

West Grove United Methodist Church

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











Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 27, 2015

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

Vernon Ramberger

One: In the name of our God, who creates mountains, the name of Jesus, who taught and knew God on a mountain, and the name of the Spirit, who is deep in the mountains,

Many: We praise God for the tall snowcapped mountains, for rising peaks on the landscapes, and for the many places we meet God.

One: God has a habit of meeting God's people on the mountaintop: Moses, Elijah, Jesus, disciples, to name a few.

Many: We too, want to meet God on the mountaintop.

One: We gather today expecting to meet God, to know God, and to learn how to be God's people

Many: May we too, know the intimacy of God, who is always personal.

*Processional Hymn

"O God Our Help In Ages Past"

Hymnal No. 117

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

O God, our help in ages past, we praise you for each and every time your presence has been as close to us as our skin. We celebrate the gift of your son, Jesus, who indwelt on earth that we might know God with skin on and the gift of your Holy Spirit who remains with us always. May we each know you and respond to how you call us to be your people. In the name of the ever-present God, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Children's Choir

"I Will Believe"

Directed by Joan Leaman

Moments for All Ages

Karen Hruz

September 27, 2015

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 65:17-25* Vernon Ramberger

*Gospel Lesson Mark 16:14-18 Vernon Ramberger

Response to the LessonsVernon Ramberger

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "You Are There" Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon "God in the Mountains" Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response "Mountains Are Aglow" Hymnal No. 86

Moment of Impact EPAUMC Camps 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. AMEN.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Jim

O Lord, our redeemer, you give new life through your word and Spirit. We are grateful that you continually teach us the best way to live. You have taught us on the mountaintops and called us to live in the valleys. May these offerings impact the valleys we live in, so that others might meet and follow Jesus on the mountaintops of their lives. Amen.

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Hymnal No. 251

*Benediction Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction "Amen" Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Glorious New Creation

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:14-18

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And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."



WGUMC Fall Rummage Sale Friday, October 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m.-Noon.

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may "Fill-a-Bag for \$2.00".

How can you help?

Why not weed out unwanted books, gently used clothes, unused kitchen utensils and other household items, box games, puzzles, children's items, the stuff in your basement you've been meaning to go through, and set those "weeds" aside for the church rummage sale? **You can bring your donations to church beginning Sunday, September 27 and throughout that week.** The church office is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. We'll be setting up on Thursday, October 1 beginning around Noon. If you can donate any amount of your time to sorting and organizing, it would be most helpful So, start cleaning and sorting, and we'll see you at the sale!

WGUMC's Annual Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up on Guernsey Road

Join us for our annual "adopt a highway" cleanup of Guernsey Road on **Saturday**, **October 10 at 9:00 AM with a rain date of October 17**. We would love for you to help us. Just show up at 9 a.m.. Bring your work gloves and we will supply the safety vests. We will separate into teams to pick up trash. It is quick work when we have many helping hands! If you have any questions, please see Bill Jones or call the church office.



<u>GIVING ENVELOPES:</u> We will be ordering Giving Envelopes on **October 1st for 2016**. If you are using envelopes now, you will receive a packet for 2016. If you would like to begin using envelopes now or want to begin in 2016, please notify me at sar57ver@verizon.net or by placing a written request in my church mailbox asap. If you are planning to give electronically, please contact Donna Fackler asap so arrangements may proceed and the order for envelopes may be adjusted accordingly. If you do not use your envelopes or plan to give electronically, I will assign you a number to identify your giving for recording--contact me asap so the order may be adjusted. Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary

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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 worship during the beautiful season of Autumn. May we be blessed in one another's presence and in the presence of our Savior. 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.

DO YOU HAVE FAITH? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available for our children and youth during the service. Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", shout out faith (and make a witness!). At the end of the service, please come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

ELECTRONIC GIVING: There are many folks who give electronically at West Grove UMC. A "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure offered in the literature rack by the front doors, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.

Building Community with People of Color: Sunday, Sept. 27. A group from various area churches will start monthly discussions about the book <u>It's the Little Things: Everyday</u> <u>Interactions That Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races</u> by Lena Williams. It should be a lively and deeply rewarding way to build understanding and community. Please join us as we discuss the first two chapters on the 27th at West Grove UMC from 6:30-8:30. Mel Leaman will help to facilitate the discussion. Thanks for informing him about your participation: jmleaman@comcast.net (610-806-3805).

World Cruise Highlights: Jim and Betty Mundell invite you to join them on **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.** as they share highlights from their recent World Cruise. The pictures are fascinating and accompanied by interesting stories from Jim and Betty.

THE PHILADELPHIA PROJECT! Join in for a weekend of serving, worshipping, laughing and growing in our faith as we head to Philly to participate in home repair projects. Cost: \$75 for the weekend (includes accommodations, food and work site supplies) Depart: Friday at 5:30. Return: Sunday at 1:30. Who? All 7th – 12th graders. Sign up: See Jamie Lindtner for a registration form and return it to her with \$75 by Oct 11.

"The Majesty of God" Bible Study Led by Pastor Jim Mundell. Mondays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. September 14— October 19 It is entitled <u>THE MAJESTY OF GOD IN THE OLD</u> <u>TESTAMENT</u>. God's unsurpassed majesty and greatness is an aspect of biblical truth that is often lacking in our Christian life. The objective of our study is to learn about the magnificence and the majesty, the awesomeness and greatness of our God. We trust you will want to take part in this study of Old Testament passages about of our God.

Psalms Bible Study at Jenners Pond: 10:00—11:30 a.m. Fridays through October 30. This Bible study is led by Pastor Jim and he invites all to attend!

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report for September 20, 2015

General Offering: \$4,831.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$265.00

Worship Attendance: 158
Emergency Groceries Bags
Distributed YTD: 60

Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 234 Emergency Aid disbursed YTD: \$921.65

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

Moment of Impact

We have 4 camps in Eastern
Pennsylvania Annual Conference. Each
year, each camp boasts of first time
commitments, and renewed
commitments to Christ. When you give
to camps, you are giving opportunities for
others to commit to serving Christ.



The Children's Morning Out program will be holding the Fall/Winter Children's Clothing, Toy and Equipment Consignment Sale on Friday, October 16, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

This is a great way to make some money on your family's gently used children's items. It is also a chance to buy quality children's items that you need at good prices. Start collecting your items to consign now!

Don't want to consign? Donations of children's items will be accepted at the church with all proceeds going to the CMO and scholarship programs.



Wiggly
Giggly
Blessing of
the Animals

Saturday, October 3 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate our pets and animals while asking God's blessings.

The 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. All animal lovers are welcome to attend, receive pet treats and God's blessings for their companions.

THIS WEEK: September 27 through October 4, 2015

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~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~
Sunday:
                    EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
                                     Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
               8:30 a.m.
               9:45 a.m.
                                     Christian Education for All Ages
              11:00 a.m.
                                     Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir
              6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
                                     Building Community with People of Color (11,13)
                                        See Page 10
Monday:
             9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6)
             9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
                                     Knit Wits (#1)
             6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
                                     Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12)
             6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
                                     S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)
             6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
                                     Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
                                     "Majesty of God" Bible Study (#14)
             7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6)
Tuesday:
             9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
             11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
                                     CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)
             4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
                                     Daisy Troop 447 (#8, 10)
             6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool Back to School Night (#3, 4, 5, 6)
                                     Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)
             6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
             7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
                                     Yoga-Sanc.
Wednesday:
             9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6)
             11:15 a.m.+11:30 a.m.
                                     CMO Chapel Time (Sanc. & Classroom)
             12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
                                     CMO Soccer Shots (church grounds)
              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 Meeting (#8 & 10)
              7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
                                     Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)
Thursday:
             RUMMAGE SALE SET UP
             9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6)
             4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
                                     All Staff Meeting (#1)
                                     Daisy Troop #4567 (#8, 10)
             6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
             6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
                                     Choir Rehearsal (#6)
             7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
                                     Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10)
                                     PraiseWorks Rehearsal
             8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday:
            NE Jurisdictional Conference
                                        RUMMAGE SALE
             9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
             9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
                                     CMO Preschool (3, 4, 5, 6)
             9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
                                     UMW Faith Circle (#1)
            10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
                                     Psalms Bible Study (Jenner's Pond)
            NE Jurisdictional Conference
Saturday:
            9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
                                     RUMMAGE SALE
                                     Daily Reflections (#8, 10)
            10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
                                     Wiggly Giggly Blessing of the Animals
            5:00 p.m.
Sunday:
                    NINTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
                         WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
               8:30 a.m.
                                     Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
               9:45 a.m.
                                     Christian Education for All Ages
              9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
                                     New Members Class (Pastor's Office)
                                     Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir
              11:00 a.m.
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Youth Group (#8, 10)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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 **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, please update your request with Donna. Thank you.

> Community Prayer Focus in September: WGUMC Chicken BBQ Mission Prayer Focus in September: Les Family in the Ukraine

Korv Arnold Family of Rev. Ted Bach Louise Ballard (Boyd) Amijo Bearley (Hampton) Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Family of Dorothy Brennan (Mullen) Tim Mullen

Fran Bryan

Hazel Cornett (Rubincan) Family of Officer Davis (EPAC) Family of Ruby DeBoard

Colin Delaney (McGinley)

Tom Fagan Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Marcus Forst (Howard) Hailey and Family (Simonds)

Kim Henry (Hampton) Ruth Hong (Stryjewski)

Lonna Hudson (Hurst) Family of Weslia Hynicka (EPAC)

Bill Jones

Dot & Roger Kaiser (Mundell)

Roger Kaiser (Mundell) Richard Kreutzfeldt Miriam Leman (Hruz)

Bill Lilley



Wavne Martz Pam McClain Cindy Mohn (B. Smith) hain Lvnn Morgan (McClain) Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Rev. John Neider (EPAC)

Ed O'Brien

Uncle Paul (Lindtner) Tammy Ramberger Ron Ritter (Chalmers)

Dot Russell

Family of Lee Salzwimmer (Jones)

Roann Schneider

Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)

Lorrie & Scott Steele

Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)

Fernando Tena Jonathan Tena Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Eveline Walker (Schrader)

Dot Weeks Jeff Whelan

Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)

Nate Howard—Ouantico Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, Colorado Springs, CO (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)

Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base. Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Ushers—8:30 Ushers—11 Greeters—8:30 Greeters—11 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** Hospitality 8:30/11 Counters

This Sunday, September 27 Fred and Jeannie Sullivan George Anderson & Bill Jones

Bill and Kristin Lilley

Kay Yates

Alisabeth Guepet / Joseph Yarbrough Chris Bruno/Rain Catoia / Joan Leaman

Maryanne Covington / OPEN Sean Barrett Vernon Ramberger

Karen Hruz

The Chalmers/Linda Peirson & Hursts Rain Catoia / The Kreutzfeldts Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

Next Sunday, October 4

Fred and Jeannie Sullivan George Anderson and Bill Jones

TBA

Kay Yates

Michelle LeStourgeon/Nathan Robinson M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson

Amy Castaldi / Joan Leaman

Fred Sullivan Tom Hoover Julie Hughes

George Andersoni & Donna Shaub

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 27 ~ Saturday, October 3



- **Sunday:** "Later Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen." Mark 16:14. Jesus had a habit of showing up as the disciples waited for him. Have you waited on Jesus today?
- **Monday:** "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark 16:15. Have you shared God's love and good news with all of creation? Spend time in creation today proclaiming the good news.
- **Tuesday:** "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:15. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you.
- **Wednesday:** "And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;" Mark 16: 17. How is God showing you signs of God's presence?
- **Thursday:** "For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17. Where is God calling you to notice glimpses of the new heaven and the earth?
- **Friday:** "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress." Isaiah 65:19. God's mountain, where God is known intimately, has no need for weeping and crying. Spend time contemplating such a reality.
- **Saturday:** "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord." Isaiah 65:25. Prayerfully ask God's holy mountain, God's kingdom to be known here on earth.



UMW Are Collecting New Clothes

There is a local organization in West Grove, the **Community New Garment Association.** In October they come together with donations of articles which are distributed to several local agencies. Two recipients of these donations are the **Avon Grove School Nurses and Maternity Departments of**

Jennersville Regional and Chester County Hospitals. We would like to support these two agencies and invite you, our congregation, to help by donating an item from the list below.

These items will be collected through October 11. We thank you for your help.

AVON GROVE SCHOOL NURSES – New items such as sweat pants and tops, socks and underwear for children from Kindergarten age through High School.

JENNERSVILLE REGIONAL AND CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITALS – New Items of receiving blankets, crib sheets and blankets, diapers, one piece sleepers, undershirts (onesies) or any layette item.

Please remember that all articles must be new.



Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 25th 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to a festive, FREE, family event!!

Please 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**. We'll move the trick or treating inside if it rains, so whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together!

IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS EVENT A COMPLETE SUCCESS, 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 to be found on the internet! We will be posting sign up sheets in the lobby as we will need lots of volunteers to help out. Donations of candy, popcorn, and lemonade mix can be placed in the bin provided in the lobby.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

Open

*Opening Song

"In The Secret (I Want to Know You)"

PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

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*Celebration Set

"I Will Rise Up"
"Breathe"

PraiseWorks Band

*Passing of the Peace

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*Closing Song

"Lord, Reign in Me"

PraiseWorks Band

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