



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390



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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2014

Twelfth Sunday

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)

Margee Michaels

One: How shall we get along with one another in this world?

Many: The Apostle Paul said that our love should be genuine. We should hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

One: We should honor one another with kindness and compassion.

Many: We should always be strong in our enthusiasm to serve God.

One: Come, let us joyfully worship God in all that we do.

Many: Let us praise God in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Amen.

*Welcoming Music

“Let the Praises Ring”

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Margee Michaels

**Loving God, we praise you for justice
and ask that you help us to build a new world
in the midst of the old.**

A world where all worker are valued.

**A world where those who clean houses
are able to buy houses to live in.**

A world where those who grow food and afford to eat their fill.

**We pray for the coming of a world
where all workers everywhere**

share in the abundance that you have given us.

**We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength
to live out our faith in the workplace and in the marketplace,
as well as in the sanctuary.**

**Laboring God, as you labor with us,
may we labor for you,**

ever committed to do your world in the world. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Moment for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection for the Les Family

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28 and Romans 12:9-21

Margee Michaels

Response

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

***Song of Preparation**

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymn No. 369

(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

“Play Fair!”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Song of Response

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

PraiseWorks Band

Offering

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

Lord’s Prayer

***Song of Sending Forth**

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymn No. 374

***Benediction**

Postlude

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



Fifth Sunday Coin Collection today will 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.” Thank you for your continued generous support of this very grateful family.

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)

### **New Testament: Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

### **New Testament: Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# 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.

**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 NEED YOUR RECIPES!** 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!

**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.

**THIS WEEK: August 31 through September 7, 2014**

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

**Sunday:**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
5th Sunday Coin Collection**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

**Monday:**

**Labor Day—Church Office is Closed**

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

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Yoga Class (Sanc.)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)

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

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting (#1)

**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Leamans' home**

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting (#1)

6:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (#6)

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

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)

**Saturday:**

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

**Sunday:**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday  
Third Grader Bible Sunday and Back to School J.A.M. Party**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

2:00 p.m. Twin Pines Praise Service

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 24, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$6,552.<sup>46</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$206,514.83**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$232,764 (-\$26,249)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$70.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,555.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 138**

**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)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Pat Heist  
 Family of Betty Hughes  
 Nancy Jessup (Gambill)  
 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**  
**Greeters**  
**Acolyte**  
**Nursery**  
**C. Worship**  
**Lay Reader**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, August 31**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 Jack and Joanne Frost  
 Matthew Rinehimer  
 Joan Leaman  
 Bill Jones  
 Margee Michaels  
 Jamie Lindtner  
 George Anderson & Donna Shaub  
 Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, September 7**

Fred and Jeannie Sullivan  
 Margaret Rubincan & Gail Bauer  
 Nathan Robinson  
 Heather McCummings  
 Jessi Timm  
 Karen Boyd  
 Eileen Bushnell  
 Dave Talley & Beth Arnold  
 Joe Dea, B. Ditzel & K. Schneider



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:**

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

### **"Portraits Of Christ" Bible Study** **Led by Pastor Jim Mundell** **Mondays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** **September 22- November 24**

Each chapter of John paints a portrait of Christ showing the characteristics of our Lord. There are 21 portraits of Christ that will be explored during the course of this study. Example: John 1 - Portrait is of Christ as "The Son of God" John 3 - Portrait shows Christ as "The Divine Teacher"

The study will meet weekly beginning on September 22nd and will be completed by November 24th. We will meet in Room 14 in the Christian Education wing.

JOIN US!

## **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.