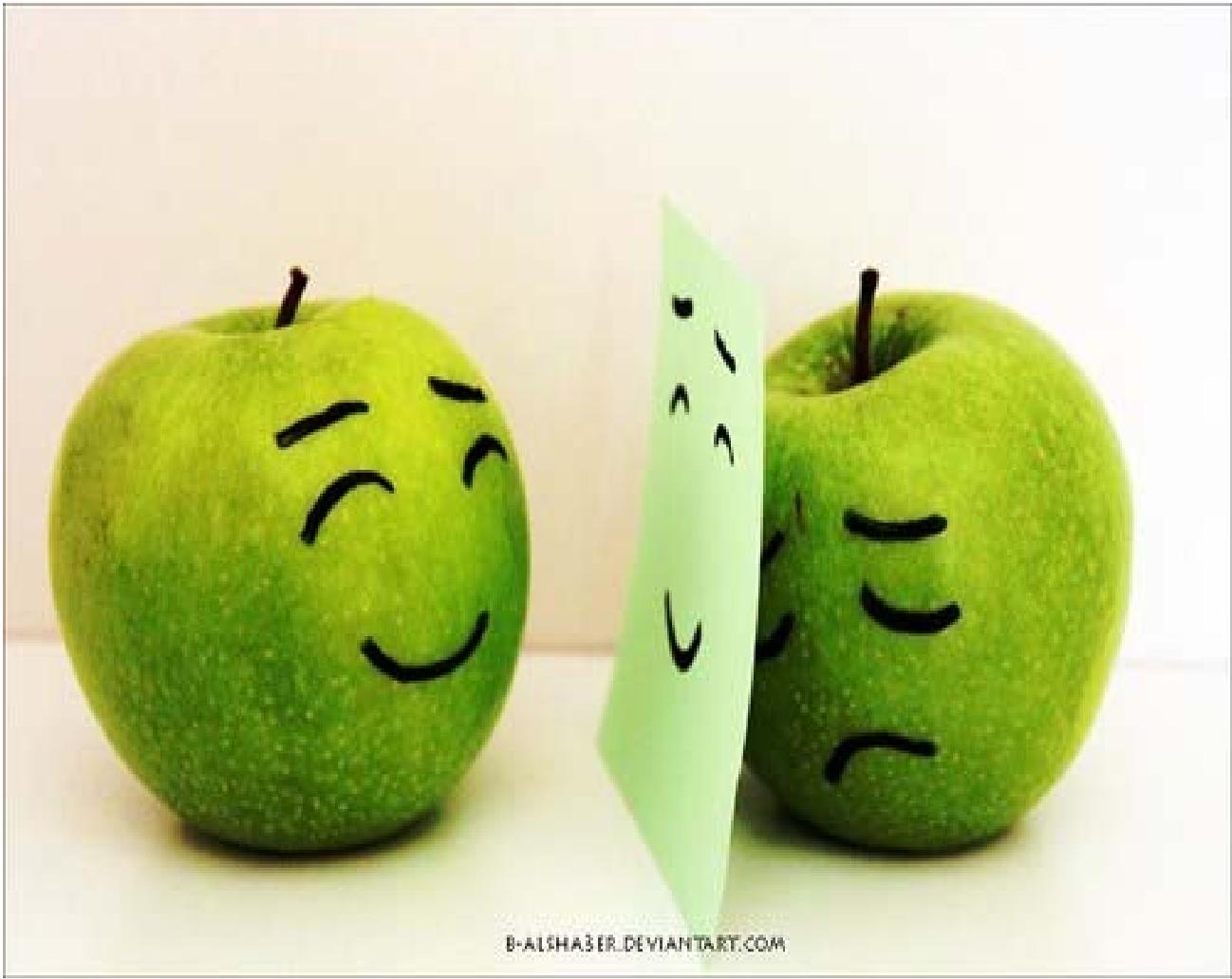




## West Grove United Methodist Church

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



**First Sunday After Pentecost**  
*May 31, 2015*

# First Sunday After Pentecost

## 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) (Based on Psalm 29)

Karen Boyd

One: The voice of the Lord flashes flames of fire.

**Many: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

One: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness!

**Many: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

**Many: In God's congregation, all say, "Glory!"**

#### \*Processional Hymn

"Trust and Obey"

Hymnal No. 467

#### \*Opening Prayer

Karen Boyd

**We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come to you, we come for our own selfish reasons. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

#### \*Passing of the peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

### GROW

#### Moments for All Ages

Pastor Monica

#### Fifth Sunday Coin Offering

Benefits the Community Cafe

#### Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 1

Karen Boyd

#### \*Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-9

Karen Boyd

#### \*Response to the Lessons

Karen Boyd

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

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

#### Anthem

"Lay Your Troubles in the Lap of the Lord"

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**

"Why Are You Sad of Heart?"

Pastor Monica

## **SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Response**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal No. 474

**Moment of Impact**

Peace With Justice

Pastor Monica

**Offering**

**Confirmation Videos**

**Tyler Eison Curtis ~ Olivia Pearl Eason ~ Luke Christopher Reynolds**

**\*Offertory Response**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 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**

**\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

**God who moves before us, behind us, and beside us; through your risen son you have commanded us to "Go!" but we have made ourselves comfortable in our churches and in our homes. You have commanded us to reach out to the world; but often we have limited that outreach to those who look like us, speak like us, live like us. As we worship this morning, and we pray the prayers and sing the songs, and as we offer ourselves and our gifts to you, remind us again that we are called to go into the world. Help us to be more of a movement of hope and love and less an institution of rules and protection of the way things have always been. We pray in the name of the one who sends us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Gathered Prayers of the People**

Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal No. 895

**Rite of Confirmation**

Powerpoint

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth**

"Old Rugged Cross"

Hymnal No. 504

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

"Go Forth in Song"

Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

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



### *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our Altar today are  
In Celebration of Luke, Tyler and Olivia  
on their Confirmation  
With love from their families



## Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 1*

### **Samuel's Birth and Dedication**

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though then Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went

## **Old Testament Lesson:** *1 Samuel 1 (continued)*

back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord."

She left him there for the Lord.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *John 3:1-9*

### **Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

# Confirmation Class



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*

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for May 24, 2015

**General Fund:** Offering: 5,396.<sup>19</sup> Offerings Received YTD: 120,262.<sup>65</sup>

**Estimated Weekly offerings needed to meet annual Budget:** \$7,540.<sup>29</sup>

**Estimated YTD \$158,346.<sup>09</sup> Budget (deficit) = (-\$38,083.<sup>44</sup>)**

**Building Maintenance Fund:** Offering: \$120.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$3,720.<sup>00</sup>

**Worship Attendance:** 8:30: 90+ 11:00: 109 = Total: 199 Sunday School: 46

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 23**

**Summer Camp:** Bethany Christian School, located near the Herr's Factory in Oxford, PA, is offering summer day camp for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Each fun-filled week has an exciting theme, character attribute focus, and Bible memory verse, not to mention a slip-n-slide and an enthusiastic Christian staff. If you are looking for a safe, active camp for your children for the summer, check out our website at [BethanyChristian.org](http://BethanyChristian.org) or call Stacey Cost at 610-998-9827 for more information.

**Free Storytime at Bethany Christian School/May Mondays:** Bethany Christian School is hosting a free storytime for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. It will be held the first 3 Mondays in May from 10:30-11:30 am at the BCS Preschool. Check out the BCS website at [BethanyChristian.org](http://BethanyChristian.org) or call Stacey Cost at 610-998-9827.

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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 worship in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Father, Savior, Spirit: I lay my cares and hopes before you. Thank you for your love and compassion. 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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***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 once again 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!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** On Wednesday, May 27, a motion to give approval for West Grove UMC to be a host church for the Family Promise program was presented to Ad Council by the Missions Team and the motion was carried. We are happy to be the 11th out of 13 churches needed. It is Family Promise Southern Chester County's goal to start up in the Fall, so we anticipate receiving our first family sometime before year-end. 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). Thank you so much for all of your support in bringing this amazing program to our church.

**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!

**The UMW will meet on Wednesday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m.** in the church conference room. If you are interested in United Methodist Women and wish to be a part of the mission and purpose of UMW, we invite you to attend so we may put together a calendar of events for the coming year. If you are unable to attend, but wish to be informed, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support of the United Methodist Women.  
Cindy Haley, President (484-702-7071) or [chaley@zoominternet.net](mailto:chaley@zoominternet.net)

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Gardening season is upon us again! A half dozen or so faithful gardeners will continue to use their beds as they have done over the past few years. We'd like to use the rest of the beds to grow food for the The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. We hear from the staff at the Bridge that their greatest need is fresh food. **We're asking church members here and at the Church of the Nazarene, along with other community groups, to commit to caring for the garden beds for just one week during the summer.** Groups of volunteers might be families, Sunday school classes, youth groups, women's groups or any other combination of people you might imagine. Each family/group/organization will weed, water and care for the entire garden for just one week. Garden Coordinator Kate Black will happily meet with each group at the beginning of their week to show them around. For more information or to sign-up for a week, please contact Kate at 610-869-2231 or [kateblack@gmail.com](mailto:kateblack@gmail.com)

**THIS WEEK: May 31 through June 7, 2015**

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

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

**Monday:                  9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      CMO Camp (3,4,5,6)**

9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.      Knit Wits (#1)  
6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.      Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.      S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:                9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.    CMO Camp (3,4,5,6)**

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.      Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.      Girl Scout Paperwork Drop-Off (Lobby)  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.      Yoga-Sanc.  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.      Brownie Troop 41377 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:            9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.    CMO Camp (3,4,5,6)**

11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.      UMW Meeting (#1)  
2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.      Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
**6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.      Wednesday Food & Fun Night**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.      Brownie Troop 453(#9)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.      Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:                9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.    CMO Camp (3,4,5,6)**

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.      All Staff Meeting (#1)  
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:                    *No events or meetings are scheduled***

**Saturday:** 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.      Daily Reflections (#8, 10)  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.      Piano Recital (Sanc. & Lobby)

**Sunday:                    SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
                                         Communion Sunday**

***Emergency Food Shelf Collection 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 and Memory Bells  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.      African American Experience (#11, 13)

# 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  
 Kory Arnold  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Gary Boyles (McGinley)  
 Ora Carr (Carlin)  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 Saul Cohen (Fackler)  
 Ruby DeBoard  
 Megan DuBois (Steele)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Grace Gurney (Wolff)  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)  
 Kathy May (Carlin)  
 Rachel McClain  
 Gloria Miller (Ramberger)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)



Tim Mullen  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Olivia Rinehimer  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Richard Saller  
 Roann Schneider  
 Vicki Snyder (Hughes)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Fernando Tena  
 Jonathan Tena  
 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)  
 Nate Howard

## 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 31**

Fred and Jeannie Sullivan  
 Edel Mullen and George Anderson  
 Mark and Amy Simonds  
 Maryanne & Lianne Covington  
 J. LeStourgeon/M. Rinehimer  
 J. Lindtner/A. Castaldi/ E. Mullen  
 Jessi Timm / OPEN  
 Joan Leaman  
 Fred Sullivan  
 Karen Boyd  
 Pastor Monica  
 The Byers / Ann Jones  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, June 7**

Fred and Jeannie Sullivan  
 Jeff and Carol Whelan  
 K. Underwood & M. Rubincan  
 Kay Yates  
 Matt Simonds / Madeline Jones  
 R. Catoia/K. Smith/K. Boyd  
 Jessi Timm / Heather Ditzel  
 TBA  
 Judy Gambill  
 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Joan Leaman  
 The Covingtons / The Kreutzfeldts  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 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](http://www.westgroveumc.org).

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, May 31 ~ Saturday, June 6



**Sunday:** “Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.” 1 Samuel 1: 13. Sometimes our deepest prayers look like foolishness to others. Pause in prayer as you offer yourself to God.

**Monday:** ”But Hannah answered, ‘No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.’” 1 Samuel 1:15 Where do you need to pour out your soul before the Lord?

**Tuesday:** “Then Eli answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.’” 1 Samuel 1:17.” Eli, the priest, spoke blessing over the petitions of Hannah’s heart. Rest quietly in the presence of God listening for the blessings over the petitions of your heart.

**Wednesday:** “For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.” 1 Samuel 1: 27. Hannah, in the midst of her sorrow, finds hope in her son, Samuel. How is God offering you hope?

**Thursday:** “Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’” John 3:3. How is God calling you to be born again? Perhaps, to recommit to God?

**Friday:** “Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’” John 3:5. God gifts and equips us with all we need through water and the Spirit. Give thanks to God for all that you need.

**Saturday:** “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:8. Pause in prayer to discern where God is moving.

