



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism Sunday
August 21, 2016

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

UMH, No. 64

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Mike Chalmers

One: Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and will be.

Many: Holy is the Lord God Almighty who calls us children and beloved.

One: God has called us to repair what has been breached;

Many: God is calling us to the work of restoration and reconciliation.

One: Come, worship God, who needs us in this world.

Many: Let us worship our God, who leads us into life.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mike Chalmers

Loving God, we lift our voices in song and praise your name for you are holy.

You, who have created and made each of your children in your image and likeness, call us to usher in your way and kingdom. Open our hearts to hear your call to justice and mercy, compassion and peace. May we shape our lives, so that at each age, the world will see your light shining through us. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Mike Chalmers

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Mike Chalmers

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:1-2, 16-18

Mike Chalmers

Response to the Lessons

Mike Chalmers

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Song

“I Want To Live”

PraiseWorks Band

(Children 4-10 years meet in room #12 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #12.)

Sermon

“I Want To Live: A Vision for Our Children”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Campus Ministry

Pastor Monica

College Student Connections – As our youth go to college for the first time and our college students return to their studies, we ask that you consider taking a name of a student. Please pray for that student throughout the year and connect with them through sending notes and treats

Katie Barrett - Freshman at Penn State University

Casey Bruno - Freshman at Temple University

Luke Chalmers - Freshman at University of Delaware (fall semester in Spain)

Lianne Covington - Freshman at Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC

Nathaniel Howard - Junior at Temple University

Payton Ingiosi - Freshman at Liberty University

Ben LeSturgeon - Freshman at University of Pittsburgh

Alyssa Lytle - Freshman at Kutztown University

Emily Lytle - Freshman at American University

Justin Lytle - Freshman at Lebanon Valley College

Roger White - Junior at Drexel University

Shelby White - Freshman at Drexel University

Dalton Wolfe - Junior at The Naval Academy

Offering

***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.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Jim

Holy God, we rejoice in your loving kindness! You create us in your image with unique gifts, so that we may love and serve you in our distinctive ways. Thank you for guiding us continually as we seek to follow Christ, your Son. Empower our congregation by your Spirit to show and tell your good news of salvation to our neighbors. Use these offerings to bless all whose lives are touched by the ministries of this church. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Brooke Allison Davis

Baptism Song

“For Everyone Born”

PraiseWorks Band

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

*Song of Sending Forth

“Here I Am Lord”

UMH, No. 593

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lessons: *Isaiah 11:1-9*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 8:1-2, 16-18*

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

“No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.”

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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.***

**SONG DISPLAY:** Please post your reflections on today's songs with the notes provided in your bulletin on the wall in the lobby! All of the songs we are featuring during worship were requested by members of the congregation!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, Sunday, August 28. Attention Students and Teachers!** Bring your backpacks and school bags to worship for a special time of blessing at our 9:30 a.m. service. A small token of our love will be given to each teacher and child.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN! Wednesday Night Fun is still going strong! It will continue through Wednesday, August 31.** Join us for 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!

**THIRD GRADER BIBLE SUNDAY: On Sunday, September 11th,** we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) with the spelling of your child's name so a Bible can be presented to your child. We can't wait to share the Word of God them!

**TO BE RESCHEDULED!!! Youth Ministry Stock Holders Dessert** for today has been cancelled. The youth will re-schedule the event in the fall. Please see your bulletins for details.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS! Financial Peace University is back!** Beginning Sunday, September 25, this 9 week course will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.) Registration and course information will be available soon. Please contact David or Barbara Delaney with your questions at 484-371-8332.

**EMERGENCY BACKPACKS:** West Grove UMC, in conjunction with the Southern Chester County UM Mission ConneXion, is gathering items to go into 20 Emergency Backpacks. These backpacks will be provided to drop-off locations in Southern Chester County that assist our prison population in re-entry. Many people who leave prison have no place to go or to live. The items in these backpacks will make for a more comfortable transition in a difficult time. **We are providing one part of the contents: Personal Hygiene Packs. These packs include the following: Socks, Shampoo and conditioner (travel size), Lotion (travel size), Body Wash or Soap (travel size), Hand Sanitizers (travel size), Wash Clothes and Body Scrubbers, Toothpaste (small) and toothbrush.** If your last name ends in A-L, we ask that you provide the first four items. If your last name ends in M-Z, we ask that you provide the last three items. Please place these in the Mission bin in the lobby **by Sunday, September 11.** Thank you! WGUMC Mission Team

## THIS WEEK: August 21 through August 28, 2016

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

**Sunday:**

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Baptism Sunday ~ Brooke Allison Davis**

**Campus Ministry Sunday**

**Young Adult and College Student Sunday**

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Private Event (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Camporee Meeting (#1)

**Monday:**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (# 8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

**9:30 a.m. Prayer Walk for the Schools** (Meet at AGHS)

**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**

**Thursday:**

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)

**Friday:**

**No activities**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

**Sunday:**

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday**

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship  
10:45 p.m.-11:45 a.m. Prayer Ministry Team meeting (Vol. Office)

*\* We return to 8:30 Contemporary and 11:00 Traditional worship next Sunday, September 4 \**



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 August 14, 2016

**General Offering: \$5,452.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$735.00**

**Native American Ministries: \$117.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 103**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 68 Bags**

**Emergency Aid Fund Offering: \$500.00**

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

## Moment of Impact

### Campus Ministry

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference sponsors campus ministries at Millersville University, Drexel University, Albright College, and Lebanon Valley College. We are blessed to reach out to college students as a conference and as a church. Your second mile giving connects college students with faith experiences away at school and supports programming when they return to their home churches.

# 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 August: Ad Council**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in August: Children's Morning Out Preschool**

Wayne Achuff  
 Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Family of Joe Buttry (Murphy)  
 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)  
 Family of Barbara Donahoe (Mundell)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Sandy Futty (Phillips)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Anne Horn (Mullen)  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Sue Hutton  
 Lynn Jackson



Laura Shiplet James  
 Karen Kirby (Bushnell)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttman (Miller)  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 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)  
 Kristine Roberts (Phillips)  
 Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 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, August 21**

**Ushers—9:30** Rain Catoia and Joan Saller  
**Greeters—9:30** Dick and Caryl Stuhrke  
**Acolyte—9:30** Alisabeth Guepet  
**Nursery—9:30** Amy Castaldi  
**C. Worship—9:30** Joan Leaman  
**Lay Reader—9:30** Mike Chalmers  
**Moment All Ages** Pastor Monica  
**Hospitality—9:30** The Chalmers Family  
**Counters** Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, August 28**

Fred and Jeannie Sullivan  
 John and Carol McGinley  
 Ava Tolmie  
 Joan Leaman  
 OPEN  
 Susan Paisley  
 Karen Hruz  
 Steve May  
 George Anderson and Donna Shaub  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

## **Meditations For Your Week** **Sunday, August 21 ~ Saturday, August 27**



**Sunday:** *“His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;”* Isaiah 11: 3-4a. God’s way invites each of us to reflect righteousness and equity. Where is God calling you to offer equity to the ‘underdogs’?

**Monday:** *“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”* Isaiah 11: 6. For a cautious and aware individual, this vision is unsettling, even upsetting. For God, this vision sees beyond limitations into transformation. Where do you see glimpses of transformation?

**Tuesday:** *“They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”* Isaiah 11:9. God’s vision for the world is restoration. Pray for God to mold your heart to see God’s vision.

**Wednesday:** *“Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out.”* Luke 8:1-2. There were always others doing the work of ministry with Jesus: disciples, apostles, and those whose lives were changed. How will you join in Jesus’ work of ministry?

**Thursday:** *“No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.”* Luke 8: 16. Your light is no different. It is easier to not engage, sometimes. However, where is God calling you to shine your light?

**Friday:** *“For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light.”* Luke 8: 17. If your life was completely disclosed, where would you be uncomfortable? Ask God’s way for those things.

**Saturday:** *“Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.”* Luke 8: 18. Prayerfully consider God’s call to listen well and care for God’s people.