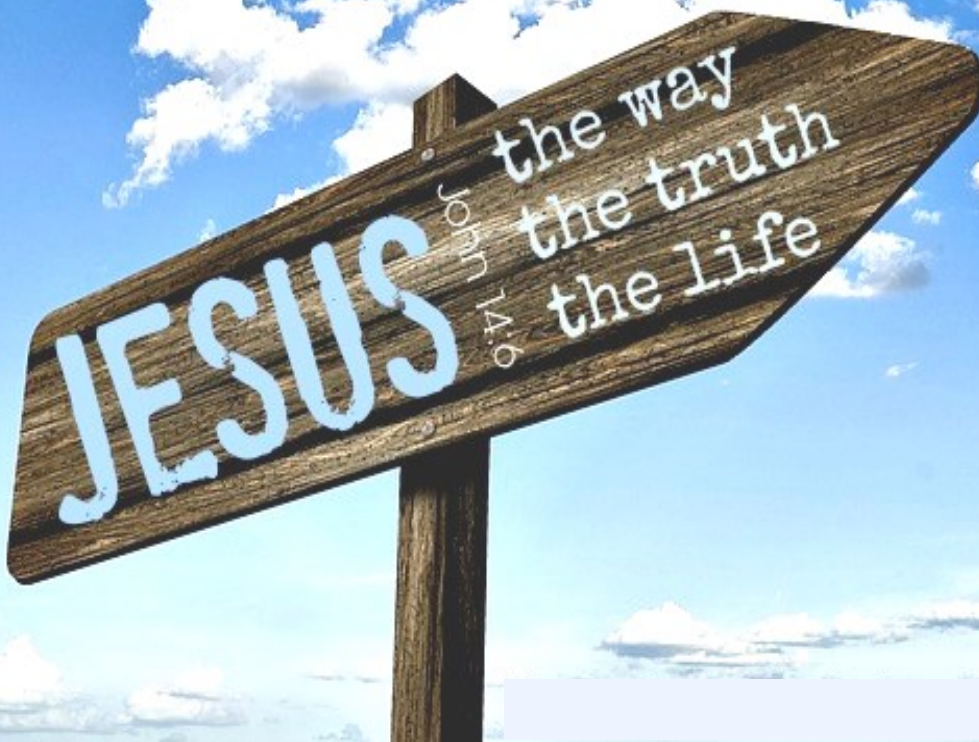




West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



[Devotional Motherhood.com](http://DevotionalMotherhood.com)

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Susan Paisley

One: Praise God, all people! Praise the Lord, all creation!

Many: Whales doing backflips in the air, squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor;

One: Giant redwoods stretching to the sky, tomato vines cuddling around a stake.

Many: Mountains blocking the sunrise, moles tunneling through our front lawns; 5-year-olds sitting in a story-time circle, grandparents singing 'their song.'

One: Redbuds decorating our backyard, grass growing faster than our children; seals getting a suntan on the rocks, teenagers knotted together at church.

Many: Praise the Lord, all creation! Praise God, all people!

*Proclamation Hymn

"Christ Is Alive"

UMH, No. 318

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

**Surprising God,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new.
Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all
social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.
Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Passing of the peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Children's Choir Sings

"You Are Jesus (I Am Yours)" Joan Leaman, Director
Words and music by Ami Sandstrom Shroyer

Moment for All Ages		Karen Hruz
New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 11:1-8</i>	Susan Paisley
*Gospel Lesson	<i>John 21:20-25</i>	Susan Paisley
*Response to the Lesson	<p>One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.</p>	
Anthem	“Beautiful Savior”	Chancel Choir
Sermon	“Personal Jesus, Public Savior”	Pastor Monica
SERVE		
*Hymn of Response	“I Sing The Almighty Power”	UMH, No. 152
Moment of Impact	World Service Fund	Pastor Monica
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 Jim Loving God, you have given us the task to live out our love for one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.	
Gathered Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Sending Forth	“Together We Serve”	TFWS, No. 2115
*Benediction		
*Choral Benediction	“Lead Me, Lord”	Chancel Choir
Postlude	* Please stand as you are able	

New Testament Lesson: *Acts 11:1-8*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’”

Gospel Lesson: *John 21:20-25*

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report April 17, 2016

General Offering: \$5,492.⁶⁰

Building Maintenance Fund: \$185.⁰⁰

**Combined Worship Attendance:
157**

Emergency Groceries YTD: 31 Bags

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$359.⁰⁰

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

Moment of Impact

The people of The United Methodist Church are engaging the world by imitating the ministry of Jesus—and the **World Service Fund** makes our Christian outreach possible.

The UMC is building leaders, like Jesus did. We're sharing his love with those who hunger for it and shepherding those who've already tasted it. Like Jesus, we're ministering among the poor. And we reflect his healing touch as we battle disease and fight to improve global health, all through the World Service Fund.

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.***

**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.

**Youth Rally at Hopewell UMC on Sunday, April 24, 4:00-7:00 p.m.:** Join in for an afternoon of fellowship with other youth at Hopewell UMC in Downingtown. We'll start out with some nerf wars.. eat some dinner.. and hear a message from Todd Waites of how God loves and cares for you. RSVP to Jamie at [jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org)

**R.O.M.E.O. Retired Older Men Eating Out: We will meet on Thursday, April 28** If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. **Call Roger Bates, at 610-869-7638**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

**RAP PLANNING MEETING, APRIL 25TH:** RAP members should save the date to participate in the scheduling of our 2016-2017 Season. **Meet in the Sanctuary at 2 p.m.** with ideas for programs, outings, and feasible ideas/suggestions for our monthly meetings. Please join in the planning for RAP's 20th year celebration!!

**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!



# Annual Spring Rummage Sale

**Set-Up on Thursday, April 28**

**Friday, April 29: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 30: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00

This is a biannual event is pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times.

If you would like to donate gently used clothing and household items, they can be brought to the church during office hours the week before the sale.

**Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning after worship services on Sunday April 24 through Thursday, April 28.** The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

## *WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show*

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**When-Tuesday, April 26h  
Where-The Church Sanctuary  
Art Work On Display from 5:30-  
7:00**

**Bidding on Class Art Projects  
6:00-6:30**

**Children and Parents are  
welcome to join us.  
Light refreshments will be  
available.**



Join us for the WGUMC CMO and Preschool Art Show. Art is such a wonderful way to express yourself and your creativity. Art is a process and we love for the children to be able to express themselves through art. Every child will have art on display in the Sanctuary. Each class has also created two art projects. We will be auctioning off these class projects through a silent auction. The classes have worked really hard on creating these beautiful works of art and we hope that you will see the love and beauty in each of them.



**AVONDALE** Presbyterian Church  
420 Pennsylvania Ave. Avondale, PA 19311

The 8th Annual  
**COMMUNITY HANDBELL  
CONCERT**



**Sunday, April 24, 2016  
3:30pm**

**6 HANDBELL CHOIRS  
en masse in the Great Hall**

A freewill offering will be received  
in thanksgiving for the Great Hall at APC

MORE INFO: 610.268.2919 or visit [www.avondalepc.org](http://www.avondalepc.org)



**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.

See David Delaney, our SPRC chair or Pastor Monica for more details.

**Job Opportunity**

**Oxford United Methodist Church is seeking a college student who would like to serve alongside our pastor this summer to help develop and redevelop our children and youth programming.**

**Goals for our summer intern:**

To lead summer Sunday School for children, with assistance from the pastor and other church members. To develop a high school youth program that can be easily taken over and led by church volunteers at the end of the internship.

**Responsibilities:**

Meet with the pastor weekly. Be present in worship most Sundays. Participate in worship as asked. (There can be an opportunity to preach, if the intern so desires). Plan and lead Summer Sunday School. Help with Vacation Bible School. Meet with high school youth of the church and community, to develop a program that will potentially meet their interests. Hold 2 youth "events" over the summer (these may be outings, gatherings at the church or in the community, service project, etc.). Please contact Pastor Mark Terry at Oxford UMC with your questions and/or interest.



# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 24 ~ Saturday, April 30



**Sunday:** *“Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’” John 21:22.* Jesus calls us personally, cares for us personally, and then, invites us to follow publicly!

**Monday:** *“This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.” John 21: 24.* Testimony is telling stories. What stories of God are you sharing?

**Tuesday:** *“But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” John 21: 25.* God continues to work in our lives, beyond the written scriptures. Prayerfully ask God to open your eyes to God’s movement.

**Wednesday:** *“Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.” Acts 11: 1.* Our God is for all people, not a select few. How are you sharing the good news with all people?

**Thursday:** *“So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’” Acts 11:2-3.* Fellow believers can sometimes be critical. Ask God to open your heart to hear God and not just criticism.

**Friday:** *“Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,” Acts 11:4.* Our faith makes most sense in our lives when others walk with those in understanding. Who in your life is your Peter?

**Saturday:** *“I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” Acts 11:8.* As God spoke to Peter to change his understandings of the law, God will speak to us. Where is God inviting you to do something different?

**THIS WEEK: April 17 through April 24, 2016**

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

**Sunday:**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Children's Choir Sing at Both Services**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#4)  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
**3:30 p.m. Community Handbell Choir at Avondale Presbyterian**  
**4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth Rally at Hopewell UMC**

**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)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. RAP Planning Meeting (Sanc.)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#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)  
 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (#1)  
**5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CMO Art Show (Sanc.)**  
 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

**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 Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-**1:30 p.m.** CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
**After Noon Rummage Sale Set-Up**  
 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:**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale**  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

**Saturday:**

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)  
**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Rummage Sale**  
 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**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)

# 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 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  
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)  
Aaron Hairston (Hruz)  
James Hampton (Hampton)  
Chris Hecht (Mullen)  
Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd)  
Jimmy Hunt  
Bill Lilley



Neva Luttman (Miller)  
Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)  
Ellen McCahon (Hruz)  
Alan Michaels (Michaels)  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Tim Mullen  
Ed O'Brien  
Hazel Owens (Hampton)  
James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
Rick Renzulli  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Vinnie Runicski  
Roann Schneider  
Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Lorrie Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
Family of Dave Yale (Murphy)  
Christina Yates (Stryjewski)

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**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Ushers—11:00**

**Greeters—11:00**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

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

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**Sunday School Roamers**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, April 24**

Carolyn Barrett and Tim Bushnell  
John and Carol McGinley  
Laura Featherston and Vernon Ramberger  
Kay Yates and Open  
Michelle LeStourgeon / Madeline Jones  
J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/J. Leaman  
Amy Castaldi / **No CW**  
Joan Leaman  
John McGinley  
Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
Karen Hruz  
The Covingtons / Linda Peirson  
Dave Talley and Denise Byers  
B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, May 1**

Open and Open  
Carolyn Bratton and Karen Hruz  
Open and Open  
Open and Open  
Open and Open  
H. McCummings/K. Smith/A. Castaldi  
Open and Open  
Maryanne Covington  
Mark Simonds  
Karen Boyd  
Julie Hughes  
Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "Let The Praises Ring" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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*First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Mighty To Save" PraiseWorks Band  
"Shout To The Lord"

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Children's Choir Sings** "You Are Jesus (I Am Yours)" Joan Leaman, Director  
Words and music by Ami Sandstrom Shroyer

**Moment For All Ages** Karen Hruz

**New Testament Lesson** Acts 11:1-8 John McGinley

**\*Gospel Lesson** John 21:20-25 John McGinley

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** "Personal Jesus, Public Savior" Pastor Monica

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** **World Service Fund** Pastor Monica

**Offering** "My Savior, My God" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "Lord, Reign In Me" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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