



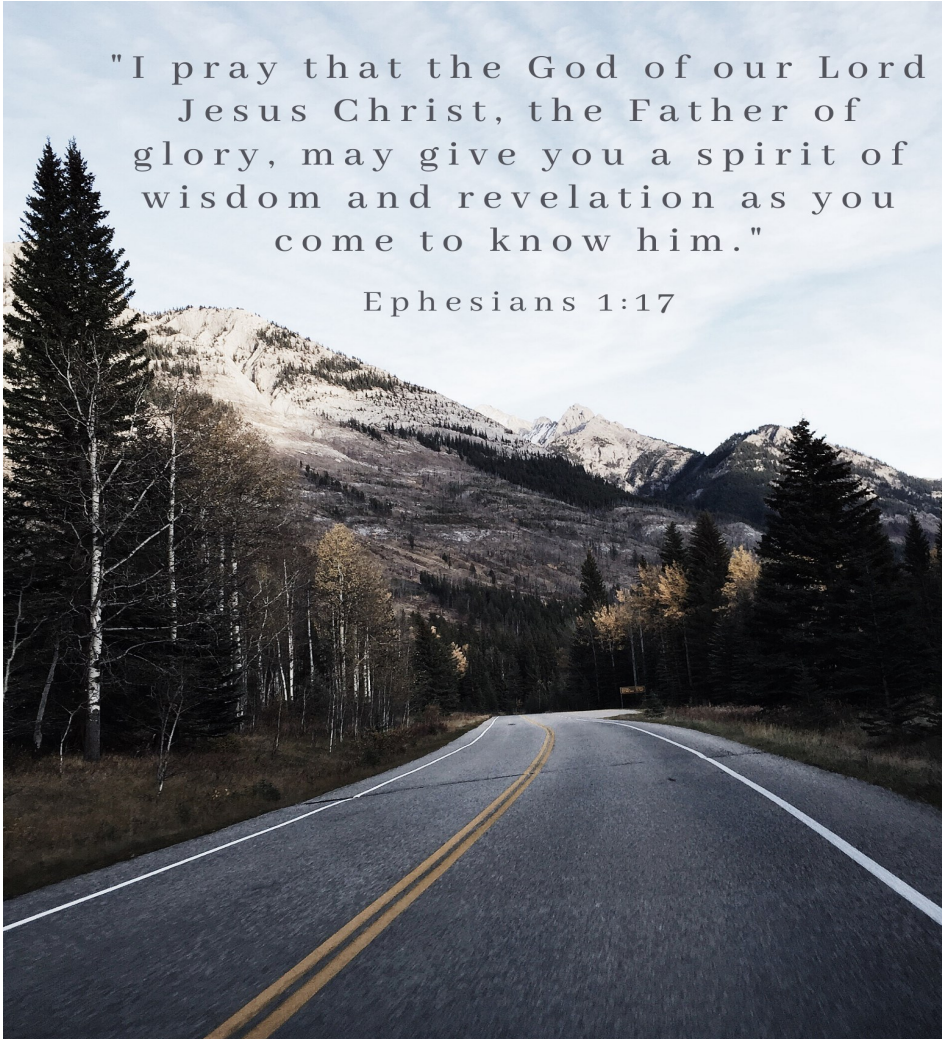
West Grove United Methodist Church

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"I pray that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of
glory, may give you a spirit of
wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him."

Ephesians 1:17



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.

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

Opening Hymn

"How Firm A Foundation"

UMH No. 529, Vv. 1, 2, 5

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Pastor Monica

One: Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus and we say to you today:

Many: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and your love for one another. So, I do not stop giving thanks to God for you. We can see the power of God at work in those who believe, and the power of Christ is evident around us.

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

**Holy God, whose power and majesty fill the universe,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts as we seek wisdom and revelation.**

**Bless the works of our hands
that we may live as the body of Christ,
onward through the ages.**

**May our lives be the sign-acts of God's grace in the world,
we pray, Amen.**

Praise Song

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

PraiseWorks Mini

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

New Testament Lesson

Ephesian 1:15-23

Christy Robinson

Special Music

"Be Still"

Mel Leaman

*Gospel Lesson

John 21:15-19

David Bohnsack

*Response to the Lesson

Pastor Monica

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"In The Meantime: Onward"

Pastor Monica

Song of Response

"One"

PraiseWorks Mini

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Graduates

Pastor Monica

Offering

Pastor Monica

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Monica

God of Glory and Majesty, we have seen your glory in Christ, for it shines in our lives through the faithful who have walked with us on this journey. In seeing Christ's glory in them, we have seen you. As we bring our gifts to you, remind us that the world will not see you and your glory unless they see it in each of us. Remind us as we move through each day that all around us are your children who are desperately searching for a glimpse of your holy presence and love. May they see it in us today. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

"A Charge To Keep Have I"

UMH No. 413

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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

MOMENT OF IMPACT *Graduates Prayer of Blessing*

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.

New Testament Lesson: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Lesson: *John 21:15-19*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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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 God's name.

Welcome, one and all!

Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

IN PRAYER The prayer ministry team has been praying at 7pm each night. We pray for protection and health and wellbeing for each other, for the church, for our community, our nation and our world that has been upended. Set an alarm for 7pm to pause for prayer.

CUL DE SAC Concert is a weekly concert series live streamed from a cul-de-sac near you. We are entertaining neighbors and benefiting local food banks, all from a socially acceptable distance. This week, our food pantry is the beneficiary. Tune in for great music and help out our food pantry! Check it out on our Facebook page!

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 20-24, 2020 If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Melanie Hartley know! Save the dates for VBS and look for registration information to open in March. Check our website at www.westgroveumc.org

PENTECOST is May 31st. We want your voice or picture to share the Good News! For Pentecost, we will be sharing scripture in an exciting way! Email Pastor Monica to participate. Plan to wear your red for Pentecost on the May 31st

WE NEED YOU HELP! Don't tell dad! Send a picture of your father or someone who has been like a dad to you by June 1st to pastor@westgroveumc.org. Join us in worship on June 21st as we celebrate all those who have fathers, are fathers, are like fathers Let's share those pictures and memories together as we give thanks to God.

OneRunTogether's Virtual Creamery Hustle 5K/10K Race will be held between **7am and 7pm on Saturday, June 6th**. Since we are not able to run together due to Covid-19, we are taking it to the trails, roads, and treadmills. All runners and walkers that register receive a Carvel ice cream voucher, with top prizes being Penn State Creamery ice cream!

FOOD PANTRY: We give thanks to God for your generosity to the food pantry. We are serving more families every week. What is most needed? See below. You can drop off your items **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9– noon** in the shopping cart by the office. Also, if you could use help this season, please come on **Thursdays between 4-6pm** for food.

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| • Peanut Butter and Jelly | • Rice |
| • Soup | • Diaper and Wipes (kids and disinfecting) |
| • Canned fruits and Vegetables | • Tissues |
| • Canned beans | • Paper Towels and toilet paper |
| • Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta needed) | • Cleaning products |

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from May 15, 2020

General Offering: \$ 2,561

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 0

Emergency Groceries YTD: 683 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,728.73

Family Promise Assistance : \$1,955.00

THIS WEEK: May 17th through May 24th, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am– 12:0pm~~
The church is open for essential business only. Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Facebook Live)
	10:30 a.m.		Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.		Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.		Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.		Youth Group (via Zoom)
Monday:	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Tuesday:	6:00 p.m.		Vacation Bible School planning (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	7:00 p.m.		SPRC (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.		Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	6:30 p.m.		Parent and Family Check in (via Zoom)
Thursday:	11:00 a.m.		Chapel Time (Facebook Live: Preschool Group)
	1-6:00 p.m.		DCOM (St. Matthews UMC)
	4:00 p.m.		Food Pantry Distribution
	2:45 p.m.		Video & Bible Study for youth (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	7:00 p.m.		Choir Gathering (via Zoom)
	8:00 p.m.		Praise Band Gathering (via Zoom)
Friday	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.		Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

	Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Facebook Live)
	10:30 a.m.		Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.		Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.		Youth Group (via Zoom)

Please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/westgroveumc for more information.

You can also call in to Sunday service: Please use this phone number:

1 (929) 436 2866 meeting id: 572-438-033 password: 30019390

Please join us for worship at www.facebook.com/westgroveumc. You do not need Facebook to worship. Click on the link or type it into your web browser. Best of all, God is with us!

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 May: United Methodist Women
Mission Prayer Focus for May: The Les Family in the Ukraine

Family of Linda Alexis (Saller)

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)

Glenn Allen (Mundell)

Helen Carlin

Marilyn Churchhill

Joann Coates

Florence Combs (Combs)

Dee Crawford

Ian & Cindy Currie (Lytle)

Family of Jen Donnelly (Simmons)

Family of Patricia Dean Duvall

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Mary Finn (Mullen)

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

John Gorman (McGinley)

Ellen Hayes

TJ Hess (Hruz)

Peg Kent

Suzanne Krebel (Hurst)

Gordon Maule (Phillips)

Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)

Laura Minnick



Peggy Mowrer

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Vivian Paisley

Nancy Pearo (Heist)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Joan Saller

Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)

Charlie Smith (B. Smith)

Reed & Joyce Smith

Family of Ida Belle Snyder (Peirson)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp

Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
Norway

Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC

(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine Corps

Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Sunday.

A/V Production Team:

PowerPoint, & Video Production: Keith Schneider

Audio:

Matt Simmonds

Camera:

Alisabeth Guepet

Music Director:

(virtual) Betsy Smith

PraiseWorks Mini:

(virtual) Joan and Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith

Moment for All Ages:

(video) Melanie Hartley

Lay Reader:

(video) Christy Robinson

Gospel Reader:

(video) David Bohnsack

Online Engagement Host:

(virtual) Melanie Hartley

If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, liturgist, or other part of worship in a virtual way, please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org).

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, May 17 ~ Saturday, May 23, 2020

Sunday: *"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason."* Ephesians 1:15. As graduates of colleges and universities are graduating, join us in lifting them up in prayer. Pray that this time be a rooting of faith and growing in love. We pray God's abundant blessings on the next steps in the journey.

Monday: *"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."* Ephesians 1:16. Who are you giving thanks for today? Who is a part of your faith story? Who shared with you the matchless name of Jesus Christ? Give thanks to God for them. Ask God's continued blessings upon them.

Tuesday: *"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,"* Ephesians 1:17. As high school seniors finish their final year of high school, join us in praying for their wisdom in the next steps. In this unique time, we pray for wisdom and revelation that each one may know Jesus the Christ.

Wednesday: *"so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,"* Ephesians 1:18. The hope to which God calls each one of us is onward to our glorious inheritance, both here and now, as well as then and there. May God grant you hope to fill your days, even when your moments find challenge.

Thursday: *"and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."* Ephesians 1:19. Consider that the power of God has only been glimpsed by the miraculous and wondrous works. Depend on the working of God to demonstrate the glory of God through God's power in time to come.

Friday: *"God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come."* Ephesians 1:20-21. Where have you seen the power of Jesus Christ in your life? Where have you seen the compelling movement of God to continue onward in the face of dominion and trial?

Saturday: *"And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."* Ephesians 1: 22-23. God is all in all. Are you anxious and concerned? Are their situations that fill you with dread and fear? Our Lord and Savior will care for you. Give it to him.