



West Grove United Methodist Church

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300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 13, 2017

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

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Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

*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

Sue Curtis

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: We will be glad and rejoice in it.

One: For us, this is the hour the Lord has made.

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sue Curtis

Lord, today we recall your faithfulness.

**Thank you that you walk with us everyday,
that you are with us in each moment.**

**Thank you that your promises are true
and your goodness never fails us.**

In this moment we come to you and we lay our lives before you.

May we worship and adore you with every fiber of our being.

**May everything within us cry "Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come".**

**And so today we join with all those who worship and confess you as Lord,
from generations past and present,**

and with all the angels that sing in heaven of your greatness and beauty.

Lord we adore you. Lord we love you.

Lord you are so precious to us. Amen.

(http://www.living-prayers.com/events/opening_prayer.html#ixzz4nWSGzD6w)

*Opening Song

"Sing, Sing, Sing"

PraiseWorks Band

*Passing of the Peace

PraiseWorks Band

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Shirley

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 16

Sue Curtis

New Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Sue Curtis

Response to the Lessons

Sue Curtis

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

"Testimonies"

Pastor Shirley

***Song of Response**

"Victory in Jesus"

UMH, No. 390

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Prayer Room

Pastor Shirley

Offering

Pastor Shirley

Offertory Song

"Trust and Obey"

PraiseWorks Band

***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 Shirley

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we
bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your
purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. In Jesus'
name, Amen.**

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song**

"Testify To Love"

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Pastor Shirley

***Postlude**

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
In celebration of Pastor Monica and Steve's Anniversary
and

In Loving Memory of Mark Mastrocola, brother of Lynn
Jackson and Given by Wes and Lynn Jackson



Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 16

Abram's wife Sarai had never had any children by him. But she had a female slave from Egypt named Hagar. So she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go and sleep with my slave. Maybe I can have a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai had said. His wife Sarai gave him her slave Hagar to be his wife. That was after he had been living in Canaan for ten years. Then he slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to look down on the woman who owned her. Then Sarai said to Abram, "It's your fault that I'm suffering like this. I put my slave in your arms. Now that she knows she's pregnant, she looks down on me. May the LORD judge between you and me. May he decide which of us is right."

"Your slave belongs to you," Abram said. "Do with her what you think is best." Then Sarai treated Hagar badly. So Hagar ran away from her.

The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring of water in the desert. The spring was beside the road to Shur. The angel said, "Hagar, you are Sarai's slave. Where have you come from? Where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my owner Sarai," she answered.

Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to the woman who owns you. Obey her." The angel continued, "I will give you and your family many children. There will be more of them than anyone can count."

The angel of the LORD also said to her,

"You are now pregnant and will have a son.

You will name him Ishmael, because the LORD has heard about your suffering.

He will be like a wild donkey.

He will use his power against everyone, and everyone will be against him. He will not get along with any of his family."

She gave a name to the LORD who spoke to her. She called him "You are the God who sees me." That's because she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That's why the well was named Beer Lahai Roi. It's still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

So Hagar had a son by Abram and Abram gave him the name Ishmael. Abram was 86 years old when Hagar had Ishmael by him.

New Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29: 11-13

"I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come. Then you will call out to me. You will come and pray to me. And I will listen to you. When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me."

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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 NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY:** Today we join thousands of other United Methodists to celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. Native American Ministries Sunday is the United Methodist family's way to support our Native American congregations and ministries so they can serve and worship with their communities as only they can. The Special Sunday offering allows us to continue to support Native American pastors and communities through scholarships and funds.

**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 pray-ers 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 prepare to create a place of prayer for generations to come.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN 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!

**PLANTING SEEDS FOR MINISTRY GROWTH-SEPTEMBER 30TH,** Hopewell United Methodist Church, Downingtown, PA. **Registration is now open!** For more information go to <http://www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds>.

## THIS WEEK: August 13 through August 20, 2017

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

*Pastor Monica is on vacation through Sunday, August 13*

### Sunday:

### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### Native American Sunday

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship-Pastor Shirley preaching  
11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)

### Monday:

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Prayer Bead Garden Meeting (#2)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

### Tuesday:

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CMO Advisory Board Meeting (#4)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#1)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanctuary)

### 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)**  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

### Thursday:

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Music Practice (#6)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Meeting (#3)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 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:

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship

***Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, August 20 is hosted by the Youth Ministry team***

*Pastor Jim will be on vacation from August 14th through September 16th.*

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report August 6, 2017

General Offering: \$5,772.26  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$440.00  
Blended Worship Attendance: 119  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 91 bags  
Anniversary Giving YTD: \$6,882.95  
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$200.00  
Total amount received: \$3,726.00  
Goal-\$10,000

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

## Moment of Impact

### Prayer Room

At WGUMC, our Prayer Room is an inspirational place with readings, scripture, a place to pray, and prayer boards to post your prayer request. Every Sunday a prayer person is available after the service to lift up prayers with you. All are welcome to use the prayer room. Our prayer room is in the sanctuary which is easy to access.

# 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 August: Sunday School Program Mission Prayer Focus in August: Twin Pines***

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Peter Bielawski

(Howard)

Fran Bryan

George Byrne (Yarbrough)

Anne Cantrell (Mullen)

Joann Coates

Lane Cornette (Rubincan)

Theresa Cranmer (A. Boyd)

Dee Crawford

Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)

Family of Doreen Disk

Fred Disk (Stryjewski)

Tom Fagan

Laura Featherston

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Jerry Frost (Frost)

Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Muff & Don Hurst

Peg Kent

Susan Lacy (Mullen)

Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)



Rosemary MacCoun

Dave McClain

Donna Meyer (A. Boyd)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Peggy Mowrer

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Nancy Pearo (Heist)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Roann Schneider

Pat Smart (A. Boyd)

Rick Spencer (K. Smith)

Stephen Spitko (Howard)

Jeannie Sullivan

Lorrie Steele

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)

Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)

Danny Tiderman (Hughes)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,

Chesapeake, VA

(The Rambergers)

Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ

(Lynne Strawhecker)

Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

Ed Tolmie

## **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, August 13th**

The Catoias

The Halesy

Ian Ditzel

Ken Rinehimer

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Sue Curtis

Pastor Shirley

Susan Paisley

The Stuhrkes

The Rambergers

Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, August 20th**

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J. LeSturgeon

Amy Castaldi

Kristin Boyd

Judy Gambill

Joan Leaman

Pastor Shirley

The Chalmers

The Stuhrkes

Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### **Sunday, August 13-Saturday, August 19**



**Sunday:** *“Abram’s wife Sarai had never had any children by him. But she had a female slave from Egypt named Hagar. So she said to Abram, “The LORD has kept me from having children. Go and sleep with my slave. Maybe I can have a family through her.” Genesis 16:1-2* God’s Promises is throughout the Scriptures. When have you taken God’s Promises into your own hands?

**Monday:** *“When Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to look down on the woman who owned her. Then Sarai said to Abram, “It’s your fault that I’m suffering like this. I put my slave in your arms. Now that she knows she’s pregnant, she looks down on me.” Genesis 16:4-5* Reflect on how Adam and Eve did the same with fault, blame and mistakes.

**Tuesday:** *“Your slave belongs to you,” Abram said. “Do with her what you think is best.” Then Sarai treated Hagar badly. So Hagar ran away from her. Hagar was running from her problems.” Genesis 16:6* Go to God in prayer with your problems.

**Wednesday:** *“The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring of water in the desert. The spring was beside the road to Shur.” Genesis 16:7* What does a spring of water feel like to you? Take time today and feel the spring of water.

**Thursday:** *“The angel said, “Hagar, you are Sarai’s slave. Where have you come from? Where are you going?” “I’m running away from my owner Sarai,” she answered.” Genesis 16:8* Where in your life is God nudging you to reflect and question where you are going?

**Friday:** *“I know the plans I have for you,” announces the LORD. “I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.” Jeremiah 29:11* Are you in complete confidence that God has a plan for you?

**Saturday:** *“Then you will call out to me. You will come and pray to me. And I will listen to you. When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.” Jeremiah 29:12-13* Call out to God, pray to Him, then listen with all your heart.