

Meditations For Your Week



Sunday, July 23~ Saturday, July 30

Sunday: *“And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.” Genesis 11:3. The ingenuity of humanity reflects the creativity of God. Where is God gifting you with ingenuity?*

Monday: *“Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” Genesis 11:4. When we need to make a name for ourselves, when we live in fear, we forget God’s ways. Today, pause to ask God to show you where you need to be reminded of God doing the building, not you.*

Tuesday: *“And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.” Genesis 11:6. Where is God encouraging you to depend more on God today?*

Wednesday: *“Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.” Genesis 11:9. We a scattered people are diverse. Give thanks to God for the wideness of God’s creativity.*

Thursday: *“Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.” John 14: 11. Belief is a gift. Receive the gift of faith. Seek God’s gifts.*

Friday: *“If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” John 14:14. You have not, because you ask not. What do you need to ask God for?*

Saturday: *“Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.” John 14: 28. As you seek to draw near to God, seek to keep true to the word of God and live out God’s way.*



West Grove United Methodist Church

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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 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!*

*Call to Worship

Rain Catoia

One: The body of Christ comes from different nations and towns.

Many: The body of Christ gathers in different locations and spaces.

One: Our differences need not divide us.

Many: Our diversity enhances our knowledge of God.

One: Though we are many, we are one body.

Many: We all gather to praise God, drawn nearer to Christ, and seek the Holy Spirit.

*Opening Song

"I Will Rise Up"

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (written by Mark Parsons)

Rain Catoia

O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadow of our steps, who surprises us in ways inexpressible, who lingers in paradox: ignite our spirits to revel in your presence, inspire our souls to dance in your mystery, free our minds to rest in your holiness, fully comforted, totally quiet, totally yours, In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made Flesh, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Rain Catoia

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

Rain Catoia

*Gospel Lesson

John 14: 8-14, 23-28

Rain Catoia

*Response to the Lessons

Rain Catoia

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

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

*Song of Preparation

"Nearer My God to Thee"

UMH No. 528, Vv. 1,3,5

(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.)

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 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

Family of Doreen Fisk

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

Massaferi (Bushnell)

Rosemary MacCoun

Dave McClain



Edie Mears

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

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)

Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)

Danny Tideman (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

	<u><i>This Sunday, July 23rd</i></u>	<u><i>Next Sunday, July 30th</i></u>
Ushers—9:30	Joan Saller	Open
Greeters—9:30	The Simonds	Open
Acolyte—9:30	Cecelia Figueroa	Mac Catoia
Nursery—9:30	Heather McCummings	Chris Bruno
C. Worship—9:30	Amy Simonds	Maryanne Covington
Lay Reader—9:30	Rain Catoia	Matthew Rinehimer
Moment All Ages	Joan Leaman	Julie Hughes
Prayer Room	Cindy Haley	Cindy Haley
Hospitality—9:30	The Covingtons	Don Hurst
Counters	Bowers/Beauchamp	Talley
Soundbooth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

THIS WEEK: July 23 through July 30, 2017

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

Sunday: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Pastor Monica will be open vacation starting after worship on July 23rd through July 28th.
Please contact Pastor Shirley for urgent pastoral needs.*

Betsy Smith is on vacation July 23rd.

	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
Monday:	9:30: a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:		Bishop visitation to Jenner's Pond
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	40 Day Group (#3)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Yoga (Sanctuary)
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 (Outside, Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)
Thursday:	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)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)
Friday:	No scheduled events.	
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:		

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration of Ministry and Ice Cream Social for Jamie Lindtner and family

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

Report July 16, 2017

General Offering: \$6,721.50
Building Maintenance Fund: \$747.00
Blended Worship Attendance: 146
Emergency Groceries YTD: 64 bags
Anniversary Giving YTD: \$6,475.95
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$30.00
Current balance-\$2,257.03
Goal-\$10,000

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

Moment of Impact

Youth Mission Trip

*The last week in June, 10 youth and 5 adults
went to Virginia Beach to serve others. They
offered their hands and hearts to share God's
love with their words and actions. We
celebrate how God calls each of us to share
God's love.*

Sermon

"Who Is Knocking Down My Tower?"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Youth Mission Trip

Jamie Lindtner

Offering

Pastor Jim

Offertory Song

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH No. 368

***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 Jim

**Building and creating, we give thanks to God who first loved us and
draws us near. As we draw nearer to God, we offer a portion of our
gifts as tithes and offerings. Guide us to use these offerings to
glorify your name, and not our own. May the spiritual growth and
health of the community shine forth God's presence. In the name of
God, the Builder, we pray, Amen.**

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song**

"Shout To The North"

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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

***We give thanks to God for the talents of our music department. As Betsy
Smith is on vacation, thanks be to God for Joan Leaman, Janis Schrader and
Debbie Schneider and their musical leadership.***



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
In memory of Anna Herb
With love from her daughter, Linda Shiplet



Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 11: 1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 8-14, 23-28

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

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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.**

**JULY 30TH IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!** Bring your coins! The fifth Sunday of the month is our coin collection! This month's generous donations will benefit The Les Family. The Les Family, in Ukraine, are missionaries that we have supported for decades in their ministry.

**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! We are looking forward to BBQ, tacos, ice cream from the Boy Scouts, and popcorn from our church. Also, if you or someone you know would like to rent a space this year, they are 20'x20' for \$20! **Pop-up tents for our vendors are also needed.** Please contact Darlene Murphy at [d123murphy@aol.com](mailto:d123murphy@aol.com). Mark your calendars to join us for good food and great artisans!

**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.

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

**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!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Thank you to all those who served this week during Family Promise. You made our guests feel most welcome.

**CELBRATION OF MINISTRY:** On July 30th, we will be celebrating Jamie Lindtner's seven years of ministry with us. We thank her for her ministry and service. We are praying God's blessings on the next chapter of ministry for her and her family.

**BISHOP TO VISIT JENNER'S POND:** Bishop Peggy Johnson will join Pastor Jim Mundell at Jenner's Pond for a time of visitation. Pastor Jim is Chaplain at Jenner's Pond through West Grove UMC. Help us welcome the Bishop at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.