

West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day June 19, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Father's Day

OPEN

Prelude

"Because He Lives"

Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Tammy Waldrop

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

Janis Schrader

One: Praise the God of Elijah, who is steadfast and strong in the wilderness.

Many: Our hope is in God!

One: Praise the God of the lost, who is our rock and our help in times of need.

Many: Our help is in God!

One: Praise the God of Jesus Christ, who makes us children of the beloved.

Many: Our life is in Christ! Amen!

*Processional Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

UMH, No. 361

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

Steadfast God,

we go through times when we feel alone,
when we feel like the world is against us,
when we feel there is no one on our side.
You are always there, our Advocate and Redeemer,
our Rock and Strength.

Bring us comfort when we feel despair. Remind us of your presence when we feel alone.

Comfort us when we feel wounded by the actions of others.

Help us to live into your hope,

knowing that you are at work in all around us, and especially through the love and care of others.

In the name of Jesus,

who showed us your compassion, mercy and love, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

1Kings 19:1-15

Janis Schrader

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:36-8:3

Janis Schrader

*Response to the Lesson

Janis Schrader

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"A Future And A Hope"

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 Hope"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

TFWS, No. 2191

Moment of Impact

Sunday Morning Breakfast Mission

Pastor Monica

UMH, No. 95

Offering

"My Shepherd's Amazing Grace"

ce" Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Karissa Dennis

*Offertory Response "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise film above, ye neavenly nost; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Shirley

Holy God, we are grateful for the wonderful healing that you bring through Christ your Son. He teaches us to view ourselves and others with hope, knowing that you are able to restore even those who feel lost. Empower us by your Spirit to tell others how much you have done for us, so that they too will discover your grace. Use these offerings to equip the ministries of our congregation to renew the sick in body, mind, and spirit. We ask this is Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

"Faith of Our Fathers"

UMH, No. 710

*Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Pastor Monica Chancel Choir

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

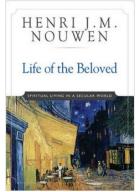
He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.



LIFE OF THE BELOVED

Join us as we seek spiritual guidance and growth from the renown author, Henri Nouwen. His book, *Life of the Beloved*, offers writings on the spiritual life without pretense of technical language. The book rose out of a request from a secular journalist asking Nouwen to explain spiritual life in every day terms. Pastor Monica will lead this group through our identity as beloved children of God, as well as others' as God's beloved children as well.

We will meet after the combined worship services (at 9:30 am) on July 10th, July 17th, July 24th, and July 31st At 11 am. All are welcome. Books are available for purchase from Pastor

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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.

**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.

**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!



Our Church is strongest and healthiest when we are all working together. We need your help!

Would you like to serve as a greeter, an usher, in the nursery, a Sunday School teacher, Children's Worship leader, counter, acolyte, sanctuary setup, church sign changer, office volunteer?

Sign up on one of the sheets in the Narthex on Sunday morning. You have gifts and talent that can support the body of Christ!

## Mt. Hope Mission Participants

Pastor: We give thanks to God for all who carry the love of Christ to places unknown. We give thanks to God for our mission team traveling to Mt. Hope, West Virginia to live out God's love with hands and feet.

Youth Director, Jamie Lindtner, will share some about the place and work of the mission team Mission.

People: We celebrate your willingness to serve and recognize you as ambassadors of this church and the larger church through Jesus Christ.

Mission Team: We will be examples of God and God's love as we seek to share both in Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Pastor: During this time, we commission you for the work that is set before you.

Youth Director: May the Holy Spirit work within each of you to guide and strengthen you, so that in all things you might do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.

Mission Team: As we go, we ask you to be in prayer for us.

People: We will pray for you and through our prayers will be united with you in the work of rebuilding homes and lives. May there be hope in Mount Hope that God is doing a new thing!

Pastor offers a prayer of blessing.

Olivia Eason

## **Mission Participants**

| <u>Adults</u>   | Kim Franciscus |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Jamie Lindtner  | Sarah Reynolds |
| Carol Whelan    | Luke Reynolds  |
| Eileen Bushnell | Jake Reynolds  |
| Mark Simonds    | Tyler Curtis   |
|                 | Sydney Curtis  |
| <b>Students</b> | Jake Walleaur  |
| Alexandra Smith | Sean Barrett   |
| Logan Wolfe     | Brian Barrett  |
| Kendall Bosio   | Jordan Howard  |

## **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, June 19 ~ Saturday, June 25



- **Sunday:** "The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 1 Kings 21: 7. God's hope comes in the most basic of our needs. Where is God caring for you in your most basic needs?
- **Monday:** "He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. "1 Kings 21: 11-12. God was in the silence. Go in the silence looking for God. God will be found.
- **Tuesday:** "When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 21: 13. God cares for us in every challenge of our life. Turn to God in your challenges.
- **Wednesday:** "He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram." 1 Kings 21: 14-15. God gives Elijah encouragement, even in the midst of challenge. God encourages to continue serving.
- **Thursday:** "When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" Luke 8: 30. The man possessed recognized Jesus as God. Where is God calling you to recognize God?
- **Friday:** "For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)" Luke 8:29. What is God calling you to let go of that is unhealthy for you?
- **Saturday:** "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8: 39. God has done so much for each and every one of us. Where are you proclaiming how much Jesus has done for you?



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 19 through June 26, 2016

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

Sunday: FIFTH 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 and

Memory Bells Choir

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

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #4383 (#14)

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

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

**Tuesday:** 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (#1)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc. 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. Wednesday Food & Fun Night

**Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mt. Hope Youth Mission Trip Planning (Jamie's home)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 04317 (#14)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)

7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

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

Saturday:

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

Sunday: SIXTH 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

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report June 12, 2016

General Offering: \$6,140.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$80.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 151
Peace With Justice: 144.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 48 Bags

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

## Moment of Impact

Sunday Breakfast Mission

The Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington seeks to serve the homeless, addicted and impoverished through Christ-centered programs to meet their spiritual, social and physical needs. Our primary goal is to restore people to right relationship with God, their families and society. A choir from the Sunday Breakfast Mission will be singing at West Grove UMC on Friday, September 9th at noon during RAP.

## 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) Kylee Brown (Wiwel) Fran Bryan

Danny (J. Hughes' brother) Bill Davis (Mullen)

Dorothy Dean (Bratton/Farr) 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)



Ellen McCahon (Hruz) Rosemary MacCoun Margee Michaels Lynn Morgan (McClain) Tim Mullen

Ed O'Brien

Hazel Owens (Hampton)

Martha Pink

James Pollard (Yarbrough) Rick Renzulli (McGinley) Ron Ritter (Chalmers) Garrett Rogers (Lindtner) Roann Schneider 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 Weizman - 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 C. Worship—8:30/11 Jessi Timm / OPEN Lav Reader—8:30 Liturgist—11:00 **Moment All Ages** Hospitality 8:30/11 Counters

Sound Booth

This Sunday, June 19 Fred Sullivan and OPEN Margaret Rubincan and Karen Hruz Larry and Kay Yates The Featherston Family Nathan Robinson and Matt Rinehimer OPEN / Sarah Reynolds John McGinlev Janis Schrader Eileen Bushnell MA Covington / Scott Steele George Anderson and Donna Shaub B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Fred Sullivan and OPEN Margaret Rubincan and OPEN Larry and Kay Yates OPEN H. McCummings/NA/Joan Leaman Jamie Lindtner /NA/ Ken Rinehimer OPEN / OPEN Fred Sullivan TBA Joan Leaman Dawn Chalmers / Linda Peirson

Next Sunday, June 26

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service Father's Day

#### **OPEN**

\*Opening Song

"Here I Am To Worship"

PraiseWorks Band

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\*Celebration Set

"Father of Lights"
"You Are My All In All"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Passing of the Peace

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**Moment of Impact** 

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Offering

"Oceans"

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

**Commissioning for Youth Mission Trip** 

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Gathered Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song

"Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Benediction

Pastor Monica

\*Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able