



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
July 2, 2017

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Communion Sunday

Prelude

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Welcome

Pastor Jim

Ministry Opportunities

Various

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member? Let us know you were here!*

*Welcoming Music

“O Come And Dwell In Me”

UMH, No. 388

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Judy Gambill

One: We gather this day to worship!

Many: But we bring with us heavy burdens which weigh us down.

One: We gather this day to praise God!

Many: But our hearts ache inside us, and we feel we can go no further.

One: Come all, who are burdened and who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.

Many: Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Judy Gambill

Lord of hope,
when the dark clouds assail,
you ask us to bear the light of your love and truth.
When fears seem to immobilize us,
you give us courage and strength to bear your witness.
We thank you for your call to us.
We praise you for your sustaining love for us.
We honor you with our lives and our service to you;
for it is in Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

Judy Gambill

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Karen Hruz

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:3-14

Judy Gambill

Response to the Lessons

Judy Gambill

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God,

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

(Children 4-10 years meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.)

Sermon	"Facing The Challenges of Life"	Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Response	"God Will Take Care Of You"	UMH, No. 130

SERVE

Moment of Impact	<i>Memorial Service at Jenner's Pond</i>	Pastor Jim
Offering	"Carry Me"	PraiseWorks Band

***Offertory Prayer** Pastor Shirley

Divine Overseer, if even a cup of water for one of your disciples does not go unnoticed, then our offerings to support the work of your church will also be rewarded. Grant us also the share of the prophet's reward and the blessing that comes in the company of good people. Amen.

***Invitation** Pastor Shirley

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor Shirley

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each of your blessings just for ourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure; for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance Pastor Shirley

The Great Thanksgiving Pastor Shirley and Pastor Jim

All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

Communion Song "Nothing" PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Shirley

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks for giving yourself at Calvary, where you carried our sins and suffered in our place. Thank you for this spiritual meal; may the bread and the juice of vine fill us with your spiritual presence as we remember your sacrifice for us. Amen.

***Song of Sending Forth** "Sing For Joy" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

New Testament Lesson: *Colossians 1:3-13 (NIV)*

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about

you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 4 (NIV)*

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the

earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." But the LORD said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod,¹ east of Eden. Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Methujael, and Methujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech. Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of ²bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah. Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times." Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on³ the name of the LORD.

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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](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

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

## ***\*Emergency Aid Fund Sunday***

*Serving those in need in our congregation and community. Envelopes for this fund are in your bulletin. The basket as you approach the communion table is a second mile offering for us to serve in these ways.*

*Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated.*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** We welcome Kaiti Beauchamp into membership.

**Miss Kaiti Beauchamp 309 E. Branch Drive, Kennett Square PA 19348 (Home) 610-444-8470 (Cell) 610-547-0842 (Email) [beauchampk.93@gmail.com](mailto:beauchampk.93@gmail.com).** Please add information to your contacts and welcome her as part of our West Grove UMC church family!

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

**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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN! This year it will continue through August 23.** 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. Rain or Shine! Join us one week or every week! Can't wait to see you there!

**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](mailto:d123murphy@aol.com)

# 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 week-ends, 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 July: Children's Ministries Mission Prayer Focus in July: The Garage, West Grove***

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)  
Family of Sarah Rose  
Massaferi (Bushnell)  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Dave McClain  
Edie Mears  
Mission Trip to South Korea



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)  
Family of 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)  
Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **Ushers—9:30**

### **This Sunday, July 2**

The Catoias  
Lindtner Family  
Mac Catoia  
Edel Mullen  
Jessi Timm  
Judy Gambill  
Karen Hruz  
Susan Paisley  
Rain Catoia  
Talley/Rambergers

### **Greeters—9:30**

### **Acolyte—9:30**

### **Nursery—9:30**

### **C. Worship—9:30**

### **Lay Reader—9:30**

### **Moment All Ages**

### **Prayer Room**

### **Hospitality—9:30**

### **Counters**

### **Next Sunday, July 9**

Fran Miller & Kay Yates  
Boyd Family  
Parker Featherston  
Carolyn Bratton  
Eileen Bushnell  
Julie Hughes  
Eileen Bushnell  
Nancy Howard  
Steve May  
Anderson/Shaub

## THIS WEEK: July 2 through July 8, 2017

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

### Sunday:

#### FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION SUNDAY AND EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m.

Blended Summer Worship

*On the first Sunday of each month, please donate to the shopping cart in the lobby to replenish the supplies in our Emergency Food Pantry. A current shopping list of supplies most needed are available on the cart.*

~Pastor Monica is on vacation for the fourth of her four Sundays for the appointment year.~

### Monday:

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Knit Wits (#1)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

SOS Ladies (#5)

### Tuesday:

**Church Office Closed in Celebration of Independence Day.**

### 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 (Outside, Kitchen)**

### Thursday:

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

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, 9, 11, 12, 13)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting (#1)

### Friday:

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

### Saturday:

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Juliets (Kennett Square)

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

### Sunday:

#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PRAYER CHAIN SERVANTS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

9:30 a.m.

Blended Summer Worship

11:00 a.m.

Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theatre)

***Celebration of Renewal Appointment:*** We welcome the re-appointment of our clergy leadership by our Bishop Peggy Johnson, effective July 1, 2017:

**Pastor Monica** as she begins her fourth year as our Lead Pastor.

**Pastor Shirley** as she begins her third year as our Associate Pastor of Congregational Care.

**Pastor Jim** as he begins his fourteenth year as our Associate Pastor and Chaplain of Jenner's Pond.

We are blessed by their leadership. Please join us in welcoming them back and continuing in prayer for their ministries.

### God's Faithfulness ~

### Your Stewardship

**Report June 25, 2017**

**General Offering: \$16,685.85**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$185.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 162**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 60 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$5,045.95**

**Prayer Path Donations: \$186.00**

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

## Moment of Impact

### Memorial Service At Jenner's Pond

We celebrate our connection with Jenner's Pond. Annually, the community remembers those who have died with a memorial service. We give thanks to God as West Grove UMC leads the community in caring well for one another in moments of joy and sorrow.

## **Meditations For Your Week**

***Sunday, July 2~ Saturday, July 8***

**Sunday:** *“Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.” Genesis 4:2.* As many people as there are, God made each one with different talents, gifts, and interests. Where is God stretching your understanding of others?

**Monday:** *“but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.” Genesis 4:5.* Sometimes it is easy to be angry. Prayerfully consider how you might offer your anger to God for God to transform and redeem it.

**Tuesday:** *“The Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.’” Genesis 4: 6-7.* Sin might always be lurking, but you must master it. Where do you need to rely on God to master your temptations?

**Wednesday:** *“Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’” Genesis 4:9.* Cain did not want any responsibility for the actions he had taken. Pray today for those who struggle with the repercussions of their actions.

**Thursday:** *“And the LORD said, ‘What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!’” Genesis 4:10.* God, creator of all, hears the cry of all of God’s people. Ask God for a heart to hear the needs of God’s people, so that you might offer yourself to them on behalf of God.

**Friday:** *“Then the Lord said to him, ‘Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.’ And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.” Genesis 4: 15.* Even when we sin, God still cares deeply for us and works for our good. Prayerfully consider God’s goodness.

**Saturday:** *“To Seth also a son was born, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to invoke the name of the Lord.” Genesis 4:26.* Invoking the name of the Lord is prayer and calling out to God. Where are you invoking the name of the Lord today? May God bless you amply.