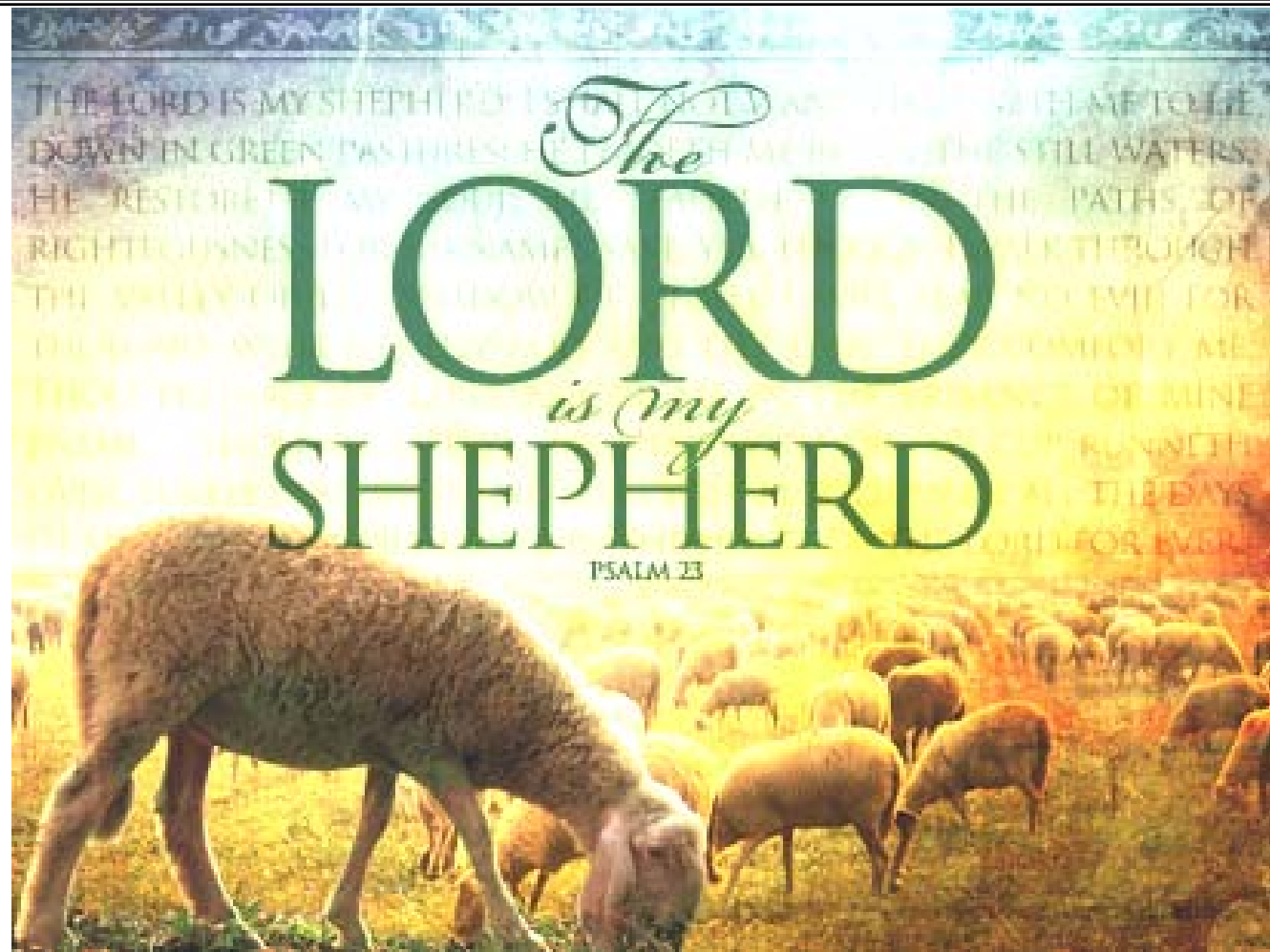




West Grove United Methodist Church

OPEN • GROW • SERVE

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



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 17, 2014

Tenth Sunday

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Jim Mundell

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)

Vernon Ramberger

One: Welcoming God, you invite us to gather together and worship.

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; I have received all I ever needed in the past.

One: Generous God, you guide us to meet together in prayer and praise; we are rested and quietly restored in your presence.

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I need now - at this moment.

One: Hospitable God, you have prepared for us here, a great feast of blessings—

Many: The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I will ever need - for all time. Amen.

*Welcoming Music

“You Are My All In All”

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

Generous God and Giver of all things,
we rest in your loving and tender care; and we are revived,
restored, and renewed by your strength and encouragement.
You go before us in life, leading us in pathways that are secure,
and so we trust in your guidance and wisdom.
Forgive us, when we seek our own ways.
Grant us grace and mercy to return to your life-giving way.
In the name of Christ, 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

Joan Leaman

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 23

Vernon Ramberger

Response

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Preparation**

“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

PraiseWorks Band

(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

“When We Feel Forsaken”

Rev. Jim Mundell

RESPONDING

Song of Response

“Trust and Obey”

Hymn No. 467

Offering

Gathered Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Sending Forth**

“Just a Closer Walk”

Black Songbook, No. 2158

***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 Sandra Reburn
With love from her sister, Linda Shiplet.



WELCOME TO ALL

We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God. 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)

### Scripture Lesson: *Psalm 23 (KJV)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



### **Fifth Sunday Coin Collection on August 31 to benefit the Les Family, our sponsored family in Ukraine.**

West Grove UMC has sponsored the Les family for many years. Sergie and Galina are the parents; Mary and Vira are their daughters. Sergie works as a church pastor, serves an outreach to prisons, and leads his congregants in rallies to declare God's love. He does not get paid for this position, as the congregants are too poor. The Les Family says that they are blessed to have God connect them with "their church family across the waters." This month, please consider making an additional monetary donation to help meet the needs of the Les Family through the winter months. Thank you for your continued generous support of this very grateful family.

# 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.***

**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.

**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.

**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!

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!** We will kick off the return to **two services and Christian Education on September 14.** The children will meet their teachers and break off into their classrooms, while the adults will have an opportunity to view the different studies available to them and ask questions of the leaders. In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone! So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!

**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.

**CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS GO ON SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 17! SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 20! Sara Ann Ramberger will be in the lobby with packets of tickets to sell. Buy them for yourself and sell the rest to your friends and neighbors! The proceeds from this annual fundraiser by the trustees supports many church maintenance projects, as well as a percentage being donated to Missions and other community organizations.

**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.

**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. 27.** 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!

**THIS WEEK: August 17 through August 24, 2014**

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

**Sunday: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Preaching: The Rev. Jim Mundell**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

*Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Youth Group*

**Monday: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Michaels' home**

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)**

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Stewart's home**

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Lindtner Home)

**Thursday: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Sweet's home**

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

**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanc., #8 & 10)**

**Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Worship Team meeting (#1)**

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

**Sunday: ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Howard's home**

**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.

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 3, 2014**

**Due to Office vacation schedules, the August 10 report will be available next week.**

**General Fund: Offering: \$8,684.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$192,773.<sup>11</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$212,226 (-\$19,453)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$263.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,366.<sup>97</sup>**

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

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

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** while **Donna** is on vacation at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net) or **610-869-3863**. 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  
 Michael Basilio  
 (Coviington)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Eric Brake (Delaney)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 Nick and Maria Cicchini  
 (Miller)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Joe Devereaux (Keystone)  
 Doreen Disk (Stryjewski)  
 Lena Douglas  
 Judy Elvin (Bryan)  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Jake Gouldner (Russell)  
 George Harrison (Delaney)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Cindy Luttman (Miller)  
 June Martz  
 John McGinley  
 Lois Michael (Haley)  
 Margee Michaels  
 Phil Miller (Ramberger)



Pamela Moore  
 (Hruz)  
 Lynn Morgan  
 (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 David Register (RAP)  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Megan Scott-Spezak  
 (Mullen)  
 Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
 Noreen Stewart (Carlin)  
 Elli Streible (Mullen)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena (Jones)  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Glenn Wilkinson (Bryan)  
 Dan Witscher (Chalmer)  
 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)  
 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 17

### Next Sunday, August 24

#### Ushers

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

#### Greeters

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

#### Acolyte

Cecelia Figueroa

Sarah Reynolds

#### Nursery

Jamie Lindtner

Karen Reischke

#### C. Worship

Amy Simonds

Kim Weingarten

#### Lay Reader

Vernon Ramberger

Margee Michaels

#### Moment All Ages

Joan Leaman

Pastor Monica

#### Counters

Margee Michaels and Scott Steele

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

#### Sound Booth

Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

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Cottage Fellowship  
for our  
New Pastor

## Cottage Fellowships

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 may be announced in the weekly bulletin and will be 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, Jenner's Pond, 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

Sunday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.—The McClains, Ovations, West Grove

## **SCRIP Program**

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

The SCRIP program allows for the congregation to purchase 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! 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.