

Meditations For Your Week **Sunday, July 17~ Saturday, July 23**

Sunday: *“As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight’” Mark 1:2-3. What messengers can you hear preparing the way of the Lord?*

Monday: *“And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.” Mark 1:5. Baptism and confession are often connected. As you remember your baptism, what has God called you to confess?*

Tuesday: *“I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Mark 1:8. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Contemplate the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

Wednesday: *“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’” Mark 1: 14-15. The good news is that God’s kingdom is near. In what ways do you need to turn around?*

Thursday: *“Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading: ‘You disciplined me, and I took the discipline; I was like a calf untrained. Bring me back; let me come back, for you are the Lord my God. For after I had turned away I repented; and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh; I was ashamed, and I was dismayed because I bore the disgrace of my youth.’” Jeremiah 31: 18-19. The disgrace of our youth is not permanent. Where can you receive God’s forgiveness?*

Friday: *“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31: 33. To be the people of God is to be cared for even when we turn away. Prayerfully contemplate the mystery of God’s faithfulness.*

Saturday: *“No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31: 34. God is gracious and merciful. What do you need to confess today?*



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Second Chances: Sin, Repentance, and Redemption



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 17, 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)

Bill Jones

One: Jesus calls us to a life of love, not judgement.

Many: Let us hear and respond, turning to God who is waiting for us.

One: Though we have fallen short, God rescues us and offers abundant life.

Many: Loving God, come as a flowing fountain with blessings, mercy, and grace.

*Welcoming Music

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

UMH, No. 400

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Bill Jones

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing, renewing, and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage after the manner of Jesus, our Lord. Open our minds and hearts to hear the call to repent, to turn away and go towards God. In the name of the One who calls us to abundant life, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Bill Jones

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:18-19, 31-34

Bill Jones

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-15

Bill Jones

*Response to the Lessons

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

*Song of Preparation

“Jesus, Messiah”

PraiseWorks Band

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 week-ends, 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 Shiptlet James (Shiptlet)

Peg Kent

Karen Kirby (Bushnell)

Bill Lilley

Neva Luttmann (Miller)

Rosemary MacCoun

Ellen McCahon (Hruz)



Margee Michaels

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Bill Mowery (Shiptlet)

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (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

Lee Wilson (Stuhrke)

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 - Kuwait (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 17

Ushers—9:30

Linda Peirson and Laura Featherston

Greeters—9:30

The Featherston Family

Acolyte—9:30

Wesley Boyd

Nursery—9:30

Carolyn Bratton

C. Worship—9:30

Judy Gambill

Lay Reader—9:30

Bill Jones

Moment All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Hospitality—9:30

The Stuhrkes

Counters

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

Sound Booth

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, July 24

Linda Peirson and OPEN

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Alisabeth Guepet

Edel Mullen

Amy Castaldi

Rain Catoia

Eileen Bushnell

The Sullivans

George Anderson and Donna Shaub

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

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

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)	
<i>Today, Pastor Jim is leading worship at Jenner's Pond at 11 a.m. in the Allison Theater.</i>		
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cave Quest VBS
	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#6)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cave Quest VBS
	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga-Sanc.
	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cave Quest VBS
	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 Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Meeting (#1)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cave Quest VBS
	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:	TENTH 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 10, 2016**

General Offering: \$4,674.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$280.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 146
Emergency Groceries YTD: 64 Bags
Emergency Aid Fund Offering: \$95.00
Communion Table Update: \$846.00

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

Moment of Impact

Annual Conference

June 16th -18th, over 900 delegates gathered from across the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference to worship, learn, and decide on legislation. West Grove is well represented by clergy and lay delegates. We give thanks to God for all those who gather to be equipped and empowered for ministry.

(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 "Turn Around and Try Again" Pastor Monica

SERVE

Special Music "Glory Bound" Bob Castaldi, Percussion;
Debbie Schneider, Piano; Bruce Tarbell, Tuba; Jake Schneider and Ted Flowers, Trombones

Moment of Impact *Annual Conference* Pastor Monica

Offering "This Is My Father's World"
"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"
Jake Schneider, Trombone and Debbie Schneider, Piano

***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** **Pastor Shirley**
Living God, by your love and power, you give faith in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord! Thank you for the hope and peace that you have planted in our hearts. Your Spirit enables your word to bear fruit in our lives as we share your good news with others. We dedicate our tithes, offerings, and gifts to the work of your church, as we seek to continually reach out to share the knowledge of new life throughout the whole world. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn "Softly and Tenderly" UMH, No. 348, Vs. 1,4

Gathered Prayers of the People Pastor Shirley

Lord's Prayer UMH, No. 895

***Song of Sending Forth** "We Cry Out" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

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!

Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:18-19, 31-34*

Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading:

“You disciplined me, and I took the discipline; I was like a calf untrained. Bring me back, let me come back, for you are the Lord my God. For after I had turned away I repented; and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh; I was ashamed, and I was dismayed because I bore the disgrace of my youth.”

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,[a] says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 1:1-15*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,”
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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 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.***

**CAVE QUEST VBS IS THIS WEEK!: JULY 18-22, 2016. It’s not too late to sign up!** Join us as we teach and serve our children! Volunteers are needed and welcomed! If you are interested in helping with the VBS program in any capacity this year, please let Joan Leaman or Pastor Monica know. 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). We will also be taking walk-in registrations if necessary. Sign-up sheets for Snack Donations are located in the lobby. Please sign up today!**

**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 whom you may not see during the rest of the year.

**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 TODAY, 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.