



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Walking on Sunshine!

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2015

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Monica

Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time visitor or member? Let us know you were here!*

***Welcoming Music**

“Sing for Joy”

PraiseWorks Band

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Joan Leaman

One: God has given us this day for praise!

Many: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

One: God has given Jesus to us that we might learn how to live.

Many: Let the ways of Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives!

One: Come, let us worship God of abundant mercy and love!

Many: Let us sing our praises and live our discipleship.

***Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Joan Leaman

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace**

Joan Leaman

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Blessing of the BackPacks

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Moment of Impact 5th Sunday Coin Collection for the Les Family in the Ukraine

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 22:17-20, 44-51

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 111

Worship After Pentecost Extended Worship

Response to the Lessons

Joan Leaman

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Hymn No. 89

(Children 4-10 years meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children in room #9 immediately following the worship service.)

Sermon

“Walking On Sunshine!”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact

“Les Family”

Pastor Monica

Offering

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty”

Hymn No. 64

Offertory Prayer (written by Brian Wren)

Pastor Monica

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, you love us more than we love ourselves. You believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Monica

Lord’s Prayer

Red Hymnal, No. 895

*Song of Sending Forth

“I Walk By Faith”

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 22:17-20, 44-51*

He reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of mighty waters.
He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me;
for they were too mighty for me.
They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my stay.
He brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
You delivered me from strife with the peoples; you kept me as the head of the
nations; people whom I had not known served me.
Foreigners came cringing to me; as soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me.
Foreigners lost heart, and came trembling out of their strongholds.
The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my
salvation, the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under
me, who brought me out from my enemies; you exalted me above my
adversaries, you delivered me from the violent.
For this I will extol you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.
He is a tower of salvation for his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his descendants forever.

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 111*

Praise the Lord!
will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and
merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are
trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Blessing of the Backpacks

(written by Rev. Karin Fowler and modified by Rev. Larry Farris and Rev. Monica B. Guepet)



Leader: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm playing with my friends at recess...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm finding the right school bus to ride home...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm telling my family about my day at school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: Let's pray together:

All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by my side. I know that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me. When I see the cross on my backpack, I will remember that you are always with me. Bless these backpacks as reminders that Jesus has our backs. I know that I can talk with you any time – day or night – and for that I am so thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

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.

Thank you for joining us today! The psalmist declares: "My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God" (Psalm 84:2, NRSV). Let us join in song and praise to the God who showers us with grace. 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.***

**OUR TRUSTEES are currently evaluating and addressing potential leaks and repairs to our air conditioning in the Narthex. We hope you will understand in the interim.**

**DO YOU HAVE FAITH? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available for our children and youth during the service.** Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", shout out faith (and make a witness!). At the end of the service, please come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many folks who give electronically at West Grove UMC. A "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure offered in the literature rack by the front doors, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.

**VISIONING RETREAT:** On **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, our leadership and others interested in our future will gather at Camp Innabah from 9am- 4pm. We will share dreams, set goals, and vision how God is calling us into the future. Join us! Childcare will be provided. Please see Pastor Monica to RSVP.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS NEEDED: Our Sunday school and Children's Worship rooms** are in need of the following items in order to prepare for the coming year: Scotch Tape, construction paper, white glue, glue sticks, crayons, pens, pencils, white board markers, white board erasers, white board cleaner. Picking up any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Supplies can be left in the black bins in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**NOTE ABOUT FALL:** Regular Worship Schedule Resumes next Sunday, September 6: We will return to our regular schedule of 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Sunday School will begin the following week on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CHANCEL CHOIR will resume Thursday** evening rehearsals at 6:45 on Thursday, September 3 and will sing next Sunday, September 6

We look forward to seeing our returning choir members and would love to have anyone new join us! Contact Betsy Smith ahead of time, or just show up at rehearsal on Thursday!

**PRAISE BAND rehearsals will resume** on Thursday evening, September 3 at 8:00 in the sanctuary. If you play guitar, drums, bass, or another instrument that you think would work well in our praise band or if you would like to sing, we welcome new members! Please contact Betsy ahead of time for further details.

**THIS WEEK: August 30 through September 6, 2015**

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

**Sunday:                   FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to Benefit the Les Family**  
**Blessing of the BackPacks Sunday**

8:45 a.m.                   PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal  
**9:30 a.m.                   Blended Worship with both Contemporary and**  
**Traditional elements**

**Monday:               9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.           Knit Wits (#1)**

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.       S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:             8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.           Mushroom Works CPR Training Class (Sanc., Lobby)**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.       Yoga-Sanc.

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.       Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.       Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:         8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.           Mushroom Works CPR Training Class (Sanc., Lobby)**

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.       Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

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

**Thursday:           4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.           All Staff Meeting (#1)**

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.       Daisy Troop #4567 (#8, 10)

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.       Choir Rehearsal (#6)

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.       PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:               No Activities or Events Scheduled**

**Saturday:           10:00 a.m.-12:30 a.m.         Mabel Romanowski Memorial Service (Sanc., Lobby)**

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

**Sunday:                   FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday**  
**Commissioning of the Sunday School Teachers and Sunday Morning Servants**

8:30 a.m.                   Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

11:00 a.m.                  Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

**Please note that the church office will be closed on**  
**Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 23, 2015**

**General Offering: \$5,415.<sup>86</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$160.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 136**

**Emergency Groceries: Bags**

**Distributed YTD: 41**

**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 224**

**Campus Ministry Offering: \$386.<sup>00</sup>**

**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD: \$921.<sup>65</sup>**

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

## **Moment of Impact**

For over 14 years, we have supported the Les Family in Ukraine. The Les Family shares the whole gospel of Christ with their friends and neighbors through 2 churches and reaches into much of Ukraine. It is your giving that supports Pastor Sergey and his family as they offer the peace of Christ.

# 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 in August: Our Trustees**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in August: Chester County Gleaning Program**

Kory Arnold  
 Jim Alleger (Guepet)  
 Louise Ballard (Boyd)  
 Amijo Bearley (Hampton)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Helen Chreiman (Hoover)  
 Hazel Cornett (Rubincan)  
 Ruby DeBoard  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Retired Local Pastor Edgar  
 Donnon (SE District)  
 Family of Jesse Eller (Saller)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Peter Grossweiler (Anderson)  
 Family of Josie Grove (Castaldi)  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Kim Henry (Hampton)  
 Ruth Hong (Stryjewski)  
 Bill Jones  
 Dot Kaiser (Mundell)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Kay Longnecker (Mullen)  
 Rachel McClain



Cindy Mohn (B. Smith)  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lois Norton (Mears)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Amanda Rector (Czerpak)  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Nolan Mitchell Schrum  
 (Carmichael)  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Vicki Snyder (Hughes)  
 Lorrie & Scott Steele  
 Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
 Fernando Tena  
 Jonathan Tena  
 James Thomas (Mullen)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Eveline Walker (Schrader)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Jeff Whelan  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)  
 Nate Howard—Quantico  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy,  
 Mexico City (The Rambergers)  
 Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
 (Simonds)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base,  
 Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30**  
**Ushers—11**  
**Greeters—8:30**  
**Greeters—11**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11**  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**  
**C. Worship—8:30/11**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Hospitality 8:30/11**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

**This Sunday, August 30 (9:30)**  
 Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 N/A  
 Bill, Melissa and Madeline Jones  
 N/A  
 Matthew Rinehimer  
 Carolyn Bratton  
 Joan Leaman  
 Joan Leaman  
 N/A  
 Pastor Monica  
 Dawn and Mike Chalmers  
 Dave Talley and Denise Byers  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, September 6**  
 TBA  
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 Matt Simonds / Joshua Robinson  
 M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson  
 OPEN / Joan Leaman  
 Cindy Haley  
 Peter Mullen  
 Pastor Monica  
 Rain Catoia / The Kreutzfeldts  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider





**CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS** are available now! **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 19!** The proceeds from this annual fundraiser by the trustees supports many church maintenance projects, as well as a percentage being donated to Missions

and other community organizations. **Remember** to get your packet of tickets from Sara Ann Ramberger after service in the lobby.

**YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY PAYPAL THIS YEAR!** Follow the link on the church's website to purchase your tickets: [West Grove United Methodist Church Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser](#) or you may go to <http://www.westgroveumc.org/ChickenBBQ/OrderTickets.html> .

**CHICKEN BBQ SUPPLIES:** The BBQ typically uses about 35-40 20 lb. bags of charcoal. There are often great deals on charcoal over the summer, and your donation would be appreciated.

We all have gifts we can share to make this event a success. Some ways you can help include:

**Give of Yourself and your time:** Volunteers are needed to help out before, during, and after the event. Sell Tickets, greet people, and help prepare food--these are just some of the ways to help. Praying for good weather and the success of our event is just as important as physically helping out, so pray!

**Give of your Talents:** Make a dessert, fold some boxes, make some signs, package some coleslaw, etc. There are many ways to use your talents through this event. Just contact one of the trustees, and we will help you channel your talents.

**Give of your Treasures:** Sign up to purchase items or donate cash to purchase items.



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**ANNUAL  
CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

1/2 chicken served with a baked potato,  
coleslaw, applesauce, a roll and dessert!

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015**

Drive-Thru: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Eat-In: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00

Children 10 and under: \$5.00

Children under 5

may *EAT-IN* free w/adult

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# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 30 ~ Saturday, September 5



**Sunday:** *“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.” Psalm 111:1.* How can you praise God in the company of the congregation? What praise do you need to give God in front of others?

**Monday:** *“God provides food for those who fear him; God is ever mindful of his covenant.” Psalm 111: 5.* Is God calling you to be the hands through which God provides food for someone else?

**Tuesday:** *“God sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.” Psalm 111:9.* God’s commitment to us is forever, beyond our understanding. Give thanks to God for endless redemption.

**Wednesday:** *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.” Psalm 111:10.* Consider spending time today reading God’s word and asking God to open your eyes to wisdom.

**Thursday:** *“God reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of mighty waters.” 2 Samuel 22:17.* God is with us in the places where we feel furthest from God. Ponder God’s immense redemption today.

**Friday:** *“God brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.” 2 Samuel 22:20.* God delights in you! Give thanks to God who delights in each of us.

**Saturday:** *“The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation” 2 Samuel 22:47.* Let the praise of God roll off your tongue today!



**WGUMC Fall Rummage Sale  
Friday, October 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and  
Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m.-Noon.**

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may "Fill-a-Bag for \$2.00".

**How can you help?**

Why not weed out unwanted books, gently used clothes, unused kitchen utensils and other household items, box games, puzzles, children's items, the stuff in your basement you've been meaning to go through, and set those "weeds" aside for the church rummage sale? **You can bring your donations to church beginning Sunday, September 27 and throughout that week.** The church office is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. We'll be setting up on Thursday, October 1 beginning around Noon. If you can donate any amount of your time to sorting and organizing, it would be most helpful. So, start cleaning and sorting, and we'll see you at the sale!**