

## Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, July 12 ~ Saturday, July 18



**Sunday:** *“Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.” Isaiah 43:16.* God makes a way, when it seems like there is no way. How is God calling you today to walk a new way?

**Monday:** *“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.” Isaiah 43:18.* Our God calls us not to the harboring of resentment, but to the freshness of being a disciple of Jesus. What do you need to let go of today?

**Tuesday:** *“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19.* Forgiveness makes a new way for both the offender and the offended. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to new wholeness today.

**Wednesday:** *“I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” Isaiah 43:25.* Meditate on God’s faithfulness and grace for you.

**Thursday:** *“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come!’ Luke 17:1.* God’s word is more than a suggestion. God calls us to faithfully turn back to God.

**Friday:** *“Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive.” Luke 17:3.* How is God calling you to be with your brothers and sisters?

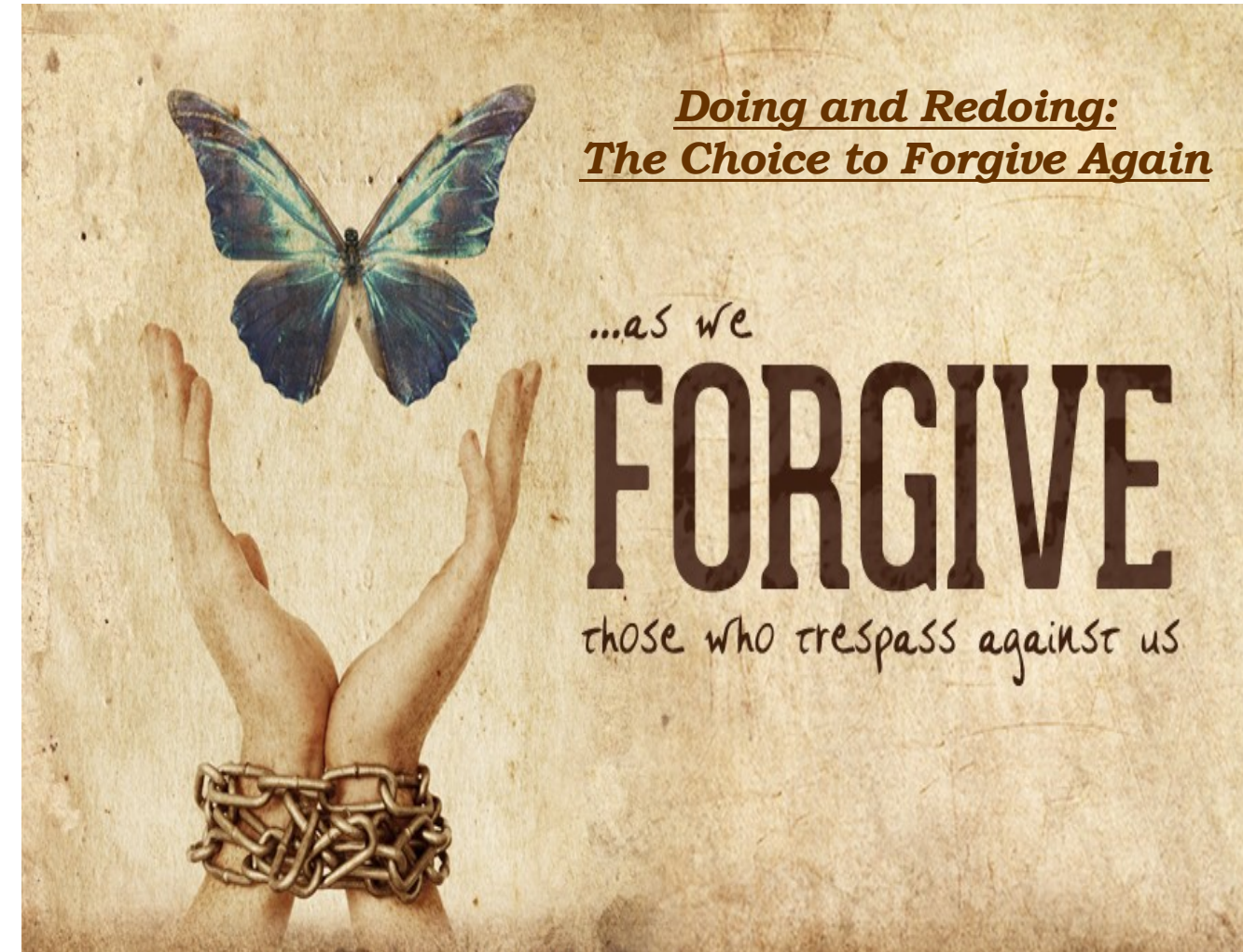
**Saturday:** *“And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.” Luke 17:4.* Forgiveness is daily work, like dishes and laundry. How is God calling you to forgive again?



**West Grove United Methodist Church**

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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
*July 12, 2015*

**Seventh Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Ble.**

**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 visitor or member? Let us know you were here!*

**\*Welcoming Music**

“Your Grace Is Enough”

PraiseWorks Band

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Karen Hruz

One: There are days when it seems as though we are knocked down on all sides, accosted by others, and always in the position of being sinned against.

**Many: We weary of forgiving.**

One: Jesus showed us a way of living that loved abundantly and lived out justice for all people.

**Many: We weary of loving.**

One: It is our humanity that tires and limits God’s possibilities within us.

**Many: Remind us again of your boundless love and your image within us, O God. Call us to live out your love and grace here on earth as Jesus lived it out for us.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (Unison)

Karen Hruz

**God of infinite love, we give you thanks that you have not kept score with us. You have showered us with grace and mercy. You have covered us with love and compassion. You have called us again and again to be your people. Turn our hearts to you, O Lord. May we follow with eagerness your way of life. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**


One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**P R A Y E R S   O F   T H E   C O M M U N I T Y**

**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 week-ends, 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 July: Vacation Bible School  
Mission Prayer Focus in July: Children International*

Kory Arnold		Family of Gloria Miller (Ramberger)
Amijo Bearley (Hampton)		Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Cory Beattie (Shaub)		Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Fran Bryan		Tim Mullen
Debbie Buhrman (Bowers)		Ed O'Brien
Ora Carr (Carlin)		Tammy Ramberger
Maura Carroll (Bates)		Lisa Reoli
Rev. Paul and Helen Chreiman (Hoover)		Olivia Rinehimer
Ruby DeBoard		Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Colin Delaney (McGinley)		Dot Russell
Family of Lil Fili (Bratton)	Roann Schneider	
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)	Vicki Snyder (Hughes)	
Marcus Forst (Howard)	Lorrie & Scott Steele	
Family of Rev. G. Kim Gilson (Hurst)	Fernando Tena	
Jonathan Tena	James Thomas (Mullen)	
Matt Helm (Laird)	Zach Trexler (Lytle)	
Kim Henry (Hampton)	Lucia Vanninni (Paisley)	
Bill Jones	Eveline Walker (Schrader)	
Bill Lilley	Dot Weeks	
Donald Lytle (Lytle)	Jeff Whelan	
Rachel McClain	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><u>This Sunday, July 12</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday, July 19</u></b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Fran Miller	Fran Miller
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike and Denise Byers	Mike and Denise Byers
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joseph Yarbrough	Michelle LeSturgeon
<b>Nursery</b>	Joan Leaman	Chris Bruno
<b>C. Worship</b>	Maryanne Covington	Jessi Timm
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Mike Chalmers	Fred Sullivan
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Eileen Bushnell	Joan Leaman
<b>Hospitality</b>	The Sullivans	The Tolmies
<b>Counters</b>	Bill Jones and Tim Shaub	George Anderson and Donna Shaub
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider	Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
7:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	<b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Pool Party at the Wolfe's home</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everest VBS</b>
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)
7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	College/Young Adult Get Together (Starbucks)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everest VBS</b>
1:30 pm -2:30 pm	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	4-H Robotics Club ( #8, 10)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	AG Wildcats (#15)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga-Sanc.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everest VBS</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 :00 p.m.	Venture Crew Committee Meeting (#8, 10)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everest VBS</b>
7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Youth Bible Study (Lindtner Home)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everest VBS</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
7:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	<b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>
** Coffee Fellowship hosted by our Administrative Council **	

## After Pentecost Gathered Worship

### GROW

<b>Moment for All Ages</b>		Eileen Bushnell
<b>*Song of Preparation</b>	“He Touched Me”	Hymn No. 367
<b>Old Testament Lesson</b>	<i>Isaiah 43:15-28</i>	Karen Hruz
<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	<i>Luke 17:1-4</i>	Karen Hruz
<b>*Response to the Lessons</b>	One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Karen Hruz
(Children 4-10 years meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children in room #9 immediately following the worship service.)		

**Sermon** “Doing and Redoing: The Choice to Forgive Again” Pastor Monica

### SERVE

<b>Moment of Impact</b>	Chester County Food Bank	Pastor Monica
<b>Offering</b>	“Forgiveness”	PraiseWorks Band

### Offertory Prayer

**Gather us into your fold, O God. Gather our hearts and our lives; gather our love and our resources. May all that we have be used for your way. Bless these gifts and our very lives as we offer them for you to use, O God. Consecrate them for your way. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

### Gathered Prayers of the People

### Lord’s Prayer

**\*Song of Sending Forth** “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” Hymn No. 121

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

### God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report for July 5, 2015

**General Offering: \$8168.25**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$180.00**  
**Worship Attendance: 110**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 28**  
**Sunday Breakfast Mission Special**  
**Offering: \$138.00**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 204**  
**Missionary: \$10.00**

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

## Moment of Impact

Our Chester County Food Bank serves our 756 square mile county. It serves as a distribution center for over 70 food banks including The Bridge and the Kennett Square Food Cupboard. We are growing for the Food Bank and processing for the food bank .

So that no one will go hungry!

**New Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 43:15-28*

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.  
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.  
Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense.  
You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.  
I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.  
Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right.  
  
Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling.

**Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 17:1-4*

**Some Sayings of Jesus**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. Be on your guard!  
  
If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

**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! EVEREST VBS** will be **Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17.** At Everest, kids will discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. **Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:45 a.m.** Kids at Everest VBS will join in a local mission project to collect school supplies for our local school districts. The children will be asked to bring in supplies to help all students have a strong learning experience in the year to come. A box in the lobby will be available for donations. Everest is for kids from **Age 3 through Grade 6** and will run from **9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Preschoolers ages 3 and 4 will be in a separate, age appropriate group** and join in with the daily Summit Celebration at the end of each day. There will also be a modified VBS program for rising fifth and sixth graders called the Mission Possible Group. This program will involve different service projects. They, too, will join in the daily Summit Celebrations at the end of each day. **Parents may register their children at: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org) (look for the VBS tab on the top bar) or you can call the church office at 610-869-9334.**

**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!