




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Beloved, let us love one
another, for love is of
God; and everyone who
loves has been born of
God, and knows God.

1 John 4:7 (WEB)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

*Welcome! We are Open and In-Person! No reservation is needed.
You are welcome to join us on YouTube as well.*

*Call to Worship (Based On the Song, Graves Into Gardens, by Brandon Lake)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Lord, we search the world, but it can never, ever fill us;

**People: humanity's empty praise and all the treasures that fade are never,
ever enough!**

Leader: Then you came along and put us back together, and every desire is now
satisfied, here in your love!

People: Oh Lord, our God, there is nothing better than you!

Leader: So we are not afraid to show our weakness our failures and flaws

**People: And how much we need you and each other, for you see it all, and
you still call us friend**

Leader: You, the God of the mountain, are the God of the valley! Turn our
mourning to dancing!

**People: Give beauty to the ashes! Turn the graves into gardens! For you are
the only one who can! Lord there is nothing better than you! May we
sing our praise!**

*Opening Song

“Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)”

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Based on the Song Graves Into Gardens, by Brandon Lake)

Pastor Tim

**Precious Lord, you are the God of the mountain and the God of the valley;
we turn to you once more to open our hearts,**

knowing that we always need you and the fellowship only you can provide.

Our lives have been very challenged, especially this past year.

We seek your grace and strength to help us live fully,

knowing there is nothing, no one better than you.

Turn our mourning into dancing; give your beauty for ashes;

take our shame and transform it into your glory and mercy;

for you are the only one who can.

Turn the seas that overwhelm us, into highways.

**As you look deeply into our hearts, and see our failures and flaws,
our weakness and fears, continue to be our Friend, our Lord and Savior.**

May we live in the vision you have generously lifted up to us in Christ.

Turn our graves into gardens; bring new life to our lives and community,

**and empower us to be a great blessing to others.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson	<i>1 John 4:7-21</i>	Pastor Tim
Response to the Lesson		Pastor Tim
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		
Meditation	“Holding Healthy Love in Balance”	Pastor Tim
Hymn	“In The Garden”	UMH No. 89
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
*Hymn	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	UMH No. 314
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		
Anthem	“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”	Chancel Choir <i>by Pepper Choplin</i>
	<i>Scripture References: 1 John 4;7-8, 5:43-48, John 15:9-17</i>	
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Love”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		

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

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



PRAYER BEAD GARDEN FUNDRAISING RESUMES!

The Prayer Bead Garden has been a long time coming to fruition. It started with a bead and a prayer, became a passion in the hearts of many members in the congregation, was taken on as a mission by Susan Paisley and, after many, many months, grew into a garden. It still has a long way to go to become the vision in the plan. It is all landscaping now. Please be generous with your donations to complete this wonderful place of prayer and meditation. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, if you would like to make a donation, please be sure to designate Prayer Bead Garden in the memo section of your check or note it on the envelope. Please contact Susan Paisley with your questions.

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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

COPIES OF YOUR MAY NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY AND ADMIN WING OF THE CHURCH.

Bible Study/Sunday School: Towards the second half of May, I am looking forward to begin offering a time of fellowship in Bible study during the week, and/or also during the Sunday school hour, when we will study the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount together. Rev. Jim Mundell is also looking forward to offering additional Bible studies in the next month. We look forward to renewing our fellowship, our friendships and the deepening of our faith together and invite you to join us. Several other studies are also possible this summer. We will share more details in our bulletins, e-mails, and website. Please contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Jim with you interest in participating.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: JULY 19-23! VBS is back in person this year! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details and guidelines for registration.

LET'S CELEBRATE! See how God has been at work in the past year! Go behind the scenes to learn how various WGUMC ministries adapted during the pandemic. Hear from those who persisted through the challenges and how they were blessed in unexpected ways. Watch for this series of brief videos in the coming months. Join us in viewing the first one; **it celebrates the Tech Team!** [Click Here!](#) And feel free to write a note of thanks for this ministry in the comment section on YouTube.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE: We are moving our worship service live stream from Facebook to YouTube. **Get Ready** [Subscribe](#) to our channel today by [CLICKING HERE](#), or by searching YouTube for "West Grove (PA) United Methodist Church". Click the "All" notifications bell to receive live notifications. Recordings of all services since March 2020 are already posted, and also to our website under Watch & Read – [Weekly Sermons](#).

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS DONATIONS OF THE MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS. Our Food Pantry continues to serve approximately 25+ families each week on Thursdays from 5:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are opportunities to serve if you would be interested (i.e. sorting donated foods, bagging items for distribution, distributing to families on Thursdays). Below is a list of most desired/needed foods if you would like to donate.

Cereal, Corn Tortillas, Canned soup, Vegetable oil, Canned vegetables, Canned tomatoes, Eggs (please place in the church refrigerators and label for food pantry) Other food items are gratefully accepted. If they require refrigeration or freezing, please mark that they are for the food pantry. Donations of plastic and paper bags would be greatly appreciated.

Just an idea: For those who have their groceries delivered at home, but would like to donate to the church, perhaps have a delivery made directly to the church?

What's going on at West Grove UMC? There is much going on at church! Food pantry, Mighty Writers food and essentials distributions, CMO Preschool, Zoom and in-person meetings, a Bible study and music practices to name a few. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc. www.westgroveumc.org

THIS WEEK: May 2, 2021 through May 9, 2021

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other
mediums for nonessential business.**

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Wherever you are)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Youth Group
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) Tech Team Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time Trustees Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Ministerium CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) WGUMC Food Pantry
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REV. DR. MEL LEAMAN PREACHING

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Youth Group
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Please note that Pastor Tim is on vacation from May 8th through May 16th. If you have pastoral care needs, please notify Pastor Jim Mundell.

Please contact Donna Fackler (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 OPEN and no reservations are needed! Please join us for In-Person worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Virtual worship is available on our own YouTube channel by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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 and Mission Prayer Focus for May: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Joe Carberry
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Joyce Flowers
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Jim Helsel (Stewart)
Baby Evelyn Herrera
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Karen Hruz
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)
Kathy Kase (Fackler)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
Steve May
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)



Laura Minnick
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Darlene Murphy
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Linda Peirson
Marlene Potter (Rubincan)
Dick Price
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Roxanne Shane
Linda Shiplet
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Fernando Tena
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)
Steve Williamson (Heist)
John Wills (Wills)
Jacob Yoder (Wills)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—USA (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from April 18 & 25, 2021

General Offering: \$6,580
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$265
Food Pantry Families Served: 16
Easter Offering Total: \$510.00

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Christian Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Remote Video Editing:	Keith Schneider
Officiating:	Pastor Tim Pastor Jim
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Bill Ditzel, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Hymn Vocalists:	Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Chancel Choir:	Sandy Deckard, Margee Michaels, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Dick Price, Vicki Owens, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley