

## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



Third Sunday after Pentecost New Member and Servant Recognition Sunday June 25, 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 (inspired by Psalm 86)

Margee Michaels

One: You're my God; have mercy on me. I count on you from morning to

night.

Many: Train me, God, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path.

One: Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in

joyful fear.

Many: From the bottom of my heart I thank you, dear Lord; I've never kept secret what you're up to.

One: You've always been great toward me—what love! So look me in the eye

and show kindness, give your servant the strength to go on, save your

dear, dear child!

Many: As you, God, gently and powerfully put me back on my feet.

\*Processional Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

Margee Michaels

For each day of grace, we give you thanks.
For each hour of faith, we give you thanks.
For each moment of hope, we give you thanks.
For each second of love that never ends, we give thanks.
Forgive us we pray, for each second, moment, hour, and day, when we fall short doing what we should not and leaving undone what we ought do.

May your grace, gift of faith, hope, and love

May your grace, gift of faith, hope, and love be more abundant in our lives and communities. In the name of the Abundant One, we pray, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Margee Michaels

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

**GROW** 

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

**Recognition of Sunday Morning Servants** 

Pastor Monica

Margee Michaels

**Old Testament** Genesis 3

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\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4: 1-11

Margee Michaels

\*Response to the Lesson

Margee Michaels

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Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Sermon

"Like One of Us"

Pastor Monica

### **SERVE**

\*Hymn of Response

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (twice)

**Moment of Impact** 

Youth Mission Trip

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)

Generous God, you are the source of abundant life. You reveal a great mystery: those who lose their life for the sake of your Son will find it. You call us to turn to you, even when we think we can do it on our own. May this community and the gifts offered here extend and fulfill our relationship with the God of all creation. Amen.

**Reception of New Members** 

Pastor Monica

**Gathered Prayer** 

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shirley

\*Hymn of Sending Forth

"It Is Well With My Soul"

**UMH 377** 

\*Postlude

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

<sup>\* =</sup> Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

### Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." '4But the serpent said to the woman, You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate: and she also gave some to her husband. who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, Where are you?' He said, I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent,

Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>1</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel.'

To the woman he said,

I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children,

yet your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.'

And to the man he said,

'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,

and have eaten of the tree

about which I commanded you,

"You shall not eat of it",

cursed is the ground because of you;

in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread until you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;

you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.' The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the LORD God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'—therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '
Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put
the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## 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: 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 his ministry that they may enter into his joy. 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.

## New Member Litany

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

> This morning we welcome new members into this part of the Body of Christ that we know as West Grove United Methodist Church. We are not a building - we are the gathered family of God. We acknowledge what God is doing in our lives, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church. Today we recommit ourselves to God's service, and we welcome you as members of this family in the

larger Body of Christ.

Pastor to the new members: Do you reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

### New Members: We do.

Pastor to the Congregation: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Let us stand and join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments:

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loval to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

#### New Members: I will.

Pastor: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

#### New Members: I will.

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

## **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.

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

**FAMILY PROMISE JOB POSTING:** Two part-time Van Drivers needed immediately for Family Promise of Southern Chester County. It is a paid position. If you feel called to serve the mission of Family Promise, please call Sue Minarchi, Executive Director, at 610-444-0400.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** The Mission Team will be leaving today, Sunday, June 25th, after the 8:30 worship. Join us as they are commissioned and prayed over, and continue to keep them in prayer.

**VBS HERO CENTRAL SNACK SIGN UP:** To sign up to donate items, go to our website and find the link at the top of the page for **VBS Snack Sign up.** Thank you for your support!

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Family Promise Host Week July 16-23! Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us.. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry.

**OPEN MARKET SEPTEMBER 23RD:** To help make our Open Market a success, we are in need of a few more food trucks and your help in spreading the word is appreciated! Also, if you or someone you know would like to rent a space this year, they are 20'x20' for \$20! Please contact Darlene Murphy at d123murphy@aol.com

**WEDNESDAY NITE FUN!** Join us on Wednesdays throughout the summer for some good, old summer fun! We roast hot dogs, share in other goodies brought, play games and just enjoy a time of fellowship with our friends. All ages are welcome and it is held rain or shine!

## God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship June 18, 2017

Mission and Ministry
Offering:\$5,385.75
Building Maintenance Fund: \$315.00
Anniversary Giving Year-to-Date: \$5,020.95
Endowment Fund Donations YTD: \$118.00
Worship Attendance: 174
Emergency Groceries YTD: 60 Bags
Peace With Justice Offering: \$269

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

## Moment of Impact

Youth Mission Trip

Our youth mission team will be heading out to Virginia Beach to put their hands to work! They will provide help to get their homes repaired and maintained, and offer hope by reaching out in Christian service. Work will include general home repair, painting, and deck and wheelchair construction. Pray for them as they seek to offer God's hands and receive transformation in their own lives.

### THIS WEEK: June 25 through July 2, 2017

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

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY AND SUNDAY SERVANT RECOGNITION YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO VA BEACH JUNE 25-JUNE 30

Pastor Jim is preaching today at Chatham UMC and Landenberg UMC

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

9:45 a.m. Christian Education-Adult Classes still in session 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CPR Training (8, 10 Kitchen, Lobby)

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

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Prayer Path Meeting (#2)

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 (#14)

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CPR Training (8, 10, Kitchen, Lobby)

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 Night Fun (Kitchen, Outside)

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#12)

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

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

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting (#1)

Friday: No scheduled activities.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION SUNDAY EMERGENCY AID SUNDAY

Pastor Jim Mundell preaching

**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship

Pastor Monica is on vacation Sunday, July 2. Please note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

### \*Summer Worship\*

Please note that during July and August our worship will begin 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. The summer worship schedule starts next Sunday, July 2nd!

## 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 **four Sundays**. 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

Doreen and Fred Disk

(Stryjewski) Tom Fagan

Laura Featherston Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Peg Kent

Susan Lacy (Mullen)

Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)

Rosemary MacCoun

Dave McClain

Edie Mears

Mission Trip to South Korea

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Prayer Chain

Family of Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Chain 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) 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

Next Sunday, June 25th Next Sunday, July 2nd (9:30) Ushers—8:30 Fred Sullivan OPEN Greeters—8:30 The Simonds The Lindtner Family Ushers—11:00 OPEN N/A Greeters-11:00 OPEN N/A Acolyte 8:30/11 Anna Castaldi/Nate Robinson TBA Nursery 8:30/11 M. Rubincan/OPEN Edel Mullen C. Worship—8:30/11 Amy Castaldi/OPEN OPEN SS Roamers Fran Miller NO SS Lav Reader—8:30 Rain Catoia Karen Boyd (9:30) Liturgist—11:00 Margee Michaels N/A Moment All Ages Pastor Monica Pastor Monica

Prayer Room Cindy Haley/Pastor Shirley
Hospitality 8:30/11 John Gambill

Counters The Rambergers
Soundbooth Various/K. Schneider

Rain Catoia Anderson/Shaub Various/K. Schneider

Susan Paisley



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 or look for the







## **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

Erasers
Pens
Colored pencils
Rulers
Scissors
Markers
Pencil boxes
Pencil pouches

Stickers



YOU ARE STRONG.



## **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, June 25 ~ Saturday, July 1



- **Sunday:** "but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." Genesis 3:3. God gives us everything we need and all of the guidance we need. Rest content in the knowledge that God will provide everything you need.
- **Monday:** "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate." Genesis 3: 6. Sin is catching. We sometimes encourage each other to try the thing that pulls us from God. Consider the inverse. How are you encouraging others to draw nearer to God?
- **Tuesday:** "God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'" Genesis 3:11. God knows when we have gone astray. Prayerfully confess to God who forgives.
- **Wednesday:** "Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever'— therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken." Genesis 3: 22-23. We as a people know good and evil like God. How do we use our knowledge for God's glory?
- **Thursday:** "Jesus left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria." John 4: 3-4. Samaria was to be avoided at all costs. But Jesus goes through all areas, loves all people, engages all. How is Jesus calling you to widen your connection to God's people?
- **Friday:** "Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." John 4:10. Jesus teaches people where they are. Jesus taught the Samaritan woman. Where does Jesus find you?
- **Saturday:** "The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" John 4:11. Every time, we turn to God, we are not left dry. God will provide.

## 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

### **OPEN**

\*Opening Song

"Praise Adonai"

PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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\*Celebration Set

"Because of Your Love"
"We Fall Down"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Passing of the Peace

### **GROW**

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Sermon

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### **SERVE**

### Moment of Impact and Commissioning of Youth for Mission Trip

Pastor Monica and Jamie Lindtner

**Youth:** Jake Bosio, Jordan Howard, Sean Barrett, Brian Barrett, Jake Walkeaur, Luke Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Olivia Eason, Kim Fransiscus, Lohan Wolfe **Adult Leaders:** Bob Castaldi, Carol Whelan, Eileen Bushnell, Jamie Lindtner

## Offering

Offertory Song

"Be Forgiven"

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Monica

**Reception of New Members** 

Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Frayer

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\*Closing Song

"We Cry Out"

PraiseWorks Band

\*Benediction