



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Cruel Summer

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday
9:30 a.m. Blessing

OPEN

Prelude

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** “Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)” PraiseWorks Band

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) Becky Rinehimer

One: Whom do you seek here in this place?

Many: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

One: Who has told you of God?

Many: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, has shown us the love of God through his life.

One: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

Many: We want to be ready. Lord, strengthen and sustain us this day. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Becky Rinehimer

**Gracious God, in the beauty of this place, we have come to pray,
to worship, to receive healing and hope.**

**We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week,
needing to feel the soothing presence of God.**

Lord, be with us this day.

Calm and soothe our souls.

**Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place
where we may gather to talk of your presence and love;**

to sing your praises;

and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace** Becky Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Karen Hruz

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 22:1-7

Becky Rinehimer

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 130

Becky Rinehimer

Worship After Pentecost Extended Worship

Response to the Lessons

Becky Rinehimer

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

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

Hymn No. 521

(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

"Cruel Summer"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Time of Blessing for Young Adults and College Students

Moment of Impact

Campus Ministry

Pastor Monica

Offering

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymn No. 526

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Monica

Generous and Holy God, every good and perfect gift that touches our lives does indeed come from above, provided through your gracious and boundless love. We bring these gifts, such a small portion of what we have received by your hand, and in doing so, join them with others that we might be found to be doers of the word and not listeners only. We pray this is the name of Jesus the Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Monica

Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal, No. 895

*Song of Sending Forth

"I Will Not Be Shaken"

PraiseWorks Band

*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 Roger and Joann Bates' 60th Wedding Anniversary.
Congratulations!!



Old Testament Lesson: *2 Samuel 22:1-7*

David spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold and my refuge,
my savior; you save me from violence.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
For the waves of death encompassed me,
the torrents of perdition assailed me;
the cords of Sheol entangled me,
the snares of death confronted me.
In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I called.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry came to his ears.

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 130*

Waiting for Divine Redemption **A Song of Ascents.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

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! 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.***

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING TODAY.** If you are interested in learning more about our Christian Education program or would consider volunteering, please attend the meeting being held after worship at 11:00 a.m. in the youth rooms.

**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", shout out faith (and make a witness!). At the end of the service, please come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ONLY 1 GATHERING REMAINS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHTS: 6-8 p.m.!**

It has been a fun summer of mid-week gatherings where everyone has enjoyed hot dogs, shared dishes, games, conversation and a night off from cooking! Join us on **August 26** for the last gathering before school starts! We have an extra special event planned for this last HOORAH! S'MORES for everyone!! Come and roast your marshmallows over the BBQ pit and make your own s'mores! 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.

**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.

**Sunday School Donations Needed: Our Sunday school and Children's Worship rooms** are in need of the following items in order to prepare for the coming year: Scotch Tape, construction paper, white glue, glue sticks, crayons, pens, pencils, white board markers, white board erasers, white board cleaner. Picking up any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Supplies can be left in the black bins in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**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>.

**THIS WEEK: August 23 through August 30, 2015**

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

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| <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>                             |
| <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>            |                                                                        |
| <b>8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mushroom Works CPR Training Class (Sanc., Lobby)</b>                |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>           | <b>PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS</b>                                     |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      | Missions Meeting (#1)                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>          |                                                                        |
| <b>8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mushroom Works CPR Training Class (Sanc., Lobby)</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.      | Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting (#8, 10)                             |
| <b>Thursday:</b>           | No Events or Activities are scheduled.                                 |
| <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)                                             |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>           | <b>Charge Conference at Avondale UMC</b>                               |
| <b>Sunday:</b>             | <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>                               |
|                            | <b>Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to Benefit the Les Family</b>          |
|                            | <b>Blessing of the BackPacks Sunday</b>                                |
| 8:45 a.m.                  | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal                                             |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>           | <b>Blended Worship with both Contemporary and Traditional elements</b> |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for August 16, 2015**

**General Offering: \$5,323.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$110.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Worship Attendance: 127**  
**Emergency Groceries: Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 39**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 224**  
**Native American Offering: \$86.<sup>00</sup>**  
**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**

Campus Ministry is a specialized ministry that extends opportunities to worship and share faith onto college campuses here and around the world. In our conference, we have four established United Methodist campus ministries. Help us support them as they support our college students!

# 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**

|                                  |                                                                                   |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kory Arnold                      |  | Lynn Morgan (McClain)       |
| Louise Ballard (Boyd)            |                                                                                   | Bill Mowery (Shiplet)       |
| Amijo Bearley (Hampton)          |                                                                                   | Tim Mullen                  |
| Cory Beattie (Shaub)             |                                                                                   | Lois Norton (Mears)         |
| Fran Bryan                       |                                                                                   | Ed O'Brien                  |
| Helen Chreiman (Hoover)          |                                                                                   | Tammy Ramberger             |
| Hazel Cornett (Rubincan)         |                                                                                   | Amanda Rector (Czerpak)     |
| Ruby DeBoard                     |                                                                                   | Ron Ritter (Chalmers)       |
| Colin Delaney (McGinley)         |                                                                                   | Dot Russell                 |
| Retired Local Pastor Edgar       |                                                                                   | Roann Schneider             |
| Donnon (SE District)             |                                                                                   | Nolan Mitchell Schrum       |
| Family of Jesse Eller (Saller)   |                                                                                   | (Carmichael)                |
| Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)         |                                                                                   | Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff) |
| Marcus Forst (Howard)            |                                                                                   | Vicki Snyder (Hughes)       |
| Peter Grossweiler (Anderson)     |                                                                                   | Lorrie & Scott Steele       |
| Family of Josie Grove (Castaldi) |                                                                                   | Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  |
| Matt Helm (Laird)                |                                                                                   | Fernando Tena               |
| Kim Henry (Hampton)              |                                                                                   | Jonathan Tena               |
| Bill Jones                       |                                                                                   | James Thomas (Mullen)       |
| Dot Kaiser (Mundell)             |                                                                                   | Zach Trexler (Lytle)        |
| Bill Lilley                      |                                                                                   | Eveline Walker (Schrader)   |
| Kay Longnecker (Mullen)          |                                                                                   | Dot Weeks                   |
| Rachel McClain                   |                                                                                   | Jeff Whelan                 |
| Cindy Mohn (B. Smith)            |                                                                                   | 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, August 23</u></b> | <b><u>Next Sunday, August 30</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>         | Ava Tolmie                           | Matthew Rinehimer                    |
| <b>Nursery</b>         | Amy Castaldi                         | Carolyn Bratton                      |
| <b>C. Worship</b>      | Jessi Timm                           | Joan Leaman                          |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>      | Becky Rinehimer                      | Joan Leaman                          |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b> | Karen Hruz                           | Pastor Monica                        |
| <b>Hospitality</b>     | Linda Peirson and Don Hurst          | Dawn and Mike Chalmers               |
| <b>Counters</b>        | George Anderson & 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, August 23 ~ Saturday, August 29



**Sunday:** *“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.” Psalm 130:1.* Challenges surround us. Call out to God who is faithful.

**Monday:** *“Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” Psalm 130:2.* Over generations, God’s people have called on God. Join your ancestors in the faith in calling out to God.

**Tuesday:** *“My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.” Psalm 130:6.* Consider finding a quiet moment to wait for the Lord.

**Wednesday:** *“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.” Psalm 130:7.* Hope is a light in the darkness and a way forward. Hope in the Lord!

**Thursday:** *“My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.” 2 Samuel 22:3.* Talk a walk. Notice the rocks around you and contemplate God’s steadiness, refuge, and protection.

**Friday:** *“I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.” 2 Samuel 22:4.* Sing out praise to the God. Find a hymn, praise song, or spiritual you can sing or listen to when you are discouraged.

**Saturday:** *“In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.” 2 Samuel 22:7.* When someone asks you how you have gotten through a challenge, give credit to God.