



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Second Chances: Sin, Repentance, and Redemption



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 10, 2016

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

OPEN

Welcome

Pastor Monica

Ministry Opportunities

*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!*

*Call to Worship (Responsive) Julie Hughes

One: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Many: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

One: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Many: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

One: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Many: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we are not sure are worthy of God's compassion.

*Praise Music "Blessed Be Your Name" PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison) Julie Hughes

Grace-filled God, we gather on this day to be in your presence again, to bring to you our hopes and fears, our concerns and joy. We praise your name and join many here and around the world praising your name and marveling at your grace. You call us to live in you and with you. You call us to a life of second, third, and fourth chances that are for all. Forgive us when we try to draw boundaries to limit who is worthy of your grace. Show us again your way to abundant life. In the name of the Grace-Filled One, we pray, 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 Julie Hughes

*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 7:1-5* Julie Hughes

*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 18:15-20* Julie Hughes

*Response to the Lessons Julie Hughes

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

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

***Song of Preparation**

“Just As I Am”

UMH, No. 357, Vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

(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

“Second Chance For Them?”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Certified Lay Ministers

Pastor Monica

Offering

“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

PraiseWorks Band

***Offertory Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
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.

UMH, No. 95

***Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we give you thanks for your abundance that we have known in your grace and providence. Gather us in, O God. As we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings, may we offer ourselves, our hearts, and our commitments. May we offer our whole selves to serve you, not just right now, but in the days to come. Receive the promises of our hearts. Receive the wonderings of our souls. Guide and direct our offerings to your holy purposes. In your name, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“The Summons”

TFWS, No. 2130

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Postlude

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

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Our Church is strongest and healthiest when we are all working together. We need your help! Would you like to serve as a greeter, an usher, in the nursery, a Sunday School teacher, Children’s Worship leader, counter, acolyte, sanctuary set-up, church sign changer, office volunteer? **Sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex on Sunday morning.** You have gifts and talent that can support the body of Christ!

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:1-5**

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Academy for Laity, Aug. 13-14

The 2016 weekend Academy for Laity, which is open to all who wish to serve Christ in ministry, will gather Aug. 13-14, at The Inn at Reading (1040 North Park Toad, Wyomissing, PA). The theme is "Follow that Star: Make It Happen." Courses, including some back by popular demand, are:

- "Preparing Local Church Servants" (Basic Class)
- "Making Every Prayer Count: Moving between ME and WE"
- "Emotional Intelligence: A Blueprint for Your Spiritual Path"
- "Walking in Love: The Act of Repentance and Healing Relationships with Native American and Indigenous Persons"
- Two preaching courses: "Preaching to be Heard" and "Preaching by Number"
- "What To Say To People Who Are Hurting"
- "Theology and Doctrine" and
- "Building a 'First Aid Kit' for Church Health."

Basic registration costs \$90 and will go online after Annual Conference, with a July 22 deadline. The discounted hotel rate is \$99 a night. The academy-lasting only two days this year-begins Saturday at 7 AM for breakfast and ends Sunday at 12:30 PM with Communion. Credit will be awarded to persons in the Christ Servant Ministry program.

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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.***

**YOUTH CAR WASH TODAY!! Please stay after service today and get your car sparkling clean by our youth!** The kids will be washing cars from **10:30 to 1:30**. Texts your family and friends and invite them to come as well. Donations are gladly accepted with all proceeds going towards the youth budget.

**CAVE QUEST VBS COMING SOON!: JULY 18-22, 2016.** Join us as we teach and serve our children! Volunteers are needed and welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in the VBS program in any capacity this year, please let Joan Leaman or Pastor Monica know of your interest. Joan Leaman can be reached at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net). Pastor Monica can be contacted at [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org). **For registration and additional information, please visit our website at [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)**  
**Sign-up sheets for Snack Donations are located in the lobby. Please sign up today!**

**UMW FAITH CIRCLE** welcomes women who are interested in making quilts or other items for charitable organizations. **We meet the 2nd and 4th FRIDAY mornings in the Youth Room.** Sewing skills are not necessary. If you are interested in our projects or want to confirm that we are meeting on a particular Friday, contact Chris Curtiss or Karen Boyd.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN!** Last year, we started **Wednesday Night Fun** in the summer. **This year it will continue through August 31.** 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!

**RAP and FRIENDS** will be attending **SAMSON at SIGHT AND SOUND** on October 26 at 11 a.m. **Final payment for tickets due by July 17th.** Additional tickets are available for purchase. Phone or email Sara Ann Ramberger for information and purchase **ASAP:** 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**INAUGURAL OPEN MARKET! Save the date for Saturday, September 17** when we will hold our first Open Market fundraiser. The day will start with a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Tickets are **\$6.00** and are sold in advance. **The OPEN MARKET is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and will feature vendors from all over the community. In addition, we will have several **FOOD TRUCKS** at the event. So, come and eat breakfast, shop, socialize, and have lunch! We look forward to seeing you there! If you are interested in volunteering to make this event a success, please call Gene Aucott at 610-869-7355.

## THIS WEEK: July 10 through July 17, 2016

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

**Sunday:**

### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship  
After Worship "Life of the Beloved" Book Study (#1)

\*Donna Fackler is on vacation Monday, 7/11 through Friday, 7/15.

The church office will be open and maintain regular hours.

\*Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster.

Pastor Monica and others will be assisting with hospitality and participating.

**Monday:**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)

**Tuesday:**

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4-H Club ( #8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#1)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

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**  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Committee Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)

**Friday:**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

**Saturday:**

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

**Sunday:**

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship  
After Worship "Life of the Beloved" Book Study (#1)



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance.

Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit.

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report July 3, 2016

**General Offering: \$5,662.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$195.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 117**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 63 Bags**

**Emergency Aid Fund Offering: \$80.00**

**Communion Table Update: \$861.00**

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

## Moment of Impact

### Certified Lay Ministers

Certified Lay Ministers are lay persons called to serve the church through additional training and equipping. In addition to their primary occupations, they serve under supervision as pastors and church leaders. They commit to training and supervision, reflection and service. We give thanks to God for the ministry of 51 CLMs in our conference.

# 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 Ministry**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in July: The Garage of West Grove**

Wayne Achuff  
 Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Family of Bill Corfey (J. Hughes)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Ed Culbertson  
 Danny (J. Hughes' brother)  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 Dorothy Dean (Bratton/Farr)  
 John Paul Dean and Family (Delaney)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Laura Shiple James (Shiplet)  
 Peg Kent  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Ellen McCahon (Hruz)



Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Naolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Martha Pink  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Ruth Richards (Delaney)  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)  
 "Big Al" Rucinski  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler) (K. Smith)  
 Family of Angela Street (K. Smith)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Family of Dot Weeks  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - South Carolina (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA (The Rambergers)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Tyler Thompson—Kandahar, Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weizman - Okinawa, Japan (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **This Sunday, July 10**

**Ushers—9:30** Linda Peirson and Laura Featherston  
**Greeters—9:30** The Featherston Family  
**Acolyte—9:30** Joshua Robinson  
**Nursery—9:30** Kim Smith  
**C. Worship—9:30** Jessi Timm  
**Lay Reader—9:30** Julie Hughes  
**Moment All Ages** Julie Hughes  
**Hospitality—9:30** The Covington Family  
**Counters** Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, July 17**

Linda Peirson and Laura Featherston  
 The Featherston Family  
 Wesley Boyd  
 Carolyn Bratton  
 Judy Gambill  
 Bill Jones  
 Jamie Lindtner  
 The Stuhrke Family  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

## **Meditations For Your Week**

**Sunday, July 3~ Saturday, July 9**

**Sunday:** *“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.” Matthew 7:1.* Jesus invites us to accountability for ourselves and grace for others. Which challenges you more?

**Monday:** *“For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.” Matthew 7:2.* Prayerfully consider how you are being called to offer grace and peace, instead of judgment and measure.

**Tuesday:** *“Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?” Matthew 7:3.* Spend some time today reflecting on your own actions, inventorying your own soul, and repenting of your logs.

**Wednesday:** *“Or how can you say to your neighbor, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.” Matthew 7:4-5.* Sin is a tricky business. Our neighbors’ sin always sparkles brighter in our minds than ours. Where is God calling you to first repent?

**Thursday:** *“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.” Matthew 18:15.* Christianity is first and foremost relational: with God, with Jesus, with one another. What relationships are you being called to give a second chance?

**Friday:** *“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18: 18.* Jesus shared incredible power with us. How are you using that power to build up the body of Christ?

**Saturday:** *“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:19-20.* How can you use your power of two or three to show repentance and offer forgiveness?