



West Grove United Methodist Church

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***Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 14, 2019***

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, July 7 ~ Saturday, July 14



Sunday: “We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,” 2 Corinthians 6:3. Consider our faith is often born in crucibles and challenges. Encourage others as they walk their own faith journeys.

Monday: “but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger,” 2 Corinthians 6:4-5. Pray for those who imprisoned and detained. Listen to where God moves your heart in prayer.

Tuesday: “as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.” 2 Corinthians 6: 9-10. Give thanks to God today for all that God has seen you through. Share your witness with someone who needs to hear that God has seen you through it all!

Wednesday: “We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.” 2 Corinthians 6:11-13. Where is God calling you to persist and open wide your heart wider than you thought?

Thursday: “Jesus said to them, ‘The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.’” Matthew 9: 15. Consider that the disciplined life of faith allows the faithful to focus on hearing the voices of those in need and the voice of God.

Friday: “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made.” Matthew 9: 16. Pray for brothers and sisters who going through change. Persistence is needed most in the face of change.

Saturday: “Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.” Matthew 9: 17. Change at the right time can allow for preservation. Pray for discernment.

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 July: Children's Ministries Mission Prayer Focus for July: Mpasa Clinic

Darlene Alleger

(Guepet)

Annette (Howard)

Helen Carlin

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

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Mary Finn (Mullen)

Mike Haley

Ellen Hayes

Pat Heist

Bob Herb (Shiplet)

Muff Hurst

Peg Kent

Dave McClain

Margee Michaels



Peggy Mowrer

Katie Mullen (Mullen)

Tim Mullen

Betty Mundell

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)

Rick Renzulli McGinley

Doug Schwartz (Mullen)

Joan Smead (Wolff)

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Jeannie Sullivan

Mary Tharp (RAP)

Tommy (Simmons)

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Tyler Brady—Middle East
(Minnick)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
North Carolina

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Ushers—9:30

Greeters—9:30

Acolyte 9:30

Communion Servers

This Sunday, 7/14

Fred Sullivan & Linda Peirson

Esther Culbertson

Clarissa Robinson

N/A

Next Sunday, 7/21

Jay and Carol Schoff

TBD

Brady Castaldi

N/A

Nursery 9:30

C. Worship—9:30

Liturgist—9:30

Moment All Ages

Prayer Room 9:30

Hospitality 9:30

Counters

Sound Booth

Kelly Hendrickson

Joan Leaman

Mary Franciscus

Joan Leaman

TBD

Linda Peirson

V. Kapp-Benner, J. Bowers & A.

Aucott

Keith Schneider & various

M. Rubincan

Amy Castaldi

Judy Gambill

Joan Leaman

TBD

The Covingtons

Dave Talley & Janice Bowers

Mike Duvall & various

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!

*Welcoming Music

"Overwhelmed"

PraiseWorks Band

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Mary Franciscus

One: Praise to God, our Creator, in whose love and image we are made.

Many: Overwhelmed by the vastness of God's goodness and grace, we praise God!

One: Praise to Jesus, our friend and brother, in whom we celebrate human life with joys and challenges.

Many: Grounded in person of Jesus calling us to faithfulness and change, we praise Jesus!

One: Praise to the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and agitator, cultivating faith and change.

Many: Aspiring towards the Holy Spirit who urges us to fullness of who we can be, we praise the Holy Spirit.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mary Franciscus

Sovereign God, we praise you in the beauty of the calm and in the face of the storm. You alone are God, and we wait upon the timing of the Lord. Aided by the strong hand of Triune God, we are encouraged to grow and flourish. Grant us agility and patience, tenderness and faith as we depend upon you as life changes, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Mary Franciscus

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

VBS Song

"Movin' On"

PraiseWorks Band

Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mary Franciscus

***Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 9:14-17* Mary Franciscus

***Response to the Lesson** Mary Franciscus

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn of Response** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH No. 521

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 "What Make A Hero?" Pastor Monica
Faith and Persistence in the Midst of Change"

SERVE

Special Music "How Far I'll Go" Victoria Owens

Moment of Impact Emergency Aid Team Janice Bowers

Offering "I Will Never Be" PraiseWorks Band

***Doxology** "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

Steadfast God, in the storms and changes of life, you are always

God. We praise you and give you thanks. We offer our tithes to

you and our lives to you. Shape us and use us. You call us to

walk with Christ and be more than we ever thought possible. Let

us be more like you, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Song of Sending Forth** "How Firm a Foundation" UMH No. 529

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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

THIS WEEK: JULY 14 through JULY 21, 2018

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	10:30 a.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School—"To Mars and Beyond"
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School—"To Mars and Beyond"
	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	SSCON Meeting (Sanc.)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
	7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ad Council Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School—"To Mars and Beyond"
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Fun (outside)
	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School—"To Mars and Beyond"
	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Emily Lucas String Lessons (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #12 (5)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#1)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School—"To Mars and Beyond"
	12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Youth Water Games (church grounds)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Summer Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	10:30 a.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	6:00 p.m.	Family Promise Hosting (July 22-29)
	Coffee Fellowship Sunday hosted by our Administrative Council	

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report July 7, 2019

General Offering: \$26, 832
Building Maintenance Fund: \$315
Combined Attendance: 145
Emergency Groceries YTD: 185 bags

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!



BLENDED WORSHIP: During **July and August** we have one worship service at **9:30 a.m. with traditional and contemporary!** Our blended worship begins today. Join us!

COUNTDOWN TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS 2019—To Mars and Beyond starts tomorrow!! You can still register at **www.westgroveumc.org**

WEDNESDAY NITE FUN! June 19-August 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as we invite our community for dinner and fun. Hot dogs and beverages are provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert if you wish! This community outreach has been a great way to get to know people better. 9-in-the-Air and the playground for the kids have been very popular, as well as the slip-and-slide that makes an appearance through the summer. Join us as we share our stories with each other.

FAMILY PROMISE ~ July 21-28 Looking for Ministry servants!

Help us serve those who are temporarily homeless by bringing in food during the week of July 21-28th. Sign up in the Lobby. Thank you for caring for one another. Sign up in church lobby or contact **Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net**.

MISSION CENTRAL July 23rd, we are carpooling to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg! Join us as we deliver our VBS United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits and have a chance to assemble, verify, and pack UMCOR Relief Kits. We leave the church at **10:30am on Tuesday, July 23rd**. Please email **Janice Bowers at janicesemail2@gmail.com** with questions. Please sign up in the church lobby.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Join us after the service on **Sunday, July 28th** for snacks and to find out which crafts we will be providing to all of the residents of the Luther House (with home baked cookies) in December. Please drop any craft supplies in the Mission bin in the lobby between now and July 28. There will be a supply list posted in the lobby.

ADDICTION CONFERENCE: "Help for today... hope for tomorrow" Oct. 18-20, 2019 A three-day conference at First Baptist Church of Kennett Square will explore the special role that faith, hope, and love play in recovery from chemical dependency. The cost is \$10, and includes lunch and refreshments on Saturday. Talk to Pastor Monica if you are interested.

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:14-17

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often,¹ but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

MOMENT OF IMPACT

West Grove UMC has implemented a new Emergency Aid Team that is chartered with interviewing, praying for, evaluating, and determining emergency aid requests that come through our office. It is the mission of the team to ensure that the generous funds provided for assisting those in crisis are thoughtfully and properly managed and distributed. The emergency aid fund is intended to be temporary emergency help during a time of crisis – not to be repaid in any form. If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulty meeting basic needs due to an unforeseen crisis, please reach out to a member of the team for assistance.