering

“Let Freedom Ring”

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

***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

Dear God, thank you for your great generosity toward the whole world. You give us guidance and encouragement through your word. You did not hold back even your Son so that we would have eternal life! You make our joy complete. Let us find joy by giving with joy to the ministries of this church for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

““God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymnal No. 577

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Go Forth in Song”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

** = Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

New Testament Lesson: *Colossians 1:9-12*

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 1*

The Two Ways

Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

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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.***

**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.

**VBS** Do you love working with children? Are you hoping to shape the faith journey of a young person? Sign up to help with Vacation Bible School. We are particularly looking for those who love working with our preschoolers and those who love crafts! Join us on Tuesday evening for more information!

## God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for May 10, 2015

**General Fund: Offering: 5,096.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: 109,135.<sup>46</sup>**

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

**Estimated YTD \$143,265.<sup>51</sup> Budget (deficit) = (-\$34,130.<sup>05</sup>)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$120.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$3,465.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30: 69 + 11:00: 97 = Total: 166 Sunday School: 41**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 20**

**Imagene No More Malaria Offering: \$238.<sup>30</sup>**

**THIS WEEK: May 17 through May 24, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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 and Memory Bells  
**12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Tea Party (Sanc.)**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. "The Butler" movie and discussion (Sanc.)**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All Youth Meeting

*\*Coffee Fellowship hosted by The Faithlinks Class\**

**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)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Young Adults Get Together (Starbucks)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
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)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 41377 (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. VBS Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. SPRC (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
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 Celebration-Last Day (#3, 4, 5, 6 and Sanc.)**  
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:**

9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanctuary)

**Saturday:**

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

**Sunday:**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION 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 and Memory Bells

# 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**

Wayne Achuff  
 Darlene Alleger  
 (Guepet)  
 Kory Arnold  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Family of Dan Bennett (Guepet)  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 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)  
 Neva Luttman (Miller)  
 Rachel McClain  
 Julia McDonnell (Czerpak)



Gloria Miller  
 (Ramberger)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Pastor Doug (May)  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Richard Saller  
 Roann Schneider  
 Christian & Luke Schneider  
 Fernando Tena  
 Jonathan Tena  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Eveline Walker (Schrader)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Jeff Whelan  
 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 17***

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 Edel Mullen and George Anderson  
 Mark and Amy Simonds  
 Maryanne & Lianne Covington  
 Joshua Robinson/Alisabeth Guepet  
 C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
 Lianne Covington / OPEN  
 Maryanne Covington  
 John McGinley  
 Chris Curtiss  
 Pastor Monica  
 TBA  
 Dave Talley and Denise Byers  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### ***Next Sunday, May 24***

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 Edel Mullen and George Anderson  
 Mark and Amy Simonds  
 Maryanne & Lianne Covington  
 Wesley Boyd / Joseph Yarbrough  
 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
 OPEN / Joan Leaman  
 Cindy Haley  
 Mike Chalmers  
 Margee Michaels  
 Pastor Monica  
 TBA  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday  
8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**

**\*Opening Song** "Be Glorified" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "Overwhelmed"  
"The Power of Your Love" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 1* John McGinley

**New Testament Lesson** *Colossians 1:9-12* John McGinley

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**Sermon** "Strength of God" Pastor Monica

**Moment of Impact** Community Garden

**Offering** "I Give Myself Away" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Offertory Prayer** Pastor Jim

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "My Life Is In You Lord" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**

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