



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390



The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2014

Sixth Sunday A

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 guest or member, let us know you were here!*

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Chris Curtiss

One: God scatters seed lavishly and extravagantly on all the world.

Many: But some seed is wasted. Some seed falls on poor soil and brings up weeds.

One: Shall the good seeds grow up alongside the weeds?

Many: Christ says let them grow together.

One: We are the weeds and the wheat.

Many: Let us grow together.

*Welcoming Music

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Red Hymnal, No. 64

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Chris Curtiss

Holy God, who chose to live among us:

You remind us that in your creation good and evil exist side by side.

We know that the evil can come in subtle ways:

valuing the regard of others more than seeking to please you,

putting self-promotion before compassion for others,

or turning a blind eye to injustice.

May we seek your way, and what serves your loving purpose

over what denies it.

Help us to bear fruit,

that our lives be deemed worthy at the time of harvest.

We pray in the holy name of Jesus,

our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

After Pentecost

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moment for All Ages

VBS

Anthem

“Waitin’ for the Mornin’ ”

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a
Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Chris Curtiss

Response

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Song of Preparation

“I Will Rise Up”

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 Seedy Faith”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Offering

“Bring Forth the Kingdom The Faith We Sing”

Black Songbook, No. 2190

Gathered Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

*Song of Sending Forth

“I Walk By Faith”

PraiseWorks

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43*

The Parable of Weeds Among the Wheat

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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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 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)

**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.

**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 Sunday, **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 is posted 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.

**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.

**THIS WEEK: July 20 through July 27, 2014**

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

**Sunday:**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

*Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Ad Council team*

**Monday:**

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

**Tuesday:**

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga Class (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

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

**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party @ Wolfe home**

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Ad Council meeting (#1)

**Thursday:**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)

**Friday:**

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)

**Saturday:**

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

**Sunday:**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

**Afternoon Mission Team to the Ronald McDonald House in  
Wilmington, DE to cook dinner**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 13, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$5,446.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$172,577.<sup>65</sup>  
Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$184,842 (-\$17,710)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$155.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$3,973.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 9:30 a.m.: 128**

**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



Family of Janet Burtch (Russell)  
Maura Carrol (Bates)  
Sandy Deckard  
Lena Douglas  
Judy Elvin (Bryan)  
Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Pat & Shawn Ireland (Kreutzfeldt)  
Bill Lilley  
June Martz  
John McGinley  
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)  
Theresa Renzulli

(McGinley)  
Lisa Reoli  
Linda Rigler (Shiplet)  
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
Emily Rogers (Rogers)  
Tom Rosazza (Ramberger)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Megan Scott-Spezak (Mullen)  
Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Family of Courtney Taylor (Bratton)  
Fernando Tena (Jones)  
Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
The Wittman Family (Rambergers)



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)  
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  
Michelle LeStourgeon  
Carolyn Bratton  
Maryanne Covington  
Chris Curtiss  
VBS  
Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

### Next Sunday, July 20

Margee Michaels and Ken Arnold  
Joan Saller & Margaret Rubincan  
Joshua Robinson  
Lori McClain  
Joan Leaman  
Karen Hruz  
Jamie Lindtner  
George Anderson & Donna 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