



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Amazed and Astonished



Pentecost ~ Confirmation Sunday
May 24, 2015

**Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
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 guest or member, let us know you were here!*

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** (written by Nolan and Phyliss Palsma) Mya Ditzel

One: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like tongues of fire that set out hearts aflame,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With power from above to make our weakness strong.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Amen

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story

Rebecca LeSturgeon

***Processional Hymn** "Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty" Hymnal No. 64

***Opening Prayer** Rebecca LeSturgeon

Spirit of the Living God, on this day, we invite you to fall on us, to surround us, and to make us new creations. We come this morning to worship and to re-commit our hearts, our minds, and our lives to you. We invite you, Holy Spirit, to do big things in us this day and every day. Awaken us in your mercy, inspire us with your grace, and move us to action with your love. Amen.

***Passing of the peace** Rebecca LeSturgeon

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moments for All Ages

Julie Hughes

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story

Tyler Curtis (video)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Brian Barrett

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story

Sean Barrett

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21 Jayna Bruno
Response to the Lessons Jayna Bruno
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story Olivia Eason (video)

Anthem "Like A Mighty Wind" 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.

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story Brian Barrett

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***Hymn of Response** "Spirit of the Living God " Hymnal No. 393

Moment of Impact Youth Ministries Pastor Monica

Offering

***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)** Sean Barrett

Gracious God, thank you for the call that you place on our lives to be givers. Givers of truth, givers of love, givers of care and compassion and here at this moment, givers of money. Use these gifts to bless those who receive it. Show us daily how to be generous with all that we have and all that we are, in order to be faithful stewards as your people. Amen.

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story Luke Reynolds (video)

Gathered Prayers of the People Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895

Sharing our Faith: Faith Story Jayna Bruno

CONFIRMATION

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Marching to Zion" Hymnal No. 733

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** "Go Forth in Song" Chancel Choir

*Postlude

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to God,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:1-21*

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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.

Today we celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit blew and blazed, spoke in many languages and created the church. Welcome — not to church, but as the church! 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

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

DO YOU HAVE FAITH? This Sunday, FAITH cards (like BINGO) will be available for our children and youth during the service. Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", feel free to shout out faith (and make a witness!). At the end of the service, please come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

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, 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. **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.**

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Do you love working with children? Are you hoping to shape the faith journey of a young person? Sign up to help with Vacation Bible School. We are particularly looking for those who love working with our preschoolers and those who love crafts! Join us on Tuesday evening for more information!

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for May 17, 2015

General Fund: Offering: 5,731.⁰⁰ Offerings Received YTD: 114,866.⁴⁶

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

Estimated YTD \$150,805.⁸⁰ Budget (deficit) = (-\$35,939.³⁴)

Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$135.⁰⁰ Year-to-Date: \$3,600.⁰⁰

Worship Attendance: 8:30: 71 + 11:00: 96 = Total: 167 Sunday School: 50

Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 23



Of 2015

Brian Edward Barrett

Sean Patrick Barrett

Jayna Shea Bruno

Tyler Eison Curtis

Mya Elizabeth Ditzel

Olivia Pearl Eason

Rebecca Lynne LeStourgeon

Luke Christopher Reynolds

THIS WEEK: May 24 through May 31, 2015

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

Sunday:

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION 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:

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

Tuesday:

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Café Free Meal Ministry
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 04317 (#14)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 41250 (#12)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Missions Meeting (#1)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Union Beach Meeting (#8, 10)

Wednesday:

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#1)

Thursday:

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s at Perkins
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)
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Meeting (#1)
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

Friday:

No events or meetings are scheduled

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRINITY SUNDAY**

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to benefit the Community Cafe

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
With Confirmation
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. African American Experience (#11, 13)

Financial Update:

We give thanks to God for all who give faithfully that we might continue to impact the world for Jesus, bringing about the Kingdom of God, here on Earth. **Have you noticed** before the offering there is a moment of impact in which it is shared how giving financially to the church changes lives? Listen before the offering is received! Your gifts matter and change lives! As you go on vacation, visit friends, and are away from the church on a Sunday morning, please remember to share your financial gift with the church, so that we can continue to impact lives in our community and around the world!

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

Wayne Achuff
 Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
 Kory Arnold
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Gary Boyles (McGinley)
 Ora Carr (Carlin)
 Maura Carroll (Bates)
 Ruby DeBoard
 Megan DuBois (Steele)
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Marcus Forst (Howard)
 Rev. Kim Gilson (Hurst)
 Grace Gurney (Wolff)
 Family of Jason Haley (Haley)
 Matt Helm (Laird)
 Richard Kreutzfeldt
 Bill Lilley
 Kay Longnecker (Mullen)
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)
 Kathy May (Carlin)
 Rachel McClain
 Julia McDonnell (Czerpak)



Gloria Miller (Ramberger)
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
 Tim Mullen
 Ed O'Brien
 Pastor Doug (May)
 Tammy Ramberger
 Lisa Reoli
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
 Dot Russell
 Richard Saller
 Roann Schneider
 Christian & Luke Schneider
 Lorrie Steele
 Fernando Tena
 Jonathan Tena
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)
 Eveline Walker (Schrader)
 Dot Weeks
 Jeff Whelan
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)
 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

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
Hospitality 8:30/11
Counters
Sound Booth

This Sunday, May 24

Tim and Eileen Bushnell
 Edel Mullen and George Anderson
 Mark and Amy Simonds
 Maryanne & Lianne Covington
 Wesley Boyd / Joseph Yarbrough
 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson
 OPEN / Joan Leaman
 Cindy Haley
 Confirmands
 Confirmands
 Julie Hughes
 TBA
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, May 31

Tim and Eileen Bushnell
 Edel Mullen and George Anderson
 Mark and Amy Simonds
 Maryanne & Lianne Covington
 J. LeSturgeon/M. Rinehimer
 J. Lindtner/A. Castaldi/ E. Mullen
 Jessi Timm / OPEN
 Joan Leaman
 Judy Gambill
 Karen Boyd
 Pastor Monica
 TBA
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider



Donations Needed:

- . Grill (preferably gas)
- . Playing cards
- . Card games
- . Dominoes
- . Checkers
- . Corn hole
- . Lawn Games
- . Kick ball

If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them in the box in the lobby or call the church office.

WEDNESDAY FOOD AND FUN NIGHT!

West Grove United Methodist Church is launching a new Wednesday night **“Summer Fun for Everyone”**. The weekly event will start on **June 3 and continue through the summer culminating on August 26**. The entire

community is invited to attend from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

There will be hotdogs, games, fellowship and a brief word from the Lead Pastor, Rev. Monica B. Guepet, each week. The church wants to continue building a relationship with everyone in the community and believe a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where folks of all ages could come and enjoy themselves would fit perfectly. Pastor Monica says that it “won’t be fancy”. Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for hot dogs and whatever assortment of side dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you’d like to bring a bag of chips, some cookies, or side dish, they will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

A box of games will be available, the youth plan to have their new 9-In-The-Air game up and going, a gated playground is open for little ones, and the ample parking lot and grounds will provide lots of space for kids of all ages to play. Bring your lawn chair and take the night off! All are welcome! The church is located at 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove. For more information you may call the church at 610-869-9334, or visit their website: www.westgroveumc.org.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, May 24 ~ Saturday, May 30



Sunday: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.” Act 2:1. Do you gather with others expecting God to show up?

Monday: “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:4 The Holy Spirit gives amply to you. How will you use the gifts that you have been given?

Tuesday: “Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’” Acts 2:8. When God works through others, we often find our stereotypes ripped away. Where is God showing you a fuller pictures of your neighbors?

Wednesday: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17. Prayerfully consider how God might be calling you!

Thursday: “Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:21. Spend some time today giving thanks to God for these promises of inclusion!

Friday: “When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.” Psalm 104:30. God’s gifts of wholeness and renewal are for all the Earth. How will you help renew the Earth?

Saturday: “May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord.” Psalm 104:34 Spend some time today meditating on God’s great works.

Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Sunday 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

*Opening Song	“Spirit of the Living God”	PraiseWorks Band
Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer		Pastor Monica
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Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Rebecca LeSturgeon
*Celebration Song	“Open Up the Heavens”	PraiseWorks Band
Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Tyler Curtis (video)
*Celebration Song	“Spirit of God”	PraiseWorks Band
Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Sean Barrett
*Passing of the Peace		
Moment For All Ages		Julie Hughes
Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Olivia Eason (video)
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</i>	Brian Barrett
Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Sean Barrett
New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	Jayna Bruno
Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Luke Reynolds (video)
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Sharing our Faith: Faith Story		Brian Barrett
Moment of Impact	Youth Ministries	Pastor Monica
Offering	“The Potter’s Hand”	PraiseWorks Band
*Offertory Prayer		Sean Barrett
Gathered Prayers of the People		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		
*Closing Song	“Fear Not”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		

*** Please stand as you are able**