



# West Grove United Methodist Church

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**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
*November 9, 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)

Vernon Ramberger

One: The Almighty is our source of strength and might.

**Many: The Holy One gives us new life.**

One: Let us sing in celebration for all that God has done.

**Many: Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord to all!**

### \*Processional Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymnal No. 368

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

**Your love has brought us together, O Lord,  
and it is your love that sustains us through each day.  
We pray that you would keep us faithful.  
Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom,  
strengthen us to work with you to bring about, here and now,  
your reign on earth.  
Give us the courage to witness to your presence  
in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future.  
We pray in the name of the One who comes,  
Christ our Savior. 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

Julie Hughes

**Old Testament Lesson**

*Judges 16:4-31*

Vernon Ramberger

**\*Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Vernon Ramberger

**\*Response to the Lessons**

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

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem**

“Change the World with Love”

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**

*Survivor*

Pastor Monica

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn of Response**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Hymnal No. 152

**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.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

~ *Savannah Marie Taylor* ~

**Gathered Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Hymnal No. 895

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Because He Lives”

Hymnal No. 364

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

“Go Now in Peace”

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

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



## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In Celebration of Sophie, Rachel and Dallas McClain’s 24th  
Birthday! With love from Mom and Dad



## Old Testament Lesson: Judges 16:4-31

After this he fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. The lords of the Philistines came to her and said to her, "Coax him, and find out what makes his strength so great, and how we may overpower him, so that we may bind him in order to subdue him; and we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes your strength so great, and how you could be bound, so that one could subdue you." Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that are not dried out, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else." Then the lords of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not dried out, and she bound him with them. While men were lying in wait in an inner chamber, she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the bowstrings, as a strand of fiber snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known. Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have mocked me and told me lies; please tell me how you could be bound." He said to her, "If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else." So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" (The men lying in wait were in an inner chamber.) But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread. Then Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies; tell me how you could be bound." He said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and make it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak, and be like anyone else." So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web, and made them tight with the pin. Then she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web. Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me three times now and have not told me what makes your strength so great." Finally, after she had nagged him with her words day after day, and pestered him, he was tired to death. So he told her his whole secret, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head; for I have been a nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, then my strength would leave me; I would become weak, and be like anyone else." When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "This time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands. She let him fall asleep on her lap; and she called a man, and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him. Then she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" When he awoke from his sleep, he thought, "I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. So the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles; and he ground at the mill in the prison. But the hair of his head began to grow

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again after it had been shaved. Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to rejoice; for they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, and let him entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. They made him stand between the pillars; and Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, so that I may lean against them." Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who looked on while Samson performed. Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "Lord God, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes." And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." He strained with all his might; and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

# 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.*

Welcome to worship in the name of the God of grace and love! We're glad you've joined us today. We invite you to inquire about our church's activities and ministries. 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.***

**OPERATION SHOEBOX IS BACK!** This is a ministry of Samaritans Purse who send gift filled shoe boxes to children all over the world. Want to participate? Here's what you do!

1. Pick up a shoebox in the lobby of the church, decide if you are filling it for a boy or a girl and then fill it up with age appropriate fun items! You can pack it with card games, crayons or markers, toothbrush/paste, a brush or hairbands, soap, socks, note pad...etc.
2. Help with the shipping costs by including \$7 in the box or by going online to donate.
3. Bring your box back to the church lobby by November 23rd.
4. You can download a girl/boy label and find out more about tracking your box, what to donate and more about what the ministry of Samaritan Purse does to help the impoverished all over the world. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH:** We're looking for ideas for backgrounds for the Sunday morning announcements. Please send your ideas to [wgumc@verizon.net](mailto:wgumc@verizon.net), put "Announcements Background" in the subject line! So we may give you the proper credit, please include a picture of yourself--preferably a head & shoulders shot.

**R.A.P. (Retired Active People)** our next meeting is **Friday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** We will be blessed with speaker Diane Albertson on the Civil War. She is a true talent and it will make for a wonderful afternoon! Please bring a neighbor or friend, bagged lunch and we will supply the dessert and beverages.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m.** hosted by West Grove UMC! Consider bringing a treat to share as we fellowship after the service. We hope you will join us for worship with the churches of our community!

**CROPWALK 2014:** Area totals are not in yet, but **West Grove UMC collected \$3,250** to fight hunger!! A big thank you to all who helped to contribute to this mighty cause.

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for November 2, 2014

**General Fund: Offering: \$10,374.<sup>35</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$280,171.<sup>61</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$301,224 (-\$21,052)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$431.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$9,953.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 209 Sunday School Attendance: 63**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 65**

**THIS WEEK: November 2 through November 9, 2014**

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

**Sunday:**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Baptism Sunday ~ Savannah Marie Taylor**

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

**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.)  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CMO Music Day (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.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 41250 ( #12)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-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)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Caregivers Meeting (#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. RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen**

**\*\*Newsletter Articles for December are due\*\***

**Saturday: Planting Seeds for Ministry Workshop @ Hopewell UMC**

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Worship Team Meeting (#1)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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 and Memory Bells  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Staff Parish Relations Committee  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Meeting (#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 November: The Emergency Food Shelf and The Bridge Mission Prayer Focus in November: Stop Hunger Now**

Marianne Aquino

Kory Arnold

Grace Baker (Mears)

Michael Basilio

(Covington)

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Olive Brinton

Maura Carroll (Bates)

Dee Crawford

Joe Devereaux (Keystone)

Judy Elvin (Bryan)

Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

John Gambill

Richard Heacock

Matt Helm (Laird)

Tonya Howell (Boyd)

Nancy Jessup (Gambill)

Deborah Kennedy (Coates)

Bill Lilley

Neva Luttmann (Miller)

Family of June Martz

John McGinley

Phil Miller (Ramberger)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)



Harry Moyer (Saller)

Peter Mullen

Tim Mullen

Family of Gen Offerman

(Hruz)

Dale Palmer (B. Smith)

Liz Powell (Schrader)

Tammy Ramberger

Lisa Reoli

Tom Rosazza (Ramberger)

Dot Russell

Roann Schneider

Peg Seiz (Fackler)

Bill Shiptlet (L. Shiptlet)

Elli Streibel (Mullen)

Heidi Streibel (Mullen)

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Jonathan Tena

Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Joseph White (Tolmie)

Shelley Wiseman (Hruz)

Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - Guam (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Qatar (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy,  
Mexico City (The Rambergers)

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, November 9**

Mike Chalmers & Luke Chalmers

Tom and Charlotte Adams

The Simonds Family

Ruth Wells and Kay Yates

Cecelia Figueroa / Alisabeth Guepet

J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/L. McClain

Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman

Amy Castaldi

Judy Gambill

Vernon Ramberger

Julie Hughes

Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

### **Next Sunday, November 16**

Mike Chalmers & Luke Chalmers

Tom and Charlotte Adams

The Simonds Family

Ruth Wells and Kay Yates

Michelle Lestourgeon/Madeline Jones

H. McCummings/A. Castaldi/E. Mullen

Amy Castaldi / Heather Ditzel

Joan Leaman

Fred Sullivan

Chris Curtiss

Jamie Lindtner

Dave Talley and Beth Arnold

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel

## West Grove UMC Annual Fall Harvest Food Collection at the Sukkah Booth



As we have done in previous years, our church will collect nonperishable food items and turkey coupons (from local grocery stores) at the Sukkot booth in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 2 through Sunday, November 23. This year's Fall Harvest Food Collection will benefit and help replenish the short food supply for The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. **The Bridge has doubled the number of local families that it**

**is serving this fall.** Your donations are essential to serve those in our community. In addition, Thanksgiving Baskets will be given to a few local families in need. Be sure to stop by the booth with your donations. Thank you for serving God through the faces in our community.

## West Grove United Methodist Church Hosts Blanket and Coat Collection November 2 through November 23



Winter is coming and everyone needs to bundle up nice and warm. Yes, that means **EVERYONE**. However, throughout our community we have many individuals that lack the basic winter defense of a nice, warm winter coat. Once again, **West Grove United Methodist Church is asking for the donation of gently used or new blankets**



**and winter coats.** Donations may be dropped off at the church from November 4 through November 23. We are accepting all sizes from children, through teens and adults. These items will be given to The Bridge at the Church of the Nazarene in West Grove and to the Penn London Elementary School for distribution.

Please join us and help keep **EVERYONE** warm this winter!



**United Methodist Student Day will be highlighted on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Envelopes will be available both as a bulletin insert on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and can be found in your giving envelopes dated November 30<sup>th</sup>. This important ministry of our denomination helps students attend college and university around the country.

# Meditations For Your Week

*November 9—November 15*



**Sunday:** “After this he fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.” Judges 16:4. Samson was a Nazarite, set aside by God from birth. He struggled throughout his life with how to live with others. Prayerfully confess to God the ways that you struggle in living with others.

**Monday:** “The lords of the Philistines came to her and said to her, ‘Coax him, and find out what makes his strength so great, and how we may overpower him, so that we may bind him in order to subdue him; and we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver.’ Judges 16: 5. Sometimes there are powers, principalities, and people who plot against us. Pray today for God’s protection as you seek to do God’s will.

**Tuesday:** “But he did not know that the Lord had left him.” Judges 16: 20b. It is often that we do not know when the Lord leaves us. We feel as though we have been faithful. However, God leaves Samson, due to his actions. Prayerfully consider how your actions can shine God’s light.

**Wednesday:** “Then Samson called to the Lord and said, ‘Lord God, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes.’” Judges 16:28. In anger and rage, Samson sought revenge. We, too sometimes seek to settle our own scores. Where do you need to let go of judging and revenge and turn it back to God?

**Thursday:** “The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’” Matthew 25: 8 -9. While we are taught to share with others, we must first attend to our own spiritual needs. Don’t sit around waiting to have time and energy to put in your spiritual life some point in the future. Now, is the time to prepare for the future.

**Friday:** “And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.” Matthew 25:10. Procrastinations put one in a catch-up position. From the catch-up position, it is hard to offer grace to others. Prayerfully consider how your preparation opens you up to serve others.

**Saturday:** “Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Matthew 25: 13. You and I never know when God might be using us. How can you stay in spiritual shape as to be ready when God calls?

# West Grove United Methodist Church

**S O P S A L E**

**Chicken Corn Chowder  
and  
Roasted Butternut Squash**

**\$5.00 per Quart**

**Place your Order by Nov. 19.**

**Pick-up on Saturday,**

**Nov. 22, 1-5 p.m.**



**There is a signup sheet in the lobby. Checks can be made payable to  
"WGUMC"**



***"JOY TO THE WORLD" AT THE AMERICAN MUSIC  
THEATRE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH !***

***Last call to order your tickets!***

***Payments are due by Friday, November 14.***

You are invited to celebrate the Christmas Season with the RAP group and friends on **Friday, December 5th** as all travel to the Plain & Fancy Restaurant for their delicious Traditional Amish Farm Family Style Feast at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to browse/shop in the Country Store, plan to arrive earlier in the morning before the meal. After lunch, we will travel to the American Music Theatre to attend the 2014 Christmas Show "Joy to the World" which begins at 3 p.m.--the suggested time of arrival is 2:30 p.m.

Make reservations to enjoy the meal and the show. However, you are welcome to do just the meal or just the show. The price for the feast is \$24 (including all taxes and gratuities). The price for the show is \$36. Those planning to attend need to reserve a ticket by the end of October. Payments are due no later than Friday, November 14th at RAP.

Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger with your questions and to make reservations for the meal and/or the show: [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net) or 610-869-3863. We will be traveling by car--please inform Sara Ann if you need a ride.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## **Opening Song**

“In The Secret (I Want You To Know)”

## **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**

“My Life Is In You Lord”

“Holy Is The Lord”

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Moment For All Ages**

Julie Hughes

## **Scripture**

*Judges 16:4-31*

*\*Matthew 25:1-13*

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**

“Survivor”

Pastor Monica

## **Offering**

“Overwhelmed”

## **Prayers of the People**

The Lord’s Prayer

## **Closing Song**

“Forever”

## **Benediction**

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