



West Grove United Methodist Church

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300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



***Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, August 5, 2018***

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

*Opening Song

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

PraiseWorks Band

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Mike Chalmers

One: God tells us to love Him and to love others.

Many: May God help us to understand His love that we may return it to Him.

One: May the Lord make our love grow and increase for Him, and for others, so that our God is honored.

Many: Thanks be to God for His never-ending love for us. Amen.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mike Chalmers

O God, the God of grace and love, you are worthy of a love that is greater than we give or understand. Fill our hearts with Your love. Your love will allow us to become more and more like Jesus, so that we may share Your love in return to You and with others. This we ask in the name of the One who loves us eternally. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Mike Chalmers

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Mike Chalmers

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-24

Mike Chalmers

*Response to the Lesson

Mike Chalmers

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon "Do Love: Of God and Others" Pastor Jim

***Song** "O How I Love Jesus" UMH No. 170

SERVE

Moment of Impact *Sponsored Children* Pastor Monica

Offering "Blessed Assurance" UMH No. 369

Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Monica

**God of love, the giver of all things, You have provided all that we have.
Accept these our gifts, tithes and offerings from the bounty You have given
us, so that Your love and word may go forth to help the needy and to bring
salvation to those who are lost. Amen.**

Invitation Pastor Jim

The Great Thanksgiving

*All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive
together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.*

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Communion Song** "Nothing" PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Jim

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give
ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "Love" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Jim

***Postlude**

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

*Altar
Flowers*



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
celebration of Jeannie Sullivan's birthday with love from Fred;
and
in celebration of Steve & Pastor Monica's 15th wedding
anniversary from their family.

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-24

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Sponsored Children

We give thanks to God for the generosity of this congregation in supporting our sponsored children, Danaed of Columbia and Efra of Indonesia. Danaed is 14 and attends school, where her favorite subject is social studies. Efra is 10 and attends school. He enjoys soccer, marbles, and singing. Your giving empowers these families to educate, support, and equip these children for the future. Your giving makes a difference at West Grove and around the world!

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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.

Welcome, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



BLENDED WORSHIP: Continuing through **August, we have one blended worship service at 9:30 a.m.** that incorporates elements from both the traditional and contemporary worship services. **Please join us!**

SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As we begin to Live Stream our services (hopefully starting on August 12), we need volunteers to help in the sound booth. Please see Pastor Monica or Keith Schneider for more information.

WE NEED YOU! We need people to volunteer to be an Usher or Greeter for our Blended services in August. To sign up, use the sign-up sheet in the lobby or send an email to office@westgroveumc.org.

TWIN PINES WORSHIP: Join us on **today at 2:00 p.m.** as we worship with the residents at Twin Pines Nursing Home. Pastor Jim will be preaching and offering communion.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: **Your donations have helped so much!** We have given away **241** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** An updated Shopping List is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the **4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m.** We'll meet in Room 3. Our next book is "*Sin of Certainty*" by Peter Enns. We will meet on **August 23** to discuss the book. See Pastor Monica for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN! All are invited to join in on the weekly fun of fellowship and games on **Wednesday nights through August 22nd** at the church, 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is a Rain or Shine event! Weather permitting, we will have a slip-n-slide for all to enjoy, the new playground for children of all ages, a parking lot to skateboard, ride bikes or play other games. Hot dogs and beverages are provided. If you are able, bring a dish to share. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors, too!

HELP US FEED OUR COMMUNITY: We have planted our Community Garden to grow produce for our neighbors. Everything we grow benefits either our families from the Garage or the Bridge. **Sign up for weeks this summer to weed, water, or harvest our community garden on the Sign-Up Genius link on our web site or on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.** It takes a community to feed a community. Help us feed ours.

PRAYER WALK FOR OUR SCHOOLS: Save the date! **August 21 at 9:30 a.m.** at Avon Grove High School. Details can be found in your newsletter and on our website: www.westgroveumc.org.

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 5 DAY through AUGUST 12, 2018

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

***Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Twin Pines Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (#1)
Monday:	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:		***No activities***
Wednesday:	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Fun (outside)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Lucas Music Lessons (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
Friday:		***No activities***
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s (CaféAmericano)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Native American Sunday***

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	11:00. a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service

***Pastor Monica is on vacation August 7-11 and August 13.
Melanie Hartley is on vacation August 9 through August 16.***

Report July 29, 2018

***God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship***

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

General Offering: \$3,677.13
Building Maintenance Fund: \$865.00
Combined Attendance: 122
Emergency Groceries YTD: 241 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$3,347.38
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$200.00
Total amount received: \$14,218.91

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. PLEASE STATE "PRAYER CHAIN ONLY" ON YOUR REQUEST IF YOU DO NOT WANT NAME LISTED IN THE BULLETIN.** 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 for August: Sunday School Program
Mission Prayer Focus for August: Twin Pines

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Barb Bratton (Bratton)
 Fran Bryan
 Helen Carlin
 Roger Cason
 Dee Crawford
 Family of Al Devote (Raineri)
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)
 Odella Farrell (Babcock)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
 Mike Haley
 Family of Chris Hecht
 Peg Kent
 William Kirwin
 Rosemary MacCoun
 Townsend MacCoun
 Dave McClain
 Ray McKay



Pastor Jimmy
 Montgomery
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)
 Peggy Mowrer
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Pastor Monica
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Richard Saller
 Roann Schneider
 Linda Shiptet
 Joan Smead (Wolff)
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)
 Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)
 Family of Frank Steele
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Maira Tena
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)
 Ron and Marliiss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
 Quantico VA

Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
 Chesapeake, VA
 (The Rambergers)

Ed Tolmie

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u>This Sunday, 8/5</u>	<u>Next Sunday, 8/12</u>
Ushers—9:30	OPEN	OPEN
Greeters—9:30	OPEN	OPEN
Acolyte 9:30	Clarissa Robinson	Matthew Rinehimer
Nursery 9:30	Carolyn Bratton	Kim Smith
C. Worship—9:30	Amy Castaldi	OPEN
Liturgist—9:30	Mike Chalmers	Chris Curtiss
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 9:30	Pam Howard	Susan Paisley
Hospitality 9:30	Kim Smith & Linda Shiptet	Linda Peirson
Counters	Talley/Bowers	Michaels/Ramberger
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 5 ~ Saturday, August 12



Sunday: *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God” 1 John 4: 7.* Who have you shared the good news of God’s love with today?

Monday: *“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11.* Pray for those who are hardest to love.

Tuesday: *“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.” 1 John 4:15.* Consider how your life is acknowledging Jesus out loud!

Wednesday: *“And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” 1 John 4:21.* Who is passing your path today that you can show love towards?

Thursday: *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.” John 14: 16-17.* Pray for the Holy Spirit to give guidance and truth.

Friday: *“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” John 14: 21.* Consider how you are loving Jesus. If keeping the commandment to love your neighbor is loving God, consider how you are loving Jesus.

Saturday: *“Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.” John 14: 24.* Our actions always point towards the God we speak of. How are your actions telling the story of God?