



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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300 North Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390



***Native American Sunday  
Sunday, August 12, 2018***

# 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the folder located on a chair in your row.*

*First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Chris Curtiss

One: From season to season, you are God.

**Many: As tide ebbs and flows, you alone are God.**

One: When we are in seasons of holding near and needing to know you are there, you are God.

**Many: When we are in seasons of feeling adrift, you are God.**

### \*Opening Song

*"You are God Alone"*

PraiseWorks Band

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Chris Curtiss

**God of seasons, we come to you.**

**Often, we have taken steps of faith beyond our comfort zones,  
and then find ourselves looking for assurances.**

**In the rhythm of our lives, may we see your presence and know your urging.**

**Open our hearts to be your people, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Chris Curtiss

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

### New Testament Lesson

*James 1:16-18*

Chris Curtiss

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Mark 6:14-29*

Chris Curtiss

### \*Response to the Lesson

Chris Curtiss

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: Gifts from the Sea" Pastor Monica

**\*Song** "Breathe on Me Breath of God" UMH No. 420

## SERVE

**Moment of Impact** *Native American Sunday* Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Creation Calls—Are You Listening" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

**God of the seas, we often find ourselves surprised by the gifts of the sea.  
Guide us to offer back to you the gifts of our hands and hearts. May those  
tithes, gifts, and offering bring life and love to others, we pray, in the name of  
One who brings life and love to all, Amen.**

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Monica

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Monica

**\*Closing Hymn** "Go to the World" Insert  
(Sung to: "For All the Saints")

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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

### *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In Memory of Glenn Lefko  
With love from Nancy and Marc Simmons



## **New Testament Lesson: Ja,es 1:16=-18**

Do not be deceived, my beloved.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

## **Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias[e] came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## **MOMENT OF IMPACT**

### ***Native American Sunday***

Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. This is one of our six special giving Sundays as set by the United Methodist denomination. When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. We give thanks to God your generosity as we reach out to all God's people.

# 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.*

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](http://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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

**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](http://www.westgroveumc.org).

**THIS WEEK: AUGUST 12 through AUGUST 19, 2018**

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

***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 13.  
Melanie Hartley is on vacation August 9 through August 16.***

**Monday:** 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)

**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room)

**Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Bi-monthly Staff Meeting  
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)  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Prayer Bead Garden meeting (#2)

**Friday:** **\*\*\*No activities\*\*\***

**Saturday:** 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
College Student Blessing 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)

**Report August 5, 2018**

***God's Faithfulness ~  
Your Stewardship***  
  
*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that  
impact and change lives for Christ!*

*General Offering: \$5,281.13  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$450.00  
Combined Attendance: 134  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 244 bags  
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$3,347.38  
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$0  
Total amount received: \$14,218.91*

# P R A Y E R S   O F   T H E   C O M M U N I T Y

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler** at the church office: [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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  
 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 Shiplet  
 Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)  
 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**

	<b><u>This Sunday, 8/5</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday, 8/12</u></b>
<b>Ushers—9:30</b>	Marc and Nancy Simmons	OPEN
<b>Greeters—9:30</b>	Esther Culbertson	OPEN
<b>Acolyte 9:30</b>	Matthew Rinehimer	Ian Ditzel
<b>Nursery 9:30</b>	Kim Smith	Amy Castaldi
<b>C. Worship—9:30</b>	Kristin Boyd	Jessi Timm
<b>Liturgist—9:30</b>	Chris Curtiss	Fred Sullivan
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Pastor Monica	Joan Leaman
<b>Prayer Room 9:30</b>	Susan Paisley	Sandi Hampton
<b>Hospitality 9:30</b>	Linda Peirson	Open
<b>Counters</b>	Michaels/Ramberger	Dave Talley
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

## Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 12 ~ Saturday, August 18



**Sunday:** *“Do not be deceived, my beloved.” James 1:16.* Pray for all those who are injured and caught up in deception.

**Monday:** *“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” James 1:17.* Consider how everything is a gift.

**Tuesday:** *“In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.” James 1:18.* Where is God teaching you about generosity of God?

**Wednesday:** *“King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, ‘John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.’” Mark 6:14.* How will your name be known? For the positive impact you have made or the challenges you have cause others?

**Thursday:** *“for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.” Mark 6:20.* Consider that when you find yourself in positions that you are between making good and bad decisions, often you know the holy things to do. Let the Holy Spirit move you.

**Friday:** *“The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.” Mark 6: 26.* True gifts are not hurtful. Gifts of God do not cause pain to others.

**Saturday:** *“When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.” Mark 6: 29.* Pray for those who are caught in the midst of tragedy and work for justice.