



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2017

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

"Sonatina Spiritoso" (by Dennis Alexander)
Piano duet featuring Daphne Stingel and Betsy Smith

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Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*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!*

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 92)

Mary Franciscus

One: Sing your heart songs to God. Let testimonies babble forth from your mouth.

Many: Tell everyone of the goodness of God.

One: With piano and bass guitar, with microphone and mouthed words, we all sing God's praises.

Many: The thoughts of God are deep and often hard to comprehend.

One: But God never deserts the people of God, calling us again and again to turn to God,

Many: Those who turn to God have roots like palm tree and cedars. Through their lives, they produce God sightings.

*Opening Song

"And Can it Be"

UMH No. 363, Vv. 1,4,5

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (written by Ruth C. Duck)

Mary Franciscus

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ, who came to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us by your love that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world.

Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Mary Franciscus

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages and Moment of Impact

VBS

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:18-10:1

Mary Franciscus

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Mary Franciscus

Response to the Lessons

Mary Franciscus

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

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

***Song of Preparation** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” PraiseWorks Band

(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 “Who Do I Get THAT From?” Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response** “He Touched Me” UMH No. 367

Offering Pastor Jim

***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)** Pastor Jim

**God of hope, you never leave us where you found us. God of strength,
you give us all we need. God of power, bless these gifts from our
hands. Bless and multiply them to be the evidence of God’s love for
them. In the name of the God of love, we pray, Amen.**

Gathered Prayer Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** “In Jesus’ Name” PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 9:18-10:1

The sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled.

Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard. He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backwards and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, he said,

Cursed be Canaan;

lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers.'

He also said,

'Blessed by the LORD my God be Shem;

and let Canaan be his slave.

May God make space for Japheth,

and let him live in the tents of Shem;

and let Canaan be his slave.'

After the flood Noah lived for three hundred and fifty years. All the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

These are the descendants of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; children were born to them after the flood.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 Maryann Lynch
(Bowers)
Family of Sarah Rose
Massaferi (Bushnell)
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)
Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Family of Kristina Roberts
(Phillips)
Roann Schneider
Rick Spencer (K. Smith)
Stephen Spitko (Howard)
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)
Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Ron and Marliiss 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

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

Soundbooth

This Sunday, July 16th

The Delaneys
Pat Heist & Margaret Rubincan
Joshua Robinson
Jamie Lindtner
Kristin Boyd
Mary Franciscus
VBS
Cindy Haley
OPEN
The Stuhrkes
Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, July 23rd

Joan Saller
OPEN
Cecelia Figueroa
Heather McCummings
Amy Simonds
Rain Catoia
Joan Leaman
OPEN
The Covingtons
Bowers/Beauchamp
Keith Schneider & various

THIS WEEK: July 16 through July 23, 2017

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

Sunday:

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FAMILY PROMISE (JULY 16-23)**

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal Blended Summer Worship

Monday:

9:30: a.m.-11:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Knit Wits (#1)
SOS Ladies (#5)
Bi-Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

40 Day Group (#2)
Finance Meeting (#1)
Yoga (Sanctuary)
Ad Council (#1)

Wednesday:

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
Wednesday Food & Fun Night (Outside, Kitchen)

Thursday:

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Music Practice (#6)
Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)

Friday:

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

UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

Saturday:

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Vision Reconnect Meeting (#1)
Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Sunday:

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PraiseWorks Rehearsal Blended Summer Worship

*Pastor Monica will be open vacation starting after worship on July 23rd through July 28th.
Betsy will be on vacation July 23rd.*

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report July 9, 2017

General Offering: \$8, 749.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$420.00

Blended Worship Attendance: 174

Emergency Groceries YTD: 64 bags

Anniversary Giving YTD: \$5, 330.95

Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$135.00

Current balance-\$ 2, 247.03

Goal-\$10,000

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

Moment of Impact

VBS

We give thanks to God for 121 children at VBS learning that God's heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power. We give thanks to God for 50 helpers (adults and youth who are guiding children on this journey and learning themselves about being superheroes for God! For each one who meets

Jesus for the first time, we give God thanks. For each one who knows Jesus more after this week, we give God thanks. For each seed planted, we pray for growth and fruit in the lives of children, youth, and adults!

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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.***

**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. Please see Janice Bowers to be an evening host or bring supplies.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is available after each service on Sunday to pray with a member of the Prayer Ministry Team or offer your own prayer for those in need.

**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).

**PRAYER WARRIORS:** If you would like to join our prayer team, please see Pastor Shirley for more information.

**JULY 30TH IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!** Bring your coins! The fifth Sunday of the month is our coin collection! This month's generous donations will benefit The Les Family. The Les Family, in Ukraine, are missionaries that we have supported for decades in their ministry.

**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!

**VISION RECONNECT:** We have met regularly to discern and evaluate the mission of West Grove. All are welcome to join us on July 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., as we reconnect. See Pastor Monica for more details.

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### ***Sunday, July 16~ Saturday, July 22***

**Sunday:** *“Noah drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent.” Genesis 9: 21.* Prayerfully consider this chapter in Noah’s journey. After listening well to God, Noah finds himself in a compromising situation. God never walked away from Noah, but rather, his own choices complicated his life. Prayerfully ask God to show you where you need to be aware of compromising situations in your life.

**Monday:** *“And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.” Genesis 9: 22.* Gossip is tempting. Where do you need to confess?

**Tuesday:** *“Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backwards and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.” Genesis 9:23.* Shem and Japheth sought grace and dignity for their father. Where can you offer grace and dignity?

**Wednesday:** *“May God make space for Japheth, and let him live in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his slave.” Genesis 9: 27.* God’s character makes space for people. Prayerfully ask God where you can be making space for others.

**Thursday:** *“Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,” 1 Peter 3: 13-14.* Fear is not the language of love. Listen through your fear for God’s way of love.

**Friday:** *“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3: 17.* Where is God calling you to do good, seek peace, and go after it? (Our VBS superheroes learned this!)

**Saturday:** *“When God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him” 1 Peter 3: 20b-22.* Pause in prayer to thank God for the life of Jesus that does not leave us to do it all on our own!