



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***All Worship Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, August 4th , 2019***

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)

Janet Phillips

One: In reverence and wonder, we gather as God's people.

**Many: With gratitude and curiosity, we hold questions and praises,
celebrations and worries.**

One: In anticipation, we expect that God is already present inviting us
into deeper relationship with God and one another.

**Many: We were once lost and now, we have been found and loved. Let
us find ourselves in God.**

*Opening Song

"In The Secret"

PraiseWorks Band

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janet Phillips

**Seeking God, you search for us and do not rest until we find our home in you.
We discover our hearts longing for peace and rest. But sometimes, we do not
know how to find you, O God, and we fill our God-sized hole with that which is
less fulfilling and leaves us still yearning after you. Forgive us, when we hurt
ourselves and others in searching for you. May we find our peace in you, we
pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Janet Phillips

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 63

Janet Phillips

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-12

Janet Phillips

Response to the Lesson

Janet Phillips

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

Pastor Monica

Song

"Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

PraiseWorks Band

SERVE

Moment of Impact

Testimony

Wayne Howard

Offering

“Only Trust Him”

UMH No. 337

***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

Generous God, we thank you for your abundant grace and sustaining presence.

Let these gifts be used to feed the hungry, relieve the oppressed, and proclaim the good news of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

***Invitation**

Pastor Monica

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor Monica

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. We notice that no matter how noisy the room or wonderful the company, we always yearn for you. Our hearts are open and restless until they find their rest in you. We confess that we have tried to fill that space with that which numbs our pain of being separated from you. In our impatience to wait for and trust your promises, we have numbed our open space with perfection and pride, envy and overindulgence. Forgive us, we pray. May we be people who find our fulfillment and contentment in you.

(Moment of Silent Confession)

Words of Assurance

Pastor Monica

The Great Thanksgiving

All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free, so that all may receive together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

Communion Hymn

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

PowerPoint

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Monica

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we might go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, Amen.

***Closing Song**

“Forever”

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 63*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for
jackals.
But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

New Testament Lesson: *1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-12*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

God Moments are times when we are undeniably aware of God's presence. God is always changing lives and transforming hearts among us. In our Moments of Impact, we share the impact that together we have through the power of the Holy Spirit! We praise God and testify to God's power among us! We thank God for Wayne Howard sharing how he was open to God's movement.

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!



PASTOR MONICA is on vacation **August 8th - 14th** with her family. Please contact **Pastor Jim** for pastoral care.

BLENDED WORSHIP: During **August**, we worship together at **9:30** with traditional hymns and contemporary praise. Come join your church family in worship!

WEDNESDAY NITE FUN! Through **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. Slip—n-slide, basketball, bicycles, and good conversation have all been a part of our ministry together. Join us as we share our stories with each other.

THE JULIETS will have their meal at the Creekside Diner, 717 W. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square beginning **Saturday, August 10 at 9am. Join us ladies eating out!**

Open Market and Craft Fair, Saturday, September 14. Do you have a business? Do you sell crafts? We would love to have you as a part of our Open Market and Craft Fair on September 14. Contact Darlene Murphy d123murphy@aol.com Be sure to save the date to shop for unique gifts and support the church!

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 25. Join us as we send our children and youth to school with backpacks full of blessings. We pray blessings and peace upon on students and teachers as they begin school on August 26th. Bring your backpacks to receive a blessing and tag. This year's blessings come from Illustrated Children's Ministry who have created our images for our Lord's Prayer curriculum. Invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to join us.

Avon Grove Ministerium Prayer Walk for Schools, Wednesday, August 21. We will meet at in the lobby of Avon Grove High School at 9:30 a.m. to pray, receive ID tags & select schools. Bring your children to pray for their schools. Questions? Email Pastor Monica at pastor@westgroveumc.org

YOUTH LASER TAG: THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 6-9:30 P.M. Be sure to check with Melanie for details at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

R.A.P. (Retired Active People), Friday, September 13, 12:00 noon. Join us for good fellowship and lots of fun. Bring a bagged lunch; desserts and beverages are provided. The Haley's will greet and lead our gathering. We look forward to Janet and Bob Phillips' presentation of "Birding through Southern Arizona."

BISHOP VIOLET FISHER TURNS 80!!! On August 28. Please send love and cards to 128 Berry Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808. She was our District Superintendent from 1994-2000, when she was consecrated Bishop.

THIS WEEK: August 4 through August 11, 2019

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost All Worship Communion Sunday Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal Blended Summer Worship Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5) Twin Pines Worship
Monday:	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Technology Team Meeting (#1) Trustee Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) Wednesday Night Fun (outside) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Thursday:	10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Emily Lucas String Lessons (#6) Boy Scout Troop 12 (#3, 4, 5)
Friday:		
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Creekside Diner, Kennett Square) Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Native American Sunday Melanie Hartley Preaching

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal Blended Summer Worship Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5) Jenner's Pond Worship w/ Pastor Jim (Alison Theater)
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God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report July 28, 2019

*Combined Worship Attendance: 87
General Offering : \$ 6,397.34
Building Maintenance Fund: \$175.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 206 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,406.50*

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 August: Sunday School Program Mission Prayer Focus for August: Twin Pines

Darlene Alleger
(Guepet)
Annette (Howard)
Helen Carlin
Joann Coates
Nancy Covington
Dee Crawford
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Bill Fili (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Pat Heist
Bob Herb (Shiplet)
Muff Hurst
Peg Kent
Dave McClain
Margee Michaels
Peggy Mowrer



Edel Mullen
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Vernon Ramberger
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)
Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u>This Sunday, August 4</u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 11</u>
Ushers—9:30	Linda Peirson & Fran Miller	Ed Tolmie and Christy Robinson
Greeters—9:30	TBD	Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 9:30	Hannah McCummings	Nate Robinson
Communion Servers	M. Hartley, D. Frame, K. Hruz	N/A
Nursery 9:30	Kim Smith	Edel Mullen
C. Worship—9:30	All Worship Sunday	TBD
Liturgist—9:30	Janet Phillips	Susan Paisley
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
Hospitality 9:30	Dick and Caryl Stuhrke	TBA
Counters	George Anderson and Donna Shaub	V. Kapp-Benner and Alison Aucott
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider and Others	Keith Schneider and Others

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 4 ~ Saturday, August 10



Sunday: *"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Psalm 63: 1.* No matter how noisy the room or how full the conversation, we always yearn for God. There is a God-sized vacuum inside of us. God, too, is seeking you and will not rest until you rest in God.

Monday: *"For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy." Psalm 63:7.* In the shadow of the wings of God, you are covered and cared for, even if you feel anxious about what might still be. Breathe in the presence of God. Consider that God is already caring for you.

Tuesday: *"My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me." Psalm 63:8.* Pray for those in recovery as they cling day by day. Pray for a new community of hope to surround them.

Wednesday: *"But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped." Psalm 63:11.* Pray for all those who make decisions. May their decisions bring joy and justice.

Thursday: *"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13: 1.* God's love sometimes speaks without words. Consider a practice today of noticing God's love towards you and others without words.

Friday: *"And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2.* How is your love inspiring hope in God?

Saturday: *"Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end." 1 Corinthians 13:8.* God's love through us continues. Share that love with expressions of joy today.



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
In Celebration of Jeannie Sullivan's Birthday!
With love from Fred

