



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

*Be in Wonder and Awe
of our Generous God!*



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2014

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

Prelude "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Ron Mallory

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

Call to Worship (Responsive) (based on Psalm 105 and *To God be the Glory*) Janis Schrader

One: Give thanks to God and tell the wonders of God!

Many: Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

One: Glory in God's name and sing his praises!

Many: Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

One: Remember God's faithfulness from generation to generation.

Many: Give him the glory great things he hath done!

***Processional Hymn** "To God Be The Glory" Hymnal No. 98

***Opening Prayer** (Unison) Janis Schrader

**O God, whose glory is seen in dapples skies and evening sunsets
and whose care is known in a mother's love or a father's tenderness,
we praise you for your continuing goodness to us,
which has brought us through another week.**

**As we seek you today, we remember your steadfast care,
find encouragement in your righteousness, and wonder in your ways.**

**Grant your guidance as we navigate through
a sometimes challenging world, seeking your way.**

Through Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

***Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moments for All Ages

Joan Leaman

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Janis Schrader

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:21-31

Janis Schrader

Response to the Lessons

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“The Gifts He Gives to Me”

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

“Be Aware of Wonder!”

Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Offering

“How Firm a Foundation”

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Terry Osman

*Offertory Response

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Red Hymnal, No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Hymn of Promise”

Hymnal No. 707

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“Lead and I Will Follow”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

* = *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Print = Say in unison

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, "Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:21-31

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for September 14, 2014

General Fund: Offering: \$5,514.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$223,600.⁸³

Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$253,302 (-\$29,702)

Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$55.00 Year-to-Date: \$4,814.⁹⁷

Worship Attendance: 175

Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 57

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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.

Welcome! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to worship as brothers and sisters in faith. 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)

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

**COTTAGE FELLOWSHIPS:** Small groups have met informally with Pastor Monica providing an opportunity to get to know one another. Today the Jones family will host a gathering at the church for those who have not had an opportunity to talk with Pastor Monica at one of the home fellowships. Please join us! **Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.—The Jones at the church**

**"PORTRAITS OF CHRIST" BIBLE STUDY, Led by Pastor Jim Mundell on 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!

**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.

**CROP WALK FOR HUNGER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 1 P.M.** All are welcome to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk beginning at the Memorial Park in Oxford. **You can participate by walking in the event or by SPONSORING ONE OF OUR WALKERS with your donation.** CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – and right here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference... and you are part of it! **Twenty-five percent of the amount raised is returned to support the Neighborhood Service Center located in Oxford. Sign-up sheets and sponsor sheets will be available at the display in the church lobby by mid-September. Contact Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 for more information.** REMEMBER - "We make a living by

what we get, but we

Coffee and lemonade is available every Sunday in the lobby to promote conversation with all of our friends and guests!

**THIS WEEK: September 21 through September 28, 2014**

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

**Sunday:**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education classes  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting for youth and their parents  
10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#4)  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells  
**3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Cottage Fellowship hosted by the Jones at the church**  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)

*Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Christian Education Team*

**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)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Portraits of Christ" Bible Study (#14)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. UMW Women in Action Circle (#15)

**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 (#1)  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Missions Meeting (#16)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 0431 (#14)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 41250 (#12)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga Class (Sanc.)

**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)  
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Finance meeting (#1)  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Ad Council meeting (#1)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)  
**12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s meet at Perkins in Avondale**  
**2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Photo Directory Sitzings (#8, 10)**  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting (#1)  
6:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
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)  
**2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Photo Directory Sitzings (#8, 10)**

**Saturday:**

**10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Photo Directory Sitzings (#8, 10)**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY I**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education classes  
9:45 a.m. New Members Class (Pastor's Office)  
10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#4)  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (#8, 10)

# 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  
 Juanita Rickards  
 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)  
 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 21**

Fred & Jeannie Sullivan  
 Edel Mullen and Kay Yates  
 Margaret Rubincan & Gail Bauer  
 Ruth Wells and Fran Miller  
 Matt Simonds/Sydney Curtis  
 M. Rubincan / A. Castaldi / E. Mullen  
 Amy Castaldi / Heather Ditzel  
 TBA  
 Fred Sullivan  
 Janis Schrader  
 Joan Leaman  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

### **Next Sunday, September 28**

Fred & Jeannie Sullivan  
 Edel Mullen and Kay Yates  
 Margaret Rubincan & Gail Bauer  
 Ruth Wells and Fran Miller  
 Wesley Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet  
 K. Reischke/K. Smith/K. Boyd  
 Jessie Timm / Bill Jones  
 TBA  
 Judy Gambill  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Pastor Monica  
 George Anderson and Donna Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Opening Song

“You Are God Alone”

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

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## Celebration Set

“You Are The One”

“Awesome God”

## Passing of the Peace

## Moment For All Ages

Joan Leaman

## Scripture

*Matthew 20:1-16 and Philippians 1:21-31*

Fred Sullivan

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. At 9:30, the children staying for JAM will be taken to the youth room (#8 & 10) and those who are not staying will be brought back to the Sanctuary.

## Sermon

“Be Aware of Wonder!”

Pastor Monica

## Offering

“God of Wonders”

## Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

## Closing Song

“Praise Adonai”

## Benediction