

# West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 17, 2017

## 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## **OPEN**

Prelude

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (arranged by Linda R. Lamb)

Memory Bells Choir

Peter Mullen

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Pastor Shirley & Pastor Kevin

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

One: We gather as children of God. **Many: To worship our Creator, to renew our faith.** One: The Spirit lives and moves among us. **Many: Let us praise God with heart and voice.** 

## **\*Processional Hymn** "Maker, In Whom We Live" UMH No. 88

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** 

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

(adapted from a prayer by William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury)

O God, our Lord, who sent your Son to be our Savior: Renew in us day by day the power of your Holy Spirit; that with knowledge and zeal, with courage and love, with gratitude and hope, we may strive powerfully in your service. May you keep our vision clear, our aspiration high, our purpose firm and our sympathy wide; that we may live as faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Passing of the peace	Peter Mullen
One: The peace of Christ be with you.	
Many: And also with you.	

## GROW

Moments for All Ages		Joan Leaman
Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 24: 1-21	Peter Mullen
*Gospel Lesson	John 14: 12-17	Peter Mullen
*Response to the Lessons One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		Peter Mullen

Anthem "Sure Foundation"	Chancel Choir
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"Watch Closely"

**Reverend Mercedes Case** 

## SERVE

*Hymn of Respon	"Guide Me, O Great Jehovah"	UMH No. 127	
Moment of Impac	et Prayer Bead Garden	Pastor Shirley	
Offering	'Jesus Shall Reign" (arranged by Bill Ingram) M	emory Bell Choir	
*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.			
Offertory Prayer (Unison) (based on Romans 14: 1-12) Pastor Kevin O Lord, our God, you graciously welcome all who seek you. We are grateful that you have taught us your commandments so that we may live as people who belong to you. Guide us by your Spirit so that our attitudes toward others and our daily actions will honor you. Let the ministries of our church reach out to show and tell our neighbors of your faithful love. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.			
Gathered Prayer		Pastor Shirley	
The Lord's Praye	r	Pastor Shirley	
*Hymn of Sendin *Benediction	<b>g Forth</b> "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"	UMH No. 128 Verses 1-3 Rev. Case	
*Choral Benedict	ion "Amen"	Chancel Choir	

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Altar Flowers The flowers gracing our altar space today are in celebration of Dave and Lori McClain's anniversary Given by the McClains and In celebration of Kim Smith's birthday Given by Linda, Karen, and Linda.





## West Grove United Methodist Church Blessing of the Animals 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!

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Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please think of us as you sort through your closets and drawers, attics and garages. Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, Oct. 1st—Wed., Oct. 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.

## Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 24: 1-21

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in vears: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of Canaanites, among whom I live, the but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.' The servant said to him, 'Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?' Abraham said to him, 'See to it that you do not take my son back there. The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, "To your offspring I will give this land", he will send his angel before you; you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only vou must not take my son back there.' So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. He made the camels kneel down

outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said. 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. Let the girl to whom I shall say, "Please offer your jar that I may drink", and who shall say, "Drink, and I will water your camels"let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.' Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, coming out with her washoulder. The girl was very ter-jar on her fair to look upon, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, 'Please let me sip a little water from your jar.' 'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

## Gospel Lesson: John 14: 12-17

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

# **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.

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.

**ADULT LEADERS FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY:** If you are interested in being a part of the youth program, please join Pastor Kevin on Sunday, September 17 after the 11 a.m. service in the youth rooms (8 & 10) for a brief meeting to discuss the youth program.

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. WGUMC will be holding a Children's Clothing, Toy 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.

**HOW CAN I HELP AT CHURCH?** We mail bulletins, newsletters, prayer letters, birthday cards, giving letters, and other correspondence throughout the year. Please consider giving a **book of stamps** to assist us with this ministry. Your gift may connect a shut-in with the church community or a college student with a birthday card. Your gifts empower our mission!

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to make and serve coffee after the 8:30am service, and someone to serve after the 11am service, on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact Carvl or Dick Stuhrke at (302)239-1743.

WE NEED TOILET PAPER ROLLS! Yes, you read that correctly! They are required for an upcoming project. Please feel free to drop off in the office. Thank you!

**FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING!** October 15-22nd! We will need evening hosts, overnight hosts, and snack and meal prep assistance. Please see Janice Bowers for more information.

# 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 <u>d123murphy@aol.com</u>, 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.ne 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.



SAVE THE DATE!!! When: Friday, October 27th 6:30 PM What: It's movie time! Where: West Grove UMC (in the Sanctuary) Who: The Prayer Ministry Team



This recently released movie, THE CASE FOR CHRIST (rated PG), is about one man's journey to solve the biggest mystery of all time. Is Jesus Christ a hoax or truth? This movie is a true story about Lee Strobel working hard to disprove Christianity. In his investigation, he found the facts and truth that Jesus Christ is alive and the son of God!

> All are welcome! FREE admission!

#### THIS WEEK: September 17 through September 24, 2017

~ Sunday:		Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m 4 p.m. ~~ H SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
j·		ase will be offering the message at both services
P		tion Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	9:45 a.m10:45 a.m.	Visitors Meeting (Vol. Office)
	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir and Memory Bells
	12:00 p.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater) Youth Adult Leaders meeting (#8 & 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	
monuay.	9:15 a.m9:45 a.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	9:30 a.m11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:00 p.m9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Training (#8 &10)
	6:30 p.m <u>8</u> :00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell's Rehearsal (Sanc)
Tuesday:	7:30 p.m9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1) CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Tuesuay.	9:15 a.m9:45 a.m.	Chapel Time (Sanc.) $(10, 10, 10)$
	10:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	Family Literacy Program (#2)
	1:00 p.m2:30 p.m.	Bi Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)
	4:45 p.m6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts Jr. #447 (#8 &10)
	6:30 p.m8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Jr. #41377 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m7:30 p.m.	40 Day Group (#2) Finance Meeting (#1)
	7:30 p.m8:30 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)
Wednesday		CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	2:00 p.m3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	7:00 p.m8:00 p.m.	Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	11:00 a.m12:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Junior #4567 (#8, 10)
	6:00 p.m7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Daisy #461 (#12)
	6:45 p.m8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	<u>7:00 p.m9:00 p.m.</u>	Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	7:30 p.m9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Fridam	8:00 p.m9:00 p.m.	SPRC meeting (#1)
Friday: Saturday:	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m. <b>9:00 a.m2:00 p.m.</b>	CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) <b>OPEN MARKET</b>
Sucuruay	10:00 a.m11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:		TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
L	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir

#### <u>God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship</u> Report September 10, 2017

General Offering: \$4,186.00 Building Maintenance Fund: \$122.00 Combined Worship Attendance: 184 Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 bags Anniversary Giving YTD: \$7,489.95 Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$1.00 Total amount received: \$5,687.00 Goal-\$10,000 It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact and change lives for Christ!

# Moment of Impact

### Prayer Bead Garden

We are blessed by the generosity of our congregation and community. We are finalizing details as we work with contractors for beginning work on the garden this fall.

## 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 Brvan 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 Lvnn Jackson Jill Jennings Peg Kent William Kirwin Susan Lacy (Mullen)



Russell Ludwick (Ramberger) Rosemary MacCoun niin 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 17th

Ushers-8:30	The Simonds
Greeters-8:30	Pat Heist/M. Rubincan
Ushers-11:00	OPEN
Greeters-11:00	Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30/11	Cora Boyd/C. Robinson
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/Leaman
C. Worship-8:30/11	Jessi Timm/Amy Simonds
Lay Reader—8:30	Fred Sullivan
Liturgist—11:00	Peter Mullen
Moment All Ages	Joan Leaman
	Nancy Howard/Cindy Haley
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Covingtons/Scott Steele
Counters	The Stuhrkes
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various

#### Next Sunday, September 24th

The Chalmers The Hills The Featherstons OPEN Mac Catoia/M. Rinehimer OPEN/C. Bratton/OPEN M. Covington/OPEN Cindy Haley Sandy Deckard Julie Hughes Cindy Haley/Pastor Shirley The Chalmers Linda Peirson Keith Schneider & various

# <u>Meditations For Your Week</u> Sunday, September 17th-Saturday, September 23rd



- Sunday: "Abraham was now a very old man, and the LORD had blessed him in every way." Genesis 24:1 The Lord blesses us in every way. Take time today to thank God for your many blessings.
- Monday: "O LORD, God of my master, Abraham," he prayed. "Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham." Genesis 24: 12 Abraham's servant took time during his task to stop and pray for success. Take time during your day to pray for success in accomplishing all that God has called you to do.
- Tuesday: "Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful." Genesis 24: 21 The servant watched closely to see if his prayer would be answered. Reflect on the prayers that God has answered in your own life.
- Wednesday: "You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father." John 14: 13 As God answers prayers, God's glory and goodness through Jesus Christ shines. Shine that glorious light today for all to see!
- Thursday: *"Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" John 14: 14* Jesus desires us to ask him for whatever is on our heart. Bring all your requests to Christ in prayer – the big, the small and everything in between!
- Friday: "*If you love me, obey my commandments.*" *John 14: 15* Those who love Christ follow his command to love God and love one another. Who can you share Christ's love with today?
- Saturday: "He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you." John 14: 17 Christ promises to be with us always. Praise the Lord for God's own Son who never leaves us alone or forgotten, but is with us and in us always. Amen!

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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*Celebration Set	"Found in You" "I Will Never Be"	PraiseWorks Band
*Passing of the Peace	GROW	
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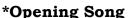
Sermon "Watch Closely" **Reverend Mercedes Case** SERVE Moment of Impact Prayer Bead Garden Carol Whelan Offering "In Your Presence" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison) (based on Romans 14: 1-12)

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Gathered Prayer		Pastor Shirley
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Shirley
*Closing Song	"Holiness"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Merc

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Pastor Shirley and Pastor Kevin

PraiseWorks Band

Pastor Kevin