



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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300 North Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390



**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
*July 13, 2014*

## 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)

Peter Mullen

One: God is the sower of seeds of love and redemption.

**Many: We have not always been ready to receive and share those seeds.**

One: We are reminded again today of God's extravagant generosity

**Many: Let us open ourselves to be good soil to prepare and receive God's generosity.**

### \*Welcoming Music

"Father of Lights"

PraiseWorks

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Peter Mullen

**God of abundant love,  
we come to you this day  
in the midst of a season of great growth and coming harvest.**

**Around us are signs of growth:  
in our earth, in our families, in our church,  
in our nation, in our world.**

**We come this day, seeking your healing love and abounding mercy.**

**Open our hearts to receive all that you offer  
that we may become fruitful workers for you.**

**Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## LISTENING AND RECEIVING

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

# After Pentecost

## Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 55:10-13*  
*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Peter Mullen

**Response:** This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Song of Preparation

“How Great Thou Art”

Red Hymnal, No. 77

(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 Rich Faith”

Pastor Monica

## RESPONDING

## Offering

“Word of God”

PraiseWorks

## Gathered Prayer of the People

## Lord’s Prayer

## \*Song of Sending Forth

“Pass It On”

Red Hymnal, No. 572

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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

**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.

## Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

## Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## Mediations For Your Week

**Sunday** – Sometimes we are picked at and plucked up by others; we can feel as if we have no power in our own life. Where do you need the support and protection of your church family today?

**Monday** – Sometimes we are like rocky soil, giving very little time to God. How, today, can you give time to hearing God's word?

**Tuesday** – Sometimes we are burnt out by very good intentions, when we try to depend on our own wisdom. Where do you rely on God today for God's wisdom instead of your own?

**Wednesday** – There have been times in each of our lives that we have been rich soil and known that God is producing in our lives. How can you open yourself today to that experience?

**Thursday** – God provides the yield in our lives. Where can you give thanks to God today for producing in your life joy and faithfulness, love and grace?

**Friday** – In Isaiah, we are told God's word does not return empty; go out in joy! What can you do today that brings you joy?

**Saturday** – If you and I are like seed, we are intended to produce God's love and multiply God's grace. Where can you produce God's love and multiply God's grace today?

# 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 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)

**TODAY: All are invited to join in the ministry at Twin Pines (formerly Chatham Acres) at 2:00 p.m. today.** Pam Wynn will lead a worship experience there and would love you to join her. Her phone number is 610-444-0478 if you have any questions.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** We would like to publish a **new cookbook** this fall to include our favorite soup, salad and dessert recipes. If you have a recipe you would like to share with us for inclusion, please send it to Cindy Haley at [chaley@zoominternet.net](mailto:chaley@zoominternet.net) or drop it off in the office mailbox.

**YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY: Wednesday, July 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** Come out to the Wolfe's house for a pool party and lots of fun!

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE** - On **July 27**, we will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington to prepare dinner for the families and children staying at the House. The Ronald McDonald House of Wilmington supports families of seriously ill children by creating a community of **comfort** and **hope**. A sign-up sheet will be posted in July for opportunities to provide food donations and your help. If you have questions or desire more information, please see Kim Weingarten.

**YOUTH LAKE DAY TRIP at Mt. Gretna: - Thursday, July 31.** We'll head to the lake for the day! Meet us at church at 9:00 a.m. and we'll be home by 6:30 p.m. Contact Jamie Lindtner for details at [jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org) or 610-937-7932.

**THIS WEEK: July 13 through July 20, 2014**

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

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| <b>Sunday:</b>        | <b>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                    |
| 8:30 a.m.             | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                  |
| 9:30 a.m.             | Blended Worship                                        |
| <b>Monday:</b>        | <b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS—Weird Animals</b>          |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.   | S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)                                 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>       | <b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS—Weird Animals</b>          |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.   | Yoga Class (Sanc.)                                     |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>     | <b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS—Weird Animals</b>          |
| 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.   | Cleaning                                               |
| 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.   | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                     |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.   | Finance Meeting (#1)                                   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>      | <b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS—Weird Animals</b>          |
| 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)                            |
| <b>Friday:</b>        | <b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS—Weird Animals</b>          |
| <b>Saturday:</b>      | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Hospitality Meeting (#1)          |
|                       | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)       |
| <b>Sunday:</b>        | <b>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                    |
| 8:30 a.m.             | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                  |
| 9:30 a.m.             | Blended Worship                                        |
|                       | <i>Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Ad Council team</i> |

**Sofa Needed**

We are looking for a sofa. If you have a *gently used* sofa that might be used in the Pastor's Office, please call the church and let us know. Pastor Monica is hoping to create a comfortable atmosphere in her office for counseling and supportive conversations. Thank you for your help as we serve God together.

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 7, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$5,673.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$167,131.<sup>65</sup>**  
**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$184,842 (-\$17,710)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$95.00 Year-to-Date: \$3,818.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 9:30 a.m.: 145**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 47**

# 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  
Shawn Bates  
Bayla (Tolmie)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Fran Bryan  
Janet Burtch (Russell)  
Maura Carrol (Bates)  
Sandy Deckard  
Lena Douglas  
Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Pat & Shawn Ireland (Kreutzfeldt)  
Bill Lilley  
June Martz  
Esther McGovern (Bates)  
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 (Shiplet)  
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
Emily Rogers (Rogers)  
Tom Rosazza (Ramberger)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Family of Courtney Taylor (Bratton)  
Fernando Tena (Jones)  
Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
Kay Yates



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 13***

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

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

### ***Next Sunday, July 20***

Margee Michaels and Ken Arnold  
Joan Saller & Margaret Rubincan  
Michelle LeStourgeon  
Carolyn Bratton  
Maryanne Covington  
Chris Curtiss  
Karen Hruz  
Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

## **SCRIP Program**

### **Savings for Church through Rebate and Incentive Program**

The SCRIP program allows for the congregation of WGUMC to participate in a savings program which benefits the church. By purchasing prepaid cards for use at business establishments you frequent on a regular basis, WGUMC will receive a percentage from the businesses. Buy your groceries, pay for your gas, gift cards for friends and family, etc. It is a great way to budget your money, too! The possibilities are limitless and every dollar provides another avenue of stewardship for our church. Our first order was a great success. We look forward to the whole congregation participating in the program.

There is a table in the lobby with order forms. Just choose the cards you wish to purchase, attach your check made payable to "WGUMC" with memo "SCRIP" and put them in the bin below the forms.

Envelopes for your privacy and convenience are there as well.

This is an on-going program, so you can order at any time! If you have any questions, please see John Boyd or e-mail him at [jwb389@zoominternet.net](mailto:jwb389@zoominternet.net). Thank you.

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

**August 8 - 10, 2014**

**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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "I appeal to you by the mercies of God" on behalf of a young man in our area who needs a new kidney. Fernando Tena is the son of Maira Tena, our Nursery Attendant and a Children's Morning Out Teacher's Assistant. Might the Spirit lead you to step forward to be an organ donor? It is my hope that you will communicate this urgent request to your family and friends through as many means as possible. This young twenty-year-old is a man of great determination. He is a graduate of Avon Grove High School. Presently, he works, attends a community college, and goes for dialysis three days a week. However, as you know, without a new kidney his health will eventually deteriorate to the point that regardless of his determination, his dreams will not be met. I recently heard of a similar story and appeal in a different area of the country that had a delightful ending. It can happen here. Someone's heart may be touched and this young man will have a new lease on life. The donor must have A-Positive blood type. Any interested person may call the office of West Grove United Methodist Church at 610-869-9334 and leave necessary contact information.

In the Love of Jesus, Mel Leaman