



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 30, 2017

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

OPEN

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

Matthew Rinehimer

One: Grace and Peace to you, from the One true God.

Many: Blessing from Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: May the communion of the Holy Spirit bless us abundantly. Amen.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Matthew Rinehimer

**Traveling God,
you call us from those places where we are comfortable
to follow you into the unknown.
As you, O God, set Abram, Sarai,
and Lot on a journey,
you call us to follow in trust, where we may not know.
Help us to trust where we have not seen
that you, O God, are able to make us more than we have been
and blesses us on the way.
In your blessed name, we pray, Amen.**

*Opening Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

PraiseWorks Band

*Passing of the Peace

Matthew Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Julie Hughes

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12: 1-9

Matthew Rinehimer

New Testament Lesson

James 1:2-12

Matthew Rinehimer

Response to the Lessons

Matthew Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God, Amen.

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PraiseWorks Band

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Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

New Testament Lesson: James 1: 2-12

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

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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.***

**TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!** 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.

**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY:** Today we will be celebrating Jamie Lindtner's seven years of ministry with us. We thank her for her ministry and service. We are praying God's blessings on the next chapter of ministry for her and her family.

**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! We are looking forward to BBQ, tacos, ice cream from the Boy Scouts, and popcorn from our church. Also, if you or someone you know would like to rent a space this year, they are 20'x20' for \$20! Pop-up tents for our vendors are also needed. Please contact Darlene Murphy at [d123murphy@aol.com](mailto:d123murphy@aol.com). Mark your calendars to join us for good food and great artisans!

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

**PRAYER CHAIN NOTICE:** It is our privilege to be in prayer. If you would like your prayer request to be on the prayer chain, please share your prayer requests with the church office, Pastor Monica, Pastor Shirley, and on the weekends to Sara Ann Ramberger. We will send it out to the prayer chain. This allows us to make sure we have the most current list of prayers joining us in prayer. Please do not use a previous email to send it out yourself. Thank you for helping us as we pray together for our joys and concerns.

**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.

**PRAYER BEAD GARDEN GROUNDBREAKING:** We are very happy to announce that the groundbreaking for the Prayer Bead Garden will be after worship on **Sunday, August 20th**. Please plan to join us in worship as we begin inside and process outside to we prepare to create a place of prayer for generations to come.

**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!

## THIS WEEK: July 30 through August 6, 2017

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

### Sunday: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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| 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m. | PraiseWorks Rehearsal<br>Blended Summer Worship<br>Celebration of Ministry for Jamie Lindtner and Ice Cream Social |
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| <b>Monday:</b> | 9:30: a.m.-11:30 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Knit Wits (#1)<br>SOS Ladies (#5)<br>Visitors Team (#3) |
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| <b>Tuesday:</b> | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Bi Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)<br>Trustee Meeting (#1)<br>Yoga (Sanctuary) |
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| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.<br><b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</b> | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)<br><b>Wednesday Food &amp; Fun Night (Outside, Kitchen)</b> |
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| <b>Thursday:</b> | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.<br>6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Music Practice (#6)<br>Prayer Bead Garden meeting (#2)<br>Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)<br>SPRC (#1) |
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| <b>Friday:</b> | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10) |
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| <b>Saturday:</b> | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10) |
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### Sunday: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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| 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>2:00 p.m. | PraiseWorks Rehearsal<br>Blended Summer Worship<br>Twin Pines Worship |
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*Pastor Monica will be on vacation starting August 6th, after worship, through August 13th.*

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report July 23, 2017**

**General Offering: \$7,282.90**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$225.00**

**Blended Worship Attendance: 168**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 84 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$6,477.95**

**Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$20.00**

**Current balance-\$ 2,277.03**

**Goal-\$10,000**

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

## Moment of Impact

### *Youth Ministry*

For the last seven years, we have been blessed by Jamie Lindtner as our Youth Director. We give thanks to God for the wisdom and guidance, direction and encouragement that she has provided to our students, their families, our congregation, and our community. We pray God's greatest blessings upon her, John, Asher, and Hannah as they seek the next ministry to which God will call them.

# 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  
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
Family of Doreen Disk  
Fred Disk (Stryjewski)  
Tom Fagan  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Gary Fratz (Hendrickson)  
Jerry Frost (Frost)  
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  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Family of Kristina Roberts  
(Phillips)  
Roann Schneider  
Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
Stephen Spitko (Howard)  
Lorrie Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)  
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson



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 30th**

Ralph and Chris Curtiss

### **Greeters—9:30**

The Catoias

### **Acolyte—9:30**

Mac Catoia

### **Nursery—9:30**

Chris Bruno

### **C. Worship—9:30**

Maryanne Covington

### **Lay Reader—9:30**

Matthew Rinehimer

### **Moment All Ages**

Julie Hughes

### **Prayer Room**

Cindy Haley

### **Hospitality—9:30**

Don Hurst

### **Counters**

Dave Talley

### **Soundbooth**

Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, August 6th**

The Bushnells

The Boyds

Matthew Rinehimer

Margaret Rubincan

Amy Castaldi

Mike Chalmers

Karen Hruz

Pam Howard

Rain Catoia

Bowers/Beauchamp

Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

**Sunday, July 30~ Saturday, August 5**

**Sunday:** *“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’” Genesis 12: 1-2.* God’s call to Abram was a call to go! Consider God might be calling you outside of your comfort zone and blessing you there!

**Monday:** *“I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* Genesis 12:3. Pray for those who curse you, today.

**Tuesday:** *“Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.”* Genesis 12:5. Abram’s call was for the blessing of his family and his wider community. What God’s call for you, means you are serving our community. Pray today for strength to follow God’s call.

**Wednesday:** *“From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.”* Genesis 12: 8. Abram invoked the name of the Lord everywhere he was. Where are you praying to know God’s presence?

**Thursday:** *“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.”* James 1:2-4. Trials are not sent by God, but redeemed by God. Offer your trials to God.

**Friday:** *“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.”* James 1:5. In what area of your life, do you need to pray for wisdom?

**Saturday:** *“Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”* James 1:12. Receive the blessing of God as you endure temptation. Ask God to strengthen you.