



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2015

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**

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymn No. 369

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Fred Sullivan

One: You're my God; have mercy on me. I count on you from morning to night.

Many: Train me, GOD, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear.

One: You're well-known as good and forgiving, bighearted to all who ask for help.

Many: You've always been great toward me—what love! You snatched me from the brink of disaster!

One: God, these bullies have reared their heads! A gang of thugs is after me—and they don't care a thing about you.

Many: But you, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit.

One: So look me in the eye and show kindness, give your servant the strength to go on, save your dear, dear child!

Many: As you, God, gently and powerfully put me back on my feet.

(based on Psalm 86, the Message version)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Fred Sullivan

Powerful and Gentle God, you model for us repeatedly how to live as your people. You show us how us love and compassion; you show us peace and justice. Your way is filled with life, now and eternally. Forgive us, we pray as we wonder from your way. Forgive us, we pray, when we are convinced that we know a way that must be better than yours. Remind us again that your way is the way that leads to life. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

After Pentecost Worship

GROW

Moment for All Ages	VBS Celebration	Joan Leaman
Moment of Impact	VBS	Pastor Monica
*Song of Preparation	“I Will Never Be”	PraiseWorks Band
New Testament Lesson	<i>Ephesians 4:31-32</i>	Fred Sullivan
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>	Fred Sullivan
*Response to the Lessons		Fred Sullivan
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Many: Thanks be to God.		

(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	“The Amish Way”	Pastor Monica
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SERVE

Offering	“Freely, Freely”	Hymn No. 389
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Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Here Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts came from your love for us. Now let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People		Pastor Monica
Lord’s Prayer		Hymnal, No. 895
*Song of Sending Forth	“In Jesus’ Name”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		

Postlude

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Ephesians 4:31-32*

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Radical Forgiveness

For the month of July, we are in series about radical forgiveness that God calls us to offer to others. Briefly, we have learned:

Week 1: Forgiveness is not forgetting, but remembering and redeeming.

Week 2: Forgiveness is a repeated act, that changes us into conduits of God’s grace.

Week 3: Forgiveness is not a feeling, but actions of reconciliation and justice

Week 4: (July 26th is coming)

Sermons are available from the office and on the website in written and audio form.

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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.

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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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.***

**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 was a blast!!** We had over 100 children of all ages who had a great time as they discovered evidence of God all around them! Kids participated in Bible-learning activities, sung songs, played teamwork-building games, collected Bible Memory Buddies, and tested out Sciency-Fun Gizmos.

**WEDNESDAY FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHTS: 6-8 p.m.!** The entire community is invited to join together for an opening devotion from Pastor Monica, lots of great food, and fun games. Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for hot dogs and whatever assortment of side dishes show up. If you have already come to one of the nights, you know there is always an abundance!! All beverages are 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. Games are available, 9-In-The-Air is a favorite of all ages, a gated playground is open for little ones, and the ample parking lot and grounds 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!

**West Grove United Methodist Church will be partnering with Good Works, a Christian nonprofit based in Coatesville, on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.** This full day service opportunity will focus on home repair for one low-income homeowner in the greater Coatesville area. Good Works' vision is to eliminate substandard housing and replace hopeless with hope as people experience warmer, safer and drier homes. Good Works is the largest nonprofit in Chester County whose sole focus is to utilize volunteers to perform extensive repairs at no cost to the homeowners. Good Works workday staff, who are also volunteers, organize the work, plan for the needed materials, and accompany each group to the homes needing work. Applicants who have been approved by our agency receive repair services on their homes free of charge. Our slogan is "warmer, safer, drier" and our primary work involves repairs on windows, roof repair, plumbing repair and replacement of floor, walls, ceilings, etc. damaged by water or plumbing leaks. **All tools and supplies are provided** and our volunteers even teach people how to do what is needed! Workday staff remain in the home the entire time working beside the volunteers; **you are never left on your own** and there will always be someone to help you if you are unsure how to proceed. **Lunch will be provided** for you and the work continues after lunch, finishing usually around **4 p.m.** Contact Melissa Jones at [melissa.jones@westgroveumc.org](mailto:melissa.jones@westgroveumc.org) to sign up!

**THIS WEEK: July 19 through July 26, 2015**

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

**Sunday: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

7:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. **Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements**

**\*\* Coffee Fellowship hosted by our Administrative Council \*\***

**Monday:** 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)

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Missions Meeting (#1)  
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**

**Thursday:** 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Lindtner Home)

**Friday: West Grove Team to Mission U. in Reading, PA**  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)

**Saturday: West Grove Team to Mission U. in Reading, PA**  
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**West Grove Team return from Mission U. in Reading, PA**  
7:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. **Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements**  
4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Youth Pool Party at the Lytle home**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 12, 2015**

**General Offering: \$4,722.01**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$35.00**  
**Worship Attendance: 108**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 28**  
**Sunday Breakfast Mission Special**  
**Offering: \$138.00**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 214**  
**UMCOR: \$10.00**

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

**Moment of Impact**

Last year, we reached about 60 children during our Vacation Bible School week. This year, 112 children joined us to hold on God's power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever.

Additionally, 64 youth and adults sang, danced, taught, fed, played, and love God's children.

# 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 July: Vacation Bible School**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in July: Children International**

Kory Arnold  
 Louise Ballard (Boyd)  
 Amijo Bearley (Hampton)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Debbie Buhrman (Bowers)  
 Laura Beth & Connor  
 Camponeschi (Hruz)  
 Ora Carr (Carlin)  
 Family of 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)



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Family of Mabel Romanowski  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Vicki Snyder (Hughes)  
 Pat Sparks (Bushnell)  
 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><u>This Sunday, July 19</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, July 26</u></b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Fran Miller & Margee Michaels      | Fran Miller and Margee Michaels    |
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Mike and Denise Byers              | Mike and Denise Byers              |
| <b>Acolyte</b>         | Michelle LeSturgeon                | Joshua Robinson                    |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Chris Bruno                        | Margaret Rubincan                  |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | Jessi Timm                         | OPEN                               |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Fred Sullivan                      | Margee Michaels                    |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Joan Leaman                        | Jamie Lindtner                     |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | The Tolmies                        | The Covingtons                     |
| <b>Counters</b>        | George Anderson and Donna Shaub    | Dave Talley and Denise Byers       |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider     |

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, July 19 ~ Saturday, July 25



**SUNDAY:** *“Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’” Matthew 18:21.*

Prayerfully consider that the church is full of sinners seeking God’s way. How is God using you, a sinner?

**MONDAY:** *“Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’” Matthew 18:22.*

God’s forgiveness is immeasurable. Who do you need to forgive again?

**TUESDAY:** *“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.” Matthew 18:23.*  
Jesus used ordinary circumstances to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. Where do you see the Kingdom of Heaven breaking in around you?

**WEDNESDAY:** *“Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” Matthew 18:33.*

God gives us a model of forgiveness and mercy. Ask God to help you today to forgive and offer mercy.

**THURSDAY:** *“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice” Ephesians 4:31.*

Prayerfully ask God to help you let go of bitterness, wrath, wrangling, slander, and malice.

**FRIDAY:** *“And be kind to one another, tender-hearted” Ephesians 4:32a.*

How has your heart been tender today?

**SATURDAY:** *“Forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32b.*

May God’s forgiveness compel your forgiveness of others.