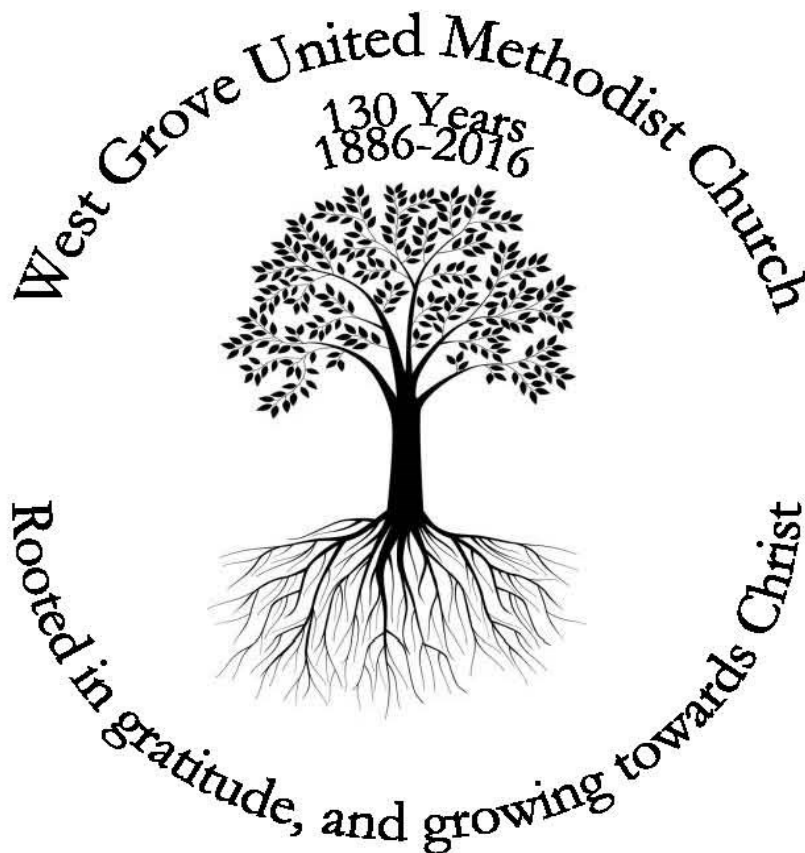




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Stewardship I Sunday**  
*October 16, 2016*

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

“Symphonic Fanfare”

Memory Bells Choir  
By Brahms, Arranged by Karen Roth

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Karen Boyd

One: Creator God, all that we are and have comes from you.

**Many: Providence and faithfulness, we can depend on you.**

One: Redeemer God, your work of finding us and putting us back on our feet is regular and life-saving.

**Many: Grace-filled and liberating, we need you.**

One: Sustaining Spirit, never are we outside care of your presence.

**Many: Empowering and equipping, we lean on you.**

### \*Processional Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

UMH No. 144

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Boyd

**God of Steadfast Love, You have loved us into creation, into being.**

**You have raised us up to be people of life.**

**We admit we are surprised to find that life  
is not without struggle, without doubts.**

**Grant us courage and strength to persevere through the difficult times.**

**Help us to encourage others along the journey.**

**Remind us that we are part of a community;  
wherever two or three are gathered, You are among us.**

**You call us to be community, to lift up one another  
and to bear one another’s burdens.**

**Grant us the endurance needed to give to others,  
and to receive blessing and help when we need it.**

**In the name of Christ, our companion on this journey of faith,  
we pray. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

### Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Karen Boyd

### New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Karen Boyd

## Response to the Lessons

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

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

## Anthem

“Joy Overflowing”

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

“Choose Gratitude, Not Attitude ”

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

## \*Hymn of Response

“Give Thanks”

TFWS No.2036

## Moment of History

*Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ*

Pastor Monica

## Offering

“Just As I Am”

Memory Bells Choir  
Arranged by Brenda Austin

## \*Offertory Response

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

## \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Shirley

**Generous God, we praise you for the gift of Christ, your Son. You bring joy to our hearts! Help us to respond to your grace by sharing our faith, talents, and monetary blessings through the ministries of this church. May your loving Spirit shine through all that we say and do. Accept these gifts that we offer through Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

## The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

## \*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH No. 102

## \*Benediction

Pastor Monica

## Choral Benediction

“May the Lord God Guide Us in Love”

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 Linda Shiplet James’ birthday  
With love from Mom



## **New Testament Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## **Old Testament Lesson:** *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

## **Christmas Music Celebration**

**Sunday, December 4**

**6:30 p.m.**



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! We welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, PraiseWorks Band, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. If you play an instrument or would like to participate in this musical celebration, please contact Betsy Smith, Choir and PraiseBand Director, to let her know of your interest by Sunday, November 6. She can be reached by phone at 610-869-3941 or email her at [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com)

# OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.*

Welcome to this gathering of God's people worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

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



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

**SPECIAL SPEAKER to present “The Peace of the Gospel in Dynamic Encounter with the Peace of Islam:” Sunday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00** in the sanctuary. Dr. David Shenk has traveled the globe speaking to leading Muslim clerics and Presidents of Islamic nations regarding Christian/Muslim relationships. While offering an unapologetic witness of the Gospel, Dr. Shenk has been on the front lines of developing friendships and mutual understanding with those in the Islamic faith for the past 50 years. His books can be viewed on Amazon. Contact Mel Leaman if you have any questions: [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

**HUNGER WALK on October 16, 2016** Join your neighbors walking in the John H. Ware IV Memorial Hunger **HELP** Walk (because **Hunger Exists in Local Places**). **The proceeds from the walk will benefit:** *Avon Grove Bridge Food Pantry, Church of God Divine Sent Food Cupboard, Lighthouse Youth Center and Neighborhood Services Center.* **Walkers will start at Lighthouse Youth Center, 245 Commerce St, Oxford, PA 19363 Registration: 1:00 p.m. Walk starts: 1:30 p.m. Support the walkers from West Grove UMC by sponsoring them in the walk!!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** - we are prayerfully discerning the resurrection of Mission Possible as a 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class. We are in need of volunteers! Are you wondering where God can use you? Is your heart in the ministry of children? Are you willing to commit two or more Sundays a month to foster the spiritual growth of our Tweens? We are looking for helpers, and unless you feel led to lead the class at times, presence and guidance are the only requirements. Our hope is to enhance their Worship experience and Bible knowledge, and offer opportunities to be in Mission and, of course, plan some fun activities! Are you interested? If you have any questions, or would like more information before making a commitment, please talk with Cindy Haley or Pastor Monica.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ED CULBERTSON:** On **Saturday, October 22** a Celebration Service will be held in memory of Ed Culbertson at Greco Funeral Home, 250 W. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Visiting hour at 10 a.m. Celebration service at 11 am.

**WILLOWDALE CHAPEL TO OFFER A PARENTING SEMINAR:** A parenting seminar is offered at the main campus of Willowdale Chapel, 675 Unionville Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348 on **Sunday, October 23** called "Raising Resilient Kids". Their special guest speaker is Dr. Todd Cartmell. He is a child psychologist, speaker, and author. For more information, please check the link below or call the chapel at 610-444-2670. <http://www.willowdalechapel.org/events/event/navigating-the-next-generation-raising-resilient-kids/>



***Planting Seeds for  
Ministry Growth  
Saturday, October 22  
Hosted by Hopewell UMC***

The Keynote speaker is Reggie McNeal, a Missional Leadership Specialist for Leadership Network and author of numerous books.

There are many workshops offered: Spirituality and Labyrinth Walking; Financial Peace and Stewardship; Leading Church-as-Movement; Forgive and Remember: Discovering Forgiveness Within Conflict; and Divided Nation.

Closing Worship Rally is at 4:00 p.m. with a message from our District Superintendent, Dawn Taylor-Storm.

For additional information on the workshops, speakers, schedule of events, please visit Hopewell UMC's website at **[www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds-2016](http://www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds-2016)**

## **Be a Good Steward**

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship** **Report October 9, 2016**

**General Offering: \$7,020.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$410.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 185**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 Bags**

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

## **Moment of History**

Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ: We are celebrating our 130 anniversary as a church body. West Grove Methodist Episcopal Church began as an outreach from local Methodists into the village of West Grove.

Homes and hearts were opened. May our homes and hearts still be opened to the word of God through us.



## **All Saints Sunday November 6th 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services**

One of the oldest traditions of the church is the remembrance of those who have died during the last year. All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1st. For many years, this beloved tradition has been very important to our congregation. We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have per-

formed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles.

You may be remembering a loved one this year. We want to give thanks to God for their life in our two services when we celebrate All Saints' Day on November 6th. **By October 30th, please be sure the church office has the full name and a picture of your loved one, their date of birth and date of death.** It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

### **R.O.M.E.O.- Retired Older Men Eating Out Thursday, October 27**

If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. **Call Roger Bates, at 610-869-7638**, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

### **Youth Fellowship**

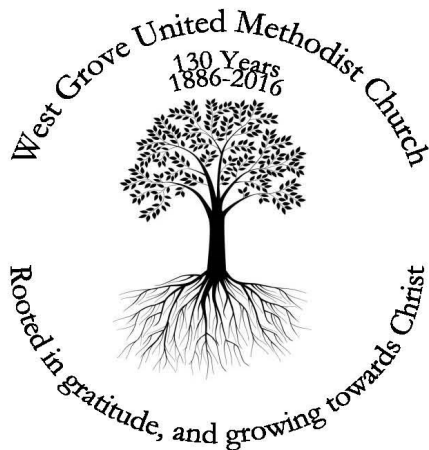
In the Youth Room from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**October 16** – High School Fellowship

**October 23** – **ALL Youth Bowling** at Timber Lanes. Sign up with Jamie by October 20<sup>th</sup> to save a lane. \$15 for 2 hours of bowling. 5:30 – 7:30. Meet at Timber Lanes in Oxford.







## This is the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of West Grove United Methodist Church!

This fall, we will be retelling the story of 130 years in our community and looking forward to hundreds of more years serving our community.

Please save the date, **NOVEMBER 13TH**, for our **CELEBRATION OF 130 YEARS IN MINISTRY:**

**Rooted in gratitude, and growing towards Christ.**

Look for ways that you can celebrate how we have already served the community and look

### Help Our Troop Help Others! Buy an Annie the Owl!

Boy Scout Troop 12 will be selling Annie the Owl. **For a \$20.00 donation**, a plush owl will be purchased in your name and will be donated to a sick child. Our boys of Troop 12 will receive a percentage of the profit on all the sales. Once the sale is over the boys personally deliver the plush owls to children in local hospitals. If you want to purchase one for yourself, a child, grandchild, niece or nephew our boys will still get a profit and you will own an adorable plush owl. Last year we donated 100 plush animals to A.I DuPont! We want to beat our number from last year! Please support our Troop as we give to others.

**Sales are going on the whole month of October. You can also order one by emailing [Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net](mailto:Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net) or Calling Lisa at 610-932-4984**



### WGUMC's Annual Trunk or Treat Event! Sunday, October 30th from 3-5 P.M.

This eagerly awaited event is an awesome outreach to the children of our community. It's a fun, safe way for children to experience the joy of trick or treating. We line up cars in part of our parking lot, and children go trunk-to-trunk collecting candy. We'll also have games, crafts, refreshments, and a hay ride. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in on the fun!

We need lots of trunks this year! All you need to do is decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy as the children come around. You can dress in costume if you like! You may decorate with any theme you like, as long as it has nothing scary; remember this is a fun and safe Christian event. There are tons of ideas on the internet!

**We will post sign-up sheets in the lobby as we will need lots of volunteers to help out, and you can place candy donations in the bins.**



# THIS WEEK: October 16 through October 23, 2016

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

**Sunday:**

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP I SUNDAY

|                     |                                                                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.           | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band                                             |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages                                         |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and<br>Memory Bells Choir                       |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Jenner's Pond Worship Service at the Allison Theatre<br>Rev. Jim Mundell will lead worship |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>Hunger Walk -Lighthouse Youth Center, 245<br/>Commerce St, Oxford, PA 19363</b>         |
| <b>5:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)</b>                                     |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Understanding Islam (Sanc.)                                                                |

**Monday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
**Pastor attending Financial Leadership Academy**  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#12)  
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. War Room Bible Study (#3)

**Tuesday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
**Pastor attending Financial Leadership Academy**  
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Videography Meeting (Sanc.)  
 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 447 (#12)  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Missions Meeting (#1)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#12)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Family Promise event to use Parking lot  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#12)

**Thursday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)  
 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 4567 (#12)  
 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#9, 11, 12, 13)  
 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. GS Jr. Troop 4070 (#12)

**Saturday:**

**WGUMC hosts Family Promise (#2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10)**  
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

**Sunday:**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP II SUNDAY

|                     |                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.           | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band     |
| 9:45 a.m.           | Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir         |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Understanding Islam (#4)                           |

# 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 week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus October: Youth Ministries**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in October: Mission Central**

Wayne Achuff  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Dee Crawford  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Brian Fitzharris (Hampton)  
 Jack Fitzharris (Hampton)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Sue Hutton  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Bill Lilley  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Dave McClain  
 Margee Michaels



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Warren Payton (Hruz)  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliiss Wilson  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell,  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Kuwait  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
 Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **This Sunday, October 16**

**Ushers—8:30** The Catoia Family  
**Greeters—8:30** Pat Heist and Margaret Rubincan  
**Ushers—11:00** Tom and Charlotte Adams  
**Greeters—11:00** **OPEN**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Cecelia Figueroa / Ava Tolmie  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** Substitues/K. Smith/A. Castaldi  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Amy Castaldi / **Open**  
**SS Roamers** Maryann Covington  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Jordan Howard  
**Liturgist—11:00** Karen Boyd  
**Moment All Ages** Jamie Lindtner  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Covingtons / Scott Steele  
**Counters** Vernon & Sara Ann Ramberger  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, October 23**

The Howard Family  
 The Simmonds Family  
 Tom and Charlotte Adams  
**OPEN**  
 Anna Castaldi / Madeline Jones  
 J. Lindtner/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
 Amy Simonds / **Open**  
 Fran Miller  
 Joan Leaman  
 Janis Schader  
 Pastor Monica  
 The Chalmers / Linda Peirson  
 Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
 Various/K. Schneider

## Meditations For Your Week

**Sunday, October 16~ Saturday, October 22**



**Sunday:** *"Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." Genesis 32: 24-26. Jacob chose to not let go of God until he was blessed. Where are you finding blessings in the midst of struggle?*

**Monday:** *"Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. Genesis 32: 29. Prayerfully meditate on the name of our God who blesses and redeems struggle.*

**Tuesday:** *"So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." Genesis 32: 30. Encountering God intimately is eye opening and heart changing. Where have you seen God face to face and still preserved?*

**Wednesday:** *"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly" 1 Thessalonians 1:2. Giving thanks is not just for those moments you would preserve with pictures. Giving thanks in all circumstances is a muscle to be worked. Give thanks to God today, even when you might not preserve the moments with photographs.*

**Thursday:** *"For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake." 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5. The presence of God is known in word and power. Give thanks to God for glimpses of God's presence in word and power.*

**Friday:** *"And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 1:6. Joy is not happiness. Joy is a deep and abiding knowledge of God's presence and faithfulness in all circumstances. Where have you found joy?*

**Saturday:** *"For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming." 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. Giving thanks to God changes our lives. We transform from dead to living, from dying to born again. Praise God for God's resurrecting power!*

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Today Is The Day" PraiseWorks Band  
**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica  
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First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "More Love, More Power"  
"10,000 Reasons" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Jamie Lindtner  
**Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 32:22-31 Jordan Howard  
**New Testament Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Jordan Howard

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** "Choose Gratitude, Not Attitude " Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**Moment of History** *Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ* Pastor Monica  
**Offering** "Gratitude" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim  
**Generous God, we praise you for the gift of Christ, your Son. You bring joy to our hearts! Help us to respond to your grace by sharing our faith, talents, and monetary blessings through the ministries of this church. May your loving Spirit shine through all that we say and do. Accept these gifts that we offer through Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Blessed Be Your Name" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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