



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
August 3, 2014

Eighth Sunday Communion

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)

Cindy Haley

One: You feed them all with a generous hand

Many: Thank you, God for your generosity.

One: You stand close to all who call for you.

Many: Thank you God, for your love.

All: May we live as you have shown us.

*Welcoming Music

"I Come with Joy"

Hymnal, No. 617, Vss. 1, 3, 4, 5

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Cindy Haley

**Lord, we come to you this day
in the midst of our summer months.**

**For many this is a time of relaxation;
but for others, the burdens, worries, and cares
continue to weigh them down.**

**Be with each of us as we open our ears to hear your words,
our hearts to feel your presence,
and our spirits to receive your healing touch.**

May we accept the spiritual nourishment you offer.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 55:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21*

Cindy Haley

WELCOME TO ALL

Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. 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.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

### **Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 55:1-5*

#### **An Invitation to Abundant Life**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

### **Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 14:13-21*

#### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

# 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.*

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**WEST GROVE PROJECT. August 5-6:** For all students in 7 - 12th grades - come join us for 2 days of service in our own community. We will help sort donations at the Bridge, visit with some folks at Chatham Acres and Luther House and help care for animals at the Delaware Humane Society. It will be lots of fun! Sign up with Jamie at [Jamie.Lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:Jamie.Lindtner@westgroveumc.org)

**JULIET...Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together, August 9 at 9:00 a.m.** Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **Until further notice, we will meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Call Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.

**YOUTH POOL PARTY!! August 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Pool Party @ the Lytle's house.

**CARE GIVERS GROUP: Caregivers meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on August 13, at 7 p.m. in Room #16.** Please join us if you are caring for a loved one, close or from afar. Find love and support from others in your situation. **Thank you.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, Sunday, August 24.** Attention Students and Teachers! Bring your backpacks and school bags to worship for a special time of blessing at our 9:30 a.m. service. A small token of our love will be given to each teacher and child.

**BIBLE SUNDAY FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS:** On **Sunday, September 7**, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure we do not miss anyone, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) with the spelling of your child's name so a Bible can be presented to them. We can't wait to share the Word of God with them!

**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.

**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.

**THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR:** Worship Concert at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting on August 3 at 3:00 P.M. 475 Clearfield Road, Holtwood, PA 17532 Rawlinsville Camp Meeting is 1 1/4 miles west of Rte. 272, just west of Quarryville near Muddy Run Park, Lancaster Pike This is an outdoor concert held in a large pavilion surrounded by trees. Seating is available one hour before concert. Admission is free; a love offering will be received.

**THIS WEEK: August 3 through August 10, 2014**

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

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                    |                                                          |
|                   | <b>Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday</b> |                                                          |
|                   | 8:30 a.m.                                               | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                    |
|                   | 9:30 a.m.                                               | Blended Worship                                          |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                     | S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)                                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>All Day</b>                                          | <b>Youth West Grove Project (#8, 10, Lobby, Sanc.)</b>   |
|                   | 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                                     | Yoga Class (Sanc.)                                       |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                                     | Trustees Meeting (#1)                                    |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                                     | Mission Meeting (#8, 10)                                 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>All Day</b>                                          | <b>Youth West Grove Project (#8, 10, Lobby, Sanc.)</b>   |
|                   | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                                     | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                       |
|                   | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.                                   | Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#1)                         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.                                   | Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)                              |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>All Day</b>                                          | <b>Pastor Monica at Lay Academy</b>                      |
|                   | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                                    | UMW Faith Circle (#1)                                    |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | <b>All Day</b>                                          | <b>Pastor Monica at Lay Academy</b>                      |
|                   | <b>9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.</b>                             | <b>J.U.L.I.E.T. meets at Sunrise Cafe in Kennett Sq.</b> |
|                   | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.                                   | Daily Reflections (#8, 10)                               |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                     |                                                          |
|                   | <b>Preaching: Jamie Lindtner</b>                        |                                                          |
|                   | 8:30 a.m.                                               | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                    |
|                   | 9:30 a.m.                                               | Blended Worship                                          |

**Pastor Monica will be out of the office August 8-10** serving as an instructor at the Laity Academy. August 10th is one of Pastor Monica's Connectional Sundays serving in the wider church. **Pastor Monica will be on vacation August 11-17** with her family. This is the first of four weeks she is allotted. If you need pastoral care during that time, please call Pastor Jim Mundell at 610-869-8397.

**Donna Fackler**, our Church Administrator will be on **vacation the week of August 11-15**. Modified office hours will be in effect. Please call Helen Carlin if you require access to the church during that week.

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 27, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$3,887.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$184,089.<sup>11</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$205,380 (-\$21,291)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$70.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,103.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 9:30 a.m.: 120**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 54**

# 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 August: Lincoln University**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in August: The Les Family, Ukraine**

Kory Arnold

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Fran Bryan

Family of Janet

Burtch (Russell)

Maura Carrol (Bates)

Nick and Maria Cicchini

Joe Devereaux (Keystone)

Doreen Disk (Stryjewski)

Lena Douglas

Judy Elvin (Bryan)

Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Bill Lilley

Cindy Luttmann

June Martz

John McGinley

Lois Michael (Haley)

Phil Miller (Ramberger)

Pamela Moore (Hruz)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Tim Mullen

Tammy Ramberger

David Register (RAP)



Theresa Renzulli

(McGinley)

Lisa Reoli

Kristina Roberts

(Phillips)

Dot Russell

Roann Schneider

Megan Scott-Spezak

(Mullen)

Bill Shippet (L. Shippet)

Megan Scott-Spezak(Mullen)

Noreen Stewart (Carlin)

Elli Streible (Mullen)

Jeannie Sullivan

Family of Courtney Taylor

(Bratton)

Fernando Tena (Jones)

Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Glenn Wilkinson (Bryan)

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

### This Sunday, August 3

### Next Sunday, August 10

#### Ushers

\_\_\_\_\_Tim and Eileen Bushnell\_\_\_\_\_

#### Greeters

\_\_\_\_\_--Jack and Joanne Frost\_\_\_\_\_

#### Acolyte

Matt Simonds

Rebecca Lestourgeon

#### Nursery

Edel Mullen

Kristin Boyd

#### C. Worship

Amy Castaldi

Jessi Timm

#### Lay Reader

Cindy Haley

Wanda Kreutzfeldt

#### Moment All Ages

Pastor Monica

Karen Hruz

#### Counters

Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger

Dave Talley and Beth Arnold

#### Sound Booth

Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider



Cottage Fellowship  
for our  
New Pastor

Small groups are forming to meet informally with Pastor Monica to provide an opportunity to get to know one another. Sign-up sheets are posted in the lobby of the church. Be sure to check your calendars and sign up to attend! Additional hosting families will be announced in the weekly bulletin and posted in the lobby as their dates become available. You may call the host family directly, or, if you would prefer, you may call the office and advise them of the gathering you would like to attend and we will be sure to add your name to that list.

**The following dates and homes will be open:**

- Monday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.—The Michaels, Kennett Square
- Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.—The Stewarts, Avondale
- Thursday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m.—The Sweets, Ovations, West Grove
- Sunday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m.—The Howards, West Grove
- Monday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.—The Lindtners, West Grove
- Wednesday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m.—The Mundells- Jennersville
- Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m.—The Curtis (Jeff and Sue), Lincoln University
- Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.—The Leamans, West Grove
- Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.—The Whelans, Cochranville

**Mission Central, Mechanicsburg, PA, Friday, August 15**

Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with 21 satellite operations, they supply humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies. Volunteers work on a variety of tasks: Assemble, verify, and pack UMCOR Relief Kits; sort donated materials; warehouse labor, sweep, vacuum, mop, wipe, **if you, as an individual, a family, or a small group, are interested** in visiting and volunteering at Mission Central with the Mission Team this year, **please see Cindy Haley** for more information. A signup sheet is posted in the lobby.

**New Church Picture Directory  
Coming This Fall!**

We have not had a photo directory made since 2009! Therefore, we have contracted with Lifetouch to make a full -color directory of our church family. Sitting dates are Thursday, Sept. 25, Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 26. Times will be announced. By participating, you will receive a free 8 x 10 and free directory. There is absolutely no obligation or pressure to purchase additional photos. Please save the dates!

**The trustees are in the process of arranging for the church's driveway to be repaired and resealed.** This will take several days of no traffic on the driveway and parking lot. **Tentatively,** the plan is for this to occur the **week of August 11-16 or August 18-23.** Big orange cones will be in place blocking the driveway when work is in progress signaling no parking. You are still welcome at the church, but may need to park in the Harmony Park parking lot and use the stairs on that side of the property to access the church. There is a mowed path from the stairs over to the church. We apologize for the inconvenience, but know you understand it is important we maintain the church property. Thank you.