



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Expand the Table



College Student Blessing Sunday
Sunday, August 19, 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!

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

From Psalm 96:1-4

Fred Sullivan

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

One: Declare the glory of God among the nations, God's marvelous works among the peoples.

Many: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is above all, and through all, and in all.

*Hymn

"Maker, In Whom We Live"

UMH No. 88

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Fred Sullivan

We join our praise, O God, with the alleluias of others.

**We celebrate cherished traditions of days gone by
as we tell the stories of God's goodness.**

**Help us to hold our traditions with open hands and gratitude
as we receive new songs and expand our visions.**

May our hearts and sanctuaries have room enough for both, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Fred Sullivan

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-8

Fred Sullivan

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-40

Fred Sullivan

*Response to the Lesson

Fred Sullivan

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song

"More Love, More Power"

PraiseWorks Band

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-8

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-40

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Join us next Sunday, August 26th as we send our children

and youth to school with backpacks full of blessings. This blessing of the bags serves as a reminder that God is always with us, even at school, and He will help guide us through the ups and downs that come with every school year. Each year, we work with artist, Suzanne L. Vinson of Silver Tree Art to design backpack buttons and teacher blessings that share thematic blessings across our ages with our students. Invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to join us. **We hope to see you there!**

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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, we need volunteers to serve in the sound booth. Please see Pastor Monica or Keith Schneider for more information.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: **Your donations have helped so much!** We have given away **266** 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 our **final night of Wednesday Night fun for the season on 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.

ONE RUN TOGETHER'S 7th Annual Hard to the Core 5K Orchard Mud Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk, Saturday, September 8th at Weavers Orchard, 40 Fruit Lane in Morgantown. Run through apple and peach trees, a vineyard, a Christmas tree farm, mud holes, hay bale obstacles, and more. The course ends at the pond with a live rock band and an apple-pancake breakfast. Families welcome! 100% of its profits from the race will benefit local cancer patients in need financially and spiritually. For registration information, please refer to the website at www.oneruntogether.org or call 484-844-1249.

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 19 through AUGUST 26, 2018

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

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
College Student Blessing Sunday
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Youth Ministry***

- Sunday:** 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. **Blended Summer Worship**
10:30 a.m. Counters (#2)
- Monday:** 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting (#8, 10)
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Full Staff Meeting (#1)
- Tuesday:** **9:30 a.m.** **Prayer Walk for the Schools (Meet at AGHS)**
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#1)
- Wednesday:** 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. **LAST Wednesday Night Fun (outside)**
- Thursday:** 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s (Perkins)
5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Book of the Month (#3)
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts #12 (5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
- Friday:** **6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** **Meet the Youth Night (#8, 10)**
- Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Backpack Blessings and New Member Sunday
Baptism Sunday***

- Sunday:** 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. **LAST Blended Summer Worship**
10:30 a.m. Counters (#2)

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

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

Report August 12, 2018

General Offering: \$7,033.13
Building Maintenance Fund: \$340.00
Combined Attendance: 166
Emergency Groceries YTD: 266 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$3,387.38
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$0
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
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

	<u><i>This Sunday, 8/19</i></u>	<u><i>Next Sunday, 8/26</i></u>
Ushers—9:30	OPEN	OPEN
Greeters—9:30	OPEN	OPEN
Acolyte 9:30	Ian Ditzel	Colton McCummings
Nursery 9:30	A. Castaldi	K. Rinehimer
C. Worship—9:30	Jessi Timm	Joan Leaman
Liturgist—9:30	Fred Sullivan	Dave Talley
Moment All Ages	Joan Leaman	Eileen Bushnell
Prayer Room 9:30	Sandi Hampton	Carol McGinley
Hospitality 9:30	OPEN	The Covingtons
Counters	Talley	The Stuhrikes
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

Thank you for serving!

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 19 ~ Saturday, August 26



Sunday: *“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”* Isaiah 55:1. Consider that the prophet Isaiah was calling God’s people to expand table fellowship over two millennia ago, and we are still seeking the same call today.

Monday: *“Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”* Isaiah 55:2. Pray for those who are spending their money on that which is not bread and labor; on that which does not satisfy.

Tuesday: *“Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.”* Isaiah 55:3-4. Have you inclined your ear to God or are you turning away?

Wednesday: *“As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.”* Mark 6:34. Pray for time when you encounter those who are lost, that you might have compassion.

Thursday: *“When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.’”* Mark 6:35-36. Consider how eager we are to pass along the challenges of feeding others. The disciples wanted the people to go home. We would like an agency, governmental or private, or some other individual to address the situation. Consider where God is moving.

Friday: *“But he answered them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?’”* Mark 6:37. Where are you being called to feed the hungry?

Saturday: *“And he said to them, ‘How many loaves have you? Go and see.’ When they had found out, they said, ‘Five, and two fish.’ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So, they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.”* Mark 6:38-40. Give thanks to God for the miracle of multiplication, sharing, and division. Perhaps God is urging you to multiply your impact, share your resources, and divide your assets.