



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

But, I Do Pray...



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 28, 2014

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

Prelude

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) (adapted from Cecilton UMC Parish) Sandy Deckard

One: Something awakened you this morning – perhaps day’s dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the noise of the alarm, sounds of waking children, or the song of a bird or bark of a dog.

Many: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship together the Creator of this day.

One : Something moved you this morning – we left behind sufficiency of sleep or a restless night; we engaged in feeding and dressing; we left our homes for worship.

Many: And now we gather here to worship Christ who moves among and Spirit who leads us towards love and service.

All: May ours be a faith that is awake and moving as we serve God and one another.

*ProceSSIONAL Hymn

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Hymnal No. 496

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

**Creator God,
we gather today as people
who have different needs and different gifts.
We come as a people with joys and concerns,
with light spirits and heavy hearts.**

Usher us into your presence as we join together in worship.

May we know the comfort of casting our cares upon you, God our Rock.

May we know the joy and bliss of your compassion shown through your people.

**May we, your people, hear your whispers and feel your nudges
to offer the love we have experienced to others.**

In the name of the Holy One, 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 Pastor Monica

***Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 6:5-15* Sandy Deckard

Epistle Lesson *Philippians 1:1-11* Sandy Deckard

Response to the Lessons

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music "The Father's Son"
Written and sung by The Rev. Mel Leaman

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 "But, I Do Pray..." Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

Song of Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS, No. 2193

Prayer Testimony Kelly Hendrickson

Offering

***Offertory Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" 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 Pastor Jim

Anthem "Hear Our Prayer" Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" Hymnal No.128

*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 6:5-15

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for September 21, 2014

General Fund: Offering: 7,059.¹⁸ Offerings Received YTD: \$230,660.⁰¹

Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$260,148 (-\$29,488)

Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$174.⁰⁰ Year-to-Date: \$4,988.⁹⁷

Worship Attendance: 189

Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 60

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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.***

**"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.

**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 make a life by what we give" ~ Winston Churchill.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY AND DATABASE UPDATES:** We are updating our database in anticipation of a new Church Directory publication. Please review your family's information in the binder located in the lobby on Sundays, or in the office during the week. The profile pages are in a "Family" rather than "Individual" format, so some information is not shown. There is ample room, however, to note any changes/additions such as, cell phone numbers, birthdates, new addresses, emails, etc. Any information you share and note as "Unlisted" will not be shared in the directory, but will be for church database information only. If you would prefer, you can email Donna Fackler your family's information at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or call her at 610-869-9334. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK: September 28 through October 5, 2014**

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

**Sunday: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
STEWARDSHIP 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  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (#8, 10)

**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)

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6, Sanc.)  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Meeting (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
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.)  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM SPRC (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 453(#9)  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Meeting (#12)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)

**Thursday: Rummage Sale Set-Up**

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.)  
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE (Sanc., Lobby)**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE (Sanc., Lobby)**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
STEWARDSHIP II**

**BLESSING OF THE BIBLE FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS**

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  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Middle 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)  
 Family of Eddie  
 Bogus (Shiplet)  
 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)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Pat Heist  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Nancy Jessup (Gambill)  
 Eddie Lavin (Eason)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Cindy Luttmann (Miller)  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)  
 June Martz  
 John McGinley  
 Family of Lois Michael (Haley)  
 Phil Miller (Ramberger)



Family of Raziel Mireles  
 and the students of  
 AGHS  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Gen Offerman (Hruz)  
 Liz Powell (Schrader)  
 Raymond Ramberger  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Juanita Rickards  
 Family of Alvin Rinehimer, Sr.  
 Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Family of Jim Schriver  
 (Mears)  
 Bill Shiplet (L. Shiplet)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena  
 Jonathan Tena  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Shelley Wiseman (Hruz)  
 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 Pearson & 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 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  
 Maryanne Covington  
 Judy Gambill  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Pastor Monica  
 George Anderson and Donna Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

### **Next Sunday, October 5**

TBA  
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 Cecelia Figueroa / Madeline Jones  
 J. Lindtner/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
 Karen Reischke / Kim Weingarten  
 Fran Miller  
 Joan Leaman  
 Bill Jones  
 Julie Hughes  
 Dave Talley and Beth Arnold  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Opening Song

“Here I Am To Worship”

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

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First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

## Celebration Set

“As We Pray”

## Passing of the Peace

## Moment For All Ages

Pastor Monica

## Scripture

*Matthew 6:5-15 and Philippians 1:1-11*

Judy Gambill

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

“But, I Do Pray...”

Pastor Monica

## Special Music

“The Father’s Son”

Written and sung by The Rev. Mel Leaman

## Prayer Testimony

Kelly Hendrickson

## Offering

“Father, I Want You To Hold Me”

## Prayers of the People

“Our Father”

## Closing Song

“Sing For Joy”

## Benediction