



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 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 (Inspired by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Sandy Deckard

One: Come away from the burdens of the world,

Many: Find rest in Jesus, and be renewed in the Spirit.

One: Come away from the judgments of this world,

Many: Find freedom in Christ, and hope of new life now.

One: Come away from the way of sin in this world,

Many: Love God, love your neighbor, and seek forgiveness.

One: Come away from judging and condemning your neighbors,

Many: Come, let us worship God, who leads us into new life. Amen.

*Processional Hymn “God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us” UMH No.100, v.1-3, 5

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (Inspired by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell) Sandy Deckard

God of us all, we come to praise you, but attach conditions!

I am not my brother’s keeper,

I am not responsible for others, I am better than they.

We confess that we have judged and attached conditions

to our worship and our love of others.

Forgive us for our short-sightedness, our selfish smugness

that insists that we are right and others must be wrong.

Forgive us for not living as if we are last of all and servant of all,

as Christ has taught us.

Lead us into the way of life, to seek the well-being of others,

lifting up those who are in need, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

In the name of Christ, our Teacher, our Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen

*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Julie Hughes

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 25: 7-11, 19-34

Sandy Deckard

***Gospel Lesson**

John 17: 11-19

Sandy Deckard

***Response to the Lessons**

Sandy Deckard

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“We are One”

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

“Sibling Rivalry: What Jacob and Esau will Teach Us”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“Be Though My Vision”

UMH No. 451

Moment of Impact

AA

Pastor Monica

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.

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Jim

God of us all, Jacobs and Esaus, we offer ourselves to you. May our lives be instruments of your way. May we offer our gifts, not with grumbling under our breath about what you might do with them, but with thanks that you will use them to bring healing, hope, grace, and peace to all whose lives are empty of such needs. Bless each of these tithes, gifts, offerings, and lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“O God Our Help in Ages Past” UMH No.117, v. 1,3,5,6

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 25: 7-11, 19-34

This is the length of Abraham's life, one hundred and seventy-five years. Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah. After the death of Abraham God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Gospel Lesson: John 17: 11-19

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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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.***



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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Faith Learning Academy is underway! We have several offerings during the 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. hour. Please feel free to check us out!

**-Ages 3-3rd grade**  
**-4th, 5th, & 6th grade**  
**-Junior/Senior Youth**  
**-Rising Strong**

**-Faithlinks**  
**-Men's class**  
**-Ladies class**  
**-Sermon talk back (once a month with Pastor Monica)**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, October 1st, is World Communion Sunday. Christians all around the world will be worshipping and partaking in Communion together.

**UMCOR:** Hurricanes. Harvey, Irma, Jose, Maria. Hurricanes have been impacting communities in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba, and many more places. Please consider helping our brothers and sisters in Christ with a donation.

**PRAYER BEAD GARDEN:** We give thanks to God for all who have given generously. We invite you to consider remembering your loved ones with a gift to be used for our prayer bead garden.

**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 Caryl or Dick Stuhrke at [\(302\)239-1743](tel:3022391743).

**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.

**CALLING ALL YOUTH SINGERS!** Students in Grade 5 and up are invited to sing with the Praise team at the 8:30 service on Sunday, October 15th! We will practice for 10 minutes following the 8:30 service (at around 9:40 (a.m.) on October 1 and October 8 and be ready to sing on October 15! We're looking forward to having you sing with us!

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENT PRAY-ERS!** All of our college students have a partner in prayer but, regretfully, there are a few folks who chose a student but did not note it on the sign-up sheet. We want to be able to send you your college student's address, so please advise the office if you signed up and have not yet received your student's information. Thank you!



## Blessing of the Animals

# West Grove United Methodist Church

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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.**

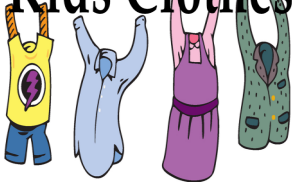
Please think of us as you sort through  
your closets and drawers, attics and garages.

**Donations accepted at the church from  
Sunday, Oct. 1st—Wednesday, 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.

# Kids Clothes



## CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

**CONSIGN Thursday, October 12 - 3:30-6:00 p.m.**

**SHOP Friday, October 13 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
and**

**Saturday October 14 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

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.

**Profit Sharing:** Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.



**Items to be consigned:** Fall/Winter children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**

**Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.**

### **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**Volunteers are needed!** Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

**\*\*Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed. Any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at [\(610\) 869-9334](tel:6108699334).**





## 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](http://www.ccctroop12.org).



You can also purchase  
tickets by emailing  
[Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net](mailto:Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net)  
Or mail your check to:

**Troop 12  
117 W Ruddy Duck Circle  
Oxford, PA 19363**

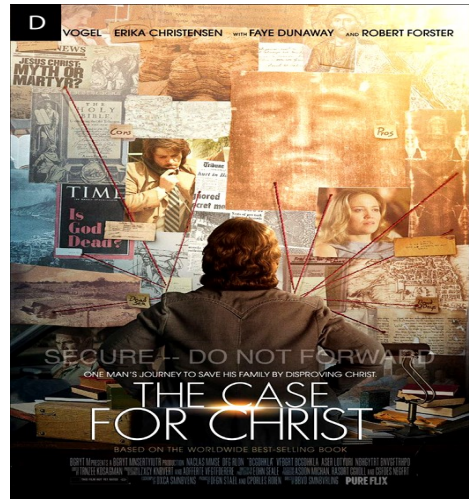
All tickets purchased by mail can be picked  
up in our "will call" area the day of the event.

## 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 24 through October 1, 2017

|                                                                             |                                                 |                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~</b> |                                                 |                                                           |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                              | <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</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 w/Chancel Choir                       |
| <b>Monday:</b>                                                              | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                            | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                              |
|                                                                             | 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.                             | Chapel Time (Sanc.)                                       |
|                                                                             | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                            | Knit Wits (#1)                                            |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                             | SOS Ladies (#5)                                           |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                             | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)                             |
|                                                                             | 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                             | Tech Team Meeting (#1)                                    |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                                                             | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                            | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                              |
|                                                                             | 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.                             | Chapel Time (Sanc.)                                       |
|                                                                             | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                           | Family Literacy Program (#2)                              |
|                                                                             | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                             | Missions Mtg. (#1)                                        |
|                                                                             | 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                             | CMO Back To School Night (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)         |
|                                                                             | 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                             | Girl Scout Troop #4138 (#8 & 10)                          |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                             | Girl Scout Troop 498 (#12)                                |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                             | 40 Day Group (#2)                                         |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                             | Finance Meeting (#1)                                      |
|                                                                             | 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                             | Ad Council (#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)                        |
|                                                                             | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                             | Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. (#8 & 10)                         |
|                                                                             | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.                             | Girl Scout Troop #4282 (#12)                              |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                             | Visitors Mtg. (#3)                                        |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                                                            | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                            | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                              |
|                                                                             | 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.                            | ROMEOs (Perkins, Avondale)                                |
|                                                                             | 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.                             | Girl Scout Troop #4251 (#12)                              |
|                                                                             | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                             | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                                      |
|                                                                             | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                             | Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)               |
|                                                                             | 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                             | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)                        |
| <b>Friday:</b>                                                              | <b>AG Seniors Parking Lot Use for Trip</b>      |                                                           |
|                                                                             | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                            | CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                              |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                                            | <b>6 p.m.-Sat. 10 a.m.</b>                      | <b>Girl Scout Overnight Camp-In (Sanc.)</b>               |
|                                                                             | <b>Planting Seeds for Ministry Hopewell UMC</b> |                                                           |
|                                                                             | 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.                             | Tech Team Mtg.                                            |
|                                                                             | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.                           | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)                         |
|                                                                             | <b>11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</b>                    | <b>Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner (Kitch., Sanct., Lobby)</b> |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                              | <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>       |                                                           |
|                                                                             | <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</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 w/Chancel Choir                       |
|                                                                             | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>                                | <b>Blessing of the Animals (Harmony Park)</b>             |

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report September 17, 2017**

**General Offering: \$6,992.25**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$210.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 107**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$7,664.95**

**Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$2,000.00**

**Total amount received: \$6,758.03**

**Goal-\$10,000**

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

### **Moment of Impact**

**AA**

*Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem. We are privileged at West Grove UMC to support two meetings, one on Mondays at 6:30 pm and one on Saturdays at 10am.*

# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto: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**

Tom Adams  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 George Byrne  
 (Yarbrough)  
 Family of Colleen Murphy  
 Clark (Guepet)  
 Joann Coates  
 Philip Colvin (Culbertson)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Family of Scott Hart (Saller)  
 Muff & Don Hurst  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Jill Jennings (Murphy)  
 Peg Kent  
 William Kirwin  
 Susan Lacy (Mullen)  
 Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)  
 Rosemary MacCoun



Dave McClain  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Family of Brandy Perry (Kr.  
 Boyd)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Sherry Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Mary Small (Kapp-Benner)  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Stephen Spitko (Howard)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Family of Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)  
 Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Family of Ruth Wells  
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
 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 24th**

**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 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  
 Bowers/Beauchamp  
 Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, October 1st**

The Aucotts  
 The McGinleys  
**OPEN**  
**OPEN**  
 Anna Castaldi/Ian Ditzel  
 McCummings/Smith/Reinheimer  
**OPEN/OPEN**  
 John McGinley  
 Janis Schrader  
 Pastor Shirley  
**OPEN/Susan Paisley**  
 Rain Catoia/The Stuhrkes  
 Talley/Michaels  
 Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### **Sunday, September 24th-Saturday, September 30th**



**Sunday:** *“His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah.” Genesis 25: 9-10.* Isaac and Ishmael had more reasons to fight than work together. Yet, they came together to bury their father. Where are you being called to come together with those you would rather fight with?

**Monday:** *“Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, ‘If it is to be this way, why do I live?’ So, she went to inquire of the Lord.” Genesis 25: 21-22.* Sometimes the pain is too much and the struggle too hard. Like Rebekah, inquire of the Lord. Turn to God in times of struggle.

**Tuesday:** *“And the Lord said to her, ‘Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.’” Genesis 25: 23.* Pray for those who are fighting against addiction.

**Wednesday:** *“Esau said, ‘I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?’ Jacob said, ‘Swear to me first.’ So, he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright.” Genesis 25: 32-34.* In a moment of weakness, Jacob took advantage of Esau. Pray for those who are taken advantage of. Inspect your own heart, to make sure you do not take advantage of your brother or sister in moments of weakness.

**Thursday:** *“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” John 17: 11.* Who are you asking God to protect? Who is heavy on your heart for care and concern?

**Friday:** *“But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.” John 17: 13.* Christ brings joy! Thanks be to God for the joy of our salvation.

**Saturday:** *“I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.” John 17: 15.* Let us join together in our prayers for all those who need protection from the evil one.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "How Great is Our God" PraiseWorks Band

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

*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** "Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)" PraiseWorks Band  
"You Are God Alone"

**\*Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Julie Hughes

**Old Testament Lesson** *Genesis 25:7-11, 19-34* Cindy Haley

**\*Gospel Lesson** *John 17:11-19* Cindy Haley

### \*Response to the Lesson

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.

## SERVE

**Sermon** "Sibling Rivalry: What Jacob and Esau will Teach us" Pastor Monica

**Moment of Impact** AA Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Cry Out to Jesus" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**God of us all, Jacobs and Esaus, we offer ourselves to you. May our lives be instruments of your way. May we offer our gifts, not with grumbling under our breath about what you might do with them, but with thanks that you will use them to bring healing, hope, grace, and peace to all whose lives are empty of such needs. Bless each of these tithes, gifts, offerings, and lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "Lean on Me" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**

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