



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Wipeout!

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2015

Twelfth Sunday
9:30 a.m. Ble

OPEN

Prelude “Native American Melody” Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

Welcome Pastor Monica

Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

*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** “Mighty To Save” PraiseWorks Band

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Rain Catoia

One: Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.

Many: Like David, we have been greedy, grasping for what is not ours even though we have enough.

One: We have forgotten your promise: that you will fill us with the bread of life.

Many: Like the crowd that followed Jesus to Capernaum, yet did not understand what he had given them, we seek bread for our bodies more than we seek the bread of heaven.

One: Forget our sins, take away our guilt. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean.

Many: Tender, loving God, have mercy on us.

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Rain Catoia

**God of forgiveness and new beginnings,
you feed our hearts with compassion,
and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven.**

**As Jesus fed the hungry crowds,
knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven,
fill us with your generous spirit and make us one with Christ. Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace** Rain Catoia

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson 2 Samuel 12:1-7 Rain Catoia

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51 Rain Catoia

After Pentecost Worship

Response to the Lessons

Rain Catoia

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.)

Song "Come To Me"

Sermon "Wipeout!" Pastor Monica

Song "As We Pray" PraiseWorks Band

SERVE

Moment of Impact Prayer Walk Pastor Monica

Offering "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" Memory Bells Choir
Composed by Franz Joseph Haydn; Arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

Offertory Prayer (Written by Brian Wren) Pastor Monica

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, you love us more than we love ourselves. You believe in us more than we believe in ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Song "Hope's Sway" Mel Leaman

Gathered Prayers of the People Pastor Monica

Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal, No. 895

***Song of Sending Forth** "Blessed Assurance" Red Hymnal No. 369

***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 Mason Hendrickson's 1st Birthday!
With love from Grandma Mimi



Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 12:1-7*

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul.

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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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.***

**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? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available 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.

**CHANGE OF DATE FOR GLEANING:** Due to the shift in this year’s growing season, our gleaning date with the Chester County Food Bank will be changing from August 19<sup>th</sup> to **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>.

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

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| <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)                                                                       |
|                            | *Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Youth Team                                             |
| <b>Monday:</b>             | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)                                                     |
|                            | 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. RAP Planning Committee (#1)                                        |
|                            | 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)                                             |
|                            | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Leaders Meeting (Lindtner Home)                             |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>            | <b>Mission Central trip to Mechanicsburg, Pa</b>                                        |
|                            | 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting                                                      |
|                            | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)                                              |
|                            | 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#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. Wednesday Faith, Food &amp; Fun Night</b>                        |
|                            | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)                               |
| <b>Thursday:</b>           | 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Youth Bible Study (Lindtner Home)                                 |
| <b>Friday:</b>             | No events or activities scheduled                                                       |
| <b>Saturday:</b>           | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)                                        |
| <b>Sunday:</b>             | <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                                                |
| 8:45 a.m.                  | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                                              |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>           | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b>                  |
| <b>4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mission Possible and Families Slip and Slide (Church)</b>                            |
| <b>6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Youth Group Slip and Slide (Church)</b>                                              |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 9, 2015**

**General Offering: \$5,017.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00**  
**Worship Attendance: 113**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 35**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 224**  
**Native American Offering: \$76.00**  
**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**

Each year, our Ministerium is granted the privilege of praying through the schools (list names).

Teachers, students, and community members all comment on how meaningful it is to know God has been invited into our schools. Join us (date).

# 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 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)              |                                                                                   | Ron Ritter (Chalmers)       |
| Helen Chreiman (Hoover)        |                                                                                   | Dot Russell                 |
| Hazel Cornett (Rubincan)       |                                                                                   | Roann Schneider             |
| Ruby DeBoard                   |                                                                                   | Nolan Mitchell Schrum       |
| Colin Delaney (McGinley)       |                                                                                   | (Carmichael)                |
| Retired Local Pastor Edgar     |                                                                                   | Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff) |
| Donnon (SE District)           |                                                                                   | Vicki Snyder (Hughes)       |
| Family of Jesse Eller (Saller) |                                                                                   | Lorrie & Scott Steele       |
| Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)       |                                                                                   | Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  |
| Marcus Forst (Howard)          |                                                                                   | Fernando Tena               |
| Matt Helm (Laird)              |                                                                                   | Jonathan Tena               |
| Kim Henry (Hampton)            |                                                                                   | James Thomas (Mullen)       |
| Bill Jones                     |                                                                                   | Zach Trexler (Lytle)        |
| Dot Kaiser (Mundell)           |                                                                                   | Eveline Walker (Schrader)   |
| Bill Lilley                    |                                                                                   | Dot Weeks                   |
| Kay Longnecker (Mullen)        |                                                                                   | Jeff Whelan                 |
| Rachel McClain                 |                                                                                   | Leon Willis (Carlin)        |
| Cindy Mohn (B. Smith)          |                                                                                   | Megan Wittman (Lytle)       |
| Lynn Morgan (McClain)          |                                                                                   |                             |
| Bill Mowery (Shiplot)          |                                                                                   |                             |



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 16</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, August 23</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>         | Madeline Jones                       | Ava Tolmie                           |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Rain Catoia                          | Amy Castaldi                         |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | OPEN                                 | Jessi Timm                           |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Rain Catoia                          | Becky Rinehimer                      |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Joan Leaman                          | Karen Hruz                           |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | Scott Steele                         | Linda Peirson and Don Hurst          |
| <b>Counters</b>        | Bill Jones and Tim Shaub             | George Anderson & Donna Shaub        |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>     | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider       | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider       |

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 16 ~ Saturday, August 22



**Sunday:** *“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.” Psalm 51:1.* Spend time in prayer focusing on God’s mercy and love.

**Monday:** *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10.* God’s mercies recreate us when we have strayed from God’s ways.

**Tuesday:** *“Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.” Psalm 51: 13.* When we learn God’s ways, we are called to teach others. Who will you share God’s ways with today?

**Wednesday:** *“The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” Psalm 51:17.* Prayerfully confess to God where you have missed the target of following in God’s ways.

**Thursday:** *“And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, ‘There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor.’ 2 Samuel 12:1.* Nathan was sent by God to call King David to account for what he had done. Who is God sending to you?

**Friday:** *“Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man.” 2 Samuel 12: 5a.* We often experience the anger of indignation when we think someone else has done wrong. Ask God to help you offer mercy as God does.

**Saturday:** *“Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul’ 2 Samuel 12: 7.* Nathan’s parable pointed David to his sin. Ask God to show you where you have sinned.