



West Grove United Methodist Church

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*The mustard seed is the
smallest of all seeds . . .*

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 27, 2014

Seventh Sunday

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Monica

Ministry Opportunities

Melissa Jones

*Please fill out the Friendship Registry 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)

Karen Hruz

One: From the mustard seed, a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Many: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

One: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

Many: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

One: Treasure can be worth the price of an entire field.

Many: Open our minds, O God, to the power of Spirit to make the small become mighty!

*Welcoming Music

"How Great Is Our God"

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Hruz

**Gracious Lord,
you place before us the images of the small
--the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure--
and remind us that we,
though we think of ourselves as small,
are not insignificant in your kingdom.
Open our hearts and our spirits to you
in thankful remembrance of the ways
in which we can serve you throughout all our lives.
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

Jamie Lindtner

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Karen Hruz

Response

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Preparation**

“This Is My Father’s World”

Hymnal, No. 144

(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

“The Smallest Faith: Mustard Seeds, Yeast and Pearls”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Offering

“Seek Ye First”

Hymnal, No. 405

Gathered Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Sending Forth**

“We Believe”

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Postlude

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
In Memory of Anna Herb
With love from daughter, Linda Shiplet



Old Testament Lesson: *1 Kings 3:5-12*

The Struggle for the Succession

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52*

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Three Parables

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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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.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE - TODAY, 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:**

**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**

**Monday:**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**4-H Robotics Camp (#8, 10)**

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**4-H Robotics Camp (#8, 10)**

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Yoga Class (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**4-H Robotics Camp (#8, 10)**

**10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Visit by church group to Urban Promise**

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

**Thursday:**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**4-H Robotics Camp (#8, 10)**

**9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**

**Youth Day Trip to Mt. Gretna**

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

R.O.M.E.O.s meet for lunch at Perkins in Avondale

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)

**Friday:**

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**4-H Robotics Camp (#8, 10)**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**EIGETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday**

8:30 a.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m.

Blended Worship

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 20, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$7,454.<sup>46</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$180,222.<sup>11</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$198,534 (-\$18,312)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$60.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,033.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 9:30 a.m.: 180**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 52**

# 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)  
Doreen Disk (Stryjewski)  
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)  
Pamela Moore (Hruz)  
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 (Shiplot)  
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
Emily Rogers (Rogers)  
Tom Rosazza (Ramberger)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Megan Scott-Spezak  
(Mullen)  
Bill Shiplot (L. Shiplot)  
Megan Scott-Spezak (Mullen)  
Elli Streible (Mullen)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Family of Courtney Taylor  
(Bratton)  
Fernando Tena (Jones)  
Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
The Wittman Family  
(Rambergers)  
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)  
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

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

### This Sunday, July 27

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

### Next Sunday, August 3

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
Jack and Joanne Frost  
Matt Simonds  
Edel Mullen  
Amy Castaldi  
Cindy Haley  
Pastor Monica  
Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger  
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, purchase 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