

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-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 12, 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 (Responsive) (Inspired by Maren C. Tirabassi)

Dave Talley

One: Praise God for turning seasons – blustery winter with its snow face, fragile wings of spring, hot and heavy growing, grazing summer.

Many: We find ourselves deep in the two faces of autumn – burnished and drizzling.

One: Autumn has September crimson, October orange and cat-black, and November grey.

Many: We praise God for colorful leaves, crisp apples, pumpkins, cider, harvest, school bells, and football cheers.

One: Autumn has the squirrels and people saving and figuring for the future. We harvest the plenty and good and rake up the dried hopes and fallen dreams.

Many: We offer our bounty and gleanings to God, who blesses us.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dave Talley

Creating God, hear our praises rise to you as we celebrate your creation. In the midst of natural beauty, we are confounded by suffering in your world.

How long, we pray?

We want to see the fullness of creation and know your heart of wholeness. Holy Spirit, who moves in and through us, awaken our hearts to know you. We learn to live in a broken world by being changed by the divine presence. Call us, Friend making God, to learn how to make this world your world, to become agents of transformation and change.

Let our lives model divine love and peace, even with those who mark us as enemies. Lead on, o King Eternal, we pray, Amen.

*Processional Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH 580

*Passing of the peace

Dave Talley

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 41: 15-40 Dave Talley

*Gospel Lesson Luke 6: 27-38 Dave Talley

*Response to the Lessons Dave Talley

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "I Then Shall Live" Chancel Choir

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Sermon "Joseph: Rising Star" Pastor Monica

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Hymn of Response "Unsettled World" TFWS 2183

Moment of Impact Venture Crew 12 Pastor Monica

Offering "The Father's Son"

*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

Embracing God, we pause in gratitude for who you are and how we have known you. Before we turn to you, you reach for us. We are enwrapped by the hands that loved us all along. Your grace finds us. Your grace redeems us. Your grace emboldens us to live with integrity. May our tithes, gifts, and offerings provide and equip all God's beloved for the places they belong, finding, redeeming, and living with integrity. In the name of the God of grace, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Sending Forth

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Pastor Shirley

UMH 399

*Benediction Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction "Go Now In Peace" Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 41: 15-40

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.' Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them; and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.'

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, 'Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.

The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?' So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.'

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6: 27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

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

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

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



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

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Updated copies of our church directory can now be found in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Fackler.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our food supply is in need of replenishment. If you would like to donate to the pantry, the following are items are in high demand, as they are not covered by food stamps: Laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner. Also needed are some staple items: tea bags, juice boxes, coffee, juice, canned fruit, applesauce cups, jelly, cereals, snacks for kids, canned meats and stews, baked beans, ramen noodle soup packages, **ketchup, and mayo.** Of course, any donation is appreciated.

YOUTH SINGERS: Students in Grade 5 and up are invited to sing with the Praise team at the 8:30 service on Sunday, November 19th! We will practice for 10 minutes following the 8:30 service (at around 9:40 a.m.) on November 12 and be ready to sing on November 19! We're looking forward to having you sing with us!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event at West Grove UMC on Sat. Nov. 18 from 10:00-Noon. The area UM churches will gather at our church to package 15,000 meals (each meal feeds a family). The meals will be distributed worldwide by Rise Against Hunger to help alleviate hunger. We also need volunteers who can help on Nov. 18th. Folks are needed to help set-up, package meals, and tear-down. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the church lobby. Persons of all ages and ability are welcome to join us. Please consider supporting this ministry with your time and/or resources. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcat.net or 484-643-2181)

COAT AND BLANKET COLLECTION: Many have asked about our coat and blanket collection. We will begin to collect them on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and continue until Christmas. More information coming soon. Thanks!

THE FOUR LIGHTS OF ADVENT: The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to join us for Sunday gatherings this Advent season to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We welcome you all to four Sunday mornings for reflection, prayer, and music. The theme is The Four Lights of Advent (The Light Breaks Through, Reveals, Spreads, and Sings) led by: Carol McGinley, MA Spiritual Director. First class is Sunday, November 26 at 9:45 am in Room #3.

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THIS WEEK: November 12 through November 19, 2017

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday: 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 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off (sponsored by Youth Group) Kitchen Cleaning (Kitchen) CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Monday: 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Picture Day (#8 & 10) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1) 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. SOS Ladie's (#5) Memory Bell's Rehearsal (Sanc) 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pastor's Meeting (#1) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1) Kitchen Cleaning (Kitchen) CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CMO Picture Day (#8 & 10) Family Literacy Program (#1) BOOM Meeting (West Lawn UMC) GS Troop #41377 (Sanc.) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. #4138 (#8'& 10) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Mtg. (#5) CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) **Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) Venture Crew Mtg. (#8 & 10) CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Music Practice (#6) Girl Scout Juniors #4567 (#8 & 10) GSR Kick-off (YMCA, Jennersville) 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy #461 (#12) 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9,10,11,12,13) 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CMO (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) UMW Faith Circle (#8 & 10) Friday: Mel Practice (Sanc.) 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Rise Against Hungér (Sanc.) Saturday: 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10) -5:00 p.m. Mel Practice (Sanc.)
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band and Youth Singers 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir and Memory Bells Youth Group "Git 'er Done" Service Project 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Concert Set Up Concert-Leaman & Friends 6:00 p.m. God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report November 5, 2017

General Offering: \$7,327.25 **Building Maintenance Fund: \$950.00** Combined Worship Attendance: 200 **Emergency Groceries YTD: 141 bags** Anniversary Giving YTD: \$8,330.95 Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$0.00 Total amount received: \$7,889.00 Goal-\$13,000

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

Moment of Impact

Venture Crew 12

West Grove UMC founded and charter Crew 12. A Venturing Crew is a fun-filled, co-ed organization run, organized and executed by teens, for teens, designed to help develop leadership and teamwork through outdoor adventures and unique outings and activities. Although co-ed, it's a separate and senior division of the Boy Scouts of America.

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: Church Finances
Mission Prayer Focus in: Sunday Breakfast Mission

Tom Adams

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Fran Bryan

Family of George Byrne

(Yarbrough) Joann Coates

Philip Colvin (Culbertson)

Dee Crawford

Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)

Tom Fagan

Ed Farrell (Babcock)
Laura Featherston

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joann Frost

Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)

Muff Hurst Peg Kent

William Kirwin

Wanda Kreutzfeldt

Susan Lacy (Mullen)



Rosemary MacCoun Dave McClain

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Peggy Mowrer

Tim Mullen

Pastor Jim Mundell Lola Nadolny (Hruz) Nancy Pearo (Heist)

Willy Raiford (Babcock)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Roann Schneider

Mary Small (Kapp-Benner) Rick Spencer (K. Smith)

Stephen Spitko (Howard)

Jeannie Sullivan

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)

Zach Trexler (Lytle) 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, November 12th

Ushers—8:30 The Bushnells Greeters—8:30 The Hills

Ushers—11:00 George Anderson/Scott Steele

Greeters—11:00 Esther Culbertson

Acolyte 8:30/11 Mac Catoia/Alisabeth Guepet Rubincan/Mullen/Leaman

C. Worship—8:30/11 M. Covington/OPEN

Lay Reader—8:30 Carol Barrett
Liturgist—11:00 Dave Talley
Moment All Ages Pastor Shirley

Prayer Room 8:30/11 Nancy Howard/Sandi Hampton

Hospitality 8:30/11 Stuhrkes/Hoovers

Counters Stuh: Sound Booth Keith

Stuhrkes Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, November 19th

The Simmons

P. Heist/M. Rubincan

Scott Steele

The Reisinger Family

Cora Boyd/Parker Featherston McCummings/Bratton/OPEN

Jessi Timm/OPEN Mark Simonds Vernon Ramberger Julie Hughes

Nancy Howard/Cindy Haley Covingtons/Scott Steele Bowers/Beauchamp

Bowers/Beauchamp Keith Schneider & various

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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"Be Glorified"

PraiseWorks Band

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*Closing Song

"Lord, Reign in Me"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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