



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390



El Camino Peregrina

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2014

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) (Based on Psalm 119 from the *Message* paraphrase) Karen Boyd

One: As God's children, we gather to worship and learn God's ways.

Many: God, teach us the lessons for living, so we can stay the course.

One: Give us a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot.

Many: Keep us away from the toys and trinkets of the world, so that we might know you more.

One: Remind us of your promises to us, your love for us, and your mission for us to serve.

Many: Your word is a lamp unto our feet, guiding in the ways that we should go.

*Welcoming Music

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Hymn No. 89

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Boyd

Teaching God, we praise you for your creation and your provision.

We thank you that you hold us by the hand as we learn to walk in your ways.

**You created and care for each of us. Your way is not the way of the world,
but you show us a different way to relate to one another.**

You call us, again and again, into relationship with you and with one another.

You invite us to guide one another in your ways as you have guided us.

Help us to take the challenge to live as your people.

In the name of Jesus, who lived as one of us, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Bible Presentation to Third Graders

*Jonathan Lestourgeon
Hannah McCummings*

*Sydney Simonds
Catherine Weingarten*

Pastor: The psalmist has written, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalm 119:103 NRSV). The Bible is the living word of the living God. It tells us how God loved God's people for many generations. It shows us how we can know God and how God wants us to live.

Congregation: The Bible is at the heart of our corporate and our personal worship. We offer you this gift to learn more about God and follow God's ways.

Third Graders: Thank you for this gift. We hope to grow and learn more about God. Parents of Third Graders: Our children learn by example. We will seek to give them an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. Our children teach us. We will seek to learn from their enthusiasm and questions.

Congregation: We too, renew our promise to be an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. We look forward to how children will teach us.

Pastor: The Bible has been companion with many in this church across many years: a companion that has offered comfort and peace as well as challenge and growth. May your journeys be filled with all of the gifts that God offers through the Bible. Amen.

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Scripture Lesson

Romans 13:8-14 and Psalm 119:33-40

Karen Boyd

Response

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“I Have Felt the Hand of God”

Chancel Choir

(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 You Go Out Into The World,
Watch For Traffic, Hold Hands and Stick Together”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Offering

“O How I Love Thee Jesus”

Hymn No. 170

Gathered Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Show Me Your Ways”

PraiseWorks Band

~ Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion ~

***Song of Sending Forth**

“Holiness”

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship as we move from summer into fall! May we be blessed in one another's presence and in the presence of our Savior. 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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### **New Testament: *Romans 13:8-14***

#### **Love for One Another**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Old Testament: *Psalms 119:33-40***

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.  
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.  
Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.  
Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.  
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.  
Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.  
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.  
See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.

# 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.**

**J.U.L.I.E.T. (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together).** Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **We 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.

**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. You may visit our website ([www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)) to sign-up for a time and date convenient for you.** By participating, you will receive a free 8 x 10 and free directory. There is absolutely no obligation or pressure to purchase additional photos.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** Coffee Makers will meet in the kitchen this Sunday, September 7th following the 9:30 Worship Service to learn to prepare, set up and take down coffee. Hence, coffee for adults and Lemonade for Kids will be available every Sunday in the Foyer to promote conversation with all of our friends and guests beginning next Sunday, September 14th.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES SCHEDULED:** *Have you been attending WGUMC and want to join our family?* **Beginning September 28th,** we will meet for three weeks to learn more about what it means to become a member of the United Methodist Church, and more specifically, our church here in West Grove. **September 28: OPEN** - Join us as we learn about opening our hearts to Jesus. In this class, we will get to know one another a little better and discuss the United Methodist Church structure. **October 5: GROW** - In this class, we will discuss spiritual growth and what that means to you as an individual. **October 12: SERVE** - We will talk about spiritual gifts and how they can be used for different forms of service. **October 19: WELCOME** - On this day, you will be taken into membership during the worship service. **Classes meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Pastor's office.** Please contact Pastor Monica or Melissa Jones if you are interested in learning more about membership.

**THIS WEEK: September 7 through September 14, 2014**

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

**Sunday: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday**  
**Third Grader Bible Sunday**

8:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship  
2:00 p.m. Twin Pines Praise Service

**Monday:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)  
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.)  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga Class (Sanc.)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4-H Robotics Club (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#15)  
**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the Whelans' home**

**Wednesday: UMW Day Apart**

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.-8:30 p.m. Caregivers Group (#16)

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)  
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.)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)  
**12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. R.A.P. (Sanc., Lobby)**

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. J.U.L.I.E.T. meets at Sunrise Cafe in Kennett Sq.  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Back to School Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir  
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Tailgating Party and Capture the Flag  
**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cottage Fellowship at the McClains' home**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 31, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$4,702.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$211,216.<sup>83</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$239,610 (-\$28,393)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$42.00.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$4,597.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 116**

**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 weekends, 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 September: Chester County Food Bank**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in September: Compassion International**

Kory Arnold  
 Michael Basilio  
 (Covington)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 Nick and Maria Cicchini  
 (Miller)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Joe Devereaux (Keystone)  
 Leslie Dunn (Boyd)  
 Judy Elvin (Bryan)  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Family of George Harrison  
 (Delaney)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Pat Heist  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Family of Betty Hughes  
 Nancy Jessup (Gambill)  
 Lonnie Koughman (Dea)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Cindy Luttman (Miller)



Neva Luttman  
 (Miller)  
 June Martz  
 John McGinley  
 Lois Michael (Haley)

Phil Miller (Ramberger)  
 Family of Raziel Mireles  
 and the students of AGHS  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Gen Offerman (Hruz)  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Jim Schriver (Mears)  
 Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena  
 Jonathan Tena  
 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—8:30**  
**Ushers—11**  
**Greeters—8:30**  
**Greeters—11**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11**  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**  
**C. Worship—8:30/11**  
**S. S. Roamers**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

### This Sunday, September 7

Fred & Jeannie Sullivan  
 N/A  
 Margaret Rubincan & Gail Bauer  
 N/A  
 Nathan Robinson  
 Heather McCummings  
 Jessi Timm  
 N/A  
 Karen Boyd  
 N/A  
 Eileen Bushnell  
 D. Talley/B. Arnold  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel & K. Schneider

### Next Sunday, September 14

Fred & Jeannie Sullivan  
 Edel Mullen and Kay Yates  
 Margaret Rubincan & Gail Bauer  
 Ruth Wells and Fran Miller  
 N. Robinson/J. Yarbrough  
 C. Bruno / C. Bratton / L. McClain  
 Amy Castaldi / Joan Leaman  
 TBA  
 Rain Catoia  
 Tom Hoover  
 Pastor Monica  
 M. Michaels/S. Steele  
 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:**

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.—The Whelans, Cochranville

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

Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.—The Jones at the church

## **"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.