



## West Grove United Methodist Church

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



*Your Turn*

*...as we*

**FORGIVE**

*those who trespass against us*

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

*July 26, 2015*

**OPEN**

**Prelude**

**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**

“What A Mighty God We Serve”

TFWS No. 2021

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

Margee Michaels

One: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

**Many: We come, hungering and thirsting for God’s word.**

One: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

**Many: Bring us to the time of healing.**

One: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

**Many: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and know your presence.**

**AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Margee Michaels

**Loving God, you gather us and care for us. You love us as we are and inspire us to be more fully who you have made us to be. So, this morning open us to your movement in our lives. Help us to see who you are calling us to forgive. Help us to forgive and remember, to forgive over and over again, to forgive with actions, and to take our turn to forgive. In your name, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**GROW**

**Moment for All Ages**

Jamie Lindtner

**New Testament Lesson**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

Margee Michaels

**\*Gospel Lesson**

*John 8:1-11*

Margee Michaels

# After Pentecost Gathered Worship

## \*Response to the Lessons

Margee Michaels

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Song of Preparation

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

Hymn No. 390

(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

“Your Turn”

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

## Your Turn to Forgive

*(Please come forward as you feel led with the post-it note in your bulletin, naming the hurt from someone you want to forgive. As you place the post-it on the cross, pick up a plantable heart to share with the person that you are forgiving.)*

## Moment of Impact

United Methodist Global Reach

Pastor Monica

## Offering

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

TFWS No. 2015

## Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Jim

**O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.**

## Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

## Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal, No. 895

## \*Song of Sending Forth

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal, No. 140

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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



As Betsy Smith enjoys a vacation Sunday, we give thanks to God for the musical gifts of Janis Schrader serving us this morning at the piano.

## **Old Testament Lesson:** *Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *John 8:1-11*

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

## **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: Forgiveness is ours to give away, because God in Christ gives it to us.

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

## 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!

**WEDNESDAY FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHTS: 6-8 p.m.!** Everyone 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! Invite your friends and neighbors!**

**West Grove Project, Tuesday, July 28, 8:00 a.m.** The Youth Group will, once again, reach out to needs in the community with the West Grove Project, a day of service. They will spend the day at various service spots. eat lunch together, and end the day with something fun! This is a great event for all youth to invite some of their friends to, as well - so start inviting! The cost is just \$5 - to help cover some food expenses. It will be loads of fun! Please contact Jamie Lindtner, Youth Director, to register and get a permission form. ([jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org)) For Adults - we will need some adults for supervising and driving. If you are around that day and can be a part of The Project - please let Jamie know.

**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 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. **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 26 through August 2, 2015**

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

- 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**  
**\*\* 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)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Chicken BBQ Team meeting (#1)
- Tuesday:** **Youth West Grove Project**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#1)
- Wednesday:** **Youth West Grove Project**  
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:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. SPRC (#1)
- Friday:** No activities are scheduled.
- Saturday:** 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Worship Team Meeting (#1)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)
- Sunday:** **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Communion Sunday and Emergency Food Shelf Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal  
**9:30 a.m. Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements**  
**2:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for July 19, 2015**

**General Offering: \$7,627.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$260.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Worship Attendance: 171**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 28**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 214**  
**UMCOR: \$10.00**  
**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD:**  
**\$921.<sup>65</sup>**

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

**Moment of Impact**

The United Methodist Church is a global church that reaches around the world. The United Methodist Church has more than 11.5 million members internationally and is in mission in more than 125 countries. Through our apportionments, each local United Methodist congregation is connected with the others. We fight Ebola, teach children, rebuild homes, and share our faith through our giving, impacting the world.

# 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 26</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, August 2</u></b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Fran Miller and Margee Michaels    | Tim and Eileen Bushnell             |
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Mike and Denise Byers              | Bill, Melissa and Madeline Jones    |
| <b>Acolyte</b>         | Joshua Robinson                    | Matt Simonds                        |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Margaret Rubincan                  | Jamie Lindtner                      |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | OPEN                               | OPEN                                |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Margee Michaels                    | Karen Hruz                          |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Jamie Lindtner                     | Julie Hughes                        |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | The Covingtons                     | Rain Catoia                         |
| <b>Counters</b>        | Dave Talley and Denise Byers       | Margee Michaels and Scott Steele    |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider      |

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, July 26 ~ Saturday, August 1



**Sunday:** *“Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.” John 8:2.*

Pause today to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn.

**Monday:** *“Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” John 8:5.*

Jesus came to fulfill the law that we would more perfectly understand love.

Prayerfully consider how Jesus is calling us to live out such love  
in a world of law.

**Tuesday:** *“When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.’” John 8:7.*

Where is God calling you to put down stones?

**Wednesday:** *“She said, ‘No one, sir.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’” John 8:11.*

Jesus is God’s forgiveness. How are you living forgiveness?

**Thursday:** *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12.*

Ask God to show you how to be dressed in compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience.

**Friday:** *“Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” Colossians 3:13.*

Who is God calling you to forgive today?

**Saturday:** *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17.*

Prayerfully consider how you can give thanks to God today.