

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "Here I Am to Worship" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Shirley and Pastor Kevin

*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" PraiseWorks Band

"I Will Never Be"

***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

Moment For All Ages Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 24: 1-21* Fred Sullivan

***Gospel Lesson** *John 14: 12-17* Fred Sullivan

***Response to the Lesson**

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10.

Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon "Watch Closely" Reverend Mercedes Case

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Moment of Impact *Prayer Bead Garden* Carol Whelan

Offering "In Your Presence" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison) (based on Romans 14: 1-12) Pastor Kevin

O Lord, our God, you graciously welcome all who seek you. We are grateful that you have taught us your commandments so that we may live as people who belong to you. Guide us by your Spirit so that our attitudes toward others and our daily actions will honor you. Let the ministries of our church reach out to show and tell our neighbors of your faithful love. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Gathered Prayer Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** "Holiness" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Merc

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



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 17, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Memory Bells Choir
(arranged by Linda R. Lamb)

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***Call to Worship** Peter Mullen

One: We gather as children of God.

Many: To worship our Creator, to renew our faith.

One: The Spirit lives and moves among us.

Many: Let us praise God with heart and voice.

***Processional Hymn** "Maker, In Whom We Live" UMH No. 88

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Peter Mullen

(adapted from a prayer by William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury)

O God, our Lord, who sent your Son to be our Savior:

Renew in us day by day the power of your Holy Spirit; that with knowledge and zeal, with courage and love, with gratitude and hope, we may strive powerfully in your service. May you keep our vision clear, our aspiration high, our purpose firm and our sympathy wide; that we may live as faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Passing of the peace** Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moments for All Ages Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 24: 1-21 Peter Mullen

***Gospel Lesson** John 14: 12-17 Peter Mullen

***Response to the Lessons** Peter Mullen

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "Sure Foundation" Chancel Choir

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Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 17th-Saturday, September 23rd



Sunday: "Abraham was now a very old man, and the LORD had blessed him in every way." Genesis 24:1 The Lord blesses us in every way. Take time today to thank God for your many blessings.

Monday: "O LORD, God of my master, Abraham," he prayed. "Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham." Genesis 24: 12 Abraham's servant took time during his task to stop and pray for success. Take time during your day to pray for success in accomplishing all that God has called you to do.

Tuesday: "Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful." Genesis 24: 21 The servant watched closely to see if his prayer would be answered. Reflect on the prayers that God has answered in your own life.

Wednesday: "You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father." John 14: 13 As God answers prayers, God's glory and goodness through Jesus Christ shines. Shine that glorious light today for all to see!

Thursday: "Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" John 14: 14 Jesus desires us to ask him for whatever is on our heart. Bring all your requests to Christ in prayer – the big, the small and everything in between!

Friday: "If you love me, obey my commandments." John 14: 15 Those who love Christ follow his command to love God and love one another. Who can you share Christ's love with today?

Saturday: "He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you." John 14: 17 Christ promises to be with us always. Praise the Lord for God's own Son who never leaves us alone or forgotten, but is with us and in us always. Amen!

P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

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 September: Ad Council

Mission Prayer Focus in September: Children's Morning Out Preschool

Cory Beattie (Shaub)	Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)
Peter Bielawski (Howard)	Rosemary MacCoun
Fran Bryan	Dave McClain
George Byrne (Yarbrough)	Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)	Peggy Mowrer
Joann Coates	Tim Mullen
Dee Crawford	Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)	Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Fred Disk (Stryjewski)	Sherry Russell
Tom Fagan	Roann Schneider
Laura Featherston	Rick Spencer (K. Smith)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)	Stephen Spitko (Howard)
Family of Jerry Frost (Frost)	Jeannie Sullivan
Family of Scott Hart (Saller)	Lorrie Steele
Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)	Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Muff & Don Hurst	Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)
Lynn Jackson	Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)
Jill Jennings	Danny Tiderman (Hughes)
Peg Kent	Zach Trexler (Lytle)
William Kirwin	Family of Ruth Wells
Susan Lacy (Mullen)	Ron and Marliiss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
 Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)
 Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)

 LTC Eric Maxwell,
 Chesapeake, VA
 (The Rambergers)

 Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ
 (Lynne Strawhecker)

 Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

 Ed Tolmie

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

<u><i>This Sunday, September 17th</i></u>	<u><i>Next Sunday, September 24th</i></u>
Ushers—8:30	The Simonds
Greeters—8:30	Pat Heist/M. Rubincan
Ushers—11:00	OPEN
Greeters—11:00	Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30/11	Cora Boyd/C. Robinson
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11	Jessi Timm/Amy Simonds
Lay Reader—8:30	Fred Sullivan
Liturgist—11:00	Peter Mullen
Moment All Ages	Joan Leaman
Prayer Room 8:30/11	Nancy Howard/Cindy Haley
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Covingtons/Scott Steele
Counters	The Stuhrkes
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various

Sermon

“Watch Closely”

Reverend Mercedes Case

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

“Guide Me, O Great Jehovah”

UMH No. 127

Moment of Impact

Prayer Bead Garden

Pastor Shirley

Offering

"Jesus Shall Reign" (arranged by Bill Ingram)

Memory Bell Choir

*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.**

Offertory Prayer (Unison) (based on Romans 14: 1-12)

Pastor Kevin

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Gathered Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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*Hymn of Sending Forth

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

UMH No. 128

Verses 1-3

Rev. Case

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in celebration of Dave and Lori McClain's anniversary
 Given by the McClains

and

In celebration of Kim Smith's birthday
 Given by Linda, Karen, and Linda.





Blessing of the Animals

West Grove United Methodist Church Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 1, 2017 1:00 p.m. At the Gazebo in Harmony Park (Harmony Road & N. Guernsey Road)

The animals in our lives, from the smallest fish to the largest horse, bring us great joy, comfort, laughter and purpose. They are a part of our families and our hearts and deserve God's special blessings. Bring your pets, large and small for a time of prayer and blessing just for them.

Dogs must be on leashes; smaller animals need to be in crates or cages. Horses, sheep, and goats are welcome as well, under the attentive eyes of their owners. Invite your fellow animal lovers to receive pet treats and God's blessings for their man's (and woman's!) best friends!

West Grove United Methodist Church Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 6th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, October 7th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please think of us as you sort through your closets and drawers, attics and garages.

Donations accepted at the church from
Sunday, Oct. 1st—Wed., Oct. 4th.

Left-over items are donated to various mission organizations. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.



THIS WEEK: September 17 through September 24, 2017

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

Sunday:	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	Reverend Mercedes Case will be offering the message at both services	
	Pastor Monica is on vacation Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17	
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Visitors Meeting (Vol. Office)
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir and Memory Bells
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Adult Leaders meeting (#8 & 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Training (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Family Literacy Program (#2)
	1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Bi Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)
	4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts Jr. #447 (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Jr. #41377 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	40 Day Group (#2)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
	7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 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)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Junior #4567 (#8, 10)
	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy #461 (#12)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SPRC meeting (#1)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	OPEN MARKET
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report September 10, 2017

General Offering: \$4,186.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$122.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 184
Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 bags
Anniversary Giving YTD: \$ 7,489.95
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$1.00
Total amount received: \$5,687.00
Goal-\$10,000

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

Moment of Impact

Prayer Bead Garden

We are blessed by the generosity of our congregation and community. We are finalizing details as we work with contractors for beginning work on the garden this fall.



Spaghetti Dinner To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 12

Saturday September 30, 2017
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

West Grove United Methodist Church
300 N Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390

Spaghetti Dinner complete with pasta, meatballs, sauce, salad, bread, desserts and refreshments.

\$10.00 - Adult

\$6.00 - Child 10 and under

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 610-932-4984 or purchase tickets online at www.ccctroop12.org.

You can also purchase tickets by emailing Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net Or mail your check to:

Troop 12
117 W Ruddy Duck Circle
Oxford, PA 19363

All tickets purchased by mail can be picked up in our "will call" area the day of the event.



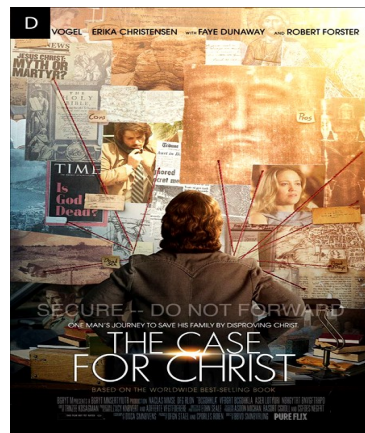
SAVE THE DATE!!!

When: Friday, October 27th 6:30 PM

What: It's movie time!

Where: West Grove UMC
(in the Sanctuary)

Who: The Prayer Ministry Team



This recently released movie, **THE CASE FOR CHRIST** (rated PG), is about one man's journey to solve the biggest mystery of all time. Is Jesus Christ a hoax or truth? This movie is a true story about Lee Strobel working hard to disprove Christianity. In his investigation, he found the facts and truth that Jesus Christ is alive and the son of God!

All are welcome!
FREE admission!

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 24: 1-21

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.' The servant said to him, 'Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?' Abraham said to him, 'See to it that you do not take my son back there. The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, "To your offspring I will give this land", he will send his angel before you; you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.' So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. He made the camels kneel down

outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. Let the girl to whom I shall say, "Please offer your jar that I may drink", and who shall say, "Drink, and I will water your camels"—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.' Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder. The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, 'Please let me sip a little water from your jar.' 'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 12-17

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.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

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.

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.

ADULT LEADERS FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY: If you are interested in being a part of the youth program, please join Pastor Kevin on **Sunday, September 17 after the 11 a.m. service** in the youth rooms (8 & 10) for a brief meeting to discuss the youth program.

SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN'S MORNING OUT CONSIGNMENT SALE! Friday, October 13th, 9am – 4:00pm and Saturday, October 14th, 9am – 12:00 pm New time on Saturday. WGUMC will be holding a Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale. This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at good prices. There will be a large selection of Fall and Winter children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, books, baby items and equipment. Shopping hours are Friday, October 13th from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, October 14th from 9:00am-12 noon. Come on Friday for the best selection. On Saturday, many items will be half price. This sale benefits the early childhood and scholarship programs at the Children's Morning Out and Preschool Program of WGUMC.. If you have any questions, you can e-mail: tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org or call the church office at 610-869-9334.

HOW CAN I HELP AT CHURCH? We mail bulletins, newsletters, prayer letters, birthday cards, giving letters, and other correspondence throughout the year. Please consider giving a **book of stamps** to assist us with this ministry. Your gift may connect a shut-in with the church community or a college student with a birthday card. Your gifts empower our mission!

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to make and serve coffee after the 8:30am service, and someone to serve after the 11am service, on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact Caryl or Dick Stuhrke at [\(302\)239-1743](tel:3022391743).

WE NEED TOILET PAPER ROLLS! Yes, you read that correctly! They are required for an upcoming project. Please feel free to drop off in the office. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING! October 15-22nd! We will need evening hosts, overnight hosts, and snack and meal prep assistance. Please see Janice Bowers for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL OPEN MARKET

West Grove United Methodist Church
2nd Annual Open Market
Saturday, September 23, 2017
9:00-2:00

300 N. Guernsey Rd
West Grove, PA

Vendors and Food Trucks



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

To help make our Open Market a success, we need YOU!

We are so blessed to have such wonderful artists and crafters in our community: Artists, woodworkers, etched glass, embroidery, potters, wood carvers, crochet items, handmade cards, wreath makers, alpaca items, etc. The list continues as we find the talented individuals within our own community. In addition to having vendors we have FOOD: BBQ, Pizza, Tacos, Chicken Sliders and Fries, Ice Cream, Popcorn, and more!

This is a wonderful opportunity to find to start your holiday shopping and find beautiful, unique gifts for someone special. Save yourself the hassle of the malls!

See you at the Market and come fill your basket!!!!

Please help if you can: We are in need of pop-up tents for vendor use at the Open Market on September 23. Tents should have your name on them and be at the church by Friday, September 22 at noon. If anyone can loan us one for the day please Darlene Murphy at d123murphy@aol.com, so that she can obtain an accurate account.