



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
September 5, 2021*

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tm

*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 a song by Matthew West, "Forgiveness")

Pastor Tim

Leader: Lord, it is the hardest thing to give away, and too often the last thing on my mind every day;

People: It always seems to go to those who don't deserve, as it takes everything for us to just say the word: Forgiveness!

Leader: It flies in the face of well-fed pride, yet it moves away all the mad inside;

People: Even when the jury and the judge, say we've got the right to hold a grudge, In Christ we proclaim: Forgiveness!

Leader: Lord show us how to love the unloveable; show us how to reach the unreachable.

People: Help us now and always to do the impossible: Forgiveness! Forgiveness!

*Opening Song

"Forgiveness"

PraiseWorks Band

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**Generous Lord, our God, we keep so much for ourselves
and keep too much to ourselves,
especially when we feel threatened.**

Anxiety often defines and rules and runs our lives, makes decisions for us.

We fall into traps of despair.

**As we come to your table this day,
lift us up out of the pits of what confines us and holds us back,
especially from you.**

**May we not hide or turn away, but see and hear,
having renewed awareness of the ways we can share
the great blessings you have entrusted to us, whatever they may be.
May the power of your mercy and forgiveness in Christ be alive within us,
so that we are ready to give of ourselves at the altars of our lives,
giving you all the honor and glory in all we do.**

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

Scripture Lesson	<i>Mark 7:24-37</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"Seeing Our Altars"	Pastor Tim
*Song of Response	"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"	UMH No. 357 Vv. 1, 2, 5, 6
Sacrament of Communion		Page 5
The Lord's Prayer		
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Tim and Melanie Hartley
*Hymn	"Break Thou The Bread Of Life"	UMH No. 599
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offering		
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	"Everyday"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		

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



Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar flowers today are in
Celebration of Pastor Tim's birthday!
With love and best wishes from his church family.



The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus [ordered](#) them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Great Thanksgiving for the Season After Pentecost

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen

# 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)

**WELCOME TO THIS GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE** worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS:** Middle school youth group kick off September 12, 4:00-5:00 p.m. We are so excited to have a middle school youth group program this year! We play games, discuss how faith fits in our lives and share a few snacks as well. Our kick off week will be full of games and getting to know one another. Middle school youth group open to any students in grades 6-8.

High school youth group kick off, September 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. High school youth group is kicking off a new school year! All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us weekly for games, discussion and service projects. Contact Melanie Hartley with any questions!

**POT LUCK DINNER WITH TRAVELOGUE:** Come and join us on **Wednesday, September 29th** at 5:30 PM for a cover dish dinner (if you prefer to bring your own, that is okay) followed at 6:30 PM by a travelogue through the cool, icy waters of the Northwest Passage from Seward, Alaska to Nuuk, Greenland. We will visit 3 Canadian native villages and 3 Greenland towns, as our ship and an ice breaker, pilot through these icy waters and the wonderful scenery of Northern Canada and Greenland. Jim and Betty Mundell will share their journey in a travelogue of a cruise they took entitled, "Northwest Passage - Above the Arctic Circle".

**BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM MUNDELL: Mondays, September 13th through November 29th.** Pastor Jim will lead a Bible study on the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. It will be held on Mondays beginning September 13 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. This book of only 5 chapters holds helpful information to help us live as Christians in a secular world. 1 Peter was written during the reign of Nero in Rome, in which Christians were persecuted. It has a theme of "victory over suffering" as experienced by Christ. Peter addresses the doctrines of Christianity to the newly converted Jews, persuading them to live a holy life, and a faithful life, and prepares them for possible suffering by encouraging them to be patient and persevere in their faith in Christ.

**FOOD PANTRY-UPDATED FOOD NEEDS LIST:** Canned vegetables, soup, canned tomatoes, crackers, cookies, cooking oil, tortillas. Your donations have been appreciated! Please contact Joan Leaman with your questions.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVANTS:** We are in need of Ushers, Greeters, Counters, Lay Readers, and other Sunday morning volunteer positions to be filled. If you would like to be a part of the Sunday Morning Servants, please contact Pastor Tim or Donna Fackler in the office.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Donna Fackler will be on vacation from Wednesday, September 8th through Wednesday, September 15th. Donna's office will be closed, but the church will not! Pastor Tim is often in the office. Call and make an appointment if you would like to visit with





Sunday School will be beginning on Sept. 11. It's starting to feel a bit like normal again. If you will be working with children or youth, check to be sure you have clearances on file that are no more than three years old. I have already received many updated clearances, but a few more are needed. If you received a reminder, please make sure I receive a copy of your updates. If you've decided to step back from your volunteer position, let me know so I don't keep sending reminders.

When Sunday School begins, we'll need to start scheduling Roamers so we stay in compliance with the two adult rule. If you are available during the Sunday School hour, please consider being a Roamer. The Roamer is on hand to help the teachers if needed. You just walk up and down the hall, checking with each classroom and helping if asked. If you have any questions about your clearances or becoming a Roamer, see me, Fran Miller, or email at [jmille8698@verizon.net](mailto:jmille8698@verizon.net) or call 484-614-6627. Thanks, volunteers for all you do.

**Semi~Annual  
Rummage Sale  
Friday, October 1,  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Saturday, October 2,  
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.**



Donations accepted at the church beginning Sunday, September 26th.

On Saturday, there is a special bargain

because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!!

Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.



**Sunday, September 19th  
5pm—7pm**

On Sunday, September 19 from 5 PM through 7 PM, my wife Julie and I invite you all to an ice cream social. We plan on having a great variety of flavors, based on what people shared with us during the cottage meetings. We know there will be lots of ice cream from Butter Pecan to Vanilla Fudge and various types of chocolate. We are on the hunt for some special flavors too, including one named several times: "rum-raisin." I don't think there is any alcohol in it; I'm sure the flavor hits the spot for many people. We'll have plenty of chocolate syrup too; for me, it goes with *everything*. We hope you join us and come and meet with people new to us and reconnect with long-term friends.

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**The office is open before and after the posted times. Check with Donna**  
**Fackler, Church Administrator, for availability.**  
**(office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)**

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF**

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| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>10:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.                                  | <b>Blended Worship in the Sanctuary</b><br>Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount<br>Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater) |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.                                                           | Tech Team Meeting (via Zoom)                                                                                                        |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                                   | CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)<br>Trustees Meeting (Sanc.)                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.                                                          | CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.<br><b>5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b><br>5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.     | CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)<br><b>WGUMC Food Pantry (Lobby)</b><br>GS Troop #4251 (#8, 10)                                      |
| <b>Friday</b>     | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.<br><b>12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</b><br><b>2:00 p.m.</b>       | CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)<br><b>Mighty Writers Food Distribution</b><br><b>Jenner's Pond Memorial Service (JP grounds)</b>    |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | AG Wildcats Overflow Parking<br>9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | JULIETS<br>Daily Reflections (parking lot)                                                                                          |

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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| <b>Sunday:</b> | <b>Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary</b><br><b>10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages</b><br>10:30 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.<br>5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount<br>Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)<br>High School Youth Group (#8, 10) |
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE**

We Live stream our worship service on 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**.

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## NEED PRAYER?

**To be added to the Prayer Chain:** Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. **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 September: For all of those who are still suffering from the pandemic and other hardships.**

The Bishop Family  
(Anderman)  
Joyce Bischoff  
Helen Carlin  
Dick & Mildred Chambers  
Joann Coates  
Dee Crawford  
Pat Crowl (Shiplet)  
Lena Douglas  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Joyce Flowers  
Family of Stephen Gaughan  
(Fackler)  
Edith and Harold Gray (Shiplet)  
Ellen Hayes  
Richard Heacock  
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)  
TJ Hess (Hruz)  
Bill Jones (Peirson)  
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)  
Toni Lacone (Hruz)  
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)  
Bob Lucas and Robin  
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)  
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)



Laura Minnick  
Betty Mundell  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Linda Peirson  
Marlene Potter (Rubincan)  
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Rich and Joan Saller  
Roxanne Shane  
Sandy Smith (Mundell)  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Carol Sweet  
Family of Edith Tiderman  
(Hughes)  
Fernando Tena  
Family of Bruce Varney  
(Shiplet)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)  
Steve Williamson (Heist)



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—Idaho  
(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 August 29, 2021

General Offering: \$ 4,102  
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 145  
Food Pantry Families Served: 11  
(9/2/2021)

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

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

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| Live-Stream                   | Michael Duvall                                                                |
| Digital Audio, Camera         | Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke,<br>and Maggie Stuhrke                            |
| Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech | Steve May/Mike Wiwel                                                          |
| Officiating:                  | Rev. Timothy Carl Anderman<br>Rev. S. James Mundell                           |
| Music Director:               | Betsy Smith                                                                   |
| Handbell Choir Director:      | Sandy Deckard                                                                 |
| PraiseWorks Band:             | Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman,<br>Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Mike Wiwel |
| Moment for All Ages:          | Melanie Hartley                                                               |

Thank you to our Ushers, Greeters, Counters and all Sunday  
Morning Servants.