



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

the
body of christ

Hands of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

OPEN

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)**

Peter Mullen

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

Many: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

Many: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people, whose hands show us God.

One: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

Many: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.

***Processional Hymn**

"How Can We Name a Love"

Hymnal No. 111

***Opening Prayer**

Peter Mullen

**God of songs and marvels, old and new,
your powerful love for this world continues to astound us.
In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love
that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives:
as savior, friend, and brother.**

**We thank you for welcoming us into your household
and for trusting us with your marvelous work
to draw all people into the spacious home of your love.**

**Let us offer our hands for your use
to share your kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven, Amen.**

***Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moments for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Hosea 11:3-4

Peter Mullen

***Gospel Lesson**

John 15:9-17

Peter Mullen

***Response to the Lessons**

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“The Hand of Our God”

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

“Hands of God”

Pastor Monica
Photography by Denver Aquino

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***Hymn of Response**

“The Summons”

TFWS No. 2130

Moment of Impact

Imagine No More Malaria

Offering

“How Beautiful”

Victoria Owens, Soloist
PowerPoint presentation created by Janis Schrader

***Offertory Response**

“We Are The Body Of Christ”

TFWS No. 2227

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, We are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,

We are the body of Christ.

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Loving God, we offer our very selves to you. It is from you our gifts come and to you we make our commitment. This day as we celebrate renewed commitments to and all who seek to show us your way, we offer ourselves again to you. Bless our hands, may they demonstrate your love. Bless our gifts, may they be visible signs of your love. Bless our lives, may they point others back to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Reception of New Members

*Keith and Karen Schneider
Dick and Caryl Struhke*

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS No. 2241

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Go Forth in Song”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Hosea 11:3-4*

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

Gospel Lesson: *John 15:9-17*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

View and discuss the movie "THE BUTLER": Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 -8:45

refreshments included: This film, inspired by a true story, tells the saga of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this black man's life and family. Mel Leaman will facilitate a brief discussion following the film. Sign-up in the lobby.

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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.

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5, NRSV). Welcome, then, to “the body of Christ, the family of God.” 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.***

**NO MORE MALARIA.** Right now, every sixty seconds, someone dies from the preventable disease of malaria. It was previously every 30 seconds. It is through the giving to Imagine No More Malaria, that we are literally saving lives. Give to recognize an important woman in your life.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, June 14:** If you are a high school or college graduate, or have one in your family, please call the church office at 610-869-9334 or email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org), so that we can recognize their accomplishment at this service.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** The missions team of West Grove UMC in conjunction with Family Promise of Southern Chester County is discerning if God is calling us to be a host church for homeless families in Southern Chester County. If you would like to see WGUMC be a host church please sign up in the lobby. If you have a particular area of interest, indicate such beside your name. Additional information about Family Promise can be found in our newsletter. Please call Janice Bowers with any questions: 484-888-6821 days, 610-444-8470 evenings or email [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com). **Volunteer information sessions for Family Promise: Please join us for these informative meetings following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on 5/17 & 5/24 in Room 16.**

**STOP HUNGER NOW CANCELLATION:** Please be advised that the Stop Hunger Now program that was scheduled for **Saturday, May 30** has been cancelled. Look for new information about this mission in the Fall.

## God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for May 3, 2015

**General Fund: Offering: 7,270.00 Offerings Received YTD: 104,039.46**

**Estimated Weekly offerings needed to meet annual Budget: \$7,540.29**

**Estimated YTD \$135,720.93 Budget (deficit) = (-\$31,681.47)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$235.00 Year-to-Date: \$3,345.00**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30: 75 + 11:00: 132 = Total: 207 Sunday School: 55**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 20**

**Easter Offering for Family Promise: \$2,370**

**THIS WEEK: May 10 through May 17, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Mother's Day ~ "No More Malaria"  
New Member Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
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 Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (#3)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 04317 (#14)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 4-H Robotics Club ( #8, 10)  
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 Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (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)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Committee Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

**Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch (#3 & 5)  
6:45 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. 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 Rehearsal

**Friday:**

**Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference**

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

**\*\*Please note that June newsletter articles are due today!\*\***

**Saturday:**

**Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference**

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

**4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out!**

**Sunday:**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells

**12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Girl Scout Tea Party (Sanc.)**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**

**"The Butler" movie and discussion (Sanc.)**

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

All Youth Meeting

*\*Coffee Fellowship hosted by The Faithlinks Class\**

# 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 May: United Methodist Women**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in May: Compassion International**

|                                |                                                                                   |                              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Darlene Alleger (Guepet)       |  | Gloria Miller (Ramberger)    |
| Kory Arnold                    |                                                                                   | Bill Mowery (Shiplet)        |
| Cory Beattie (Shaub)           |                                                                                   | Tim Mullen                   |
| Family of Dan Bennett (Guepet) |                                                                                   | Ed O'Brien                   |
| Maura Carroll (Bates)          |                                                                                   | Pastor Doug (May)            |
| Family of Ruth Cociolone       |                                                                                   | Family of Lawrence Ramberger |
| Ruby DeBoard                   |                                                                                   | Tammy Ramberger              |
| Colin Delaney (McGinley)       |                                                                                   | Lisa Reoli                   |
| Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)    |                                                                                   | Ron Ritter (Chalmers)        |
| Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)       |                                                                                   | Dot Russell                  |
| Marcus Forst (Howard)          |                                                                                   | Richard Saller               |
| Rev. Kim Gilson (Hurst)        |                                                                                   | Roann Schneider              |
| Grace Gurney (Wolff)           |                                                                                   | Christian & Luke Schneider   |
| Family of Jason Haley (Haley)  |                                                                                   | Jeannie Sullivan             |
| Matt Helm (Laird)              |                                                                                   | Fernando Tena                |
| Richard Kreutzfeldt            |                                                                                   | Jonathan Tena                |
| Bill Lilley                    |                                                                                   | Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)      |
| Kay Longnecker (Mullen)        |                                                                                   | Zach Trexler (Lytle)         |
| Lopez family (Tena)            |                                                                                   | Dot Weeks                    |
| Neva Luttman (Miller)          |                                                                                   | Megan Wittman (Lytle)        |
| Julia McDonnell (Czerpak)      |                                                                                   | Baby Wynne (Dea)             |



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (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

|                             | <b><u>This Sunday, May 10</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, May 17</u></b> |
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| <b>Ushers—8:30</b>          | Tim and Eileen Bushnell           | Tim and Eileen Bushnell           |
| <b>Ushers—11</b>            | Edel Mullen and George Anderson   | Edel Mullen and George Anderson   |
| <b>Greeters—8:30</b>        | Mark and Amy Simonds              | Mark and Amy Simonds              |
| <b>Greeters—11</b>          | Maryanne & Lianne Covington       | Maryanne & Lianne Covington       |
| <b>Acolyte 8:30/11</b>      | Cecelia Figueroa/Sydney Curtis    | Joshua Robinson/Alisabeth Guepet  |
| <b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b> | H. McCummings/K. Smith/K. Boyd    | C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman      |
| <b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>   | OPEN/Heather Ditzel               | Lianne Covington / OPEN           |
| <b>S. S. Roamers</b>        | Fran Miller                       | Maryanne Covington                |
| <b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>      | Karen Hruz                        | John McGinley                     |
| <b>Liturgist—11:00</b>      | Peter Mullen                      | Chris Curtiss                     |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b>      | Pastor Monica                     | Pastor Monica                     |
| <b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>  | TBA                               | TBA                               |
| <b>Counters</b>             | George Anderson and Donna Shaub   | Dave Talley and Denise Byers      |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>          | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider    | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider    |

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**

**\*Opening Song** "Let the Praises Ring" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "Love the Lord"  
"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**New Testament Lesson** *Hosea 11:3-4* Karen Hruz

**\*Gospel Lesson** *John 15:9-17* Karen Hruz

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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** "Hands of God" Pastor Monica  
Photography by Denver Aquino

**Moment of Impact** Imagine No More Malaria

**Offering** "How Beautiful" Victoria Owens, Soloist

**\*Offertory Prayer**

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**Reception of New Members**

*Jerry, Elizabeth, Max, and Megan Gula  
Chris Hilgar*

**Gathered Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "Testify to Love" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**

**\* Please stand as you are able**