

## 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

### OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Let The Praises Ring" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and 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!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Found In You"  
"Thy Word" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**Moment of Impact** *Third Grade Bible Dedication* Page 8  
*Isaac Armstrong, Rebecca Noel Czerpak, Owen Douglas Hill, Asher Daniel Lindtner,  
Nolan Douglas Timm, and Margaret E. Stuhrke*

**New Testament Lesson** *1 Timothy 1:2-7* Carolyn Barrett

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 15:1-10* Carolyn Barrett

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**Sermon** "I Am Found" Pastor Monica

### SERVE

**Offering** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

**O Lord, our refuge, you alone bring deliverance. You search and find us.  
Thank you for redeeming us with new life and strength. When we are afraid,  
your spirit helps us to trust in you. Give us faith and diligence as we seek to do  
your will. Use our offerings and gifts for the work of your kingdom, even as we  
await the return of your Son Jesus Christ in glory. We pray in his name. Amen.**

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Educators, Children Ministry, Volunteers, and Youth Workers** Page 8

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Monica

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Monica

**\*Closing Song** "You Found Me" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**



**West Grove United Methodist Church**

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

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Found

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Third Grader Bible Sunday  
September 11, 2016**

## 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### OPEN

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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#### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sandy Deckard

One: When the lost are found,

**Many: there is joy!**

One: When hope overcomes despair,

**Many: there is joy!**

One: When we seek and find God's faithfulness,

**Many: there is joy!**

#### \*Processional Hymn "Come, Thou Font Of Every Blessing"

Hymnal No. 400

#### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

**Joy-filled God, you overflow in blessings for us. On dark days, you never stop shining the light for us to find. On lonely days, you never stop reaching out to us. On this day, you find us! Praise our God who finds us in the dark and lonely places and sets on our feet filling us with every blessing. In the name of our Generous God, we pray, Amen.**

#### \*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

### GROW

#### Moments for All Ages

Pastor Monica

#### Third Grader Bible Presentation

Pastor Monica

*Isaac Armstrong, Rebecca Noel Czerpak, Owen Douglas Hill, Asher Daniel Lindtner,  
Nolan Douglas Timm, and Margaret E. Stuhrke*

#### New Testament Lesson

1 Timothy 1:2-7

Sandy Deckard

#### \*Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Sandy Deckard

#### \*Response to the Lessons

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### Anthem

"Carried By Love"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship.

## Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 11 ~ Saturday, September 17



**Sunday:** "But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith." 1 Timothy 1:5. God's instruction for us is always good, always up-lifting, and always urging us onto perfection. Where is God instructing you? Through who are you learning about God's ways?

**Monday:** "And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15: 2. Jesus raised eyebrows by connecting not just with the desirables, but all of the people of God. How are you connecting with all of the people of God?

**Tuesday:** "When he has found the sheep, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices." Luke 15: 5. Leaving the 99 does not endanger them, it does secure the 100th. Prayerfully consider the times that you have felt left as times that God's presence has not left you, but rather sought another as well.

**Wednesday:** "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'" Luke 15: 6. Show and tell is begun at a young age. How are you showing and telling the good things that God has done for you?

**Thursday:** "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?" Luke 15: 8. We do not have a timeline on this parable. What if it took the woman days or weeks? Where are you searching even if it takes a long time?

**Friday:** "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'" Luke 15: 9. Where is God calling you to celebrate the lost being found and prayers being answered?

**Saturday:** "Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" Luke 15: 10. God's joy over repentance is stronger than anger over sin.

# 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 September: Sunday School Program**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in September: Children's Morning Out Preschool**

Wayne Achuff	Rosemary MacCoun
Cory Beattie (Shaub)	Dave McClain
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)	Margee Michaels
Fran Bryan	Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Dee Crawford	Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Esther and Ed Culbertson	Tim Mullen
Bill Davis (Mullen)	Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Dorothy Dean (Bratton/Farr)	Ed O'Brien
Colin Delaney (McGinley)	Warren Payton (Mullen)
Family of Barbara Donahoe (Mundell)	James Pollard (Yarbrough)
Tom Fagan	Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)	Ruth Richards (Delaney)
Family of Sandy Futtly (Phillips)	Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Richard Heacock	Kristine Roberts (Phillips)
Anne Horn (Mullen)	Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)
Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)	Roann Schneider
Muff Hurst	Lorrie Steele
Sue Hutton	Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Lynn Jackson	Fernando & Jonathan Tena
Laura Shiplet James	Raymond Thompson (Adams)
Karen Kirby (Bushnell)	Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Bill Lilley	Ron and Marliss Wilson
Family of Neva Luttman (Miller)	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

	<u><b>This Sunday, September 11</b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday, September 18</b></u>
<b>Ushers—8:30</b>	The Catoia Family	The Catoia Family
<b>Greeters—8:30</b>	Mike and Cindy Haley	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Ushers—11:00</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Joan Saller and <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Greeters—11:00</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Larry and Kay Yates
<b>Acolyte 8:30/11</b>	Matt Simonds / Matt Rinehimer	Cecelia Figueroa/Alisabeth Guepet
<b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b>	C. Bruno/C. Bratton/K. Rinehimer	M. Rubincan/K. Smith/A. Castaldi
<b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>	Maryanne Covington/Joan Leaman	Jessi Timm / <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>	Carolyn Barrett	Fred Sullivan
<b>Liturgist—11:00</b>	Sandy Deckard	Tom Hoover
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
<b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>	Steve May / Don Hurst	Maryanne Covington / Scott Steele
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Talley and Denise Byers	Margee Michaels and Scott Steele
<b>Sound Booth</b>	B. Ditzel/K. Schneider	B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

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**Sermon** "I Am Found" Pastor Monica

### SERVE

**\*Hymn of Response** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" Hymnal No. 348

### Offering

**\*Offertory Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 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 Monica  
**O Lord, our refuge, you alone bring deliverance. You search and find us. Thank you for redeeming us with new life and strength. When we are afraid, your spirit helps us to trust in you. Give us faith and diligence as we seek to do your will. Use our offerings and gifts for the work of your kingdom, even as we await the return of your Son Jesus Christ in glory. We pray in his name. Amen.**

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**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Monica

**The Lords Prayer** Pastor Monica

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** "Victory In Jesus" Hymnal No. 370

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Choral Benediction** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Chancel Choir

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



### Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in Celebration of Alisabeth Guepet's 10th Birthday  
 With love from her family



**New Testament Lessons:** 1 Timothy 1:2-7

To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:  
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training[a] that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

**Gospel Lessons:** Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**THIS WEEK: September 11 through September 18, 2016**

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THIRD GRADER BIBLE SUNDAY COMMISSIONING OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir
	Today	Mission Team returns from Crisfield, MD
	<i>Today, Pastor Jim is leading worship at Jenner's Pond at 11 a.m. in the Allison Theater.</i>	
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#6)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12)
	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	War Room Bible Study (#3)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	4-H Club ( #8, 10)
	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga-Sanc.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	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)
	7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CareGivers Meeting (#1)
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	All Staff Meeting (#1)
	5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop 4567 (#8, 10)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)
	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast Set-up (Kitchen &amp; Sanc.)</b>
	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast! (Sanc., Kit.)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Open Market with Vendors and Food Trucks!</b>
	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (8,10.)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BAPTISM SUNDAY</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and Memory Bells Handbell Choir

**SAVE THE DATE! Fall Rummage Sale: Friday, September 30,  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

### Third Grader Bible Dedication

Pastor: The psalmist has written, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth” (Psalm 119:103 NRSV). The Bible is the living word of the living God. The Bible tells us how God loved God’s people for many generations. It shows us how we can know God and how God wants us to live.

**Congregation: The Bible is at the heart of our corporate and our personal worship. We offer you this gift to learn more about God, God’s people, and follow God’s ways.**

Third Graders: Thank you for this gift. We hope to grow and learn more about God. Parents of Third Graders: Our children learn by example. We will seek to give them an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. Our children teach us. We will seek to learn from their enthusiasm and questions.

**Congregation: We too, renew our promise to be an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. We look forward to how children will teach us.**

Pastor: The Bible has been companion with many in this church across many years: a companion that has offered comfort and peace as well as challenge and growth. May your journeys be filled with all of the gifts that God offers through the Bible. Amen.

### Commissioning of Our Sunday School Teachers and Sunday Morning Servants, Christian Educators, Children Ministry, Volunteers, and Youth Workers

Pastor: Teaching the faith is one the best gifts we can offer to one another. Those who are called and gifted to teach, care, and love children, youth, and adults are indeed seeking to build God’s kingdom among us.

**Congregation: We give thanks to God for the willingness of those who serve using their gifts of teaching, caring and guiding. We ask God’s blessings on them.**

Pastor: You have recognized God’s movement in your own lives and now seek to share that with others. Will you take seriously your role as a teacher and as a learner? Will you study and grow so that you might share with others the faith you discover?

Christian Educators, Children Ministry volunteers, and Youth workers: We have answered a call to teach, to lead, to support children, youth, and adults in their faith journeys. We trust in God’s promises to equip and sustain us for the task. We rely on prayers and the presence of the Holy Spirit to share and teach.

**Congregation: We promise to be in prayer for you and those you teach. We promise to be learners with you as we too, seek God’s presence in our faith journeys.**

Pastor offers prayer of blessing.

## 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.

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 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.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** – is open to all children 4 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and will be held in room 10. A variety of activities will be offered to help the children grasp the message of the sermon scriptures for the week. If your child is not yet 4 years old, children ages birth through 3 years old are welcome in the nursery for the children’s worship times with some low-key, guided activities for those children, see Amy Castaldi for more details or with questions.

**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** -- Children’s Worship is also inviting student’s 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older to participate as volunteer helpers for CW on a Sunday morning. The child and parent would both need to agree and a very short training session would be set-up for those interested. Volunteer opportunities for students range from once a year up to but not exceeding more than once a month.

**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! Mission Team

**RETIRED ACTIVE PEOPLE:** RAP and friends will be traveling to **Sight and Sound** to see **SAMSON** on **Wednesday, October 26th, at 11 a.m.** Tickets are available for **\$51.** After the show, those interested will be enjoying a meal together at **Miller’s Smorgasbord. \$28** includes the smorgasbord, hot/cold beverage, all taxes and gratuities. We are carpooling. Contact Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net) for reservations and additional information.

**Confirmation Interest Meeting for Students & Parents: Sunday, September 18 at 9:45** - Come and hear about the Confirmation Program for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Confirmation is an opportunity for our students to learn more about their faith and the church. It’s a time for them to ask questions and learn that it is okay to not have all the answers! At the end of this confirmation process (on June 4<sup>th</sup>) students will be given the opportunity to become members of the West Grove UMC! Come with your questions and hear about this opportunity. Confirmation class will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 in the youth room.



**West Grove United Methodist Church  
Inaugural Open Market  
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00  
(tickets \$6.00 in advance)**

**Open Market  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Eat, Shop, Socialize  
Vendors, Artists, Food Trucks**

**300 N. Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390**

*For additional information or vendor inquiries please call  
(610) 869-9334 or email  
office@westgroveumc.org*



### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report September 4, 2016**

**General Offering: \$13,620.00  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$255.00  
Emergency Aid Offering: \$274.00  
Combined Worship Attendance: 161  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 78 Bags**

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



## **Pancake Breakfast.**



Linda Shiplet and Kim Smith are organizing the Pancake Breakfast portion of the Open Market. Lots of help in the kitchen, volunteers to help serve breakfast, set up the tables and chairs, break down the tables and chairs after breakfast for Sunday worship and many other opportunities to be of service are available. It takes our entire congregation's participation to make this event a success! Buying tickets is also a way to help! Donations of food items are appreciated as well, and a list for signing up can be found in the church lobby. Please see if you can donate an item or two!

## **Moment of Impact**

### **Third Grader Bibles**

One of the cherished traditions of this congregation is the gift of bibles to third graders. There is not better gift that the living word to our children. May we continue to teach our children to cherish the word of the living God.



### **FAITHLINKS Adult Class starting September 25!**

This class is for individuals and groups that want to apply their United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events. They meet in Room 1, Sundays, 9:45 -10:45 a.m.

### **You Are Invited to a WAR ROOM BIBLE STUDY!**

Starting **Sunday, September 11**, at 9:45 a.m. sharp, in room #3. We will meet for 5 weeks through Sunday, October 9. This class is offered, as well, on **Mondays**, starting on **September 12** at 7 p.m. in room #3 through Monday, October 10. The directors of the movie, War Room are the designers of the study. The study calls believers to trust in our God and to find their relationship with our Savior.

This five week study reminds us that prayer is powerful. You don't have to see the movie to attend the class.

### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is back!**

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. For information, go to the following web address: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home> This 9 week course starts Sunday morning **September 25th at 9:45 a.m.** Contact David or Barbara Delaney at 484-37-8332 if you have specific questions. Go the following link to sign up for the class: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1024371>

### **UNDERSTANDING ISLAM: Begins September 11, 9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- (Rm. 4)**

Mel Leaman, retired professor of Religion at Lincoln University will lead this study. The shared and contrasting beliefs of Islam and Christianity will be discussed. The first Sunday together will be an introduction to the topic. All are welcome each Sunday, however, participants will get the most out of this class by following the selected readings from Dr. David W. Shenk's book *Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church: Exploring the Mission of Two Communities*. We will read two chapters each week. David Shenk has travelled the globe speaking to leading Muslim clerics and Presidents of Muslim nations. His books can be viewed on Amazon. He will join us for an evening session on Sunday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00. The theme for that evening will be "The Peace of the Gospel in Dynamic Encounter with the Peace of Islam."

### **MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE – Starting September 11th at 9:45 a.m.**

This will be a 6 weeks course in the sanctuary at 9:45 am. "The world's best-selling, most read, and most loved book is also one of the most confusing" said Adam Hamilton, writer of the study moses. Join Pastor Monica to explore the Bible in 6 weeks! Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading it for decades, join us as we explore the Bible and some foundational questions about how and when the Bible was written, how should we read it, and what does it mean?

### **WEEKLY GROUNDINGS!**

Not sure where to land or what to do while your children are in Sunday school? Stop by in the lobby and meet up with this informal group in the lobby each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. We will have open ended questions about faith/life application; come one week or every week!