



West Grove United Methodist Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

These Bones Will Live

WORSHIP SERIES

May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Janice

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Xavier Feliciano

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dick Stuhrke

Beloved of God, pay attention. Did you notice? There are dry bones all around us. In our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, our community and nation and world. They pop up wherever people are parched for love and dignity, provision and flourishing. We notice them, and we wonder:

Will these bones live?

Pay attention. Can you hear it? So many of us carry dry bones that clank around in our hearts. Dreams that are dying. Gifts that are languishing. Hopes left undernourished and neglected. Loneliness that eats away at our sense of connection with one another until we wonder:

Can these bones live?

Pay attention. Can you feel it? The Holy Spirit breathes among us. Breathe in love. Breathe in provision. Breathe in connection and flourishing. Because the Spirit never quits breathing among us, assuring us:

These bones will live.

Pay attention. Can you sense it? God is always putting us back together. In dreams of abundance and visions of cooperation, in the cacophony of voices who share and receive the good news in their own languages, the Spirit revives us and restores us, reminding us:

These bones live, because Love dwells among us, now and always. Thanks be to God!

*OPENING SONG

“Open Up the Heavens”

PraiseWorks

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Janice

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

Dick Stuhrke

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Janice

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit’s movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

[Silence]

Let us confess together: We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

MOMENTS FOR ALL AGES "Happy Birthday, Dear Church" Xavier Feliciano
(The children may exit the service to Room 12 following Moments for all ages))

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 6) Ezekiel 37:1-14 Dick Stuhrke

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (pg. 6 & 7) Acts 2:1-21 Dick Stuhrke

ANTHEM "Send Down the Fire" Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Marty Haugen. Choral Setting by Mark Hayes

***GOSPEL LESSON** (pg. 7) John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Pastor Janice
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HYMN OF RESPONSE "We Are the Church" UMH No. 558

MOMENT OF IMPACT "SPRC" Dick Stuhrke

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Pastor Jim

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Jim

MOMENT OF SILENCE for those things on our hearts, and not spoken out loud.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Jim

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, and the power, and the glory forever.

AMEN

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY "Spirit of the Living God" PraiseWorks

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Jim

CLOSING SONG "Majestic" PraiseWorks

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Janice

POSTLUDE Betsy Smith

*** STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.**

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

7:30 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men

SECOND SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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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.

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WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

Faith, hope and love are gifts from God. May you find them here. 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. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again. For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.

CHURCH ACCESS: If you are a leader of a group that meets regularly at WGUMC and need access to the church (a key) please contact the church office at 610-869-9334 or email April at office@westgroveumc.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S TEA: You are invited to join us for an afternoon tea and light desserts this afternoon at 3:00 to 5:00 pm. in the church lobby and sanctuary. Following a time of refreshments and fellowship, we are excited to welcome an amazing storyteller, Diane Albertson. Diane will entertain us with a whimsical story that incorporates various Mother Goose characters, along with the stories of Eve, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachael, Rahab and Mary. All women of the church, your family, friends and neighbors are welcome.



UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE: If you missed our informational meeting on the workings and results of this years United Methodist General Conference, which met April 23rd through May 3rd, you can read all about it on line by googling United Methodist General Conference 2024.

YOUTH GROUP: Join Xavier on Thursday nights between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. for a “youthful” good time.

MOVIE NIGHT: May 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Popcorn, beverages, and a bonfire. Bring a lawn chair or beach blanket and watch “Evan Almighty” outside under the stars. All are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING: ATTENTION: All volunteers or prospective volunteers after today's 11:00 service, there will be a meeting to commence planning for VBS.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to dive into the fun from July 15th-19th. Call Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, or email him at Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or call the church office at 610-869-9334, or email us at office@westgroveumc.org.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?



Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored.

Email **Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-529-8699. Or email: **April Spencer** at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.

Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Requests will remain on the prayer chain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested or updated.

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet
Renee Bergstrom
Linda Brown
Sandee C (Jim Mundell)
Donna Fackler
Richard Heacock
Family of Pat Heist
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Jay Miller, Fran Miller
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Jack Plale, (Spencer)
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

Connie & Jobe Simcox
Linda Shiplet
Jeannie Sullivan
Josephine Tena
Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

Prayer Requests or Prayer Notes:

THIS WEEK: May 19 through May 26, 2024

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is also open before and after the posted times. Call April for an appointment.
(office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

Pentecost Heritage Sunday

Sunday:	7:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:45—10:45 am.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 am.	Worship Service
	12:15 pm.	VBS Planning (Rms. 8 & 10)
	3:00—5:00 pm.	UM Women's Tea (Narthex, Sanctuary)
Monday:	9:00 am.—12:00 pm.	CMO (Rms. 9,13,14,15,16 & Sanctuary)
	6:00—7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Trp. #4565 (Rms, 8 & 10)
	6:00—7:00 pm.	Girl Scout Trp. #41043 (Rms. 8 & 10)
Tuesday:	9:00 am. —12:00 pm.	CMO (Rms. 9, 3,14,15,16 & Sanctuary)
	6:00—7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Trp. #4189
	6:30—8:00 pm.	SPRC Meeting
Wednesday:	9:00 am.—12:00 pm.	CMO (Pre-K Graduation (Sanctuary)
	5:00—6:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	7:00—9:00 pm.	Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting (Rms. 8 & 10)
Thursday:	1:00—2:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	4:30—6:00 pm.	Memory Bells (Sanctuary)
	5:45 pm.—7:30 pm.	Girl Scouts Trp. # 4251 (Rms. 8 & 10)
	6:00—7:00 pm.	Youth Group
	6:45 pm.—8:00 pm.	Choir Rehearsal (Rm. #6)
Friday:		
Saturday:	8:00—9:30 am.	UMM Breakfast
	10:00 am.-11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. # 8- 10)

Trinity Sunday: Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday:	7:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:45—10:45 am.	Sunday School for all Ages
	11:00 am.	Worship Service

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth : Aiden Steltzer
Projection: Kaiti Beauchamp
Officiating: Rev. Janice Bowers & Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director: Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director: Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director: Xavier Feliciano

Today: 05/19/24

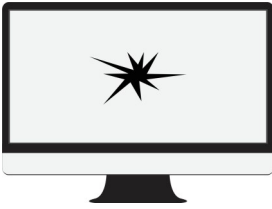
Next Week: 05/26/24

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Counters:	Len & Ruth Kuch	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader:	Dick Stuhrke	Dave Talley
Ushers:	Virgil & Linda Brown	Priscilla Barkman & Paulette Bryan
Greeter:	Joyce Smith	Cindy Haley

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant?

We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher.

If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.



Please forgive our blank monitors in the narthex as we are
Working on updating their information.

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

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

Report from May 12, 2024

General Offering: \$10,413.69

Building Maintenance Fund: \$120.00

Attendance:

7:30: 8 & 11:00: 42

Food Pantry: 104 families on 5/8 & 5/9

Food donations are appreciated.

*** * * SERMON NOTES * * ***