



## West Grove United Methodist Church

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*Forgiving and Remembering*

*...as we*

# FORGIVE

*those who trespass against us*

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
*July 5, 2015*

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## Prelude

## OPEN

## Welcome

Pastor Monica

## Ministry Opportunities

*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!*

**\*Welcoming Music** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” PraiseWorks Band

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive) (based on Psalm 32) Sandy Deckard

One: All have sinned and missed the target of living a perfect life through Jesus.

**Many: The psalmists say, “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.”**

One: When we have sinned, we are consumed with regret and fear. In our consumption, we cannot serve God or our neighbor.

**Many: Confession is a salve for the spirit and freedom for the soul.**

One: God is gracious, forgiving sins, and calling us to repent and turn around, so that we will walk in God’s way.

**Many: Return to God, whose steadfast love guides the steps of those who seek God.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (Unison) Sandy Deckard

**God of grace and glory, we gather as those whom you have made and those whom you know. We gather to seek you in the midst of a noisy world that would have us not follow your way. Call us again to your way, the way of life. May we walk in the ways that lead to life, live in the ways that lead to love, and love in the ways that lead to your redemption of all creation. In the name of our Redeemer, Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment for All Ages**

Karen Hruz

**New Testament Lesson**

*2 Corinthians 2:5-10*

Sandy Deckard

**\*Gospel Lesson**

*John 20:19-23*

Sandy Deckard

**\*Response to the Lessons**

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**\*Song of Preparation**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Red Hymnal, No. 560

# Cost ~ Communion Sunday

(Children 4-10 years meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.)

**Sermon** "Forgiving and Remembering" Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**Moment of Impact** Itinerancy Pastor Monica

**Celebration of Renewal of Appointment** See Page 4

**Offering** "Something Beautiful, Something Good" Red Hymnal, No. 394

**\*Offertory Prayer** Pastor Jim

O God, we thank you that Jesus gave his life for us. We will never equal Jesus' gift with our gifts. Our gifts do not pay you back, but rather, they give resources for you to use to share Jesus' life-changing gift with others. Offering our gifts speaks our gratitude to you. As we offer ourselves, we teach ourselves how to be your disciples. God of grace, accept our gifts and lives for your purpose of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, Amen.

**\*Invitation** Pastor Monica

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Monica

Forgiving God, we confess that we desire to be forgiven, more than we desire to forgive. We want those who sin against us to perform miraculous feats, before we consider forgiving them. We do not live as a people who freely forgive those who have sinned, even though we have the example of Jesus. Forgive us, we pray, and change our minds and hearts to offer forgiveness to others on the strength of the forgiveness that you offer to us. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Monica

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Song** "We Fall Down" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Jim

God of Life, your Risen Son has gathered us into the church, nourished us with his body and blood, and poured out upon us your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may receive the blessing of your grace, so that we may love you with all our hearts, and gladly serve others in the name of Christ, Amen.

**\*Song of Sending Forth** "I Am Free" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## **New Testament Lesson:** *2 Corinthians 2:5-10*

### **Forgiveness for the Offender**

5 But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. 6 This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; 7 so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *John 20:19-23*

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

## **CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT**

**Staff Parish Relations Team Member:** Dear Friends, Today we welcome the Rev. Monica B. Guepet, who has been re-appointed to serve as our Lead Pastor and the Rev. S. James Mundell who has been reappointed to serve as our associate pastor and chaplain to Jenner’s Pond. We believe that they are well qualified and have been prayerfully appointed by our bishop Peggy Johnson.

**Lay Leader:** Pastor Monica, Pastor Jim, you have been sent to live among us as bearers of the Word of God; ministers of the Sacraments; and sustainers of the love, order and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastors:** Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

**Staff Parish Relations Team Member:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Monica and Pastor Jim in their ministries?

**Congregation:** **We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

**Lay Leader:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger,

**Congregation:** **Who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

**Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair:** Let us pray.

**Congregation:** **Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Pastor Monica and Pastor Jim as our pastors. Give them and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.*

Thank you for joining us today! We are happy to welcome you to this service of worship. May it be a wonderful spiritual experience for everyone. Sing praise to 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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***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**OUR TRUSTEES are currently evaluating and addressing potential leaks and repairs to our air conditioning in the Narthex. We hope you will understand in the interim.**

**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!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM MEETING, Tuesday, July 7, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** *Is there room for you?* You bet! If you'd like to find out more about the July 13-17 VBS plans, where you might be able to help in some manner, please know you are invited to attend this meeting! There are plenty of projects before, during and after the VBS week that require the help of volunteers. Thanks.

**WEDNESDAY FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHTS!** Come out for some fun on Wednesday nights! The entire community is invited to join together for an opening devotion from Pastor Monica, lots of great food, and fun games from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday.** 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 are by no means mandatory. The event is totally free. A box of games will be available, the youth 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! Invite your friends and neighbors!

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING on Monday, July 13, 7:30 p.m. at Starbucks.** Are you in college, graduated high school, working? Come join us!

**JULIET: Saturday, July 11,** we will meet for our monthly Juliet breakfast at the Sunrise Café in Kennett Square at 9 a.m. Parking in the lot is free on Saturday, so come for fun, fellowship and good food. Questions? See Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.

**THIS WEEK: July 5 through July 12, 2015**

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

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| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                                  | <b>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br><b>Communion Sunday</b><br><b>Emergency Food pantry collection</b> |
| 8:30 a.m.                                                                       | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                                                                |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>                                                                | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>                                    |
| Donna Fackler is on vacation this week, however the church office will be open. |                                                                                                           |
| <b>Monday:</b>                                                                  | <b>Church Office is Closed in Observation of Independence Day</b>                                         |
| 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.                                                           | S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                                                                 | <b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. VBS Team meeting (#8, 10)</b>                                                      |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                                                           | Yoga-Sanc.                                                                                                |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.                                                           | Trustees Meeting (#1)                                                                                     |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>                                                               | 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                                                    |
| <b>6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.</b>                                                     | <b>Wednesday Faith, Food &amp; Fun Night</b>                                                              |
| 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)                                                                   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                                                                | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12 (#8, 10)                                                         |
| 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.                                                           | Youth Bible Study (Lindtner Home)                                                                         |
| <b>Friday:</b>                                                                  | 9:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)                                                               |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                                                | <b>9:00 a.m. –10:30 a.m. JULIET Breakfast– Sunrise Café, Kennett Square</b>                               |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.                                                         | Daily Reflections (#8, 10)                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                                  | <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                                                                     |
| 7:30 a.m.                                                                       | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                                                                |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>                                                                | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>                                    |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for June 28, 2015**

**General Offering: \$3,936**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$180**  
**Worship Attendance: 166**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 28**  
**Sunday Breakfast Mission Special**  
**Offering: \$138.00**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 237**

***It is your tithes, offerings,  
and gifts that impact and  
change lives for Christ!***

# Moment of Impact

Our clergy guide and encourage, lead and support us in their mission and ministry of the local church while connecting us with the larger church. We give thanks to God for the appointments of Pastor Monica and Pastor Jim.

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain? Donna Fackler will be on vacation July 5-12. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863 with your prayer requests.. 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 July: Vacation Bible School  
Mission Prayer Focus in July: Children International***

Kory Arnold  
Amijo Bearley (Hampton)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Fran Bryan  
Debbie Buhrman  
(Bowers)  
Ora Carr (Carlin)  
Maura Carroll (Bates)  
Rev. Paul and Helen Chreiman  
(Hoover)  
Ruby DeBoard  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Family of Lil Fili (Bratton)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Marcus Forst (Howard)  
Family of Rev. G. Kim Gilson  
(Hurst)  
Matt Helm (Laird)  
Kim Henry (Hampton)  
Bill Jones  
Bill Lilley  
Donald Lytle (Lytle)  
Rachel McClain



Family of Gloria Miller  
(Ramberger)  
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
Tim Mullen  
Ed O'Brien  
Tammy Ramberger  
Lisa Reoli  
Olivia Rinehimer  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Vicki Snyder (Hughes)  
Lorrie & Scott Steele  
Fernando Tena  
Jonathan Tena  
James Thomas (Mullen)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Lucia Vanninni (Paisley)  
Eveline Walker (Schrader)  
Dot Weeks  
Jeff Whelan  
Leon Willis (Carlin)  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)  
Nate Howard—Quantico  
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><i><u>This Sunday, July 5</u></i></b> | <b><i><u>Next Sunday, July 12</u></i></b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Fran Miller and Kay Yates                | Fran Miller and Kay Yates                 |
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Mike and Denise Byers                    | Mike and Denise Byers                     |
| <b>Acolyte</b>         | Alisabeth Guepet                         | Joseph Yarbrough                          |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Edel Mullen                              | Joan Leaman                               |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | Amy Simonds                              | Maryanne Covington                        |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Sandy Deckard                            | Mike Chalmers                             |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Karen Hruz                               | Eileen Bushnell                           |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | Rain Catoia                              | The Sullivans                             |
| <b>Counters</b>        | The Rambergers                           | Bill Jones and Tim Shaub                  |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider           | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider            |

# What Forgiveness Is *Not*

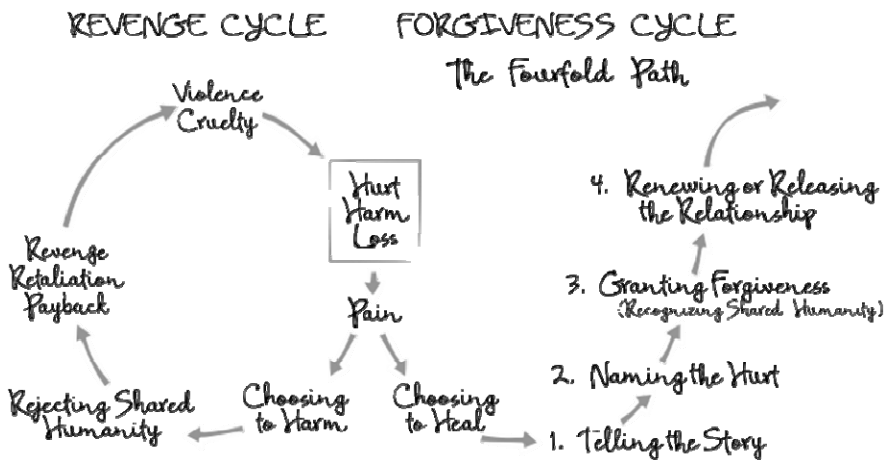
Forgiveness is not easy—it **requires hard work and a consistent willingness.**

Forgiveness is not weakness—it **requires courage and strength.**

Forgiveness does not subvert justice—it **creates space for justice to be enacted with a purity of purpose that does not include revenge.**

Forgiveness is not forgetting—it **requires a fearless remembering of hurt.**

Forgiveness is not quick—it **can take several journeys through the cycles of remembering and grief before one can truly forgive and be free.**



## West Grove UMC is going to the Chester County Food Bank— Wednesday, July 8th

Volunteers are an integral part to the operation of the Chester County Food Bank and every volunteered hour makes an impact on their mission to feed and nourish our community. A group from our church will travel to Exton to process and repackage food and produce. **We will be working at the food bank from 9:00 a.m.-Noon.** If you want to travel together from our church, please meet there at 8:00 a.m.. You could also meet us at the Food Bank at 8:55 am. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. To volunteer, please sign the sheet in the church lobby.

**Please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181) with questions about this mission opportunity.**