



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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be strong  
and  
courageous



***Backpack Blessing Sunday  
New Member and Baptism Sunday  
Sunday, August 26, 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) *(Inspired from Joshua 1:1-9)*

Dave Talley

One: When the time came, Moses died and entered into life triumphant. Joshua had large shoes to fill, and God spoke to reassure Joshua:

**Many: No one shall stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you. Know the law. Do not turn from it; do not turn to right or to the left. Be strong and courageous. For I am with you!**

One: God is not only with Joshua of generations gone by, but as Joshua led the Israelites, God is with us today.

**Many: In our times of anxiety and discernment, our times of joy and exhilaration, meditate on the word of God and know it. Then, be courageous and strong for God goes with you wherever you go!**

### \*Hymn

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

UMH No. 110

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dave Talley

**God, you have called us to this place and equipped us for this time.**

**May we feel your steadfast love and presence urging us  
in the midst of our bent towards complacency.**

**From the blessing of Joshua to the blessing of leaders today,  
you whisper into the hearts of your people towards doing love with courage.**

**Forgive us our reticence and reluctance as we gather our courage  
on the examples of the biblical witness of others.**

**Let us response to your Holy Spirit with our whole being, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Dave Talley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

**Blessing of the Backpacks and Teachers** Pastor Monica

**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 124* Dave Talley

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Mark 6:45-56* Dave Talley

**\*Response to the Lesson** Dave Talley

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

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *"Because He Lives"* UMH No. 364

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 with Courage"* Pastor Monica

## **SERVE**

**Offering** *"Oceans"* PraiseWorks Band

**\*Offertory Response** *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer** Pastor Jim

**Providential God, we turn again to you when our hearts feel adrift. Even after we know the miracles of your hands, we find ourselves shocked at the generosity of who you are. Blessed be the Lord. May these gifts, offerings, and tithes, be loaves and fishes to the hungry as well as courage to the discouraged, we pray, in the name of the God who provides, Amen.**

**New Member's Reception and Baptism** Pastor Monica and Pastor Jim

**Baptism Song** *"For Everyone Born"* PowerPoint

**Bidding Prayer with The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** *"Fear Not"* PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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

## Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:45-56

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

# 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!



**PRE-YOUTH GROUP PARTY! August 31, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** A night of pizza and games to end summer and start off the school year. Come reconnect with friends and leaders, including the new youth director, Melanie! Contact Melanie Hartley for details and questions.

**FALL WORSHIP: Starting Sunday, September 2,** we will resume our two services: 8:30 Contemporary Service and 11:00 Traditional Service. Please join us!

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. We will return to serve you on Tuesday, September 4.

**CMO CONSIGNMENT SALE:** Consign-Thursday, October 18; Shop—October 19-20. Save the date and start cleaning out your closets for items you no longer need!

**SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** As we begin to web cast our services on Facebook, you can serve in the sound booth. Please see Pastor Monica or Keith Schneider for more information. **Our next web cast is scheduled for September 2nd at our 11:00 a.m. service.**

**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 *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque. We will meet on **September 27** to discuss the book. See Pastor Monica for more information.

**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. For details and registration information, please refer to the website at [www.oneruntogether.org](http://www.oneruntogether.org) or call 484-844-1249.

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

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Backpack Blessings***

***New Member Sunday & Baptism Sunday***

<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>LAST Blended Summer Worship</u></b>
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Teachers In-Service
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	South District Committee on Ministry (#1)
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Teachers Workday
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting (#2)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts #498 (#12)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (#1)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:30 a.m.	CMO Classroom Blessing
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO CPR Training (Sanc.)
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Teachers Workday
	1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Parent Orientation (#8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, Sanc)
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Meet-the-Teacher (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pre-Youth Group Party! (#8, 10)</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Communion Sunday and Emergency Aid Sunday***

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)

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

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

**Report August 19, 2018**

*General Offering: \$ 4,037.12*  
*Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 130.00*  
*Native American Awareness donations: \$ 823.25*  
*Combined Attendance: 140*  
*Emergency Groceries YTD: 266 bags*  
*Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,579.88*  
*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](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  
Joann Coates  
Jim Collins (Mullen)  
Dee Crawford  
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
Amit Dua (Jackson)  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Betty Gaughan (Fackler)  
Pastor Monica  
Mike Haley  
Pat Heist  
Linda Hodge (Rubincan)  
Anna R. Justice (Boyd)  
Peg Kent  
Kodish Family (Schrader)  
Rosemary MacCoun



Townsend MacCoun  
Dave McClain  
Pastor Jimmy  
Montgomery  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Rose Family (Boyd)  
Richard Saller  
Roann Schneider  
Linda Shiple  
Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannette Stryjewski  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Ron and Marliss 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

### This Sunday, August 26

**Ushers—9:30** OPEN  
**Greeters—9:30** OPEN  
**Acolyte - 9:30** Colton McCummings  
**Nursery - 9:30** K. Rinehimer  
**C. Worship—9:30** Joan Leaman  
**Liturgist—9:30** Dave Talley  
**Moment All Ages** Eileen Bushnell  
**Prayer Room 9:30** Carol McGinley  
**Hospitality 9:30** The Covingtons  
**Counters** The Stuhrkes  
**Sound Booth** Keith Schneider & various

### Next Sunday, September 2

**Ushers—8:30** Aucotts  
**Greeters—8:30** TBD  
**Ushers—11:00** TBD  
**Greeters—11:00** TBD  
**Acolyte - 8:30** Hannah McCummings  
**Acolyte - 11:00** Nate Robinson  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** TBD  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** TBD  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Karen Hruz  
**Liturgist—11:00** Susan Paisley  
**Moment All Ages** Pastor Monica  
**Prayer Room 8:30/11** Carol McGinley/Jean Kilmartin  
**Roamers** TBD  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Anderson/Shaub  
**Counters** TBD  
**Sound Booth** Keith Schneider & various

# Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers & Sunday Morning Servants, September 9th



Please be sure to mark your calendar. We are so blessed by the men and women who teach. Let us offer them our blessings and receive their promises as they prepare to shape hearts and minds for the next year.

## Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders September 9th

On Sunday, September 9th, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure **we do not miss anyone**, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) with the full name and spelling of your child's name, so a Bible can be presented to your child. We can't wait to share the Word of God



## Two New Bible Studies!

**LIFE OF DAVID:** Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. (Beginning September 12) at West Grove UMC Sanctuary and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at Jenner's Pond in the Allison Theatre with Pastor Jim

**"Faith in Washington":** Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning September 23 in Room 3 with Pastor Monica. How does faith inform your live outside of the church?

**Look for details  
in the September Newsletter.**

## Sunday School Rally Day! Faith Learning Academy KICK-OFF! Sunday, September 9th

Plan on joining us on September 9th as we kick off our Sunday School experiences for adults and children. The children will meet their teachers and break off into their classrooms, while the adults will have an opportunity to view the different studies available to them and ask questions of the leaders.

*(More details on offerings for adults to follow.)*

In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone!  
So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!





## Join The Choir

## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

**1st rehearsal:**

**Thursday, August 31 at 6:45 p.m.**

Our Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season and wants to invite you to join them! **The first rehearsal is on Thursday, August 31 at 6:45 p.m. in Room 6. We will sing at 11:00 service on September 3.** Here are some of the reasons why it is so great to be a member of the choir!

### **Advantages of joining the choir:**

- You never have to worry about what to wear.
- You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
- From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
- The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
- You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
- The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week (Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.).
- Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith, the Choir Director, or any of the choir members. They would be happy to help you!

## MEMORY BELLS

The West Grove Memory Bells are gearing up for their new playing season. On Christmas Eve we will celebrate our tenth anniversary!

Our first rehearsal is September 10 and we plan to ring in church on September 16. We have one or two, positions open for our bigger bells. We are also looking for willing substitutes—perfect if you aren't able to commit long-term.

Please contact Sandy Deckard at home 484-887-0003, or at 610-563-9500.



**PRAISE BAND**

## PraiseWorks Band

**Rehearsals begin  
Thursday,**

**August 31 7:30 p.m.**

Our PraiseWorks Band leads the 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service each week.

We always welcome new singers and instrumentalists.

If you have a heart for worship and are excited to serve God through leading the congregation on Sunday mornings, please contact Betsy Smith for more information.

# OPEN Market

## **West Grove UMC 3rd Annual Open Market On Saturday, September 15 Call For Vendors**

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its 3rd Annual Open Market. The Open Market will run from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a day of shopping and food. Our goal this year is to host close to 100 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters, etc) as well as food trucks. We are accepting vendors and food trucks, if interested please contact the church: **(610) 869-9334 or [email office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org)**.

Darlene Murphy, trustee and event coordinator for the market says, “I am quite excited and pleased by the turnout and interest from local vendors. We have an amazing community of artists and crafters that many folks may not know. Each new vendor that reaches out brings new and unique talents to contribute to a wonderful day.”

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and allowing us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and in addition we open our house to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations.

Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc. that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.





**West Grove UMC  
“Prayer Bead Garden”  
“Dine to Donate” Fundraiser**

**at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery  
Routes 41 and 1, Avondale**

**Monday, September 10, 2018 from  
4pm-8pm**

West Grove United Methodist Church will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters. The more family and friends we invite and who show up the more money we raise. Please tell your Perkins server and/or cashier when you check out that you are with the “West Grove United Methodist Church” Fundraiser.

**WEST GROVE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Semi~Annual  
Rummage Sale**

**Friday, October 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.**



**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday,  
September 30 through Wednesday, October 3.**

On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!!

Left-over items are donated local organizations. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 26 ~ Saturday, September 1



**Sunday:** *“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say— if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;” Psalm 124:1-3.* Pray for those who know the deepest darkest human experiences.

**Monday:** *“Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.” Psalm 124:6-7.* Have you share with someone this week the celebration of escaping the entrapment of pain or suffering?

**Tuesday:** *“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8.* Consider where you have seen the help of the Lord.

**Wednesday:** *“When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by.” Mark 6:48.* Where have you felt as though God might have intended to pass you by?

**Thursday:** *“But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out;” Mark 6:49.* Pray for those who cry out for God. May they be those who can provide support and connection.

**Friday:** *“For they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’” Mark 6:50.* Courage is rarely a roar. It is often a quiet whisper and a reminder to take heart, again and again.

**Saturday:** *“Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,” Mark 6:51.* The power of Jesus cannot be overstated. Even the wind and waves obey him!