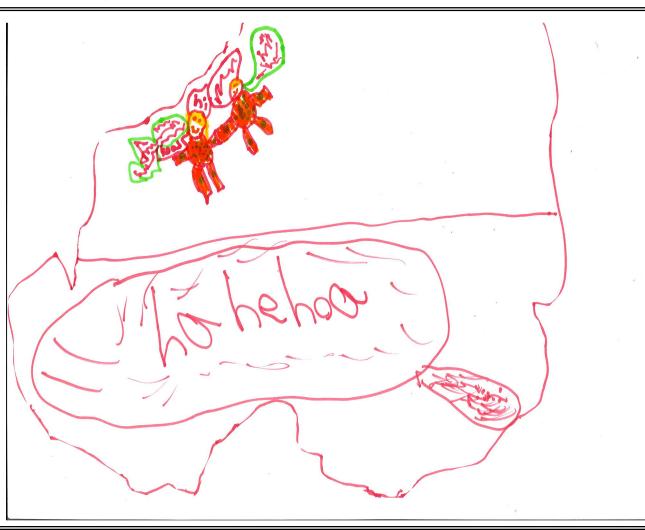


West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Third Grade Bible Dedication Sunday September 10, 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 (based on Psalm 19) (Responsive)

Becky Rinehimer

The heavens spoke the glory of God.

Many: Praise be to God.

Day to day, creation tells God's story. Night to night, celestial wonders One:

inspire our visions of God's wisdom.

Many: Praise be to God.

*Processional Hymn

"Faith of our Fathers"

UMH 710

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Becky Rinehimer

God of hope, we praise you for new beginnings and faith that we stand upon.

Each of us who gather this morning,

stand on the faith and hope of those who have gone before. We stand confident and quivering.

We stand discouraged and determined to be live out our faith. Grant us strength and endurance, hope and perseverance to walk into the future.

In the name of the God who calls us, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Becky Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moments for All Ages

Pastor Monica

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Genesis 21: 1-14

Becky Rinehimer

*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 10: 40-42* Becky Rinehimer

*Response to the Lessons

Old Testament Lesson

Becky Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Anthem

"A Living Sacrifice"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"You Want What?"

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

"The Summons"

TFWS 2130 v. 1, 2, 5

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) (Rev. Rosanna Anderson)

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Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "It is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Chancel Choir

*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 Alisabeth Guepet's 11th Birthday With love. from her family



Third Grader Bible Dedication

- **Pastor:** The psalmist has written, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalm 119:103 NRSV). The Bible is the living word of the living God. The Bible tells us how God loved God's people for many generations. It shows us how we can know God and how God wants us to live.
- Congregation: The Bible is at the heart of our gathered and our personal worship. We offer you this gift to learn more about God, God's people, and follow God's ways.
- **Third Graders:** Thank you for this gift. We hope to grow and learn more about God.
- **Parents of Third Graders:** Our children learn by example. We will seek to give them an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. Our children teach us. We will seek to learn from their enthusiasm and questions.
- Congregation: We too, renew our promise to be an example of Bible reading and Jesus following. We look forward to how children will teach us.
- **Pastor:** May each of us walk with lessons of the Bible: a companion that has offered comfort and peace as well as challenge and growth. May your journeys be filled with all of the gifts that God offers through the Bible. Amen.

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!

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 or call 610-869-8935.

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 21: 1-14

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Now Sarah said,

'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham,

'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.'

The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

But God said to Abraham,

'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.'

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: 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.

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH FROM 9-2 AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH FROM 9-12! SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE! Donations will be accepted at the church from Sunday, October 1st-Wednesday, October 4th. Left-over items are donated to various mission organizations. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community. Please think of us as you sort through your closets and drawers, attics and garages!

SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN'S MORNING OUT CONSIGNMENT SALE! Friday, October 13th, 9am - 4:00pm and Saturday, October 14th, 9am - 12:00 pm New time on Saturday. West Grove United Methodist Church will be holding a Children's Clothing, Tov and Equipment Consignment Sale. This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at good prices. There will be a large selection of Fall and Winter children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, books, baby items and equipment. Shopping hours are Friday, October 13th from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, October 14th from 9:00am-12 noon. Come on Friday for the best selection. On Saturday, many items will be half price. This sale benefits the early childhood and scholarship programs at the Children's Morning Out and Preschool Program of WGUMC.. If you have any questions, you can e-mail: tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org or call the church office at 610-869-9334.

RUTH WELLS CONDOLENCES: Our dear, sweet sister in Christ, Ruth Wells, has gone home to be with the Lord. Ruth passed peacefully in her sleep. The family will be honoring her wishes to have a private graveside service. Card and condolences can be sent to her daughter, Ruthann Berman at: The Berman Family, 1241 Princeton Lane, West Chester, PA 19380

SECOND ANNUAL OPEN MARKET



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, so that she can obtain an accurate account.



Spaghetti Dinner To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 12

Saturday September 30, 2017 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

West Grove United Methodist Church 300 N Guernsey Road West Grove, PA 19390

Spaghetti Dinner complete with pasta, meatballs, sauce, salad, bread, desserts and refreshments.

\$10.00 - Adult \$6.00 - Child 10 and under

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 610-932-4984 or purchase tickets online at www.ccctroop12.org

You can also purchase tickets by emailing Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net
Or mail your check to:
Troop 12
117 W Ruddy Duck Circle
Oxford, PA 19363



All tickets purchased by mail can be picked up in our "will call" area the day of the event.

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 today, 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.

THIS WEEK: September 10 through September 17, 2017

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

Pastor Jim is on vacation August 14-September 15 Pastor Shirley is on vacation September 9-15 Pastor Monica will be on vacation September 16-17

Sunday:

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday School Kickoff

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Faith Learning Academy Kickoff 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

Monday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

> 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Memory Bell's Rehearsal (Sanc) 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop # 4138 (#8 & 10)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 40 Day Group (#2)

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SE Dist. Celebration with the Bishop (Hopewell UMC)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Daisy Troop #4282 (#12)

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop #4251(#12) 6: 30 p.m.-7: 30 p.m. Children's Ministry Forum (Sanc.)

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)

Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Pastor Monica on vacation 9/16-9/17. Friday:

> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

Girl Scouts Juniors Troop #4070 (#8 & 10) 6:30 p.m.-8: 00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday:

Reverend Mercedes Case will be offering the message at both services 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Visitors Meeting (Vol. Office)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir and Memory Bells

Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater) 11:00 a.m.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report September 3, 2017

General Offering: \$6,397.00 Building Maintenance Fund: \$630.00 Combined Worship Attendance: ---Emergency Groceries YTD: 102 bags Anniversary Giving YTD: \$7,389.95 Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$10.00 Total amount received: \$5,686.00

Goal-\$10.000

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

Moment of Impact

West Grove UMC has gifted children with the word of God across generations. At the age of third grade, we put Bibles in the hands of children and teach them how to use them. Third graders eagerly anticipate this gift and "Bibles of their own!" Let us celebrate as we share the word of God today.

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 <u>four Sundays</u>. 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 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
Jill Jennings

Jill Jennings Peg Kent

William Kirwin

Susan Lacy (Mullen)



Russell Ludwick (Ramberger) Rosemary MacCoun Dave McClain

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Peggy Mowrer Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz) Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sherry Russell Roann Schneider

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)
Family of Ruth Wells
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 10th

Ushers—8:30 The Bushnells
Greeters—8:30 The Hills
Ushers—11:00 George Anders

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Greeters—11:00 Joan Saller
Acolyte 8:30/11 Figueroa/Ditzel
Number 8:30/045/11 Property (Catalog)

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 Bruno/Catoia/Castaldi

C. Worship—8:30/11 Castaldi/Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30 Carolyn Barrett
Becky Rinehimer
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica

Prayer Room 8:30/11 Pam Howard/Susan Paisley **Hospitality 8:30/11** Steve May/The Stuhrkes

Counters Ramberger

Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, September 17th

The Simonds

Pat Heist/M. Rubincan

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Esther Culbertson Cora Boyd/C. Robinson

M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/Leaman

Jessi Timm/Amy Simonds

Fred Sullivan Peter Mullen Joan Leaman

Nancy Howard/Cindy Haley The Covingtons/Scott Steele

The Stuhrkes

Keith Schneider & various

<u>Meditations For Your Week</u> Sunday, September 10th-Saturday, September 17th



- **Sunday:** "After these things, God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'" Genesis 22: 1. There are times in which we cannot believe what is going on around and happening to us. In these times, turn to God and offer yourself to God.
- **Monday:** "Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So, the two of them walked on together." Genesis 22:8. Abraham trusted God's promise, even when it moved beyond reasonable. Where is God calling you to trust, where it is not reasonable?
- **Tuesday:** "But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'" Genesis 22:11. Abraham followed the instructions of the Lord from the first moment through the end. The Lord did not disappoint Abraham. Are you listening for God?
- **Wednesday:** "So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'" Genesis 22: 14. God saved Isaac and Abraham. Where has God save you?
- **Thursday:** 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40. We welcome God through the people we meet. Through the grouchy person and rude person as well as kind, sweet one. Who are you welcoming in love?
- **Friday:** "Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;" Matthew 10: 41. When you see Christ in others, you meet Christ.
- **Saturday:** "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." Matthew 10:42. A cold cup of water seems small and insignificant, but can mean so much. Offer yourself to others in small ways and be amazed at how God blesses you and the recipient.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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"I will Offer Up My Life"

*Passing of the Peace

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