



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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West Grove, PA 19390

# Rest For the Weary

Matthew 11:25-30

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
*July 6, 2014*

# Fourth Sunday

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Welcome

Pastor Monica

#### Ministry Opportunities

Melissa Jones

*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!*

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

Fred Sullivan

One: Come, all you who need the rest of God's presence.

**Many: Learn from God and find rest in your souls.**

One: Come all you who need to know God's mercy and grace.

**Many: God will give you rest.**

One: Come all you who need to live as God has called you to live out the work of God in this place.

**Many: For God's yoke is easy and the burden is light.**

#### \*Welcoming Music

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Red Hymnal, No. 400

#### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Fred Sullivan

Gracious God,  
we come to this place weary from the world.  
We find ourselves tired of the challenges of our lives,  
carrying burdens that we might offer to God.  
As we rest in your presence, O God, help us to open our minds,  
and let you teach us something new.  
Help us to open our hearts,  
and feel the thrill of your words whispering to us.  
Help us to open our souls and experience spiritual rest,  
a gift you offer us, O God.  
In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

### LISTENING AND RECEIVING

#### Moment for All Ages

Karen Hruz

#### Scripture Lesson

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Matthew 11:25-30*

Fred Sullivan

# After Pentecost

**\*Song of Preparation**                      “Word of God Speak”                      PraiseWorks

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

**Sermon**    “A Rest-Filled Faith”                      Pastor Monica

## RESPONDING

**Offering**                                      “Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast”                      Red Hymnal, No. 616

**Commissioning Our Youth for Service**    See Page 4

**\*Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Great God of us all, we come before you confessing that we have often fell short of your glory. We have often missed the mark of your discipleship. We have spoken, when we might have offered the mercy of silence. We have remained silent, when we might have spoken words of comfort. We have acted, when we might have waited upon your guidance. We have remained still, when our neighbors have been in need. Forgive us, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions with ease of your yoke and the wisdom of your way.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** ~ Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion

**Communion Song**                                      “You Are”                                      PraiseWorks

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer After Receiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we might go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*Song of Sending Forth**                      “Better Is One Day”                      PraiseWorks

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## **Old Testament Lesson:** *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

## **Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## **Commissioning Our Youth for Service:**

**Pastor:** Jesus calls the disciples of long ago to go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth to share God's love. Jesus calls us yet today to go to West Grove, Washington, D.C. and to the ends of the earth to share God's love. Nine youth and three adults have taken that commission to serve God's people. They leave today to serve the people of Washington, D.C. through the Center for Student Missions.

**Congregation: We are proud of your response to God's call to serve one another. Will you serve the people of Washington, D.C. as ambassadors of God and this church?**

**Mission Team:** With the help of God, we will share the love of God with all that we meet.

**Pastor:** We thank the team who responded to God's call and the families who support them. It is often challenging to share our loved ones as they journey. I give thanks to God for each of our families who have provided support as the trip has been planned and will provide support across the miles.

**Families of Mission Team:** We encourage you to seek God and serve others.

**Pastor:** At baptism, at confirmation, and at the reception of new members, congregation members promise to be a part of the lives of those in the congregation. You promise to support the faith life of children, youth, and adults through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Will you, now and throughout the week, pray for our mission team and all whose lives will be touched?

**Congregation: We will pray for you and wait eagerly to hear how God moved as you served others.**

Jamie Lindtner, Youth Director will offer prayer for our mission team.

# 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 ALL

Welcome to a time to rest from hectic schedules of work and even play. Relax in the arms of your Maker, who loves you. Let go, and let God refresh you. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Attendance Pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where visitors 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)

**CMO'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM!** The WGUMC Children's Morning Out and Preschool Program is collecting "Labels for Education" to help support the CMO and Preschool Program. Please place them in the box provided in the church lobby.

**WEIRD ANIMALS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 14-18, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Register** your children (**Ages 4 years old to entering 4th grade**) on line through our website: [http://www.wg-umc.org/children\\_vbs](http://www.wg-umc.org/children_vbs) If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the church office or Melissa Jones to register.

**Volunteer:** We need a lot more volunteers to make this happen, so please sign up in the lobby or on line at: [http://www.wg-umc.org/children\\_vbs](http://www.wg-umc.org/children_vbs) You must have your clearances if you are working directly with children. For more assistance with clearances, please contact Fran Miller.

**Donate:** Snack signup sheets will be in the lobby and on line soon. Items we are currently looking for include brightly colored tissue paper, cardboard, pool noodles, green and blue plastic table clothes, brown paper bags, streamers: different shades of green, blue and brown, cardboard tubes (wrapping paper size or larger), artificial greenery, small electric water fountain, 2 boxes saltine crackers, 100 3 oz. paper or plastic cups and rope lights.

**CHICKEN BBQ SUPPLIES:** Before long, the Annual Chicken BBQ planning will be in full swing! 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.

**CELEBRATE CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY ON AUGUST 24:** As college and university students return to their campuses, Sunday, August 24, may be an ideal time to celebrate the vital importance of campus ministry to them and to congregations that are, or can be, involved in their lives and their formative faith journeys. **Churches are asked to receive a second-mile offering on Campus Ministry Sunday, August 24, to support the development of campus ministries conference-wide.** Pastor Monica serves on the Wesley Foundation Board of Drexel University. She urges the support of all campus ministries as a way to support our young people as they head off to college and into the world. Campus ministries are a way to remain connected to your faith and your church in a new environment



# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?

Please contact **Donna Fackler** at [donnaf@westgroveumc.org](mailto:donnaf@westgroveumc.org) or **610-869-9334**. 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 July: Avon Grove Schools Mission Prayer Focus in July: Mission Central*

Kory Arnold  
 Bayla (Tolmie)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Janet Burtch (Russell)  
 Maura Carrol (Bates)  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Lena Douglas  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Family of Arden Franks (Hicks)  
 Ruth Hicks  
 Pat & Shawn Ireland (Kreutzfeldt)  
 Nancy Lewis (Bratton)  
 Bill Lilley  
 June Martz  
 Lois Michael (Haley)  
 Phil Miller (Ramberger)  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen



Randy Nelson (Boyd)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Sara Ann

Ramberger  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 David Register (RAP)  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Linda Rigler (Shiplot)  
 Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Emily Rogers (Rogers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Bill Shiplot (L. Shiplot)  
 Elliot Simperts (Schrader)  
 Sandra Spotts (Mullen)  
 Tom Story (Ramberger)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena (Jones)  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Jamie Dietterich - NC (Wiwel)  
 Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - Guam (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Qatar (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, Colorado Springs, CO (The Rambergers)  
 Andy Mineer - San Diego, CA (Hruz)  
 Terry Neal - Fort Bliss, TX (F. Miller)  
 Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Ed Tolmie - Bagram AFB Afghanistan  
 Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## ***SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING***

### ***This Sunday, July 6***

**Ushers**  
**Greeters**  
**Acolyte**  
**Nursery**  
**C. Worship**  
**Lay Reader**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

Margee Michaels and Ken Arnold  
 Joan Saller & Margaret Rubincan  
 Sydney Curtis  
 Kim Smith  
 OPEN  
 Fred Sullivan  
 Karen Hruz  
 Dave Talley and Beth Arnold  
 Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

### ***Next Sunday, July 13***

Margee Michaels and Ken Arnold  
 Joan Saller & Margaret Rubincan  
 Joseph Yarbrough  
 Rain Catoia  
 Jessi Timm  
 Peter Mullen  
 Pastor Monica  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

# Prayer of Independence

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience the freedom from sin and death that you provide for us through Jesus Christ. Today our hearts and our souls are free to praise you. For this we are thankful.

Great God, on this Independence Day, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted.

Lord, help us always to remember that our freedom was purchased with a high price: the lives of others.

Today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom.

Lord, we pause to name those on our hearts who have served our country ...

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. We pray in his name, Amen.

## **THE 31st ACADEMY FOR LAITY**

**August 8 - 10, 2014**

**held at the**

**The Inn at Reading, Reading, PA**

*MOVING FORWARD* IN FAITH, HOPE AND KNOWLEDGE

The annual Academy for Laity provides training and fellowship for those interested in furthering their knowledge of the United Methodist Church and activities for the laity. It provides basic and advanced courses for Christ Servant Ministers, Certified Lay Ministers and those who just want to expand their knowledge. Many advanced courses and the basic course are offered. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION for the Academy to July 31. If you are interested in attending this year's Academy for Laity, please speak with Pastor Monica. Registration forms are available in the literature rack in the lobby.