



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2015

**Third Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism Sunday ~ Graduate 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)**

Bill Jones

One: We come to hear God's call.

Many: Life is a mystery.

One: We are often surprised by what we hear.

Many: We walk by faith.

One: We are invited to be part of God's new creation.

Many: Life is a mystery. We walk by faith.

***Processional Hymn**

"Hail to the Lords Anointed"

Hymnal No. 203

***Opening Prayer**

Bill Jones

**God of surprises,
we thank you that you have gathered us in this space.
You continue to surprise us, despite our own expectations.
We often believe that we know how you will work and through whom.
Remind us again that your ways are more complete than ours,
and your purposes fulfill in ways that we might not have imagined.
Surprise us, again, O God.
In Your name, we pray, Amen.**

***Passing of the peace**

Bill Jones

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

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Bill Jones

***Gospel Lesson**

John 11:41-44

Bill Jones

***Response to the Lessons**

Bill Jones

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "I Am Your Servant, O 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 "Who Were You Expecting?" Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response** "Take My Life" Hymnal No. 399

Graduate Recognition
Kelly Whelan
Katherine Whelan

Moment of Impact **RAP** Pastor Monica

Offering

***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)**

Generous God, we thank you that you use each of us, regardless of how we imagine ourselves. You used Saul and David, surprising each of them. We offer ourselves and our gifts to you, knowing that you will bless and multiply our impact beyond what we might imagine. May your way truly change the world, on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism *Olivia Paisley Rinehimer*

Special Baptism Anthem "Lullaby Prayer" Chancel Choir
Accompanist: Sara White, Cello

Gathered Prayers of the People Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Here I Am Lord" Hymnal No. 593

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 15:34 -16:13*

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

David Anointed as King

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Gospel Lesson: *John 11:41-44*

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Litany for Celebrating Our Graduates

Pastor: God leads us to curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

People: Let us never lose the sense of wonder and awe that God has given us.

Pastor: God gifts us with knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and fear. As we celebrate graduates this morning, may we pray that they will use the gifts that God has given them to build God's world:

People: A world in which peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.

Graduates: May we seek God in all that we do. May our lives glorify God and usher in God's kingdom.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: God of joy and hope, we thank you for this time of graduation. Your spirit of wisdom has empowered our hard work and discipline in such a way that hunger for learning has been nourished with knowledge, discovery, creativity, and determination. God, as our graduates have faced challenges and accomplished much, we understand that our lives move into a new chapter where there will be more challenges to face and more will be demanded of us in order to accomplish good things. Give them patience and hope to energize search for work that is just and makes proper use of gifts. Give them courage to face the challenges of carving out a place in society where they might live in peace, service, and gratitude. Give them strength to resist the temptations of greed, laziness, pride, and envy as we strive to do and be our best. May Your spirit guide them as they unfold the next chapters of our lives. Help us all to enliven hope in the world and bring good things to Your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, June 14 ~ Saturday, June 20



Sunday: “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’” 1 Samuel 16:7. Prayerfully consider how those you have dismissed might be gifted to serve God.

Monday: “Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’” 1 Samuel 16:11. Who do you need to invite in “from the field” to join?

Tuesday: “He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’” 1 Samuel 16:12. How is God speaking to you and choosing you to serve?

Wednesday: “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.” 1 Samuel 16:13. When God anoints God’s chosen, God remains with them even in the time of trial. How has God remained with you?

Thursday: “So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me.’” John 11:41. Spend time in prayer listening to the God who always hears us.

Friday: “I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’” John 11:42. Consider who God is calling you to share your faith with today.

Saturday: “The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’” John 11:44. God’s miracles are rarely what we expect. Open your eyes to how God might move in your life.

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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.

Rejoice, brothers and sisters, as we serve God together. May our hearts overflow with love for God and for one another. Reach out in Christian love to welcome one another. We are pleased by your presence! 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.***

**Summer Worship Begins Sunday, July 5 at 9:30 a.m. The last day for Sunday School is June 14.** For Summer 2015, we will have a blended worship service with both traditional and contemporary elements. The single service will run through August 30, with a return to our normally scheduled 8:30 a.m. Contemporary service and 11:00 a.m. Traditional service on September 6. J.A.M. and Adult Sunday School Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us during the summer at 9:30 am.

**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!

**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, July 13-17.** We are particularly looking for crew leaders who walk around with the classes. Sign up in the Narthex!

**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)

**INCOMING 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!** Welcome to Youth Group! Starting in July – all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the youth ministry program. Spread the word, invite your friends and gear up for our summer ministry program! I'm excited to get to know you all and welcome you into the youth group.



## **WEDNESDAY FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHT!**

West Grove United Methodist Church launched their new Wednesday night **“Summer Fun for Everyone”**. The weekly event started on **June 3 and will 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).





**THIS WEEK: June 14 through June 21, 2015**

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

**Sunday:                    THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Baptism Sunday ~ Graduate 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 Baptism  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      H.S. Youth Group (#8 & 10)

**Monday:**                    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:**                    4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.      Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      Brownie Troop 41377 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      Yoga-Sanc.

**Wednesday:**                2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.      Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
**6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.      Wednesday Faith, 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:**                    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:                    Meal Preparation for Urban Promise Street Leaders Retreat**

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

**Sunday:                    FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Father's Day**

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 Baptism  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      H.S. Youth Group (#8 & 10)

\*Coffee Fellowship is hosted today by the Men's Sunday School Class

**HELP NEEDED** - The Missions Team will be preparing and serving meals to the Urban Promise Street Leaders next Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, as they meet for their annual retreat before summer camps begin. Help is needed Friday evening between 5 and 8 pm, Saturday morning between 8:30 and 10:30 am, and Saturday afternoon between 12:30 and 2:30 pm. If you are able to help for an hour or a block of time, that would be appreciated. There is a signup sheet in the lobby or you may contact Cindy Haley, [chaley@zoominternet.net](mailto:chaley@zoominternet.net), 484-702-7071, if you are interested. Thank you!

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for June 7, 2015

**General Fund: Offering: 6,718.<sup>45</sup> Offerings Received YTD: 133,006.11.<sup>66</sup>**

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

**Estimated YTD \$173,426.<sup>67</sup> Budget (deficit) = (-\$40,420.<sup>56</sup>)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$170.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$3,040.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30: 75 + 11:00: 79 = Total: 154 Sunday School: 25**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 28**

### **Financial Update:**

Your giving directly impacts our ability to serve the community and transform the world through making disciples of Jesus Christ. Don't forget to send your tithes and offerings to the church, while you travel and vacation, so that the good work of changing the world can continue. Our financial health is an indicator of our spiritual health. Giving back to God is one indicator of a healthy spiritual life. Pray about how God is calling you to give to IMPACT the world to OPEN, GROW, and SERVE!

## **SCRIP PROGRAM**

### **Savings for Church through Rebate and Incentive Program**

The SCRIP program allows for the congregation of WGUMC to participate in a savings program which benefits our

church. By purchasing prepaid cards for use at business establishments you frequent on a weekly basis, WGUMC will receive a percentage from the businesses. Buy your groceries, pay for your gas, buy gift cards for friends and family, etc. It is a great way to budget your money, too! The possibilities are limitless and every dollar provides another avenue of stewardship for our church.

We look forward to the whole congregation



participating in the program.

Order Forms are available in the lobby (counter behind the wel-

come center). Just choose the cards you wish to purchase, attach your check made payable to "WGUMC" with memo "SCRIP" and put them in the bin below the forms. Envelopes for your privacy and convenience are there as well.

This is an on-going program, so you can order at any time! If you have any questions, please see John Boyd or e-mail him at [jwb389@zoominternet.net](mailto:jwb389@zoominternet.net).

Thank you.

# 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 June: Retired Active People**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in June: Urban Promise Wilmington**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wayne Achuff                  |  | Rachel McClain            |
| Kory Arnold                   |                                                                                   | Gloria Miller             |
| Amijo Bearley (Hampton)       |                                                                                   | (Ramberger)               |
| Cory Beattie (Shaub)          |                                                                                   | Bill Mowery (Shiplet)     |
| Gary Boyles (McGinley)        |                                                                                   | Tim Mullen                |
| Ora Carr (Carlin)             |                                                                                   | Ed O'Brien                |
| Maura Carroll (Bates)         |                                                                                   | Tammy Ramberger           |
| Saul Cohen (Fackler)          |                                                                                   | Lisa Reoli                |
| Ruby DeBoard                  |                                                                                   | Olivia Rinehimer          |
| Megan DuBois (Steele)         |                                                                                   | Ron Ritter (Chalmers)     |
| Colin Delaney (McGinley)      |                                                                                   | Dot Russell               |
| Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)   |                                                                                   | Roann Schneider           |
| Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)      |                                                                                   | Vicki Snyder (Hughes)     |
| Marcus Forst (Howard)         |                                                                                   | Lorrie Steele             |
| Grace Gurney (Wolff)          |                                                                                   | Fernando Tena             |
| Family of Linda Hall (Guepet) |                                                                                   | Jonathan Tena             |
| Matt Helm (Laird)             |                                                                                   | Zach Trexler (Lytle)      |
| Kim Henry (Hampton)           |                                                                                   | Lucia Vanninni (Paisley)  |
| Cecil Justice (Boyd)          |                                                                                   | Eveline Walker (Schrader) |
| Bill Jones                    |                                                                                   | Dot Weeks                 |
| Bill Lilley                   |                                                                                   | Jeff Whelan               |
| Kathy May (Carlin)            |                                                                                   | Megan Wittman (Lytle)     |

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| Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)                                                           |
| Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)                                                  |
| Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)                                                |
| LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy,<br>Mexico City (The Rambergers)                    |
| Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan<br>(Simonds)                                     |
| Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC                                                     |
| Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD<br>(Lynne Strawhecker)                         |
| Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base,<br>Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)              |
| Nate Howard                                                                        |

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

|                             | <b><u>This Sunday, June 14</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, June 21</u></b>  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers—8:30</b>          | Fred and Jeannie Sullivan          | Fred and Jeannie Sullivan           |
| <b>Ushers—11</b>            | Jeff and Carol Whelan              | Jeff and Carol Whelan               |
| <b>Greeters—8:30</b>        | K. Underwood & M. Rubincan         | K. Underwood & M. Rubincan          |
| <b>Greeters—11</b>          | Kay Yates                          | Kay Yates                           |
| <b>Acolyte 8:30/11</b>      | Cecelia Figueroa / Ava Tolmie      | Nate Robinson / Sarah Reynolds      |
| <b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b> | C. Bruno/A. Castaldi/J. Leaman     | M. Rubincan/R. Catoia/J. Williamson |
| <b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>   | Amy Castaldi / Open                | Open / Joan Leaman                  |
| <b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>      | Emily Lytle                        | Alyssa Lytle                        |
| <b>Liturgist—11:00</b>      | Bill Jones                         | Janis Schrader                      |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b>      | Pastor Monica                      | Pastor Monica                       |
| <b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>  | TBA / TBA                          | Rain Catoia / Carol Whelan          |
| <b>Counters</b>             | George Anderson and Donna Shaub    | Dave Talley / Denise Byers          |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>          | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider      |

