



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Communion and Emergency Food Pantry Sunday**  
***September 3, 2017***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### 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 (Responsive)

Becky Rinehimer

One: For new beginnings and resilience as we continue,

**Many: Blessed be the God of new creation.**

One: For all who bring joy and celebration this day,

**Many: Blessed be the God of delight.**

One: For all those who carry burden and concern, hesitation, and challenge,

**Many: Blessed be the God who reigns above!**

### \*Processional Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

UMH 126, Vv. 1-3

### \*Opening Prayer

Becky Rinehimer

**God of Life, we praise you on this day  
for your providence and steadfast presence in our life.**

**You, who reign above, never remain above us,  
but always embrace and encourage us.**

**Let us open our ears to hear how you are calling us  
to imitate your incarnational and invitational life. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Becky Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moments for All Ages

Pastor Shirley

### Old Testament Lesson

*Genesis 20:10-12, 17  
Genesis 21:1-20*

Becky Rinehimer

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 16:24-28*

Becky Rinehimer

### \*Response to the Lessons

Becky Rinehimer

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

**“We Are Not Alone” or “God Is There”**

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children’s Worship.

Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10.

Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

### Sermon

*“God’s Got Your Back”*

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

### \*Hymn of Response

“God is Speaking”

WS 3025

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Response** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn 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  
**For each way in which you provide for us, O God, we give you thanks. We**  
**praise you for springs of water in the desert. Like Hagar, we turn to you**  
**when we feel as though we have no options. We remember that Hagar**  
**discovered that you, O God, are the God who sees us! Bless these gifts and**  
**receive our tithes from your providence for us. May we, like Hagar turn to**  
**God. In the name of the One who sees us, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Shirley

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley

**The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *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 Monica

**Communion Hymn** “Take Our Bread” UMH 640

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given**  
**yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves**  
**for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** “God Will Take Care of You” UMH 130

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Choral Benediction** “Amen” Chancel Choir

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

**Gospel Lessons: Matthew 16: 24-28**

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

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## Old Testament Lessons: Genesis 20:10-12, 17 and 21: 1-20 (The Voice, paraphrased)

**Abimelech (to Abraham):** What have you done to us? What were you thinking? What have I ever done to deserve your bringing such great shame and guilt on me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done to another human being.

**Abraham:** I did it for my own protection. I did it because I thought this was not a God-fearing place, and I was afraid you would surely kill me to possess my wife. Besides, it isn't entirely a lie. She really is my sister. She's the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother. But, of course, she did become my wife.

Abraham prayed to God on Abimelech's behalf, and God healed Abimelech. He also healed the infertility that plagued Abimelech's wife and female slaves enabling them to again bear children.

The Eternal One kept His promise, and Sarah conceived and gave birth to Abraham's son (in their advanced age) exactly as the Eternal had indicated. Abraham named his child, who was born to Sarah, Isaac; and Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, just as God had told him to do.

Abraham was already one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

**Sarah:** God had graced me with the gift of laughter! To be sure, everyone who hears my story will laugh with me. Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would one day nurse children? Yet I have given birth to his son at this late stage in life!

Time went on, and Isaac grew and was weaned from his mother. Abraham prepared a special feast in Isaac's honor, to celebrate the day he was weaned. But a damper was put on the day when Sarah saw the son of Hagar (the Egyptian girl) bore for Abraham laughing and teasing her son. She became jealous and demanded of Abraham:

**Sarah:** Throw this slave woman and her son out right now! The son of this slave is not going to share inheritance along with my son, Isaac, if I have anything to do with it!

Sarah's demand was extremely distressing to Abraham, since Ishmael was also his son. But God assured Abraham.

**Eternal One:** Don't worry about the young man and your servant. Go along with whatever Sarah says, for through Isaac your covenant children will be named. As for the son of the slave woman, I will take care of him. I will raise up a nation through him as well because he is also your son.

So Abraham got up early in the morning, took bread and a container of water, and gave them to Hagar. He placed them on her shoulder, gave her the child-his firstborn-and sent her away. She left and wandered in the wilderness near Beersheba. When the water in the container was all gone, in desperation she left the child under the shade of one of the bushes. Then she walked off and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away.

**Hagar:** I can't bear to watch my child die. (Though Ishmael is about 16 years old at this time, she still considers him her child.)

As she sat there, she cried loudly. God heard the voice of young Ishmael, and a messenger of God called out to Hagar from heaven.

**Messenger:** Why are you so upset, Hagar? Don't be afraid. God has heard the voice of young Ishmael. Come now, lift him up, and take him by the hand. I have plans to make a great nation from his descendants!

Then God opened Hagar's eyes. She looked up from her grief and saw a well of water not far away. She went over to it, filled the container she carried with water, and gave the young man a drink. God watched over him for the rest of his life. Ishmael grew up, lived in the wilderness, and became an expert archer.

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

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



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit.

**LABOR DAY TIME OF PRAYER (Lectio Divina):** As the summer is ending, and the pace is changing, we need prayer more than ever. Come together on **Labor Day, Monday, September 4 at 10:00 am to 10:45 am** in the sanctuary for a time of prayer in moving us forward and at the same time settling in His Presence and letting scripture capture us. All are welcome. The Prayer Ministry.

**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.

**FAITH LEARNING ACADEMY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH:** Plan on joining us on September 10th as we kick off our Sunday School experiences for adults and children. More details on offerings for adults to follow. Can't wait to see you then!

**SAFE SANCTUARIES:** As many of you know, our conference has developed a policy called "Safe Sanctuaries", in an effort to keep children, youth and vulnerable adults who participate in programs in our church, safe. Volunteers who work within these programs are required to have background checks every three years. These include a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance. With Sunday School and many other programs beginning after a summer break, please take time to check if your clearances are up-to-date. Look for more information in the September newsletter. If you have any questions, see (Fran Miller), or email her at [jmille8698@verizon.net](mailto:jmille8698@verizon.net) or call [610-869-8935](tel:610-869-8935).

**RAP:** RAP's first meeting of the new season will be held **Friday, September 8 at 12:00 noon**. Remember to bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided. In addition, each month this year our gathering will be coordinated/hosted by one or two of our members. Kathryn Steele is our September coordinator and she is very pleased to introduce our program **"Humor in Politics"** presented by Ray McKay. Kathryn says that the program is not political in nature, but will be full of whimsical quotes by several familiar individuals.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS— Save the Date! Sunday, October 1, 2017, 1:00 p.m.**

**At the Gazebo in Harmony Park (Harmony Road & N. Guernsey Road)** The animals in our lives, from the smallest fish to the largest horse, bring us great joy, comfort, laughter and purpose. They are a part of our families and our hearts and deserve God's special blessings. Bring your pets, large and small for a time of prayer and blessing just for them. Dogs must be on leashes; smaller animals need to be in crates or cages. Horses, sheep, and goats are welcome as well, under the attentive eyes of their owners. Invite your fellow animal lovers to receive pet treats and God's blessings for their man's (and woman's!) best friends!

## SECOND ANNUAL OPEN MARKET

West Grove United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Market  
Saturday, September 23, 2017  
9:00-2:00

300 N. Guernsey Rd  
West Grove, PA

Vendors and Food Trucks



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017  
9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

**To help make our Open Market a success, we need YOU!**

We are so blessed to have such wonderful artists and crafters in our community: Artists, woodworkers, etched glass, embroidery, potters, wood carvers, crochet items, handmade cards, wreath makers, alpaca items, etc. The list continues as we find the talented individuals within our own community. In addition to having vendors we have FOOD: BBQ, Pizza, Tacos, Chicken Sliders and Fries, Ice Cream, Popcorn, and more!

This is a wonderful opportunity to find to start your holiday shopping and find beautiful, unique gifts for someone special. Save yourself the hassle of the malls!

**See you at the Market and come fill your basket!!!!**

**Please help if you can:** We are in need of pop-up tents for vendor use at the Open Market on September 23. Tents should have your name on them and be at the church by Friday, September 22 at noon. If anyone can loan us one for the day please Darlene Murphy at [d123murphy@aol.com](mailto:d123murphy@aol.com), so that she can obtain an accurate account.



## Save the Date!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FORUM

Thursday, September 14th, 2017  
6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

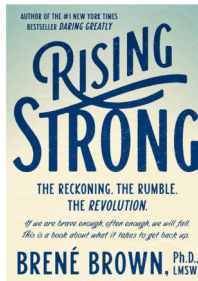
Our Children's Ministry is vital to the fullness of our community. We at West Grove, are blessed by children of all ages. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on September 14th in the Sanctuary, as we discuss a way forward for this year for our children. All leadership and parents of children, as well as anyone who cares about Children's Ministry are invited. We hope to see you there!

## RISE STRONG!!

### An Upcoming Sunday School Experience

Healing and hope rises strong when we dare to be vulnerable. Strong men and women find hope as they work to develop vulnerability in relationships. No one speaks more profoundly to this hope than Brene Brown. Millions of her books have been sold and her first TED TALK ranks among the top five in popularity. We will be reading and discussing her book *Rising Strong* during the Sunday School hour. **Please join us for an introductory video on September 10th in Room 2, to see if this class will be your time to rise strong.**

God created us in love, for love. The desire to belong, to be loved, and accepted just as we are, burns within our very being. Sometimes our own fears of being rejected, or inner shame keeps us from speaking the truth about what we feel, think, or believe. The consequence is that the joy and integrity of the give and take of loving relationships are lacking. The true communion that God longs for us to experience is limited. Let's get together and explore ways to enhance communion and Christian community.





## *Hurricane Harvey*

So many of our hearts have been broken as we have seen images of devastation and spoken to family members and friends in the path of destruction in Texas and Louisiana. We add our prayers for safety and protection for all those who are still in need of rescue. We add our prayers for those who are beginning to see subsiding flood waters and wonder what comes next.

Many of you have asked, how can you help?

**1. We encourage you to support UMCOR** United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is already on the ground in Texas providing assistance and mobilizing resources. Early Response teams were prepared with the resources we and others have previously given. When you give to **UMCOR 100% of your gift goes to the designated disaster that you note.**

- a. We will also have envelopes in the bulletin on Sunday for this purpose.
- b. We encourage you to support our UMCOR efforts by bringing in pieces for flood buckets. When an area experiences a flood, UMCOR supplies these buckets to those in need.

Cleaning Kit Value: \$65.00 per kit  
Cleaning Kit Materials • 1 5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid • Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned • Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner • Advertisements on the outside are acceptable • Liquid laundry detergent • One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only • Liquid household cleaner • 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water • No spray cleaners • Dish soap • 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand • 50 Clothespins • Clothesline • One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines • Cotton or plastic • 7 Sponges • No cellulose sponges due to mold issues • Remove from packaging • 24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags • 33-45 gallon sizes • Remove from the box • 18 Cleaning wipes • Handi-wipes or reusable wipes • No terry cleaning towels • Remove from packaging • 1 Can air freshener • Aerosol or pump • 1 Insect-repellant spray • 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover • 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves Last updated August 2017 • Should be durable enough for multiple uses • Remove from packaging • 1 Pair work gloves • All Cotton • All Leather • Cotton with Leather Palm • 5 Scouring pads • Remove from wrapper • No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in) • 1 Scrub brush • Plastic or wood handle • 5 Dust masks  
Assembly Directions Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.  
Important Notes • All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid. • All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please. • If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing. • If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.  
Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions • Box weight: Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds. • Complete 2 packing lists: One for your records and one to put on the shipping box. • Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits. • Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Bucket you send. This donation enables Cleaning Buckets to be sent to areas in need.

**Consider joining us on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Christiana HUB as we bring our supplies and pack buckets and kits to go to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and other disasters.**

Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in need.

*“Then Jesus will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25: 40.*

## THIS WEEK: September 3 through September 10, 2017

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

*The first Sunday of the month is usually our Emergency Aid Fund collection, however, we decided for this week that we will be collecting for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The basket as you approach communion is an opportunity to give to UMCOR for Hurricane Harvey relief projects.*

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| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br><b>Labor Day Sunday</b><br><b>Communion Sunday &amp; Emergency Aid Sunday</b> |                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                       | 8:30 a.m.                                                                                                                 | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band             |
|                                                                                                                                       | 11:00 a.m.                                                                                                                | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir                 |
| <b>Monday:</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Labor Day Time of Prayer (Sanc.)</b>                  |                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | SOS Ladies (#5)                                            |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                                                                                                                       | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                                                                                                      | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                               |
|                                                                                                                                       | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                                                                                                      | Bi-Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)                                 |
|                                                                                                                                       | 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.                                                                                                       | Jr. Girl Scouts #447 (#8 & 10)                             |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Jr. Girl Scouts #498                                       |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8 & 10)                           |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | 40 Day Group (#2)                                          |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.                                                                                                       | Finance meeting (#3)                                       |
|                                                                                                                                       | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                                                                                                       | Trustees Meeting (#1)                                      |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>                                                                                                                     | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                                                                                                      | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                               |
|                                                                                                                                       | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                         |
|                                                                                                                                       | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                                                                                                       | Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)                        |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                                                                                                                      | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                                                                                                      | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                               |
|                                                                                                                                       | 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Jr. Girl Scouts #4567 (#8 & 10)                            |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Daisy Girl Scouts #461 (#12)                               |
|                                                                                                                                       | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                                       |
|                                                                                                                                       | 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)                         |
|                                                                                                                                       | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                                                                                                       | Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)                |
| <b>Friday:</b>                                                                                                                        | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                                                                                                      | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                               |
|                                                                                                                                       | 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                                                                                                      | <b>R.A.P. (Retired Active People) (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)</b> |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                                                                                                      | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                    | <b>JULIET Breakfast- Sunrise Café, Kennett Square</b>      |
|                                                                                                                                       | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.                                                                                                     | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)                          |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br><b>Sunday School Kickoff</b>                                                  |                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                       | 8:30 a.m.                                                                                                                 | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band             |
|                                                                                                                                       | 9:45 a.m.                                                                                                                 | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy                   |
|                                                                                                                                       | 11:00 a.m.                                                                                                                | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir                 |
| <i>Pastor Jim Mundell is on vacation from 8/14/17 until 9/15/17.</i><br><i>Pastor Shirley is on vacation 9/09/17 through 9/15/17.</i> |                                                                                                                           |                                                            |

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report August 27, 2017

**General Offering: \$ 6,444.65**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$150.00**  
**Blended Worship Attendance: 142**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 102 bags**  
**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$7,114.95**  
**Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$1,755.00**  
**Total amount received: \$5,676.00 Goal-\$10,000**

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

## Moment of Impact

Over the last year, we have offered courses in Daring Abundantly, based on the books by Brene Brown. Brene states that, "Vulnerability is not winning or losing; it's having the courage to show up and be seen when we have no control over the outcome. Vulnerability is not weakness; it's our greatest measure of courage." Consider joining us in September as we continue to explore this all-encompassing path of Daring Greatly and Rising Strong.

# 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 September: Ad Council** **Mission Prayer Focus in September: Children's Morning Out Preschool**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Peter Bielawski  
(Howard)

Fran Bryan

George Byrne

(Yarbrough)

Anne Cantrell (Mullen)

Joann Coates

Theresa Cranmer (A. Boyd)

Dee Crawford

Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)

Fred Disk (Stryjewski)

Tom Fagan

Laura Featherston

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Family of Jerry Frost (Frost)

Family of Scott Hart (Saller)

Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Muff & Don Hurst

Lynn Jackson

Peg Kent

William Kirwin

Susan Lacy (Mullen)



Russell Ludwick  
(Ramberger)

Rosemary MacCoun

Dave McClain

Donna Meyer (A. Boyd)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Peggy Mowrer

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sherry Russell

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 - Qatar (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**

### **This Sunday, September 3rd**

**Ushers—8:30**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Ushers—11:00**

**Greeters—11:00**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Prayer Room 8:30/11**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

The Aucotts

The McGinleys

The Featherstons

Esther Culbertson

Anna Castaldi/Alisabeth Guepet

McCummings/K. Smith/K. Rinehimer

Kristin Boyd/OPEN

Karen Hruz

Susan Paisley

Pastor Shirley

Pam Howard/Pastor Shirley

Rain Catoia/The Stuhrkes

Talley/Michaels

Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, September 10th**

The Bushnells

The Hills

OPEN

OPEN

Figueroa/Featherston

Bruno/Catoia/Castaldi

Castaldi/Leaman

Carolyn Barrett

Becky Rinehimer

Pastor Monica

Pam Howard/Susan Paisley

Steve May/The Stuhrkes

Ramberger

Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### **Sunday, September 3rd-Saturday, September 9th**

**Sunday:** *“God replied to Abimelech still in his dream, “Yes, I know you did this with integrity in your heart. It was I who prevented you from crossing the line.” Genesis 20:6. Your integrity is seen by God and supported by God. Where do you need God to help you stick to your principles?*

**Monday:** *“God graced me with the gift of laughter! To be sure, everyone who hears my story will laugh with me!” Genesis 21:6. Join others in their moments of holy laughter! Open yourself up to sharing your story as well and letting others see God in your life!*

**Tuesday:** *“God watched over him for the rest of his life” Genesis 21:20a. God’s commitment to watching over Ishmael did not even; not does God’s commitment to watch over you. Thanks be to God!*

**Wednesday:** *“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16: 24. Where has your pride gotten in the way of the work to which Jesus has called you?*

**Thursday:** *“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 16:25. Work for Jesus often takes us into places and conversations that we did not expect. Pray for God to open your heart to your expectations be open to where God is leading.*

**Friday:** *“For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?” Matthew 16:26. Consider how you might focus on working for the kingdom, instead of working for your own reputation.*

**Saturday:** *“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.” Matthew 16: 27. We often imagined repaid to be negative. Where is your life being lived in such a way that God’s delight would be the response to what you have done?*

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

*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 were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Be Glorified"  
"You Are Here" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Shirley

**Old Testament Lesson** *Genesis 20:10-12, 17*  
*Genesis 21:1-20* Karen Hruz

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 16:24-28* Karen Hruz

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship.

Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10.

Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

**Sermon** "God's Got Your Back" Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**Moment of Impact** *Daring Abundantly* Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Breathe" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

**For each way in which you provide for us, O God, we give you thanks.**

**We praise you for springs of water in the desert. Like Hagar, we turn to you when we feel as though we have no options. We remember that Hagar**

**discovered that you, O God, are the God who sees us! Bless these gifts and**

**receive our tithes from your providence for us. May we, like Hagar turn to**

**God. In the name of the One who sees us, we pray, Amen.**

**Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley

**The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *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 Monica

**Communion Song** "All Who Are Thirsty" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "Forever" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**