

## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Servants Recognition June 12, 2016

## 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Sunday Morning Servants Recognition

#### **OPEN**

#### Prelude

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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

\*Call to Worship

Margee Michaels

One: O Lord, in the morning you hear our voices.

Many: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, we enter your house.

One: We will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

Many: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness; make your way straight before

us.

One: Today may we better understand your priorities over our quests for power,

security, and comfort.

Many: May we bow faithfully before you and be saved by our faith. Let us

worship God.

\*Processional Hymn

"Days of Elijah"

**PowerPoint** 

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Margee Michaels

Creator, Builder, Architect, Designer—
You are always making something new in us,
and in the world around us.

Open our hearts to knowing you in a new way,
to experiencing your love in a new way,
and in sharing your love in new ways.

May we be open hearted and open minded
to know that you are far beyond what we can imagine,
far beyond whatever walls we try to construct,
for you are always beyond the bounds of our limitations.

Open our hearts to have no boundaries, no walls, and no limits.

In the name of Christ.

who has blown the lid off of the box of life and death, we pray. Amen.

\*Passing of the peace

Margee Michaels

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

## **GROW**

Children's Choir

"He Is The Light"

Joan Leaman, Director

**Moment for All Ages** 

Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson

1Kings 21:1-21a

Margee Michaels

\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:36-8:3

Margee Michaels

\*Response to the Lesson

Margee Michaels

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Anthem** 

"Amazing Grace"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

"Miracle of Freedom"

Pastor Monica

\*Hymn of Response

"God Hath Spoken By The Prophets"

UMH, No. 108

#### SERVE

**Sunday Morning Servants Recognition** 

PowerPoint

UMH, No. 95

**Sunday Morning Servants Litany** 

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**Moment of Impact** 

Chancel Choir

Video from Ruston

Offering

\*Offertory Response "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all practures here below:

Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

## \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

O Lord, our God, your steadfast love surrounds those who trust in you. We are grateful for your faithfulness, even when we struggle to commit ourselves and our loved ones to your care. In times of trouble, your Spirit lifts us and carries us through. We rejoice that you call us to be part of this congregation where your love in Christ is made manifest. We dedicate our gifts and offerings to bless our neighbors through the caring ministries of this church, in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

<b>Gathered Prayers</b>	of the	People
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Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Sending Forth "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH, No. 714

\*Benediction

Pastor Monica

\*Choral Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Choir

**Postlude** 

\* Please stand as you are able

## Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 21:1-21a

Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance." Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?" He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it'; but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard." His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death." The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."

As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules[a] in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. You shall say to him, "Thus says the Lord: Have you killed, and also taken possession?" You shall say to him, "Thus says the Lord: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood."

Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord, I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel;

## Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36, 8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Open wide your hearts!

This week is Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church from Thursday, June 16th—Saturday June, 18th. Pastor Monica, Pastor Jim, Cindy Haley, and Luke Chalmers will be representing West Grove UMC at Annual Conference.

Pastor Monica is one of the co-coordinators of Annual Conference Worship.
Pastor Monica is also the head tell of the Conference Secretarial Staff.
Pastor Jim is one of the accomplished photographers capturing the
excitement of Annual Conference.

Please direct pastoral care needs to Pastor Shirley from Wednesday, June 15th—Saturday, June 18th

## **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 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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: JULY 18-22, 2016.** Join us as we teach and serve our children! Volunteers are needed and welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in the VBS program in any capacity this year, please let Joan Leaman or Pastor Monica know of your interest. Joan Leaman can be reached at jmleaman@comcast.net. Pastor Monica can be contacted at pastor@westgroveumc.org.

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Please note that during July and August our worship will be at 9:30 am. This will be a blended service with elements from our contemporary worship and traditional worship. We hope you will take advantage of this time for worshipping with persons in our congregation who you may not see during the rest of the year.

**UMW FAITH CIRCLE** welcomes women who are interested in making quilts or other items for charitable organizations. **We meet the 2nd and 4th FRIDAY mornings in the Youth Room.** Sewing skills are not necessary. If you are interested in our projects or want to confirm that we are meeting on a particular Friday, contact Chris Curtiss or Karen Boyd.

**URBAN PROMISE MEALS:** We will be preparing meals on **June 17th and 18th** for the Urban Promise summer interns and street leaders. This will be our 6th year preparing meals for their summer training retreat. Sign-up sheets are posted for opportunities to provide food donations and for ways in which you may be led to help. If you have questions or desire more information, please see Bill Jones or Joan Leaman. Thank you for serving those who serve others!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN!** Last year, we started **Wednesday Night Fun** in the summer. **This year it began on June 1 and will continue through August 31.** It is a casual evening for people to come for food, short devotion, fun, and fellowship. We provide the beverages and the hot dogs. Folks are invited to bring sides, desserts, and other items as they are able. Games are available for children and adults. We are outside, when the weather cooperates. Join us one week or every week! Can't wait to see you there!

## Litany for Celebrating Sunday Morning Servants

**Pastor:** Here at West Grove United Methodist Church, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in Jesus' name. We invite people to serve others unselfishly by finding a place of ministry in which we will not be spectators. These ministries of serving on Sunday mornings are a blessing and a serious responsibility. We recognize your special gifts and call you to work among us and for us.

People: We give thanks to God for Sunday School teachers and nursery workers, Roamers and Children's worship volunteers, Moment for All Ages leaders and the Children's Choir, the Children's Ministry team and Youth Ministry Team, Sunday Morning Coordinators and Acolytes, Ushers and Greeters, Lay Readers and Liturgists, Hospitality Team and Coffee Makers, Counters and PowerPoint creators, Sound Booth operators and Communion Stewards, PraiseWorks Band Members and Chancel Choir Members, Memory Bells Handbell Choir Members and Name Tag Ministers, Creating Spaces and all who contribute to worship and study on Sunday Mornings.

**Pastor:** We are all gifted and all called to serve God. Sometimes, we think that others will do it. Sometimes we shrug off the requests saying we are too busy and can't do another thing.

People: Open our hearts God to serve you. Call us again to serve here in this place.

Sunday Morning Servants: We give thanks to God for the gifts and opportunities to serve God. We pray that God will use US to serve others and draw them closer to God.

**Pastor:** Let us pray, Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share Christ's ministry that they may enter into the fullness of God's joy. Raise up additional servants of God to serve others. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

## **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, June 12 ~ Saturday, June 18



- **Sunday:** "And Ahab said to Naboth, 'Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." 1 Kings 21: 2. Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard. Chaos and death come from this coveting. Where is God calling you to repent from coveting something of someone else's?
- **Monday:** "Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, 'I will not give you my ancestral inheritance.' He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat." 1 King 21: 4. Being outside of the way of God can bring deep pain. Prayerfully ask God to show you where you might have missed the mark and are living outside of God's way with resentment and brokenness.
- **Tuesday:** "His wife Jezebel said to him, 'Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 1 Kings 21: 7. Be wary of those who elevate themselves into the role of God.
- **Wednesday:** "Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' He answered, 'I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord," I Kings 21: 20. God is always seeking us. The prophet Elijah responded to God's call to find Ahab and bring to him the word of God. Who is bringing you the word of God?
- **Thursday:** "Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly." Luke 7:43. Where can you give thanks to God for offering you incredible grace?
- **Friday:** "Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Luke 7:47. Our freedom in Christ grows exponentially when we offer to others the love, forgiveness, and grace that we have experienced. Where are showing great love?
- **Saturday:** "Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources." Luke 8:1-3. Some of us follow Jesus because our lives have been changed, some of us feel called, others offer our resources to be used. Come and follow Jesus, the miraculous one!

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West Grove United Methodist Church Inaugural Open Market Saturday, September 17, 2016

Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00 (tickets \$6.00 in advance)

Open Market 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Eat, Shop, Socialize Vendors, Artists, Food Trucks

> 300 N. Guernsey Road West Grove, PA 19390

For additional information or vendor inquiries please call
(610) 869-9334 or email
office@westgrovsumc.org



## THIS WEEK: June 12 through June 19, 2016

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

Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Private Event (Sanc.)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Mt. Hope Planning Meeting (#8, 10)

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

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#14) 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)

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

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#15) 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

**Wednesday:** 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**Wednesday Food & Fun Night
Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

Thursday: Annual Conference

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Daisy 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, 9, 11, 12, 13)

8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

Friday: Annual Conference

Saturday: Annual Conference

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

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## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report June 5, 2016

General Offering: \$6,296.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$337.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 150
Peace With Justice: 144.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 38 Bags

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

## Moment of Impact

#### **Chancel Choir**

We give thanks to God for our Chancel Choir. Throughout this year, they have grown in size and sound. We are blessed by their musical leadership at the 11:00 worship service.

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain? Weekdays, please contact Donna Fackler at the church 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 four Sundays. If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, please update your request with Donna. Thank you.

> Community Prayer Focus June: Missions Mission Prayer Focus in June: Urban Promise, Wilmington

Wavne Achuff Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd) Cory Beattie (Shaub) Alan Bratton Kylee Brown (Wiwel) Fran Bryan Danny (J. Hughes' brother) Bill Davis (Mullen)

John Paul Dean and Family (Delanev)

Colin Delaney (McGinley) Ester (Howard)

Tom Fagan Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton) Marcus Forst (Howard)

Family of James W. Hampton (Hampton)

Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd) Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Lvnn Jackson Bill Lilley

Neva Luttman (Miller)



Family of Chris Matthews (B. Smith) Ellen McCahon (Hruz)

Margee Michaels Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Tim Mullen Ed O'Brien

Hazel Owens (Hampton) James Pollard (Yarbrough) Rick Renzulli (McGinley) Ron Ritter (Chalmers) Garrett Rogers (Lindtner) Roann Schneider Kyle Schoch (Bratton)

Connie Simcox Lorrie Steele

Maureen Stickel (Fackler) Fernando & Jonathan Tena Zach Trexler (Lytle) Ron and Marliss Wilson Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan) Allan Frost - South Carolina (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA (The Rambergers)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)

Tyler Thompson—Kandahar, Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)

Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan

Chris Weidman - Okinawa. Japan (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Ushers—8:30 Greeters-8:30 Ushers—11:00 Greeters—11:00 Acolyte 8:30/11 Nursery 8:30/9:45/11

Sunday School Roamers Fran Miller Lay Reader—8:30

Liturgist—11:00 **Moment All Ages** Hospitality 8:30/11

Counters Sound Booth This Sunday, June 12 Cindy and Mike Haley

Fred Sullivan and M. Rubincan Larry and Kay Yates

OPEN

Cecelia Figueroa / Madeline Jones M. Rubincan/Kim Smith/Amy Castaldi H. McCummings/NA/Joan Leaman

C. Worship—8:30/11 Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman

John McGinley Margee Michaels Joan Leaman

Steve May / The Stuhrkes Bill Jones and Tim Shaub B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, June 19

Fred Sullivan and OPEN Margaret Rubincan and Karen Hruz Larry and Kay Yates

OPEN

Nathan Robinson and Matt Rinehimer

Jessi Timm / OPEN No Sunday School Joan Leaman Janis Schrader Eileen Bushnell

MA Covington / Scott Steele George Anderson and Donna Shaub

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Morning Servants Recognition

## **OPEN**

\*Opening Song

"I Will Rise Up"

PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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\*Celebration Set

"I Am Free"
"Grace Like Rain"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Passing of the Peace

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**Sunday Morning Servants Litany** 

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Moment of Impact

Chancel Choir

Video from Ruston

Offering

"Call It Grace"

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

**Gathered Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song

"Your Grace Is Enough"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Benediction

Pastor Monica

\*Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

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