



West Grove United Methodist Church

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WOMEN^{OF}FAITH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY
May 9, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

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

*Opening Song

“Consuming Fire”

PraiseWorks Band

*Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: Come to the very Breath of Life.

People: In God we live, and move, and have our being.

Leader: Come to the Light of the World.

People: Even the tiniest of lights shines through the dark.

Leader: Come to The Door that leads to life.

**People: Give us courage to walk through those that open to unsettling
service and uncomfortable relationships.**

Leader: Come to the Good Shepherd.

**People: When we are unsettled by life and our souls are thirsty, lead us
beside still waters.**

Leader: Come to The Love that will not let you go.

People: We sing our thanks for all the ways that love has touched our lives.

*Song of Thanksgiving

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH No. 102

*Opening Prayer (by Mya Angelou)

Pastor Jim

**Father, Mother, God,
Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days.**

For then we have you to lean upon.

**Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.**

**And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able
to celebrate you and our families and our friends.**

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.

**For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls
of tenderness.**

**For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.
For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.
For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.**

**Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance,
we ask you to give to all the
world that which we need most—Peace.**

Song

“The River/Come On Down”

PraiseWorks Band

Words and music by Jeff Pardo and Jordan Feliz (incorporating the traditional American song, “Down To the River to Pray”)

Meditations

Reader: Joan Leaman
Reflections by Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

Our First Story for Reflection

Scripture: *Exodus 1:15-21; 2:1-10*

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiprah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. *Exodus 2* - Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Reflection I: She dares to be a subversive promise keeper and peacemaker.

Hymn

"Here, I Am Lord"

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Our Second Story for Reflection

Scripture: *Luke 8:42-48*

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Reflection II: She holds audacious faith that goes beyond shame.

Our Third Story for Reflection

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Reflection III: She knows what is needed and speaks out; does what needs done.

Hymn

“Here, I Am Lord”

UMH No. 593, V. 3

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Mel

*Song

“I Believe”

PraiseWorks Band

Arranged by Mark Miller

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining
I believe in love even when I don’t feel it
I believe in God even when God is silent.

These words were found carved into the walls of a church basement where Jews hid from the Nazi Regime during WWII.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mel

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Mel

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

“Comfort Comes”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Mike Harland and Phillip Keveren

Arranged by Robert Sterling

Dedication of Offering

Pastor Mel

Closing Hymn

“O Lord, May Church and Home Combine”

UMH No. 695

*Benediction

Pastor Mel

***Postlude**

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

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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: Beginning May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Pastor Jim will offer a 6-week Bible Study on Psalms. Towards the second half of May, Pastor Tim is looking forward to beginning a Bible study during the week, and/or during the Sunday school hour, where he will lead us in a study of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. 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.

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.

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. Registration will be limited to ensure social distancing and safety.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE: We have moved our worship service live stream from Facebook to YouTube. **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. 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 groceries to the church, perhaps have a delivery made directly to the church?

YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE WEEK—JUNE 20-26: Our youth team is asking for donations of food items for our summer service week. We have a group of 16 youth and adult volunteers and they like to eat! Here are some foods we like: Lemonade mix, Fruit punch mix, Peanut butter, Grape or strawberry jelly/jam, Granola bars, *nut free snack bars (like nutrigrain bars), Cereal variety packs (individual boxes), Chip/Snack variety packs, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad dressings, Pancake mix, Breakfast syrup. If you are interested in donating, contact Melanie Hartley. Donations can be placed in Melanie's office Anything that is not used will go to our Food Pantry. Also, if you are interested in helping to prepare meals (all items are provided) for the youth during that week, please see Melanie for details.

THIS WEEK: May 9, 2021 through May 16, 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)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

REV. DR. MEL LEAMAN PREACHING

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)**

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have pastoral care needs, please notify Pastor Jim Mundell.**

Monday: 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)

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9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time
6:30 p.m. Prayer Gathering (At home)
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Reopening Committee Meeting (Sanc.)**

**Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time**

**Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. WGUMC Food Pantry**

**Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mighty Writers Food Distribution**

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION SUNDAY

REV. JIM MUNDELL PREACHING

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

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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.

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)

Joyce Flowers

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

Ellen Hayes

Richard Heacock

Family of Jim Helsel (Stewart)

Baby Evelyn Herrera

TJ Hess (Hruz)

Karen Hruz

Doug Kaiser (Mundell)

Kathy Kase (Fackler)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)

Barb Lytle

Beverly Martin (Mundell)

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 Shiple

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Bruce Varney (Shiple)

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)

Steve Williamson (Heist)

John Wills (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 May 2, 2021

General Offering: \$4,575
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$145
Food Pantry Families Served: 16

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:	Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Bill Ditzel, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley
Chancel Choir:	Sandy Deckard, Margee Michaels, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Vicki Owens, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley