



West Grove United Methodist Church

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I'll Stand By You

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 2015

After Pentecost Worship

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Exodus 14:5-14</i>	Becky Rinehimer
Response to the Lessons		Becky Rinehimer
	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	"I'll Stand By You"	Jamie Lindtner
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Moment of Impact	<i>God's Square Mile</i>	Jamie Lindtner
Offering	"Firm Foundation"	PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer		Jamie Lindtner
	Dear Gracious God, you are so generous with us, covering us with your mercy and grace. And you invite us to follow your example. Accept our offering to you this morning. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom and to meet the needs of those around us. Amen.	

Gathered Prayers of the People		Jamie Lindtner
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Lord's Prayer		Red Hymnal, No. 895
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*Song of Sending Forth	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	Red Hymnal No. 140
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*Benediction

Postlude

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our Altar today are
In Celebration of Jeannie Sullivan's Birthday
With love from Fred

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalm 34:1-8, 15-22*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 14:5-14*

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

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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! The psalmist declares: “My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God” (Psalm 84:2, NRSV). Let us join in song and praise to the God who showers us with grace. 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.***

**THANK YOU!** As Betsy Smith enjoys a vacation Sunday, we give thanks to God for the musical gifts of Janis Schrader serving us our keyboardist and Victoria Owens as our Contemporary Music Leader.

As Pastor Monica enjoys a vacation Sunday, we give thanks to God for Jamie Lindtner, our youth director, leading worship this morning.

**LEAD PASTOR AWAY:** Pastor Monica will be out of the office **Sunday, August 9th—Saturday August 15th** with her family. This is the first of four weeks she is allotted. She will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. **If you need pastoral care during that time, please call Pastor Jim Mundell at 610-869- 8397.**

**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. Hot dogs and beverages supplied. There are always an assortment of side dishes that show up. 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. **Bring your lawn chair and take the night off! Invite your friends and neighbors!**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many folks who give electronically at West Grove UMC. A “Electronic Giving Card” is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure offered in the literature rack by the front doors, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.

**THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR:** Join them for a worship concert today, Sunday, **August 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle (3rd Street and Glossbenner Avenue, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064). Our own John and Karen Boyd have been singing with the choir for over two years! Seating is available up to one hour before the concert. Admission is free, but an offering will be received.

**THIS WEEK: August 9 through August 16, 2015**

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

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| <b>Sunday:</b>        | <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br><b>Jamie Lindtner preaching</b>               |
| 7:30 a.m.             | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                                              |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>      | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>                  |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | All Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)                                                       |
|                       | <b>Pastor Monica is on Vacation through August 15</b>                                   |
| <b>Monday:</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)                                             |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>       | 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>     | 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                                 |
|                       | <b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Faith, Food &amp; Fun Night</b>                        |
|                       | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)                               |
|                       | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Caregivers Meeting (#16)                                          |
| <b>Thursday:</b>      | <b>9:45 a.m. Youth to Lake Gretna</b>                                                   |
| <b>Friday:</b>        | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)                                            |
| <b>Saturday:</b>      | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)                                        |
|                       | <i>* Newsletter Articles for the September edition are due today.</i>                   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>        | <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                                                   |
| 8:00 a.m.             | Memory Bells Choir Rehearsal                                                            |
| 8:45 a.m.             | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                                              |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>      | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements and Memory Bells</b> |
| 10:45 a.m.            | SPRC meeting (#1)                                                                       |
|                       | <i>*Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Youth Team</i>                                      |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 2, 2015**

**General Offering: \$8,032.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$155.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Worship Attendance: 131**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 35**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 214**  
**Food Cupboard: \$50.00**  
**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**

Ocean Grove Meeting in New Jersey was founded in a prayer meeting on July 31, 1869. The mission of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association is to provide opportunities for spiritual birth, growth, and renewal in a Christian seaside setting. The Methodist movement in the United States was furthered by camp meetings throughout the country. The Great Auditorium, which seats over 6,000 people, holds worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am and Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm from mid-June to early September and hosts concerts and events. Our giving brings people closer to God here and at the beach!

# 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 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 August: Our Trustees**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in August: Chester County Gleaning Program**

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| Kory Arnold                          |  | Tim Mullen                  |
| Louise Ballard (Boyd)                |                                                                                   | Lois Norton (Mears)         |
| Amijo Bearley (Hampton)              |                                                                                   | Ed O'Brien                  |
| Cory Beattie (Shaub)                 |                                                                                   | Tammy Ramberger             |
| Fran Bryan                           |                                                                                   | Amanda Rector (Czerpak)     |
| Ora Carr (Carlin)                    |                                                                                   | Lisa Reoli                  |
| Family of Maura Carroll (Bates)      |                                                                                   | Ron Ritter (Chalmers)       |
| Helen Chreiman (Hoover)              |                                                                                   | Family of Mabel Romanowski  |
| Hazel Cornett (Rubincan)             |                                                                                   | Dot Russell                 |
| Ruby DeBoard                         |                                                                                   | Roann Schneider             |
| Colin Delaney (McGinley)             |                                                                                   | Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff) |
| Retired Local Pastor Edgar           |                                                                                   | Vicki Snyder (Hughes)       |
| Donnon (SE District)                 |                                                                                   | Pat Sparks (Bushnell)       |
| Family of Jesse Eller (Saller)       |                                                                                   | Lorrie & Scott Steele       |
| Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)             |                                                                                   | Fernando Tena               |
| Marcus Forst (Howard)                |                                                                                   | Jonathan Tena               |
| Family of Rev. G. Kim Gilson (Hurst) |                                                                                   | James Thomas (Mullen)       |
| Matt Helm (Laird)                    |                                                                                   | Zach Trexler (Lytle)        |
| Kim Henry (Hampton)                  |                                                                                   | Lucia Vanninni (Paisley)    |
| Bill Jones                           |                                                                                   | Eveline Walker (Schrader)   |
| Bill Lilley                          |                                                                                   | Dot Weeks                   |
| Rachel McClain                       |                                                                                   | Jeff Whelan                 |
| Nolan Mitchell (Carmichael)          |                                                                                   | Leon Willis (Carlin)        |
| Lynn Morgan (McClain)                |                                                                                   | Megan Wittman (Lytle)       |
| Bill Mowery (Shiplet)                |                                                                                   |                             |



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, August 9</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, August 16</u></b> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Tim and Eileen Bushnell             | Tim and Eileen Bushnell              |
| <b>Greeters</b>        | Bill, Melissa and Madeline Jones    | Bill, Melissa and Madeline Jones     |
| <b>Acolyte</b>         | Wesley Boyd                         | Madeline Jones                       |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Kim Smith                           | Rain Catoia                          |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | Sara White                          | OPEN                                 |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Becky Rinehimer                     | Rain Catoia                          |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Eileen Bushnell                     | Joan Leaman                          |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | The Kreutzfeldts                    | Scott Steele                         |
| <b>Counters</b>        | Margee Michaels and Scott Steele    | Bill Jones and Tim Shaub             |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider      | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider       |

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 9 ~ Saturday, August 15



**Sunday:** *“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1.* Take a moment to tell someone else how God has been kind to you.

**Monday:** *“I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4.* God is near to us. Lean on God in times of fear today.

**Tuesday:** *“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.” Psalm 34:15.* Prayerfully consider sharing your needs and worries with God as you draw nearer to God.

**Wednesday:** *“The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18.* Where do you need to share this message with someone else today?

**Thursday:** *“The Israelites said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?’ Exodus 14:11.* When we feel abandoned, we imagine the worst of God as the Israelites did. God still took the Israelites to the Promised Land. Where do you need to have faith that God is leading you to the Promised Land?

**Friday:** *“But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today’” Exodus 14:13a.* In prayer, ask God to help you stand firm!

**Saturday:** *“The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Exodus 14:14.* Pause in the presence of God as God works for your good!



**CHANGE OF DATE FOR GLEANING:** Due to the shift in this year's growing season, our gleaning date with the Chester County Foodbank will be changing from August 19<sup>th</sup> to **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will gather on September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**RAP PLANNING:** With the fall programmatic season coming up, a group will be gathering to plan RAP (Retired Active People) events for this year. Anyone is welcome to join us on **August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**. Bring your ideas for programs or trips.

**VISIONING RETREAT:** On **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, our leadership and others interested in our future will gather at Camp Innabah from 9am- 4pm. We will share dreams, set goals, and vision how God is calling us into the future. Join us! Childcare will be provided. Please see Pastor Monica to RSVP.

**NOTE ABOUT FALL:** Regular Worship Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 6: We will return to our regular schedule of 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. Sunday School will begin the following week on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.



**CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS are available now! SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 19!** The proceeds from this annual fundraiser by the trustees supports many church maintenance projects, as well as a percentage being donated to Missions and other community organizations. **Remember** to get your packet of tickets from Sara Ann

Ramberger after service in the lobby.

**YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY PAYPAL THIS YEAR!** Follow the link on the church's website to purchase your tickets [West Grove United Methodist Church Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser](http://www.westgroveumc.org/ChickenBBQ/OrderTickets.html) or you may go to <http://www.westgroveumc.org/ChickenBBQ/OrderTickets.html> to buy them as well.

**CHICKEN BBQ SUPPLIES:** The BBQ typically uses about 35-40 20 lb. bags of charcoal. There are often great deals on charcoal over the summer, and your donation would be appreciated.



## Campus Ministry Sunday -- August 23, 2015

**LIFE-CHANGING. CHURCH-CHANGING. WORLD-CHANGING.**

Higher Education and Campus Ministry are key, related concerns of the Eastern PA Conference and its entire denomination. Higher education--at the undergraduate, graduate and seminary levels--has been part of the bedrock of United Methodism from its inception.

We affiliate with campus ministries at four institutions in our region: UM-related Lebanon Valley and Albright colleges, plus Drexel and Millersville universities. And we are exploring relationships with other schools as well. Indeed, Campus Ministry is as much about relationships as religion.

College students and churches benefit mutually from facilitated encounters as they learn, share and grow in Christ and in community. Worship, Bible study, dialogues, outreach ministries, mission trips, tuition aid, invitations to church and campus events--the possibilities for fellowship and faith sharing are endless. Campus Ministry can change lives, change churches and ultimately, change the world.

Make sure your church celebrates Campus Ministry Sunday on August 23 (or on a more convenient date). Invite and welcome college students to your church.

Hear their voices, share their struggles, their hopes and dreams for the future. And then invite them back.

Receive the special Campus Ministry Sunday Offering that will help us renew efforts to promote and support campus ministries conference-wide. Retain half of the offering to support your own local campus ministry efforts, and please let us know what you are doing. Remit the rest, or the entire offering, to the EPA Conference Treasurer (P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820).

"I encourage you to give generously to support campus ministries in our region," says Bishop Peggy Johnson, whose own life was changed as a student at Lebanon Valley College. "Be in touch with them, and find ways to network together in mission and ministry. Campus ministries and local churches need each other. Our future depends on it."



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