

West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Trinity Sunday Graduation Sunday June 11, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Prelude

OPEN

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row. First-time visitor or member, let us know you are here!

*Call to Worship (Based on Genesis 1 and John 1)

Vernon Ramberger

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

Many: Our God is Creator!

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Many: Our God is Redeemer!

One: And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Many: Our God is Holy Spirit!

*Processional Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

UMH 147

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

Spirit of the living God,

we praise you for your creation and the revelation tucked into each corner, waiting to be discovered.

Your imagination astounds and delights us.

Your creativity knows no bounds.

May we, children of your creativity and made in your creative image, be courageous and imaginative to create new beginnings for others with peace and justice as well as walk into the preferred future that vou have invited us to live.

In the name of the Creative One, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Children's Choir

"As Long as I Live"

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament

Genesis 1-2:3

Vernon Ramberger

*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

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.

Choir Anthem "In the Beginning was the Word" Chancel Choir

Sermon "In The Beginning" Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" **UMH** 75

Moment of Impact Peace With Justice Pastor Monica

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 (Unison) (written by Rev. Rosanna Anderson) Pastor Monica God of love and peace, you created the vast universe! Open our eyes to see the reflection of your image in each person. By your Spirit, inspire us to contribute to the flourishing of people, creatures, and the environment that you made to be very good indeed. Use these gifts and offerings to support our church's mission of hope and assistance for people in our wider community. We pray through our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer and Celebration for our Graduates Jamie Lindtner and Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

*Hymn of Sending Forth "How Great Thou Art" **UMH 77**

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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

Our Graduates

Kaitlyn Chambers: Graduating from Wilmington Christian School, Attending Eastern University

Dylan Curtis: Graduating from AGHS; Attending Shippensburg University Alexander Dilworth: Graduating from 21st Century Cyber School;

Attending University of Delaware

Isa Figueroa: Graduating from Oxford HS; Attending Penn State University Samantha Franciscus: Graduating from AGHS; Attending DCCC Nursing Program Elizabeth Hadly: Graduating from AGHS; Attending Keen University Elizabeth Luscavage: Graduating from Octorara HS; Attending Elizabethtown College

Sophie May: Graduating from AGHS; Attending Ursinus College
Caitlin O'Neill,: Graduating from AGHS; Attending Penn State University
Jake Reynolds: Graduating from AGHS; Attending Georgia Tech University
Sarah Shaw: Graduating from Wilmington Friends School;
Attending Northeastern University

Prayer and Celebration for our Graduates

Pastor: God has created us as beings with curiosity about our creation, ourselves, and all things unknown.

People: Let us never lose the sense of wonder and awe that God has given us. Let us see God in the the world and the miracles around us.

Youth Director: God gifts us with knowledge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and fear. As we celebrate graduates this morning, may we pray that they will use the gifts that God has given them to build God's world.

People: A world in which peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth.

Graduates: May we seek God in all that we do. May our lives glorify God and usher in God's kingdom.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: God of joy and hope, we thank you for this time of graduation. Your spirit of wisdom has empowered our hard work and discipline in such a way that hunger for learning has been nourished with knowledge, discovery, creativity, and determination. God, as our graduates have faced challenges and accomplished much, we understand that our lives move into a new chapter where there will be more challenges to face and more will be demanded of us in order to accomplish good things. Give them patience and hope to energize search for work that is just and makes proper use of gifts. Give them courage to face the challenges of carving out a place in society where they might live in peace, service, and gratitude. Give them strength to resist the temptations of greed, laziness, pride, and envy as we strive to do and be our best. May Your spirit guide them as they unfold the next chapters of our lives. Help us all to enliven hope in the world and bring good things to Your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was

morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and the fourth day.

there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of

every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And

God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he

created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had

done in creation.

Gospel Lesson: John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone,

was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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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 to this gathering of God's people worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. 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.

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

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

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN! BOTTLES ARE DUE TODAY!** Chester County Women's Services challenged us to take on filling 50 baby bottles with coins to bless our neighbors in need. All of them were taken! If you wanted to support this mission and did not get a chance to pick up a baby bottle, feel free to drop coins or a check in the offering with a memo for Chester County Women's Services. Thank you for caring for the women and children in our community.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN: Starting this week! June 14th-August 23rd, 6-8pm** We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able. We eat, hear a short devotional thought, and enjoy the time of fellowship! Games are available for children and adults! Join us one week or every week! Can't wait to see you there!

**READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP? BECOME A MEMBER!** Join us **Saturday, June 24th from 9-10:30 a.m.** and on **Sunday, June 25th** during worship service. Please contact Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, or Donna Fackler, if you are interested in learning more about membership.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is available after each service on Sunday to pray with a member of the Prayer Ministry Team.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Two part-time Van Drivers needed immediately for Family Promise of Southern Chester County. Duties include driving up to 14 adults and children in a Ford Transit 350 from the Family Resource Day Center in Kennett Square to area churches at 6:00pm and picking up the families at 6:00am at the church and returning to the center. No CDL license needed and no heavy lifting required. Fair hourly wage. If you feel called to serve the mission of Family Promise, please call Sue Minarchi, Executive Director, at 610-444-0400.

# God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship June 4, 2017

Mission and Ministry Offering: \$5,339.25

Building Maintenance Fund: \$400.00
Anniversary Giving Year-to-Date: \$4,815.95
Endowment Fund Donations YTD: \$118.00
Worship Attendance: 260
1st Sunday Emergency Fund: \$136.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 46 Bags

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

# **Moment of Impact**

Peace With Justice

Methodism's founder, John Wesley, described peacemakers as people who "doth good unto all." They share God's love, not only with people they know or who believe exactly as they do, "but step 'over all these bounds' to manifest (God's) love to neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies." That's our call as United Methodists today. Your gift to the annual Peace with Justice Sunday offering makes an enormous difference in many lives. Because of your generosity, The United Methodist Church can address diverse issues such as immigration, economic empowerment, nutrition, peace, racial justice, the death penalty and leadership development. Imagine trying to tackle that list on your own! Your gifts together with others impact our world!

### THIS WEEK: June 11 through June 18, 2017

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

# TRINITY SUNDAY Graduation Sunday~ Peace with Justice Sunday

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship Service

1:00 –5:00 p.m. Piano Recital (Lobby, Kitchen, Sanc.) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #461 (#16) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

**Monday:** 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#5)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Mtg (#1)

**Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Family Literacy Program (#2)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Visitors Meeting (#1)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#4))

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4H Robotics Club (#8, 10)

**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 (Kitchen, Outside) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

Thursday: Annual Conference The Oaks, Lancaster, PA

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Music Practice (#6)

5:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie Troop #4567 (#8, 10)

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10) 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday: Annual Conference The Oaks, Lancaster, PA

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10))

Saturday: Annual Conference The Oaks, Lancaster, PA

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

#### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Father's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contempora

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and

Memory Bells

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

~ Pastor Shirley is on vacation Sunday, June 18 through Saturday, June 24 ~

June 15-17: Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, Pastor Jim and Cindy Haley will be away at Annual Conference. Please call the office for urgent Pastoral care needs.

# 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. After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for <u>four Sundays</u>. If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna**. Thank you.

### Community Prayer Focus in June: Missions Mission Prayer Focus in June: Good Neighbors

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Fran Bryan

Anne Cantrell (Mullen)

Joann Coates

Lane Cornette (Rubincan)

Dee Crawford

Family of Agnes Eller (Saller)

Tom Fagan

Laura Featherston Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Kimmy Falcone (Brown) Kim Henry (Hampton)

Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Maria Kanno (Mullen) Peg Kent

Susan Lacy (Mullen)

Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)

Rosemary MacCoun

Dave McClain

Edie Mears

Lynn Morgan (McClain)



Family of Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Peggy Mowrer Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Doralee Paulley (Saller)
Warren Payton (Hruz)
Family of Rev. Coryn Pena
(Guepet)

Kristina Roberts (Phillips)

Roann Schneider

Stephen Spitko (Howard)

Lorrie Steele

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Fernando Tena

Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd) Danny Tiderman (Hughes)

Zach Trexler (Lytle) Ron and Marliss Wilson

Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz) Tom Fagan - USA

(Whelan)

Allan Frost - S. C. (Frost) Brian Kubo - Maryland

(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,

Chesapeake, VA (The Rambergers)

Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ

(Lynne Strawhecker)

Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan Chris Weizman - Jordan

(Miller)

### SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### This Sunday, June 11

Ushers—8:30 The Catoias
Greeters—8:30 The Catoias

 Ushers—11:00
 TBA

 Greeters—11:00
 TBA

Acolyte 8:30/11 Wesley Boyd/Ian Ditzel

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 McCummings/Catoia/Castaldi C. Worship—8:30/11 M. Covington/Joan Leaman

SS Workshops Teachers-End of Year Party

SS Roamers
Lay Reader—8:30
Liturgist—11:00
Moment All Ages

Amy Castaldi
Cindy Haley
V. Ramberger
Eileen Bushnell

**Prayer Room** Pastor Shirley/Susan Paisley **Hospitality 8:30/11** Steve May/The Stuhrkes

Counters Byers/Talley

**Soundbooth** Various/K. Schneider

### Next Sunday, June 18th

The Delanevs

Pat Heist/Margaret Rubincan

TBA TBA

M. LeStourgeon/A. Guepet Bruno/No SS/J. Leaman Kristin Boyd/TBA

NO SS

Maryanne Covington John McGinley Janet Phillips Pastor Monica

Nancy /J.Leaman, C. Haley

The Covingtons Scott Steele

Various/K. Schneider



Save the Dates: HERO CENTRAL VBS July 10-14th 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Get ready for an action-packed 5-day super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God!

Hero Central 2017 VBS from Cokesbury prepares kids to Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Ps. 31:14B (CEB). Kids at **VBS Hero Central** learn God's heroes have Heart

(Samuel Anoints David), Courage (Abigail), Wisdom (Jesus Goes to the Temple), Hope (Beatitudes), and

Power (Pentecost). Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories!

Go to our website (www.westgroveumc.org) and follow the VBS tabs at the top to register online today or look



# **VBS Missions School Supply List!**

Help support Mission Central with the following items for the 2017-2018 school year. We invite VBS families and the whole congregation to give generously. Please look for boxes in the lobby the week of VBS, July 10-14th.

Binders Folders

Book sox

Notebooks-all styles and sizes

Filler paper

Composition books

8 1/2x11 copy paper

Sharpeners

Glue sticks

Pencils

Erasers Pens

Colored pencils

Rulers

Scissors

Markers

Pencil boxes

Pencil pouches

Stickers



# Coming to West Grove UMC: Friday, June 23, 2017



Opening credits roll at 6:30 p.m.
Open to the community!
Invite your friends and neighbors!

# JOIN US!!!

WHAT: WEDNESDAY
NIGHT FUN!



We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. People bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able.

We eat, hear a short devotional thought, and enjoy the time of fellowship! Games are available for children and adults!

WHERE: WGUMC!

We are outside, when the cooperates.

weather

# **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, June 11 ~ Saturday, June 17



- **Sunday:** "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth," Genesis 1:1. All things are of God and for God. Pause to find awe in God's creation.
- **Monday:** "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Genesis 1:3. God speaks and light is created. Light in the dark places, we hear Jesus proclaim alongside the reminder, "Do not be afraid." May God's light encourage your fear and embolden your courage.
- **Tuesday:** "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27. You are created in the very image of God. Prayerfully consider how you have reflected God today.
- **Wednesday:** "God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." Genesis 1:31. God's creation is very good. Where is God showing you God's very good creation to care for?
- **Thursday:** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1. Word or Logos in Greek, refers to Jesus Christ as the Word of God. From the beginning, Jesus the Christ, God the Creator, and the Spirit were together. The Trinity models relationship for us. Prayerfully ask God to give you insight into your relationships through the trinity.
- **Friday:** "All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." John 1:3-4. Through Jesus, we are given life. Life in our birth, and new life in rebirth. Where is Jesus inviting you to new life today?
- **Saturday:** "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1: 14. Christ Jesus lived a human life, so we might know human life. Where is Jesus' life inspiring you to live more fully as God called you?

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

### **OPEN**

\*Opening Song "I Will Rise Up" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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

\*Celebration Set "Evidence of God"

"Holy is the Lord" PraiseWorks Band

\*Passing of the Peace

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**Children's Choir** "As Long as I Live"

Moment for All Ages Eileen Bushnell

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.

**Old Testament** Genesis 1-2:3 Cindy Haley

\*Gospel Lesson John 1:1-14 Cindy Haley

**Sermon** "In The Beginning" Pastor Monica

**SERVE** 

Moment of Impact Peace With Justice Pastor Monica

Offering

Offertory Song "God of Wonders" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

**Prayer and Celebration for our Graduates**Jamie Lindtner and Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayer Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Shirley

**Closing Song** "All Creation" PraiseWorks Band

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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