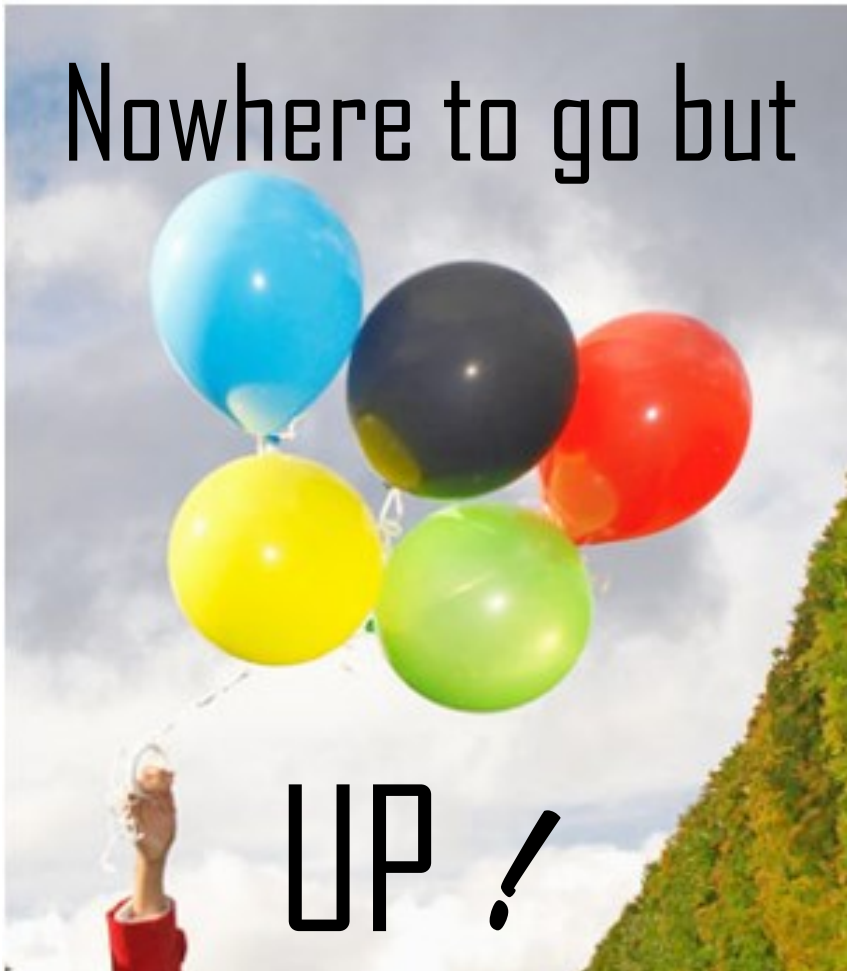




West Grove United Methodist Church

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***Ascension Sunday
All Worship Sunday
Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, June 2, 2019***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or members, let us know you were here!

*Proclamation Hymn

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

UMH No. 155

Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Janis Schrader

One: As we gather in praise, the power of Jesus is in this place.

Many: **We wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

One: God of Wonders, show us your presence.

Many: **Let our voices join together in prayer.**

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

Everliving God, on this Ascension Sunday, let us set our minds to heavenly ways.

The eternal Christ who once walked the earth, confined by time and space, now

dwells in heaven. Give us faith to discern across time and place, the divine

presence of Christ is over all things and fills all things,

even Jesus Christ, our ascended Lord, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Janis Schrader

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53

Janis Schrader

*Response to the Lesson

Janis Schrader

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

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

Anthem

"I Will Keep My Eyes On You"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Nowhere to Go But UP! "

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

"Up From The Grave He Arose"

UMH No. 322

Moment of Impact

Sustainability Survey Results

Richie Musser

Offering

*Offertory Response	<i>“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	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
	God of blessings and abundance, you pour out ample gifts upon us. As Jesus ascended, you promised the Holy Spirit would be with us always. Let us not stand looking at the sky, instead let our feet be moved to action. As we offer our tithes, may we dedicate our time and talents also. Let our lives be an offering to you, we pray, Amen.	
*Invitation		Pastor Jim
Prayer of Confession (Unison)		Pastor Jim
	Risen Savior, we know the promise of your return. However, we have failed to notice that you are already at work. We have failed to see your peace at work when communities come together and make changes to welcome the stranger, visit the sick, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to advocate for the homeless, and to care for the lonely. We have stood watching others and hoped someone else would get involved. We have failed to watch for opportunities that you are giving us to participate in the work of justice happening in community centers, in peacemaking efforts, in rallies and protests, and in the hands of volunteers in our schools. Instead, sometimes we’ve focused on how hard it is, or the rejection we have faced, instead of seeing the work you are doing despite what the world says. Holy One, you are at work all around us but at times all we do is despair. Help us to shed our doubts and fears and cling to living hope found in you, our resurrected Savior. Let us look up, we pray.	
	(Moment of Silence)	
Words of Assurance		Pastor Jim
The Great Thanksgiving (Insert)		Pastor Monica & Pastor Jim
	<i>All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake. You will also find a basket at the back of the sanctuary for Emergency Aid giving.</i>	
The Lord’s Prayer (Unison, Insert)		Pastor Monica
Communion Song	<i>“I Come With Joy ”</i>	UMH No. 617
Prayer After Receiving (Unison, Insert)		Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Sending Forth	<i>“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”</i>	UMH No. 715
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
*Choral Benediction	<i>“The Lord Bless You And Keep You”</i>	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 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.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Report May 26, 2019

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

*Combined Worship Attendance: 126
General Offering : \$ 8,369.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$1150
Emergency Groceries YTD: 135 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 616.75*

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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.

Welcome, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS 2019—To Mars and Beyond will be held on July 15-19. **Registration IS NOW OPEN!** To register visit our website at www.westgroveumc.org

PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: June 9th is Pentecost! We will be welcoming our confirmands into full membership and celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit!

GRADUATES: If you are celebrating the graduation of a high school, college, technical school, masters, or other educational milestone, we want to celebrate with you and offer blessing! On June 16 in worship we will be celebrating our graduates in both services. Please share with Melanie Hartley by **June 12th**, so we can plan appropriately.

URBAN PROMISE STREET LEADERS MEALS - How can I serve? Volunteers are needed to support meals for the UrbanPromise Street Leader Training. We provide meals for training, which takes place at The Barn at the Vineyard Church on June 14th and 15th. Specifically, we need volunteers for the following: June 14—meal preparers in the kitchen the afternoon; meal deliverers, servers, and clean up; June 15—volunteers to pick up and deliver breakfast and lunch. Please contact Melanie Hartley if you can help in any way.

BLESSINGS FOR MERRY WILLS: We give thanks for Merry Wills serving as our Church Sexton. We offer her blessings as she has found full time employment. Her last day was Friday, May 31st.

BLESSINGS FOR KIM NUZZACI: We give thanks for Kim Nuzzaci serving as our Administrative Assistant. We offer her blessings as she explores her gifts in graphic design. Her last day was Friday, May 31st.

POSTING FOR A CHURCH SEXTON: We are hiring for a church sexton (custodian). This role is 12 hours a week with some flexibility. If you are interested, please send your resume and interest to staffing@westgroveumc.com. Applications will be considered upon receipt.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: We are currently reading Hannah Hurnard – *“Hinds’ Feet in High Places.”* Although the book was written in the 1960’s it is profoundly relevant to our walk with Christ today. One of the most interesting aspects of the book is that the names of the characters reflect their personality. God does not promise our walk to be without challenges, but He does promise to always be with us. Please join us in the library – book or no book—for lively conversation and Christian fellowship.

THIS WEEK: June 2 through June 9, 2019

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

Ascension Sunday

All Worship Sunday / Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir Counters (#2) Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)
Monday:	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:	4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #447 (#8, 10) Tech Team Meeting (#1) Trustees Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Ministerium (West Grove UMC) Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
Thursday:	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Music Practice (#6) Daisy Troop #4990 (#12) Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10) Piano Recital—W. Colagreco (Sanc.)

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

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Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today
are in memory of Bill Mowery.

Given by Linda Shiplet

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for June: Missions Mission Prayer Focus for June: Good Neighbors

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Annette (Howard)
Helen Carlin
Family of Delbert
Covington
Dee Crawford
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Bill Fili (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Pastor Monica
Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Pat Heist
Bob Herb (Shiplet)
Muff Hurst
Peg Kent
Dave McClain
Margee Michaels
Peggy Mowrer
Katie Mullen (Mullen)
Tim Mullen



Betty Mundell
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Messiah College Mission
Trip to Guatemala (Howard)
Michael Raineri
Wayne Reifler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Family of Kathy Schaeffer (Murphy)
Doug Schwartz (Mullen)
Joan Smead (Wolff)
Family of Chip Smedley
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Jeannie Sullivan
Mary Sharp (RAP)
Tommy (Simmons)
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Tyler Brady—Middle East (Minnick)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Nathaniel Howard,
Quantico VA
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)
Dalton Wolfe
U.S. Marine Corps
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u><i>This Sunday, June 2</i></u>	<u><i>Next Sunday, June 9</i></u>
Ushers—8:30	TBD	Fred Sullivan
Greeters—8:30	TBD	TBD
Ushers—11:00	Linda Peirson	Ed Tolmie / Christy Robinson
Greeters—11:00	TBD	Esther Culbertson
Communion 8:30/11:00	F. Sullivan, C. McGinley, C. Barrett, J. Mundell, B. Mundell / J. Mundell, S. Paisley, T. Hoover, C. Hoover Wesley Boyd / Clarissa Robinson	N/A
Acolyte 8:30/11:00		Colton McCummings / Jacob Rinehimer
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	TBD / C. Bratton / J. Leaman	A. Castaldi / K. Hruz / P. Fulton
C. Worship—8:30/11	TBD / TBD	TBD / TBD
Lay Reader—8:30	Karen Hruz	Mark Simonds
Liturgist—11:00	Janis Schrader	Sandy Deckard
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Confirmants
Prayer Room 8:30/11	Carolyn Bratton / Sandi Hampton	Carol McGinley / TBD
Roamers	Amy Castaldi	Cindy Haley
Hospitality 8:30/11	L. Shiplet, K. Smith, K. Underwood / The Stuhrikes	The Smiths / The Stuhrikes
Counters	Kapp-Benner / Bowers	Kapp-Benner / Talley
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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*Celebration Set

*"Reaching for You"
"How Great is Our God"*

PraiseWorks Band

*Passing of the Peace (Responsive)

PraiseWorks Band

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Karen Hruz

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Communion Song

"Come To The Table Of Grace"

PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison, insert)

Pastor Jim

*Closing Song

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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