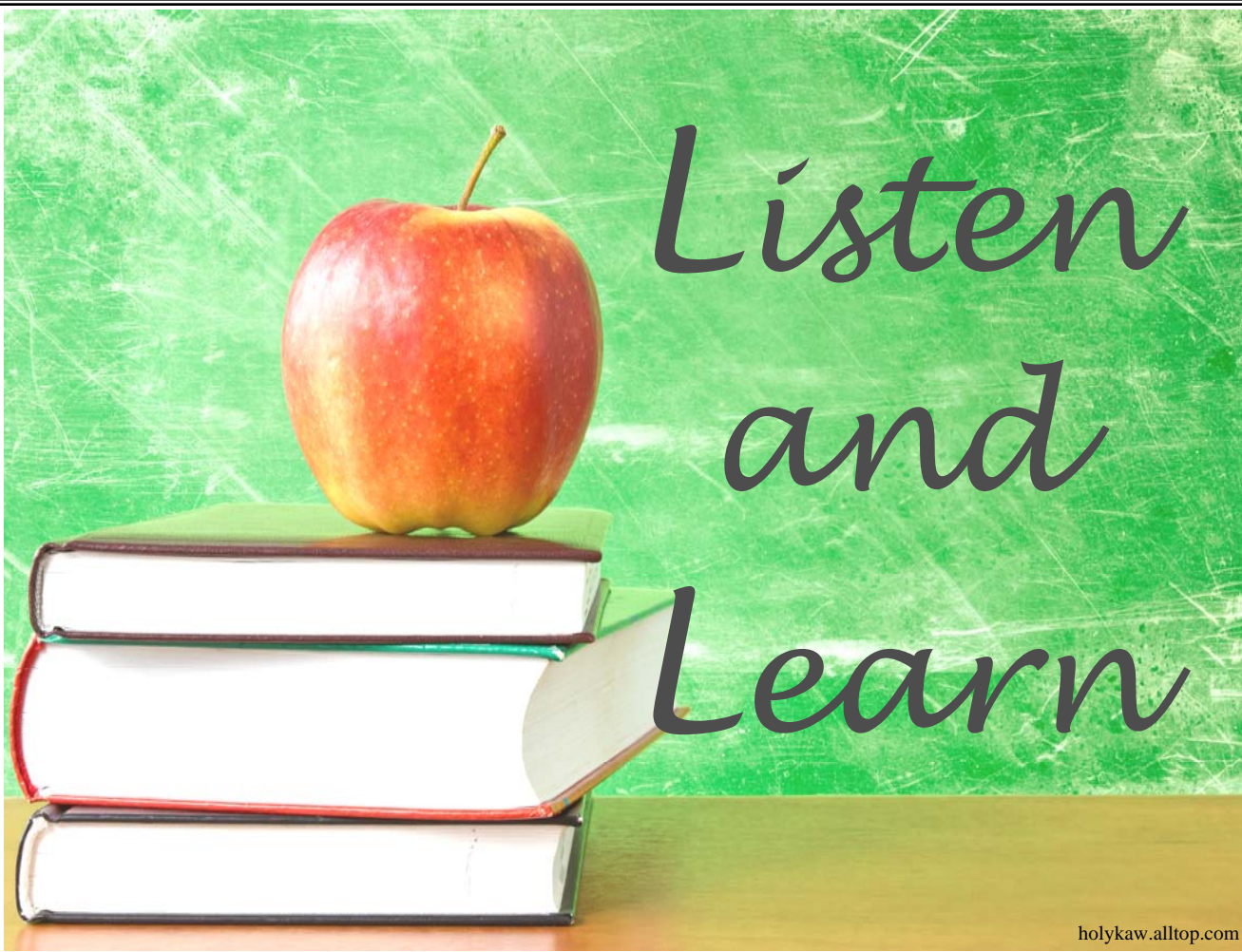




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 24, 2014

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Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Monica

Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*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)

Fred Sullivan

One: God has blessed each and every one of us.

Many: We want to serve God.

One: Each talent, each skill can be used for the building of God's kingdom.

Many: Lord, help us to be part of ministries that build your kingdom.

One: All of the gifts and talents are necessary for kingdom building.

Many: Enable us, O God, to listen to you and discern what you would have us do, Amen.

*Welcoming Music

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Hymn No. 600

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Fred Sullivan

**Loving God, call us together as your people;
transform us with your love.**

Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.

Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

Transform our hands, that we may serve others.

**Transform our spirits that we may be the body of Christ,
gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Blessing of the Backpacks

One: As a new school year begins,

Many: We ask that you bless the backpacks of our children.

One: As the children travel back and forth from school and home,

Many: Protect them and give them safe travels.

One: In the classroom, cafeteria, halls, and playground,

Many: Let them learn and grow and be blessed by Your presence.

One: As well as blessing the children,

**Many: We ask that You bless the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and
cafeteria staff and other staff. AMEN.**

Song of Response

“Jesus Loves Me”

Hymn No. 191

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-8 and Isaiah 51:1-6

Fred Sullivan

Response

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Preparation**

“Wait on the Lord”

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

“Listen and Learn”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Offering

Campus Ministry Offering

Gathered Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Sending Forth**

“Listen”

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
To the Glory of God for His many blessings
Including that of Mason Robert Hendrickson
With love from Grandmom



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)

### **New Testament: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

# 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.***

**CHESTER COUNTY GLEANING PROGRAM: Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Every year, Chester County farmers donate fresh produce to help serve the hungry through forty-two local food provider agencies here in Chester County. This is the fourth year that West Grove UMC will send a gleaning team to the farm at Route 10 and Gum Tree Road! A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby for interested volunteers.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 that 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:** 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 are available now! SAVE THE DATE** for the [Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 20!](#) 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. **Remember** to get your packet of tickets from Sara Ann Ramberger after service in the lobby.

**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 24 through August 31, 2014**

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

**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**

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Teachers Day (#1)

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

**Cottage Fellowship at the Lindters' home**

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

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

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Teachers Day (#1)

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

Girl Scout Troop #498 (#8, 10)

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)

**2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Cottage Fellowship at the Mundells' home**

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

**Gleaning at the farm at Route 10 and Gum Tree Road**

**6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**CMO Parent Orientation (Sanc.)**

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

Ad Council meeting (#1)

**Thursday:**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**CMO Meet the Teachers Day (3, 4, 5, 6)**

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

**R.O.M.E.O.s meet for lunch (Perkins on Rt. 41)**

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

**Cottage Fellowship at the Curtis' home**

**Friday:**

No activities or meetings

**Saturday:**

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

Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**5th Sunday Coin Collection**

8:30 a.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m.

Blended Worship

**HOSPITALITY TEAM: Coffee Makers will meet Sunday, September 7,** following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service in the kitchen to learn to prepare, set up and take down coffee in the lobby to enhance conversation with our friends and guests. **Coffee for adults and Lemonade will be available every Sunday, beginning September 14,** before classes and after both worship services compliments of our Hospitality Ministries Team and Volunteer Coffee Makers. Enjoy and have fun while greeting and welcoming friends and guests.

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 17, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$3,832.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$199,732.<sup>37</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$225,918(-\$26,186)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$107.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,485.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: (8/10/14) 170 (8/17/14) 140**

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

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at 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  
 (Covington)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Eric Brake (Delaney)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 Nick and Maria Cicchini  
 (Miller)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Joe Devereaux (Keystone)  
 Lena Douglas  
 Leslie Dunn (Boyd)  
 Judy Elvin (Bryan)  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 John Gambill  
 Jake Gouldner (Russell)  
 Meredith Haas  
 George Harrison (Delaney)  
 Lonnie Koughman (Dea)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Cindy Luttman (Miller)  
 June Martz  
 John McGinley



Lois Michael (Haley)  
 Phil Miller  
 (Ramberger)  
 Lynn Morgan  
 (McClain)

Tim Mullen  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 David Register (RAP)  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
 Elli Streible (Mullen)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena (Jones)  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Dan Witscher (Chalmer)  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



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

\_\_\_\_\_ Tim and Eileen Bushnell \_\_\_\_\_

### Greeters

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

### Acolyte

Sarah Reynolds Matthew Rinehimer

### Nursery

Karen Reischke Joan Leaman

### C. Worship

Kim Weingarten OPEN

### Lay Reader

Joan Leaman Margee Michaels

### Moment All Ages

Pastor Monica Jamie Lindtner

### Counters

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub George Anderson & Donna Shaub

### Sound Booth

Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

### This Sunday, August 24

### Next Sunday, August 31



Cottage Fellowship  
for our  
New Pastor

## Cottage Fellowships Sign up today!

Small groups have met informally with Pastor Monica providing 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!

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:**

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.