



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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**PREVENIENT GRACE:**  
God Prepares a Way and Urges Us On

***Sunday, July 8, 2018***

# 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder 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)

Julie Hughes

One: Like one who packs for upcoming travels,

**Many: God prepares for us.**

One: God's grace is not limited to our foibles or understanding, but exceeds our boxes and timelines.

**Many: Guide us towards the font of your grace.**

### \*Hymn

*"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

UMH No. 400

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Julie Hughes

**As we gather this morning, we give you thanks that you seek us while we are still strangers wandering. God, your grace is enough for each and every one of us and all that we face. May we be reminded, that long before it occurred to us to seek you, O God, you have been seeking us. Move our hearts to offer your grace to others, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Julie Hughes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

### Old Testament Lesson

*Malachi 3:1-7*

Julie Hughes

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Mark 5:1-20*

Julie Hughes

### \*Response to the Lesson

Julie Hughes

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

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

### \*Song of Preparation

*"Grace Like Rain"*

PraiseWorks Band

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

*"DO Prevenient Grace"*

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

### Moment of Impact

*Jenner's Pond*

Pastor Monica

### Offering

*"I Sought The Lord"*

UMH No. 341

### \*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 Monica

**God of grace and glory, you go before us offering us more than we might  
imagine. May these gifts of our hearts and hands prepare the way for  
others, we pray, Amen.**

### Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

### \*Closing Song

*"Your Grace Is Enough"*

PraiseWorks Band

### \*Benediction

Pastor Monica

### \*Postlude

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

## MOMENT OF IMPACT

### *Jenner's Pond*

We have been blessed to enjoy a special relationship with Jenner's Pond for fifteen years. Pastor Jim serves as our associate pastor and we extend him as chaplain to Jenner's Pond. Once a month, on the second Sunday, we offer an ecumenical service televised through the campus, available through closed circuit technology to all residents. We give thanks to God for this ministry.

## **Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?"

## **Gospel Lesson: Mark 5:1-20**

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

# 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, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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](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. We would like for you to hear!



**BLENDED WORSHIP:** During the months of **July and August we have one blended worship service at 9:30 a.m.** that incorporates elements from both the traditional and contemporary worship services. **Please join us!**

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** **Your donations have helped so much!** We have given away **189** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** An updated Shopping List is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

**WEDNESDAY NITE FUN:** All are invited to join in on the weekly fun of fellowship and games **through August 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the church. It is a Rain or Shine event! Weather permitting, we will have a slip-n-slide, the new playground, a parking lot to skateboard, ride bikes or play other games. Hot dogs and beverages are provided. If you are able, bring a dish to share. Invite your friends and neighbors!

**VBS SUPPLY LIST:** We need donations for items that will be used during VBS: snacks, science, craft and recreation items. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. You may also sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link on the church web site. Please sign up to donate items if you feel led to help in this way. Thank you!

**NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST on Sunday, July 29:** Have you been thinking about joining the church? Have you been wanting to learn more about how you could get plugged in here at West Grove UMC? Join us on Sunday, July 29th for breakfast and more information. No obligation. Enjoy breakfast, have a cup of coffee, drink some tea, hear about the church.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** **West Grove UMC will be hosting Family Promise July 15-22.** Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. We need volunteers for the following: Set-up and break-down of the guest and family/dining Rooms, meal Preparation-at the church, evening hosting-enjoying a meal and relax time with the families, transporting cots-for storage, breakfast and dessert baked goods (can be prepared at home). Look for a sign-up in the lobby coming soon. Please contact Joan Leaman at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181 for more information.

**WE ARE HIRING!** West Grove UMC is hiring a part-time Sexton. We are looking for a motivated, independent, mechanically-minded individual to join our staff to be responsible for janitorial and repair duties. This position is 12 hours per week on a flexible schedule. Please send resumes to [staffing@westgroveumc.org](mailto:staffing@westgroveumc.org).



**THIS WEEK: JULY 8 through JULY 15, 2018**

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

***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Blended Summer Worship</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Full Staff Meeting (#1)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Mission Connection (#3)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (#1)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	<b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Fun (outside)</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Lucas Music Lessons (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Pastor Monica on Vacation</b>
	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T (Sunrise Café)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Coffee Fellowship Sunday Hosted by the Ad Council***

***Family Promise Host Week***

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Pastor Monica on Vacation</b>
	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Blended Summer Worship</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)

**\*\*\*Pastor Monica will be on vacation July 14-21 with her family.\*\*\***

**This is the first of her four Sundays for the appointment year.**

**She will be enjoying time at Ocean City, New Jersey.**

**Pastoral emergencies can be directed to Pastor Jim, Deaconess Yvette, and administrative concerns to the office.**

***God's Faithfulness ~  
Your Stewardship***

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

**Report July 1, 2018**

*General Offering: \$5,066.13  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$430.00  
Combined Attendance: 170  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 200 bags  
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$25.00  
Total amount received: \$13,708.91  
Goal-\$13,000*

# 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. PLEASE STATE "PRAYER CHAIN ONLY" ON YOUR REQUEST IF YOU DO NOT WANT NAME LISTED IN THE BULLETIN.** 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 for July: Children's Ministries Mission Prayer Focus for July: MPasa Clinic

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Roger Bates  
Barb Bratton (Bratton)  
Fran Bryan  
Helen Carlin  
Roger Cason  
Family of Erma Clark  
Dee Crawford  
Family of Al Devote (Raineri)  
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
Odella Farrell (Babcock)  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Betty Gaughan (Fackler)  
Mike Haley  
Family of Chris Hecht  
Peg Kent  
William Kirwin  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Townsend MacCoun  
Dave McClain



Ray McKay  
Pastor Jimmy Montgomery  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Pastor Monica  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Richard Saller  
Roann Schneider  
Linda Shiplet  
Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)  
Family of Frank Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,  
Quantico VA

Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)

Ed Tolmie

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u><b>This Sunday, 7/8</b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday, 7/15</b></u>
<b>Ushers—9:30</b>	The Aucotts	OPEN
<b>Greeters—9:30</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Acolyte 9:30</b>	Parker Featherston	Hannah McCummings
<b>Nursery 9:30</b>	Karen Hruz	C. Bruno
<b>C. Worship—9:30</b>	Maryanne Covington	Kristin Boyd
<b>Liturgist—9:30</b>	Julie Hughes	Margee Michaels
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Pastor Monica	Joan Leaman
<b>Prayer Room 9:30</b>	Cindy Haley	Susan Paisley
<b>Hospitality 9:30</b>	The Stuhrkes	The Covingtons
<b>Counters</b>	Michaels/Ramberger	The Stuhrkes
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, July 8 ~ Saturday, July 14



**Sunday:** *“See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:1.* God’s love always precedes us. When we tell stories of our lives, our community, our culture, our world, we see the love of God always preceding our reach towards God.

**Monday:** *“Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’” Malachi 3:7.* Consider where God is inviting you to return to practices of wholeness and relationship.

**Tuesday:** *“And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain,” Mark 5: 2-3.* Who is God calling you to stop restraining and let go towards God’s love?

**Wednesday:** *“When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him;” Mark 5:6.* Those who have gone astray recognize when God seeks them out. Pray for all who have gone astray, for it is all of us.

**Thursday:** *“They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid.” Mark 5: 15.* We often read this story and try to picture who are the demoniacs and the villagers. What if we have been all the characters at different points? How would our faith grow, our empathy increase, and our grace deepen?

**Friday:** *“But Jesus refused, and said to him, ‘Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.’” Mark 5:19.* Jesus refused to leave the neighborhood. His presence was already with them. Consider how Jesus has changed your life.

**Saturday:** *“And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.” Mark 5: 20.* Pray for where God is calling you to proclaim how much Jesus has done for you.