



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



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
July 24, 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)

Rain Catoia

One: As we gather, we come as those who have known joy and celebration as well as fear and doubt.

Many: Come! Join together with God's people seeking God's grace.

One: We seek the One who is trustworthy, the One who gives us what is good.

Many: We seek the One who makes it well with our souls.

*Welcoming Music

"It Is Well With My Soul"

UMH, No. 377

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *(Inspired by Psalm 85)*

Rain Catoia

God of abundant grace, we praise your name and give you thanks for your providence and provision. We praise you for steadfast mercy and faithfulness in the face of our sins. We confess that we have failed to be your people, committed to your justice above all else. Forgive us, we pray. Let us again, hear your word and embody the fruits of your Spirit. In the name of the Ever-loving, Ever-forgiving God, we pray.

*Passing of the Peace

Rain Catoia

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

VBS

Eileen Bushnell

VBS Review and Moment of Impact

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Rain Catoia

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-8

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*Response to the Lessons

Rain Catoia

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(Children 4-10 years meet in room #16 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #16.)

Sermon "Second Chance for a First Impression" Pastor Monica

SERVE

Song of Response "Fear Not" PraiseWorks Band

Offering "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" TFWS, No. 2129

***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 Jim
Gracious God of the Summertime, as tomatoes began to ripen on the vine, we praise your abundant generosity. We praise your care and attention to the provision for our needs. May we mirror your generosity and reflect your care and attention for others. Let these tithes, gifts, and offerings be blessed for your purposes and multiplied like abundant squash to inspire and equip all who seek to live out your will and way. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People Pastor Shirley

Lord's Prayer UMH, No. 895

***Song of Sending Forth** "Greater" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

Postlude

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



Altar Flowers

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



Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 43: 1-7*

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia[a] and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
 and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

***Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 9:2-8*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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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.***

**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** will not meet in July or August. In September (date to be announced) they will resume their schedule of meeting on 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 (610-345-0374) or Karen Boyd (443-553-4900).

**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!

**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.

## **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

## THIS WEEK: July 24 through July 31, 2016

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

**Pastor Monica is on vacation Monday, July 25 through Sunday, July 31  
Please call the office or Pastor Shirley for pastoral care needs.**

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | <b>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                                 |
| 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)                               |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)                               |
|                     | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)                                 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.                                    |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)              |
|                     | <b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Food &amp; Fun Night</b>           |
|                     | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)          |
|                     | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)          |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)     |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | <b>10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Dot Weeks Memorial Service and Luncheon</b> |
|                     | <b>5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Avon Grove Library Program (Sanc., Kit.)</b> |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)           |
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                              |
|                     | <b>Pastor Shirley Daddario Preaching</b>                            |
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**\*\* Fifth Sunday Coin Collection for support to the Les Family in the Ukraine\*\***



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 17, 2016

**General Offering: \$6,734.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$145.00**  
**Combined Worship Attendance: 131**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 65 Bags**  
**Emergency Aid Fund Offering: \$165.00**  
**Communion Table Update: \$846.00**

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

## Moment of Impact

### VBS

This week, our church was filled with children, youth, and adults for Vacation Bible School. We give thanks to God for 116 children and 65 volunteers! May we teach our children and remind our volunteers that following Jesus, the Light of the World, gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and his power.

# 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  
 Esther and 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)  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Laura Shiple James (Shiplet)  
 Karen Kirby (Bushnell)  
 Peg Kent  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttman (Miller)  
 Rosemary MacCoun



Ellen McCahon (Hruz)  
 Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 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)  
 Family of Angela Street (K. Smith)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 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 - 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 24**

**Ushers—9:30** Linda Peirson and OPEN  
**Greeters—9:30** OPEN  
**Acolyte—9:30** Alisabeth Guepet  
**Nursery—9:30** Edel Mullen  
**C. Worship—9:30** Amy Castaldi  
**Lay Reader—9:30** Rain Catoia  
**Moment All Ages** Eileen Bushnell  
**Hospitality—9:30** The Sullivans  
**Counters** George Anderson and Donna Shaub  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, July 31**

Linda Peirson and Susan Paisley  
 Vivian and Susan Paisley  
 Joseph Yarbrough  
 Chris Bruno  
 Maryanne Covington  
 Becky Rinehimer  
 Karen Hruz  
 The Gambills  
 Dave Talley and Denise Beyers  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

## **Meditations For Your Week**

***Sunday, July 24~ Saturday, July 30***

**Sunday:** *“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43: 1.* In order to be redeemed, one is saved from something undesirable and sometimes, harmful. Where are you calling God to save you?

**Monday:** *“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” Isaiah 43: 2.* Each and every trial was not sent by the Lord, but is used as an opportunity for redemption. Where is God redeeming you?

**Tuesday:** *“Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.” Isaiah 43: 4.* You are precious in the sight of the Lord. How can you treat others as precious in the sight of the Lord?

**Wednesday:** *“Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Isaiah 43: 7.* Every one, all of God’s, are beloved. Where is God calling you to notice others as God’s called?

**Thursday:** *“Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them” Mark 9:1.* Transfigured is to be changed in appearance. Jesus was transfigured to show his appearance as God’s son. How are you showing being God’s child?

**Friday:** *“Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’” Mark 9: 7.* God calls each of us, beloved. Can you hear God’s naming and blessing?

**Saturday:** *“Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.” Mark 9:8.* Prayerfully spend time giving thanks for Jesus being sufficient for all our needs.