



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 1, 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. Danyelle Ditmer)

Janis Schrader

One: Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around
Christ's holy table.

Many: We come to feast together.

One: Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Many: Renew us and make us one. Amen.

*Processional Hymn

"I Come With Joy"

UMH No. 617, Vv, 1-3

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (inspired by John Wesley-Catholic Spirit) Janis Schrader

Welcoming God, you invite each of us in. As brother and sisters in Christ, we are a family. Though we can't think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? If we can be of one heart, let us put our hands in the hands of others. Give us grace as we spend time together. Fill us with a 'catholic spirit' that takes seriously our beliefs in essentials, but does allow our opinions to rule others. Guide us in this adventure, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Shirley

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 26:2-5, 27-32; 27: 1-8, 18-22, 27-37, 41-45

Janis Schrader

Old Testament Lesson

Job 2:12-13

Janis Schrader

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Janis Schrader

*Response to the Lessons

Janis Schrader

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

"Blessing of Intentional Presence"

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

“Loving Spirit”

TFWS No. 2123

Moment of Impact

World Communion Sunday

Pastor Monica

Offering

“’Tis The Gift to be simple”

Violin and piano duet, Diane Persons and Betsy Smith

*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 Monica

Holy God, with this offering we tell your story, how you sustain us from generation to generation. How you deal generously with us, blessing us beyond measure. Indeed, your goodness is everlasting, lasting forever. Accept the gifts of our hands and the thankfulness of our hearts. Bless them to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.

Anthem

“Let Us Break Bread”

Chancel Choir
Diane Person, Violinist

*Invitation

Pastor Monica

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Monica

God of us all, we gather today with brothers and sisters all over the world in celebration of your presence and the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that sometimes we forget that we are one of many. Sometimes, we forget that your presence and Spirit moves in other places around the world. Sometimes, we forget that our brothers and sisters around the world are as precious as you have made us. Sometimes, we forget that we need one another. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts and minds to transformation through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might fully embrace your presence in the eyes of others.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance

Pastor Monica

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

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH No. 620

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Monica

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

“I Come With Joy”

UMH No. 617, Vv. 4-5

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

“May The Light Of God Go With You”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 26:2-5, 27-32; 27: 1-8, 18-22, 27-37, 41-45

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; settle in the land that I shall show you. Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?” They said, “We see plainly that the Lord has been with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you so that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.” So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths; and Isaac set them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. That same day Isaac’s servants came and told him about the well that they had dug, and said to him, “We have found water!”

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father say to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me game, and prepare for me savory food to eat, that I may bless you before the Lord before I die.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my word as I command you.

So he went in to his father, and said, “My father”; and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said,
“Ah, the smell of my son
is like the smell of a field that the Lord
has blessed.

May God give you of the dew of heaven,
and of the fatness of the earth,
and plenty of grain and wine.

Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may your mother’s sons bow down
to you.

Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses
you!”

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Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 26-27

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau came in from his hunting. He also prepared savory food, and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father sit up and eat of his son's game, so that you may bless me." His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your firstborn son, Esau." Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all [a] before you came, and I have blessed him?—yes, and blessed he shall be!" When Esau heard his father's words, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, me also, father!" But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright; and look, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not

reserved a blessing for me?" Isaac answered Esau, "I have already made him your lord, and I have given him all his brothers as servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?"

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah; so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send, and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

Old Testament Lesson: Job 2:12-13

When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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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.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Today is World Communion Sunday. Christians all over the world are partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. Across denominations and language barriers, we are uniting around the table of Jesus Christ. Please join us today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please consider giving to the World Communion fund at the General Church level which supports scholarships for people all around the world.

**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**

**-Faithlinks**

**-4th, 5th, & 6th grade**

**-Men's class**

**-Junior/Senior Youth**

**-Ladies class**

**-Rising Strong**

**-Sermon talk back (4th Sunday of month with Pastor Monica)**

**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. Envelopes in lobby.

**PARENTING SEMINAR:** Willowdale Chapel KSQ Campus. [Andy Crouch](#) will talk about his new book [The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place](#). The event takes place on Sunday October 15 from 6-8pm at Willowdale Chapel in Kennett Square ([675 Unionville Rd, Kennett Square, Pa 19348](#)). There is no cost and there is also free childcare if needed. To register, go to <http://www.willowdalechapel.org/events/event/navigating-the-next-generation-the-tech-wise-family/>.

**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. Envelopes in lobby.

**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!





## Blessing of the Animals

# 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!

# West Grove United Methodist Church

## 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.



**Sunday, October 29  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**West Grove UMC  
invites you to a festive,  
FREE, family event!!**

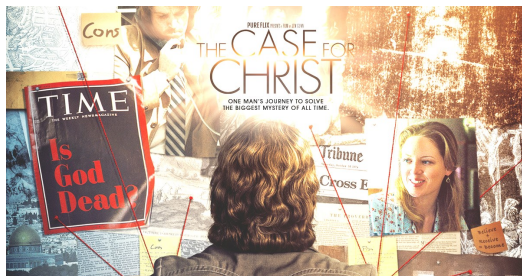
You are invited to join us in this fun-filled, safe way for children ages infant through 4th grade to experience the joy of trick or treating. We will have cars, vans, and trucks lined up in our parking lot with fun, themed decorations and candy for your costumed children.

Invite your friends and family, and get ready for games, crafts, a story, a hay-ride, music, snacks and of course trunks with candy!!!

**All activities are FREE.** West Grove United Methodist Church is located at 300 North Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390. We'll move the trunk or treating inside if it rains, so whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together! For more information, call 610-869-9334 or visit

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

We hope to see you there!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**"The Case for Christ" movie will be on the big screen at WGUMC on Friday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.**

**This movie was just released in April of 2017 and has generated a lot good reviews and conversations. So, note on your calendar now that you have a Friday night movie date on 10/27! We will supply the snacks and beverages.**

**Kids Clothes**



**CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale**

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

**SHOP Friday, October 13 - 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Saturday October 14 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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. This sale benefits the early childhood and scholarship programs at the Children's Morning Out. Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet. **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE** Volunteers are needed! Any questions, please

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**Semi~Annual  
Rummage Sale**



**Friday, October 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.**

Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, October 1 through Wednesday, October 4.

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!!** Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.



# THIS WEEK: October 1 through October 8, 2017

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

**Sunday:**

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy, Youth Singers  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir  
**1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (Harmony Park)**

**Monday:**

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)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Mtg. (#3)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)

**Tuesday:**

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Family Literacy Program (#2)  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. BOOM Mtg. (Camp Innabah)  
4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #447 (#8 & 10)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8 & 10))  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 40 Day Group (#2)

**Wednesday:**

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1)  
**8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Ministerium (Kit., Lobby, Sanc.)**  
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.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

**Rummage Sale Set-Up**  
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. Bi-Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)  
5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #4567 (#8 & 10)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #461 (#11)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #498 (#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.)

**Friday:**

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. UMW Rummage Sale (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)**

**Saturday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. UMW Rummage Sale (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)**  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Charge Conference (Oxford UMC)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report September 24, 2017**

**General Offering: \$ 10, 234.65**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$630.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 168**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$ 7, 714.95**

**Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 12.00**

**Total amount received: \$ 7, 699.00**

**Goal-\$10,000**

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

### Moment of Impact

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# 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: Youth Ministries Mission Prayer Focus in: Mission Central

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 Marliiss 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, October 1st**

**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  
Kay Yates/Fran Miller  
Kay Yates/Don Hurst  
Anna Castaldi/Ian Ditzel  
McCummings/Smith/Reinheimer  
Amy Castaldi/Jessi Timm  
John McGinley  
Janis Schrader  
Pastor Shirley  
Pastor Shirley/Joan Saller  
Rain Catoia/The Stuhrkes  
Talley/Michaels  
Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, October 8th**

The Bushnells  
The Hills  
The Featherstons  
The Stuhrkes  
C. Figueroa/A. Guepet  
OPEN/R. Catoia/A. Castaldi  
Kr. Boyd/OPEN  
Joan Leaman  
Christy Robinson  
Pastor Monica  
Pam Howard/Susan Paisley  
OPEN/OPEN  
Anderson/Schaub  
Keith Schneider & various

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### **Sunday, October 1st-Saturday, October 7th**



Sunday: “Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfil the oath that I swore to your father Abraham.” Genesis 26:3. God cared for Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, God will care for you. Where is God caring for you and blessing you?

Monday: “They said, ‘We see plainly that the Lord has been with you; so, we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you so that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.’” Genesis 26: 28-29. Even those who do not know God, can see God’s hand of blessing in your life. Where can you bring peace in the midst of conflict?

Tuesday: “Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!” Genesis 27: 29. Isaac blesses Jacob with Esau’s blessings over great words of promise. Our words have the power to bless and to curse. Consider how you are offering blessings.

Wednesday: “Esau said, ‘Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright; and look, now he has taken away my blessing.’ Then he said, ‘Have you not reserved a blessing for me?’” Genesis 27:36. Between Jacob and Esau, the conflict is strong. In what conflicts, do you need the encouragement to work towards peace, even (and maybe especially) when it is hard?

Thursday: “When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads.” Job 2: 12. The friends of Job stayed with him in his pain. Who are you sitting with in their pain?

Friday: “They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.” Job 2: 13. Notice platitudes and stories were not necessary in this comforting. Consider sitting with others in their pain, without trying to solve it.

Saturday: “Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18: 19-20. God is near. As near as gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "You Are The One" 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** "Better Is One Day"  
"Sanctuary" PraiseWorks Band

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

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Shirley

**Old Testament Lesson** *Genesis 26:2-5, 27-32; 27: 1-8, 18-22, 27-37, 41-45*

**Old Testament Lesson** *Job 2:12-13*  
John McGinley  
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**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 18:15-20* John McGinley

**\*Response to the Lesson** John McGinley

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** "Blessing of Intentional Presence" Pastor Monica

**Moment of Impact** *World Communion Sunday* Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Waiting Here For You" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley  
(Moment of Silence)

**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** "Hungry" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "You Invite Me In" PraiseWorks Band

### \*Benediction

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