



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 9, 2017

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

OPEN

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member? Let us know you were here!*

*Welcoming Music

“Majestic”

PraiseWorks Band

*Call to Worship (Responsive) (based on Psalm 46:10)

Julie Hughes

One: In joy and excitement, be still and know that I am God.

Many: In confusion and overwhelm, be still and know that I am God.

One: In worry and fright, be still and know that I am God.

Many: May we in the stillness of your presence, know confidence of the actions to which you call us.

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (adapted from Ruth C Duck)

Julie Hughes

O God, strength of the faithful, hope of those who have risked themselves to protect human lives, strengthen us now. Through your spirit of power, instill in us courage and resolve to protect children from abuse and violence. Guide us as we seek to build a world where all children will be loved and nurtured, that they may grow to fulfill your purpose in their lives; through Jesus Christ, who welcomed the little ones, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Julie Hughes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

Julie Hughes

Genesis 5:1-3, 28-29, 32; 6: 9-11, 13-14, 18-22; 7:1,11-13, 17-19; 8:1, 6-12, 9: 8-17

New Testament Lesson

Romans 11: 1-3, 7

Julie Hughes

Response to the Lessons

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God,

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

(Children 4-10 years meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.)

Sermon

“Ark from the Storms”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact *Prayer Warrior Recognition Sunday*

Pastor Shirley

Introduction

Pastor Shirley

Response of Giving Thanks (Unison)

We give thanks for all of the prayer warriors who have the gift of intercessory prayer. We thank you, Lord, that you release the power of the Holy Spirit to break through barriers, for healings of hearts, to open eyes to your truth, and reconciliation for all people. We are thankful for your servants’ boldness in lifting up prayers for others. We are thankful for their availability and confidentiality. We are thankful for their faithfulness in interceding for friends, family and others.

Prayer

Pastor Shirley

Offering

“Flood Down”

PraiseWorks Band

***Offertory Response** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH, No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Shirley

Shelter from the Storms, we praise you. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise. We offer our gifts, tithes, and thanksgivings for your blessings. Set apart and bless these gifts that your way may be known in the storms of the lives of many, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Song of Sending Forth**

“Stand By Me”

UMH No. 512, V. 1,3,5

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

New Testament Lesson: Romans 11: 1-3, 7

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ‘Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.’

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 5:1-3, 28-29, 32; 6: 9-11, 13-14, 18-22; 7:1, 11-13, 17-19; 8:1, 6-12; 9: 8-17

This is the list of the descendants of Adam. When God created humankind, he made them in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them 'Humankind' when they were created.

When Adam had lived for one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

When Lamech had lived for one hundred and eighty-two years, he became the father of a son; he named him Noah, saying, 'Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands.'

After Noah was five hundred years old, Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Then the LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty

days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark,

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered;

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided;

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; and the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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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 His name.

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.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**VBS 2017 MISSIONS SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST: It's not too late!** Help support Mission Central with the following items for the 2017-2018 school year. Please look for the **VBS** boxes in the lobby! We thank you for your generous support!

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|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| -Binders      | -Folders           | -Book sox            | -Notebooks-all styles and sizes |
| -Filler paper | -Composition books | -Sharpener           | -Pencils                        |
| -Erasers      | -Pens              | -Colored pencils     | -Rulers                         |
| -Scissors     | -Markers           | -Pencil boxes        | -Pencil pouches                 |
| -Glue sticks  | -Stickers          | -8.5 x 11 copy paper |                                 |

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Family Promise Host Week July 16-23! Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Please see Janice Bowers.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is available after each service on Sunday to pray with a member of the Prayer Ministry Team or offer your own prayer for those in need.

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Please note that **during July and August our worship will be at 9:30 am.** This will be a blended service with elements from our contemporary worship and traditional worship. We hope you will take advantage of this time for worshipping with persons in our congregation who you may not see during the rest of the year.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN! This year it will continue through August 23.** It is a casual evening for people to come for food, short devotion, fun, and fellowship. We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. Folks are invited to bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able. Games are available for children and adults. Rain or Shine! Join us one week or every week! Can't wait to see you there!

**OPEN MARKET SEPTEMBER 23RD:** To help make our Open Market a success, we are in need of a few more food trucks and your help in spreading the word is appreciated! Also, if you or someone you know would like to rent a space this year, they are 20'x20' for \$20! Please contact Darlene Murphy at [d123murphy@aol.com](mailto:d123murphy@aol.com).

**PRAYER WARRIORS:** If you would like to join our prayer team, please see Pastor Shirley for more information.

## THIS WEEK: July 9 through July 16, 2017

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

### FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST PRAYER CHAIN SERVANTS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*Donna Fackler is on vacation July 8-15th. The church office will be open.*

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship  
11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theatre)-Pastor Jim

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS (All church)  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS (All church)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4 H Robotics Club (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS (All church)  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Food & Fun Night (Outside, Kitchen)**

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS (All church)  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Music Practice (#6)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS (All church)

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FAMILY PROMISE (JULY 16-23)

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report July 2, 2017**

**General Offering: \$5,552.25**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$135.00**

**Blended Worship Attendance: 100**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 60 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$5, 310.95**

**Prayer Bead Garden Donations:**

**Current balance-\$ 2,112.03**

**Goal-\$10,000**

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

## Moment of Impact

### *Prayer Warrior Recognition*

Our Prayer Chain has been organized and active at West Grove United Methodist Church for approximately 30 years. God's people in West Grove have been praying even longer than that! A group of pray-ers in the past and still today commit themselves to lifting up prayers for others. Their hearts are knitted together in the bonds of care and concern for each other.

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus July: Children's Ministries**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in July: The Garage, West Grove**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Anne Cantrell (Mullen)  
 Joann Coates  
 Lane Cornette (Rubincan)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Doreen and Fred Disk (Stryjewski)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Peg Kent  
 Susan Lacy (Mullen)  
 Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)  
 Family of Maryann Lynch (Bowers)  
 Family of Sarah Rose Massafieri (Bushnell)  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Dave McClain



Edie Mears  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Family of Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Doralee Paulley (Saller)  
 Warren Payton (Hruz)  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Family of Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Stephen Spitko (Howard)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)  
 Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliiss Wilson  
 Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
 Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - S. C. (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell,  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—9:30**

**This Sunday, July 9th**

Fran Miller & Kay Yates

**Greeters—9:30**

Boyd Family

**Acolyte—9:30**

Parker Featherston

**Nursery—9:30**

Carolyn Bratton

**C. Worship—9:30**

Eileen Bushnell

**Lay Reader—9:30**

Julie Hughes

**Moment All Ages**

Eileen Bushnell

**Prayer Room**

Nancy Howard

**Hospitality—9:30**

The Stuhrkes

**Counters**

Anderson/Shaub

**Soundbooth**

Keith Schneider & various

**Next Sunday, July 16th**

The Delaneys

Pat Heist & Margaret Rubincan

Joshua Robinson

Jamie Lindtner

Kristin Boyd

Mary Franciscus

Pastor Shirley

Cindy Haley

OPEN

The Stuhrkes

Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

***Sunday, July 9~ Saturday, July 15***

**Sunday:** *“These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God.” Genesis 6:9* To walk with God is to know well enough God to walk to step with God. Where are you walking with God?

**Monday:** *“Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence.” Genesis 6:11.* God has never stopped seeing the pain of the world. Laments and tears have always been the way of God’s people to respond to the pain of the world. Cry out in prayer to God in brokenness of the world.

**Tuesday:** *“But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.” Genesis 6:18.* God’s covenant is a promise of everlasting connection. A covenant in the midst of life, not away from it. Give thanks to God for God’s presence in the midst of life.

**Wednesday:** *“Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.” Genesis 6:22.* Noah responded to God’s commands with obedience. Many of us ask God to speak clearly and show us a sign. Prepare your heart to respond to God’s commands with obedience.

**Thursday:** *“The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.” Genesis 7:17.* The storms of life continue to increase, but the ark holds. Where do you need to turn to God as shelter, in midst of life’s storms?

**Friday:** *“Noah waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark.” Genesis 8:10.* Noah did not give up hope, but kept watching for the waters to subside and testing the ground. Where do you need to be encouraged to keep waiting on God, while testing the ground?