



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 16, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

"Holy Manna"
arranged by Susan E. Geschke

Memory Bells

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

*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!*

Pastor Monica

*Processional Hymn

"How Firm A Foundation"

UMH No. 529

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Janis Schrader

One: In the deep places of fear,

Many: God will be with us.

One: As we gather to lift our concerns,

Many: God will be with us.

One: As we celebrate our joys,

Many: God will be with us.

One: Let us pray:

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

**How firm our foundation is in you, Holy God,
even when our feet feel like they are shaking.**

**We gather in the presence of community
knowing that some of us are filled with joy and others know sorrow.**

**Some speak words that uplift the spirit,
and others are just hanging on.**

**May the peace of the Holy Spirit bring wisdom and guidance
to each one, we pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:6-9

Janis Schrader

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:14-23

Janis Schrader

*Response to the Lesson

Janis Schrader

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem *"Fear Not, I Am With You"* 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 *"Do Mark"* Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response** *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"* UMH No. 526

Moment of Impact *Puerto Rico Relief* Pastor Monica

Offering *"Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"* Memory Bells
arranged by Jeffrey Honore

***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** Pastor Jim
Good and Gracious God,
every good and perfect gift comes from you.
We give thanks to God for your generosity and abundance.
We seek to emulate you, giving generously and abundantly.
May these gifts, tithes, and offerings
teach us generosity as we show others your abundance.
In the name of the Grace-filled One, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* UMH No. 377

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** *"Benediction Blessing"* Chancel Choir

***Postlude**
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New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4:6-9

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Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:14-23

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Puerto Rico Relief

Eastern Pennsylvania Annual conference raised over \$96,000 from districts, churches and individuals for its Helping Puerto Rico Rise Again campaign, with a \$100,000 goal. Now churches are being asked to receive a special love offering on any Sunday, Sept. 16-30, to aid the island's recovery. The dates align with the start of National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 15 to October 15. All funds will be shared with the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR) to support its recovery and restoration efforts among struggling churches and communities. A Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team of nine lay and clergy members from various churches will do recovery work there Nov. 3-10. This first Eastern PA Conference work team may focus on restoring homes and churches in the Northeast region, supervised by UMCOR (UM Committee on Relief) and MCPR leaders and assisted by church members. Nearly 1,500 Puerto Rican evacuee households, with more than 3,400 members, had applied for FEMA disaster assistance in Pennsylvania by June, second only to New York in the Northeast. Your gifts support this vital relief work.

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

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!



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER: WGUMC will be preparing dinner for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware on **Sunday, September 23**. Please come out and help assist in the preparation and serving of a simple meal of a Nacho / Taco Salad bar and Hot Dog station. We will be meeting at 2:30 pm at the RMH, 1901 Rockland Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803 and will be finished by 6:00 p.m. Some can leave earlier once the prep is complete if desired. Please let Janice Bowers know if you can participate after the service or at janicesemail2@gmail.com or 484-888-6821. **If you cannot attend, please sign up to bring an item on the list in the church lobby.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SIGHT & SOUND TO JESUS: Three tickets are now available for reservations to the 11 a.m. show on October 17th. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger by September 14th if you are interested.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: If you are a college student, please send your address to Melanie Hartley (childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org) so we can connect you with a prayer partner!

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE: "Building Connections for Social Justice" on **Sat., Sept. 29 at West Lawn UMC, from 8:30-3:30**. Participants can attend 2 workshops as well as devotions by Bishop Johnson and keynote address by Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, Gen. Sec. of General Board of Church and Society. For more information and registration, visit www.epaumc.org.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Your donations have helped so much! We have given away **283** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** Please consider donating one an item from the shopping list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Our next book is *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque. We will meet on **September 27 at 5:45 p.m.** in Room 3 to discuss the book. See Pastor Monica for more information.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PICNIC: Penn Township Park on **September 22, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM**. West Grove UMC will once again have a tent at this event. And we need volunteers to greet visitors and help at the tent. Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office if you are able to help.

UMW FAITH CIRCLE RESUMES THIS FALL! The first meeting will be on **Friday, September 21 at 9:30 AM** in the youth room. Contact Chris Curtiss for more information.

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 16 through SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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

Coffee Fellowship Hosted By Men's Sunday School Class

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells Counters (#2) Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)
Monday:	8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	DCOM Meeting (Thorndale UMC) CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.) Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5) Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) Girl Scouts #447 (#8, 10) Girl Scout Leader's Meeting (#3) Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8, 10) Finance Meeting (#1) Ad Council (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) Life of David Bible Study (Sanc.) Venture Crew Youth Meeting
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Daisy Troop #4099 (#12) Jr. Girl Scouts #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scouts #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10) Life of David Bible Study-Jenner's Pond (Alison Theater) Jr. Girl Scouts #4070 (#8, 10)
Saturday:	All Day 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Pastor Monica on vacation Community Picnic/Health & Wellness Fair (Penn Park) Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
<i>Karen Hruz will be preaching.</i>		
Sunday:	All Day 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Pastor Monica on vacation Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir Counters (#2) Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep "Faith In Washington" Bible Study (#3) Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)

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. **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 September: Ad Council Mission Prayer Focus for September: Children's Morning Out

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Carolyn (A. Boyd)
Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Family of Michael Bray (Fackler)
Fran Bryan
Helen Carlin
Roger Cason (Mundell)
Joann Coates
Jim Collins (Mullen)
Dee Crawford
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
Amit Dua (Jackson)
Laura Featherston
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
Family of Roslyn Gobbeo (Michaels)
Pastor Monica
Liz Hadly
Mike Haley
Pat Heist
Vera Hughes (Hughes)
Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)
Anna R. Justice (Boyd)
Peg Kent
Family of Townsend MacCoun
Dave McClain



John McGinley
Family of Liz Miller (A. Boyd)
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Family of Mas Nakajma (Mullen)
Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rose Family (Boyd)
Richard Saller
Roann Schneider
Linda Shiplet
Joan Smead (Wolff)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannette Stryjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Family of Ed Wandersee (Mundell)
Family of Marliiss Wilson
Ron Wilson
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



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

This Sunday, September 16

Ushers—8:30 TBD
Greeters—8:30 Margaret Rubincan
Ushers—11:00 Joan Saller
Greeters—11:00 TBD
Acolyte - 8:30 Anna Castaldi
Acolyte - 11:00 Alisabeth Guepet
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/A. Castaldi
C. Worship—8:30/11 Janice Bowers
Lay Reader—8:30 Julie Hughes
Liturgist—11:00 Janis Schrader
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 8:30/11 TBD/Jean Kilmartin
Roamers Maryanne Covington
Hospitality 8:30/11 The Covingtons/S. Steele
Counters Stuhrke
Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, September 23

The Chalmers
TBD
Fran Miller
Joan Saller
Hannah McCummings
Clarissa Robinson
OPEN/C. Bratton/P. Fulton
A. Simonds/J. Bowers
Fred Sullivan
Peter Mullen
Eileen Bushnell
TBD/Susan Paisley
Fran Miller
The Chalmers/L. Pierson
Talley/Bowers
Keith Schneider & various

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY PICNIC

PENN TOWNSHIP PARK

September 22, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

This picnic has grown into the premier event in Southern Chester County with over 4,000 people in attendance last year. It is a fun day full of health information, wellness screenings, local businesses, non-profits, public safety organizations, food, music, and activities for all ages.

This year will mark the fourteenth anniversary of this important community event. Fun things are being planned, such as the popular live Elvis Tribute Show by Jesse Garron, our biggest vendor display we've ever had and a host of exciting new rides and activities.

West Grove UMC will once again have a tent at this event. And we need volunteers to greet visitors and help at the tent. Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office if you are able to help.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS October 7



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!

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report September 9, 2018

General Offering: \$ 5,944.12
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 490.00
Combined Attendance: 170
Sunday Facebook Views: 39
Emergency Groceries YTD: 283 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,943.89
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 100.00
Total amount received: \$ 14,518.91

WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Semi~Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday,
September 30 through Wednesday, October 3.**

**On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown
paper grocery sack for only \$2.00!!**

**Leftover items are donated to local
organizations.**

**The United Methodist Women who sponsor this
sale, use the proceeds to fund various
missions in the church and the wider
community.**



CMO CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT SALE

CONSIGN

Thursday, October 18

SHOP

**Friday, October 20 & Saturday,
October 21**



**SAVE THE DATE!
AND START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS
FOR ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED!**

Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries*

West Grove UMC

(300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA 19390)

Instructor: Judy Ehninger

Registration Fee: \$35

(brown bag lunch)



Friday, October 26, 2018: 7– 10 pm – Part 1

Saturday, October 27, 2018: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm– Parts 2 & 3

Prerequisites:

- Desire to serve Christ
- Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication
- Willing to improve skills by training for service
- Committed to study of the Bible and the power of prayer,
- Written approval from local Pastor and/or Administrative Council.

Upon completion of Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries, an individual must complete an additional 10 hours of approved training within 3 years to be recognized as a Christ Servant Minister.

**Completed registrations and checks must be received by October 12, 2018.
Registration forms are available in the lobby.**

EMBRACING LIFE 2018 ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR SIMPSON HOUSE

November 8, 2018

6:00 PM

The Hilton Philadelphia on City Avenue

Save the date for this fundraiser to help raise money to continue the benevolent care promise at Simpson House (the oldest United Methodist affiliated Retirement Community in the world).

Nearly one out of three Simpson House residents can no longer afford the cost of the care and services they need. The benevolent care program provides financial assistance, which allows them to stay. This has been the Simpson House promise since 1865. Help secure and strengthen this important ministry by participating in Embracing Life 2018.

More information about this event is in the lobby.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 16 ~ Saturday, September 22



Sunday: *“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6.* Consider how you might regularly fill your life with prayer, thanksgiving, and supplication. Consider what ratio you have and what you may need to include.

Monday: *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7.* Pray for the mind of Christ Jesus for your family.

Tuesday: *“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8.* When the volume of negative news is overwhelming, how do you switch to include true, honorable, just, pure thoughts?

Wednesday: *“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9.* Paul writes to the church in Phillipi a letter of encouragement. Sometimes, we need to hear – keep at it. You’ve got this! Stick with it!

Thursday: *“Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’” Mark 7:14-15.* Pray for those who are tempted to defile their bodies, their temples.

Friday: *“And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles.” Mark 7:20.* Consider what comes out of you. How have you hurt others? Where are your growing edges?

Saturday: *“All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” Mark 7:23.* Pray for all those who speak. Each of us an opportunity to speak too quickly and hurt another.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** *“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”* PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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*Celebration Set	<i>“Blessed Be Your Name”</i> <i>“We Fall Down”</i>	PraiseWorks Band
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***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Jim

Gathered Prayers Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** “*Words*” PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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