



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 28, 2020**

# 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Janice

*Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.  
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

**Song of Gathering**      “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”      PraiseWorks Mini

**\* Unison Call to Worship** (Written by Nancy Townley)      Pastor Janice

**Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.**

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;**

**now we have been found and welcomed home.**

**Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.**

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

**Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love. AMEN!**

**Hymn of Praise**      “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”      UMH No. 121

**\*Opening Prayer**      Pastor Janice

**Gathering God, like a mother hen you have drawn us near.**

**Tucking us into safe places, even in the face of danger,  
you have cared for us.**

**You have gone out and searched for us like a lost coin.**

**Your love knows no bounds.**

**May we be strengthened in the safety of your sanctuary  
to embody this life for others.**

**Open us to hear your call for evangelism and justice,  
hope and compassion to give and share with others  
today, we pray, Amen.**

## GROW

**Moment for All Ages**      Melanie Hartley

**Old Testament Lesson**      *Psalms 32*      David Bohnsack

**\*Gospel Lesson**      *Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32*      Joan Leaman

**Response to the Lesson**      Joan Leaman

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

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

**Special Music**      “The Father’s Son”      Mel Leaman & Betsy Smith  
Written by Mel Leaman

SERVE

Moment of Impact	Apportionments	Pastor Janice
Offering		Pastor Janice
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Janice
Gracious God, your hospitality has surrounded us and welcomed us, even when we only grudgingly extended hospitality to sisters and brothers who are also your children. May we grow each day in our willingness to be welcoming disciples, not just to those who look like us, talk like us, or think like us. May our offering this morning be received not just in gratitude for your hospitality, but as our way to extend comfort and welcome to those for whom your love is a mystery. We pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Janice
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Janice
Song of Sending	“Your Grace Is Enough”	PraiseWorks Mini
*Benediction		Pastor Janice
*Postlude		
• = Please stand as you are able <b>Bold Print = Say in unison</b>		

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Apportionments

Every local church/charge sends at least one clergy and one lay person to their annual conference session. General Conference delegates are elected. Members from Every church/charge vote on which clergy and laypersons should represent them at General Conference. General Conference sets mission goals and budget for UMC. For the upcoming four years, what are the goals we want for the global UMC, and what will it cost to achieve them? Every Annual Conference get a fair share of the global budget. Our General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) determines how much is apportioned to each conference based on a formula that includes factors like membership, economics, etc. Annual Conference includes its share of the Global UMC mission in their conference budget proposal. Your conference has goals for mission and prepares a budget to support those goals; included is the apportioned share of the budget for the Global UMC. Conference budget is approved at annual session. Members from every church/charge have the opportunity to examine, question and debate before they vote on a conference mission and budget they believe their church can support.

Each church receives a faire share portion of the conference budget. Your conference Council on Finance & Administration uses a formula—approved at an annual conference session—to determine each local church/charge’s faire share portion of Conference budget. This amount is included in your local church budget, which allows your church to make an impact locally, across the conference and around the world.

## Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 32*

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy  
upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat  
of summer. Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I  
did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to  
the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer  
to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty  
waters shall not reach them.  
You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of  
deliverance. Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way  
you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without  
understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit  
and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who  
trust in the Lord.  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## Gospel Lesson: *Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

# 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 God's name.*

Welcome, one and all!

Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org) Email us at [info@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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.

**VBS SAVE THE DATE:** July 20-24, 2020 Compassion Camp: Be Loved, Kind, Be You. If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Melanie Hartley know! Registration at <https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/westgroveumc2020>

**PASTOR TIM WILL BE IN THE PULPIT ON JULY 5TH!** Please be sure to tune in to the live streaming service. Please go to **Facebook.com/westgroveumc** and scroll down for our worship service at 9:30 a.m.

**WELCOME PASTOR TIM WITH YOUR OWN SHORT VIDEO.** You can start now on VidHugs by typing in this link to your browser! <https://app.vidhug.com/welcome-pastor-tim-and-julie/BkJelc16I/record> Look for info through your Constant Contact emails, our website and in the July Newsletter!

**FOOD PANTRY: Our Food Pantry is still going strong!** Last week we were able to help over 25 families providing 75 bags of groceries. We are down from our high point of over 60 families, but the need in our community is still great. With your generosity and our collaboration with our community partners, we are feeding our neighbors, discovering their need for rental and utility assistance, and disseminating information about public health. We can also store and distribute fresh produce and proteins. As your garden grows, consider sharing with the food pantry. If you have eggs, consider sharing some with your neighbors. Neighbors feeding and caring for neighbors is at the heart of our ministry. Serving God and God's people is our mission. . 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.

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Soup, Bean (canned and dried)
- Canned fruits and Vegetables
- Tortillas, Rice, Spaghetti Sauce
- Diaper and Wipes (kids and disinfecting)
- Paper Products (Paper Towels , napkins and toilet paper, tissues)
- Cleaning products, Wipes

## **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

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

## **Report from June 26, 2020**

General Offering: \$ —

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ —

Emergency Groceries YTD: 1,280 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,728.73

Family Promise Assistance : \$1,955.00

## THIS WEEK: June 28th through July 5th, 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.**

### **Forth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sunday:**           **9:30 a.m.**                           **Worship (Facebook Live)**  
                  10:30 a.m.                       Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)

### **Family Promise hosting off-site, we are providing meals Monday through Sunday**

**Monday:**       7:00 p.m.                       Daily Prayer (Where you are)

**Tuesday:**     9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.   Musical Recordings (Sanctuary)  
                  7:00 p.m.                       Daily Prayer (Where you are)

**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m.                       Daily Prayer (Where you are)

**Thursday:**   2:45 p.m.                       Youth Video Study (via Zoom)  
                  4:00 p.m.                       Food Pantry Distribution  
                  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**       **Church Office Closed in Observation of Independence Day**  
                  7:00 p.m.                       Daily Prayer (Where you are)

**Saturday:**    7:00 p.m.                       Daily Prayer (Where you are)

### **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

#### **Pastor Tim's First Sunday**

**Sunday:**           **9:30 a.m.**                           **Worship (Facebook Live)**  
                  10:30 a.m.                       Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)

Please contact Donna Fackler ([office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@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](http://www.westgroveumc.org), our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://www.facebook.com/westgroveumc) for more information.

Please join us for worship at [www.facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://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**

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)  
 Glenn Allen (Mundell)  
 Family of JoAnn Bates  
 John Boyd  
 Helen Carlin  
 Marilyn Churchill  
 Joann Coates  
 Florence Combs (Combs)  
 Family of Peg Cook  
 Dee Crawford  
 Linda Eyster (Combs)  
 Family of Edna Farmer  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Mary Finn (Mullen)  
 Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)  
 Ellen Hayes  
 Baby Evelyn Herrera  
 TJ Hess (Hruz)  
 Karen Hruz  
 Peg Kent  
 Gordon Maule (Phillips)



Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)  
 Laura Minnick  
 Family of Peggy Mowrer  
 Betty Mundell  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Family of Phillip Onderdonk (Kuch)  
 Family of Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Family of Nick Plotnikoff (Kuch)  
 Family of Bruce Poff (Kuch)  
 Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
 Michael Raineri  
 Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Rich and Joan Saller  
 Reed Smith  
 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**

Video Production:	Keith Schneider
PowerPoint:	Mike Duvall
Audio:	Matt Simmonds
Camera:	—
Officiating:	(Live) Janice Bowers
Liturgist:	(Video) David Bohnsack
Lay Reader:	(Video) Joan Leaman
Music Director:	(Live) Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Mini:	(Live) Bill Ditzel, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	(video) Melanie Hartley
Online Engagement Host:	(virtual) Melanie Hartley

# **Meditations For Your Week**

## **Sunday, June 28~ Saturday, July 4, 2020**

**Sunday:** *“Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.” Luke 15: 1.* Jesus was first and foremost a teacher. People came to hear him. Listen to the stories of Jesus. Parables are invitations into God’s sacred future that we are supposed to make happen.

**Monday:** *“Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. “Luke 15: 11.* Pray for parents who are raising children. May they be filled with wisdom and humility to raise godly children who seek a path of curiosity and dependence on God’s ways.

**Tuesday:** *“ Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.” Luke 15: 25-26.* Consider that sibling rivalry is recorded in the biblical witness. Many of us are familiar with the concept. Pray for siblings as they compare themselves to one another. May a spirit of cooperation be known in the families.

**Wednesday:** *“But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.” Luke 15: 27-29.* Where do you find yourself in the voice of the older brother as he expresses frustration as the father showers love on the prodigal son? Where is God inviting you ask for forgiveness and welcome the prodigal back yourself?

**Thursday:** *“But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Luke 15: 30.* The cry of the indignant can cloud our vision to love and compassion. The cry of unrighteous rage can keep us from seeing God’s movement. What anger do you need to let go of today?

**Friday:** *“Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. Luke 15: 31.* Consider that we have sometimes taken for granted God, and we have gotten comfortable. God is giving us all that God has! Pray for a heart to receive God’s generosity and a spirit to respond.

**Saturday:** *“But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” Luke 15: 32.* God’s grace is bigger than our imagination. God’s mercy is wider than the sea. Soak in the grace and mercy of God whose love is encompassing.