

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Pentecost

May 24, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

*Please observe silence during the musical prelude.
The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

Prelude

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Handbell Choir

Introit

Let All Things Now Living

Chancel Choir

Entrance Hymn 48

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Song of Praise

Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord
God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y_ God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone — are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most -
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Reader This reading from Book of Acts tells the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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 shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

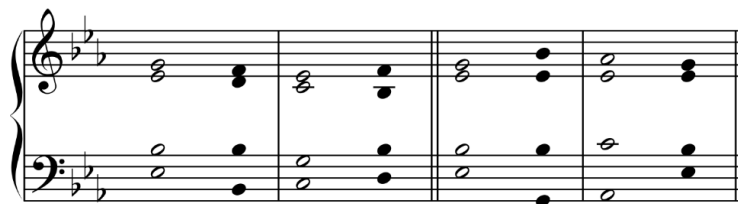
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am. Chanted at 10:00 am.

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37



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| 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. | 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are
cre/ated;*
and so you renew the face of the earth. |
| 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great. | 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works. |
| 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Le/viathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it. | 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke. |
| 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season. | 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being. |
| 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with
good things. | 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord. |
| 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust. | 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Halle/lujah! |

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reader In this reading we hear that Christians are all one body and are inspired by the same Spirit, which is manifested in a variety of gifts and forms of service.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 am
Gospel Hymn 510

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

The Gospel

John 7:37-39

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray with confidence in a faith that is alive with the wonder and awe of new life all around us:
We trust in our all-loving God.

Embolden Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop; Sandi, our Priest; and all other church leaders with your grace that they may proclaim your truth and minister your justice with compassion.
We trust in our all-loving God.

Inspire all our local, state, and national leaders to speak with truthfulness and govern with mercy.
We trust in our all-loving God.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are beneficial for us as a nation and as a world.

We trust in our all-loving God.

Through your merciful guidance, O God, may we act to benefit those who are in need within our communities.

We trust in our all-loving God.

Almighty God, grant that those who suffer and those who are faced with great difficulties may know the healing dimensions of your mission here on earth.

The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions.

We entrust all those who call out to your care.

We trust in our all-loving God.

We are joined together in unity of spirit with those who have died, and we especially remember Elizabeth Atwater Noble and Clifton J. Noble, Sr. for whom the altar memorials have been given, and Jeremy Paul Emmonds, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns.

We trust in our all-loving God.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Holy Trinity, you are neither monarch nor monologue but an eternal harmony of gift and response: through the Uncreated Word and the Spirit of Truth include us and all creation in your extravagant love; through the Wisdom of God, who raises her voice to call us to life. **Amen.**

The Confession

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor,” which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at Tithe.ly or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Sung at 10:00 am

Offertory Anthem

Clap Your Hands All You People

Clifton J. Noble

1. Clap your hands, all you peoples
Shout to God with a cry of joy!
For the Lord most high is to be feared.
He is the great king over all the earth.
2. He subdues the people under us
And the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us
The pride of Jacob whom He loves.
3. God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our king, sing praises.
4. For God is king of all the earth,
Sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon His holy throne.
5. The nobles of the people have gathered together
With the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
And He is highly exalted.
6. Clap your hands, all you peoples
Shout to God with a cry of joy!
For the Lord most high is to be feared.
He is the great king over all the earth.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am. The People stand to sing.

Presentation Hymn 228

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Sursum Corda

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in fulfilment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sung at 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Sanctus WLP 785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - dor - a! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir; san - to e - res, Se - nor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Presider and the People

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit, may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread S152

Spoken at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup or you may intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

Near the Cross

Chancel Choir

After Communion, the People stand when the Presider says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn LEVAS 117

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Pentecost Postlude

Handbell Choir

PERMISSIONS

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Presider	The Rev. Sandi Albom
Vestry Person of the Day	Rob Frazar/Gail Meehan
Opener	Kara Noble
Linens	Deb Bruno
Flower Guild	Tanya Kellogg
Sunday School	Judy Harvester, Deb Auclair
Nursery	Tammy Joseph, coordinator
Counters	Lesley Frazar, Alice Ehresman
Office Angels	Alice Ehresman, Jan Parks
Closer	Mike Ehresman

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Altar Guild	Lesley Frazar	Tanya Kellogg
Greeter(s)	Samantha Hemmingsen	Sharon Rommelman
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Kara Noble	Karen Newman
Lector(s)	Sandra Chamberlain	Raymond Brown Laura Smith
Usher(s)	Samantha Hemmingsen	Jody Brown
Stream Team	NA	Margaret Hannigan

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of remember Elizabeth Atwater Noble and Clifton J. Noble, Sr.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeremy Paul Emmonds.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for La Igelsia Anglicana de Mexico.

Diocesan Prayer for St. John's, Episcopal Church Millville; Clergy living beyond the diocese; Reclaiming Hope: the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse; the Episcopal Women's History Project; and New England Synod of the ELCA.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Janet, Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday May 24	Pentecost Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (<i>in person</i>) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (<i>in person & live-streamed</i>) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, May 25	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, May 26	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i>
Wednesday, May 27	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
Thursday, May 28	5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, May 29	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
Saturday, May 30	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, May 31	First Sunday After Pentecost Trinity Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

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The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

The Vestry

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ECOTA Happenings

May 24, 2026

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Tuesday: 7:00pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist | Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

Inquirer's Classes ~ Dates TBD

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Branch of The Jesus Movement? Would you like to become a "member" of Church of The Atonement? Are you interested in what it means to become a "confirmed member" of the Episcopal Church?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above, Inquirer's Classes are for you!

The Episcopal Church recognizes baptism with water and in the name of God – "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" as making us members of the universal Church. Being baptized in an Episcopal Church as makes one a member of the Episcopal Church. You are a member of the church you were baptized in for life or until you transfer membership to another church. All baptized members are encouraged to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In confirmation, as a mature young person or adult, "we express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." After confirmation, you will be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church. If you were confirmed in another church, you may be "received" into the Episcopal Church in the laying on of hands by the bishop. Please contact Rev. Sandi - revsandi@atonementwestfield.org or 603-303-2435. Inquirer's will meet 3 times. Meeting times TBD based on interest.

Adopt a Flower Pot or Become a Good News Gardener

Have you got green fingers? We're looking for people who love flowers and gardening to adopt/care for the flower pots around the church and also for Good News Gardeners who will plant and tend vegetables, helping to grow produce to donate to the Little Free Food Pantry and to local families facing food insufficiency. Phil Siska is ECOTA's Head Gardener this summer, and he needs help with planting, watering, weeding. Sign up in the Narthex if you can lend a hand.

Laundry Love – Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 4:30 pm

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. If you can help or make a donation, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

Westfield Farmers Market Opens on Thursday, June 4, 2026

Since 2015, the Westfield Farmers Market has been at ECOTA, bringing the people in our community fresh, locally grown food including produce, dairy products, jams & jellies, raw honey, maple products, breads, baked goods, coffee, fresh lemonade, and hand-made pizza. The Market also features craftspeople and artists selling hand-made products, as well as live music throughout each Market day. We're looking forward to another great season! Shop, volunteer, or spend some time at the ECOTA Welcome Table to introduce people to the church and help them get to know more about our community.

Ecumenical Pride Worship Service ~ Sunday, June 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

As part of this year's Pride Month observance, ECOTA members have been invited to join our friends and neighbors from other local churches and the community for an Ecumenical Pride Service at the First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Meeting the Ancestors: A Five-Week Bible Study on Genesis – Wednesdays, 1:00-1:45pm, May 27, June 3 & 10

Join us for week 2 of our five-week conversation as we talk through **Genesis**, where we'll meet our spiritual ancestors. They are faithful and flawed, brave and bewildered, sometimes inspiring and sometimes a complete mess. Genesis has creation and chaos, siblings who fight, people who wrestle with God, family drama worthy of modern television, and again and again, a God who keeps showing up. *No Bible expertise needed. Just bring your curiosity, a sense of wonder (and humor), and maybe a story or two from your own family.*

May 27: Week Three — Sarah, Hagar, Jacob, Esau...and Family Systems in the Bible

Readings: Genesis 16, 21, 25–28

Sibling rivalry, blessing and deception, complicated family loyalties.

June 3: Week Four — Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Wrestling with God

Readings: Genesis 29–33

Love and longing. Sisters and struggle. Jacob the trickster getting tricked. Wrestling all night by the river and coming away changed. The Bible does not shy away from family drama.

June 10: Week Five — Joseph and More Family Drama

Readings: Genesis 37, 39–45, 50

Dreams, betrayal, forgiveness, and God working even through broken things.

ECOTA Book Group: A New Book for May and June ~ *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse and sees pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. Portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, this is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. We'll read independently and meet in mid-June to discuss.

Kid's Night Out: Let's Go Camping! ~ Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm

There are so many fun things to do when you go camping! Playing games. Singing songs around the campfire. Scavenger hunts. Fun food and snacks. Stargazing and bird watching. We're bringing that sort of fun to our next camping themed Kids Night Out on Saturday June 13 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall! It will be great fun for kids aged Kids from 3-12. Register online or sign up in the Narthex.

Strawberry Festival ~ Friday, June 19, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

It's time for the mouth-watering wonderfulness that is ECOTA's Annual Strawberry Festival! We're planning a great time loaded with good food, music, friends, and fun. All parishioners will be receiving a letter that includes tickets, along with details about sponsorship opportunities and event plans. As usual, tickets will be \$5 each, and every ticket is good for either a strawberry shortcake or a strawberry sundae. Use the tickets in your mailing yourself or sell them to friends who love strawberries and great parties! Proceeds will go to the Westfield Food Pantry to help people who are facing food insecurity.

Appalachian Trail Magic Day of Kindness ~ Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm

Imagine you've been walking for 1,000 miles. Your feet are wet. Your water bottle is empty. Your phone is dead. How glad would you be to see someone offering you dry socks, fresh water, something to eat, a place to charge your phone? Make the magic happen and be that help! We need a supply of dry socks, snacks, water, and phone charging cords to provide a support ministry to hikers on the Appalachian Trail on Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.