



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

A photograph of several green pears with leaves, framed by a thin gold circle. The pears are in various stages of ripeness, with some showing yellowing. The leaves are vibrant green and have prominent veins. The background is a solid, warm brown color.

FIRST FRUITS

Stewardship Sunday IV

Sunday, October 28, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*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)

Vernon Ramberger

One: O God, we desire to be good stewards of all that you made: the earth, the world and all that dwells within. All that we have comes as a trust from you.

Many: Gracious God, we give thanks for your gifts to us.

One: We have been called by God to use whatever gifts we have been given in service to others.

Many: As you have so freely given to us and lovingly made us what we are, we now freely give back to you the substance of our lives- our worship, our time, talents and treasures.

*Processional Hymn

"Rise Up, Ye Saints Of God"

UMH No. 576

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

**Generous God, we approach your throne today with a spirit of thanksgiving for all you have done for us, particularly in the area of finances. We understand that 100% of our income comes from and belongs to you. You've asked us to show our trust and dependence on you by returning the FIRST 10% of our earnings to our local church for the perpetual building of the Kingdom. Today we stand in unity and obedience as we are reminded of this blessed responsibility and opportunity. O Great Sustainer, we love you, trust you, and depend on you for all. It is to you that we surrender everything.
In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

Leviticus 27:30-34

Vernon Ramberger

***Gospel Lesson** *Mark 8:31-38* Vernon Ramberger

***Response to the Lesson** Vernon Ramberger

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem *"I Surrender All"* Chancel Choir

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Sermon *"DO Share Tithes"* Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell

SERVE

***Hymn of Response** *"Take My Life, And Let It Be"* UMH No. 399

Moment of Impact *Testimony on Tithing* Mel Leaman

Offering

***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

We pray that we should be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the light that Jesus has given us, ever giving and serving from a willing heart. We have freely received, now let us freely give. Amen.

Gathered Prayers Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth** *"Forth In Thy Name, O Lord"* UMH No. 438

***Benediction** Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell

***Choral Benediction** *"Go In the Grace Of The Lord"* Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 27:30-34

All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the Lord's; they are holy to the Lord. If persons wish to redeem any of their tithes, they must add one-fifth to them. All tithes of herd and flock, every tenth one that passes under the shepherd's staff, shall be holy to the Lord. Let no one inquire whether it is good or bad, or make substitution for it; if one makes substitution for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy and cannot be redeemed.

These are the commandments that the Lord gave to Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report October 21, 2018

*General Offering: \$ 3,745.22
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 131
Emergency Groceries YTD: 335 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 4,443.89
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 0.00
Total amount received: \$ 14,632.91*

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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!



PASTOR MONICA'S RENEWAL LEAVE: Pastor Monica is on renewal leave for self care and medical care from October 15-November 30. Please keep her in prayer. We are delighted to have Deaconess Yvette in the pulpit on October 21. We welcome Rev. Tom Davis Shapell in the pulpit October 28-November 18. We are delighted to have Melanie Hartley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, in the pulpit on November 25. Rev. Don Hurst will be holding office hours in the church on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for spiritual and administrative care. Pastor Jim, Deaconess Yvette, our visitation team, and prayer ministry continue their ministries of pastoral care. Please reach out to them and the office for pastoral care needs. We give thanks to God for the many gifts of the body of Christ.

TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY: Keith Schneider operates and coordinates our AV system. We give thanks to God for his many gifts. We give thanks to God for Matt Simonds and Nate Robinson for their gifts as they set into these roles. As he travels, this is an opportunity for others to consider if they have gifts in technology and might want to serve. Please see our technology team - Steve May, Aaron Boyd, Keith Schneider, Tim Owens, Matt Simonds, or Nate Robinson for more information.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: **Your donations have helped so much!** We have given away **335** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** Please consider donating one item from the shopping list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

UNITED METHODIST MEN: All men of our congregation are invited to attend the next dinner meeting on **Monday, October 29, 6:45 p.m.** at Pomeroy United Methodist Church at with the program to follow. The cost for the meal is \$11. Please let Pastor Jim or Vernon Ramberger know if plan to attend. We plan to car pool from the church. We hope you join us!

STEWARDSHIP: We should all have received our Stewardship letters and commitment forms in the mail. Please complete BOTH sides of the form so that we can begin 2019 well equipped.

TWIN PINES WORSHIP: Join us on **Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m.** as we worship with the residents at Twin Pines Nursing Home. The Memory Bells will be playing and Pastor Jim will be preaching and offering communion. Please join us!

MEDITATIONS: Please note that the meditations that are normally in the bulletin and posted on Facebook and our web site are paused for the time that Pastor Monica is away.

NEWSLETTER: **The November issue of the newsletter is in the lobby.** Pick up a copy so you don't miss out on all of the good things happening at our church!

THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 28 through NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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

***Rev. Tom Davis-Shapell is preaching
Stewardship Sunday IV***

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir
 12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat (all church)
 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Concert Practice (Sanc.)

Monday: All Day Oxford Plumbing & Heating Maintenance (all church)
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc)
 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m. United Methodist Men Meeting (Pomeroy UMC)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
 9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m. CMO Halloween Parade (Sanc.)
 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #498 (#12)

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
 9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m. CMO Halloween Parade (Sanc.)
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Life of David Bible Study (Sanc.)

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Music Practice (#6)
 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop #4099 (#12)
 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #4567 (#8, 10)
 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts #12 (off-site)
 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc)

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)
 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Life of David Bible Study-Jenner's Pond (Alison Theater)

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Concert Practice (Sanc.)
 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leadership Training (#8, 10)

***Rev. Tom Davis Shapell is preaching
All Saints Sunday
Stewardship Sunday V***

Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir
 12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship
 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)
6:30 p.m. Mel Leaman Concert (Sanc.)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for October: Church Finances

Mission Prayer Focus for October: Mission Central

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
 Carolyn (A. Boyd)
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Fran Bryan
 Helen Carlin
 Roger Cason (Mundell)
 Family of Dana Clark (Fackler)
 Joann Coates
 Jim Collins (Mullen)
 Dee Crawford
 Family of John D'Anna (Guepet)
 Family of Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Family of Vera Flowers
 Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
 Operation Christmas Child
 Pastor Monica
 Liz Hadly
 Mike Haley
 Ellen Hayes
 Pat Heist
 Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)
 Peg Kent
 Aileen Krewatch



Cindy Luttmann (Miller)
 Dave McClain
 John McGinley
 Family of Liz Miller (A. Boyd)
 Family of Lynn Morgan (McClain)
 Peggy Mowrer
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Family of Mas Nakajma (Mullen)
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Family of Iris Rivera (Diaz)
 Richard Saller
 Roann Schneider
 Linda Shiplet
 Joan Smead (Wolff)
 Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
 Maureen Stickle (Fackler)
 Jeannette Stryjewski
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
 Mary Weidman (Miller)
 Ron Wilson
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



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, October 28

Ushers—8:30 The Chalmers & The Bushnells
Greeters—8:30 Esther Culbertson
Ushers—11:00 TBD
Greeters—11:00 Fran Miller
Communion 8:30/11:00 N/A
Acolyte 8:30/11:00 Anna Castaldi/Alisabeth Guepet
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 C. Bruno/K. Smith/K. Rinehimer
C. Worship—8:30/11 Maryanne Covington/Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30 Mike Chalmers
Liturgist—11:00 Vernon Ramberger
Moment All Ages Eileen Bushnell
Prayer Room 8:30/11 TBD/Sandi Hampton
Roamers Fran Miller
Hospitality 8:30/11 The Smiths/L. Peirson
Counters Talley/Bowers
Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, November 4

The Aucotts / The McGinleys
 Pat Heist
 Linda Peirson
 Julie Hughes
 The Mundells & M. Hartley /
 J. Mundell, V. Ramberger & M. Hartley
 TBD/Clarissa Robinson
 K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/J. Leaman
 TBD
 Mark Simonds
 Matthew Rinehimer
 Joan Leaman
 TBD/Susan Paisley
 Heather McGovern
 L. Shiplett & K. Smith/ The Stuhrkes
 Anderson/Bowers
 Keith Schneider & various



TODAY!!!
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**West Grove UMC invites you to a
festive, FREE, family event!!**

You are invited to join us in this fun-filled, safe way for children ages infant through 4th grade to experience the joy of trick or treating. We will have cars, vans, and trucks lined up in our parking lot with fun, themed decorations and candy for your costumed children.

Invite your friends and family, and get ready for games, crafts, a story, a hay-ride, music, snacks and of course trunks with candy!!!

All activities are FREE.

West Grove United Methodist Church is located at 300 North Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390. We'll move the trick or treating inside if it rains, so whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together! For more information, call 610-869-9334 or visit www.westgroveumc.org

ALL WORSHIP & COMMUNION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

November 4 we will be our first ever all worship & communion Sunday! On the first Sunday of each month, children will remain in worship and be in worship for the full communion liturgy.

There will be activity packets and hands-on elements that children can use to participate in the worship service at their own level. Our goal, and hope, is to encourage a deeper intergenerational connection for all ages, and to instill in children



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 4

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

From the earliest days in the church, community has gathered to remember those who have gone onto the glory. On All Saints' Day, the church remembers those who have died in the previous year. This cherished tradition has been im-

portant in this congregation for many years.

We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We would like to give thanks to God for their life in our All Saints Day service on November 4th during both services. **Please make sure that the office has the name of your loved one, a picture of your loved one, in addition to their date of birth and date of death, by October 30th .** You may email pictures and information to the church office atoffice@westgroveumc.org It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

**November 6
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

As we approach the holiday season, you might find yourself wondering how this season will feel after the death of your loved one. You may notice some difficult emotions to navigate. Join "Surviving the Holidays" to help. You will watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and receive a survival guide with encouragement and resources. For questions, please contact Susan Paisley at 610.529.8699 / sbrintonpais1@verizon.net.



We will keep you in prayer during this time.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (6:30-8:00)
REFLECTIONS IN SONG: LIFE, LOVE, AND FAITH
A NEW AND ORIGINAL REPERTOIRE
BY MEL LEAMAN



MEL LEAMAN AND FRIENDS AT WEST GROVE UMC
300 N. GUERNSEY

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 FOR
THE GARAGE YOUTH CENTER

William Rose, Director of Operations for The Garage and
professional musician will begin playing at 6:00. See his
website at: www.thewilliamrose.com

Special song by former Garage student Christian Valdivia; Refreshments provided

West Grove United Methodist Church
Prayer Bead Garden
“Dine to Donate” Fundraiser
at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Routes 41 and 1, Avondale
Monday, November 5, 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.

DINE-TO-DONATE
EVENT!
FUNDRAISER!

Thanks for your support!

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

food • community • sustainability

November 17th beginning at
10:00am

Meal Packing and Community Fellowship Event

Kemblesville United Methodist Church

1772 New London Rd, Kemblesville, PA 19347

Together, we will:

Pack 15,000 meals

Gather food for our local food pantries

Share in food, fellowship and testimony

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BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

WGUMC will be supporting Chester County Women's Services through putting all of our change in baby bottles during the month of October. Keep an eye out for a display in the lobby to pick up a bottle to fill.

SUKKOT BOOTH

Keep an eye out for the Sukkot Booth in the lobby from November 4 – 25. We will be collecting food for the holiday season to stock our Emergency Food Cupboard.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY AND BRUNCH

Sunday, November 11th

On November 11th, we will offer our commitment cards in worship and celebrate following in the image of God as generous givers. We hope you will join us for a moving and inspirational worship that morning at 8:30 and 11:00 am. After each service, a brunch will be hosted in the Church Lobby. As we give thanks to God for all that God has given us, we will rejoice together as our gifts and talents and those of others become God's promise fulfilled.

**Join us for a delicious brunch after the
8:30 service and the 11:00 service.**

God's Promise Fulfilled



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** "God Of All" PraiseWorks Band

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Offering "Enough" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison-see p. 3 of bulletin) Pastor Jim

Gathered Prayers Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** "Lord, Reign In Me" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Rev. Tom Davis-Shappell

***Postlude**

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