



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

OPEN • GROW • SERVE

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A decorative graphic featuring a white, cloud-like shape in the center. Surrounding it are various musical elements: yellow and orange notes, treble and bass clefs, and flowing lines. The background is a textured olive green with white stars and swirls. At the bottom, there are stylized, symmetrical leaf-like patterns in dark green and black.

## **Blessed Assurance**

***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, August 18, 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!*

### \*Hymn of Praise

"To God Be The Glory"

UMH No. 98

### \*Call to Worship

Karen Hruz

One: We gather to praise God, sharing our stories.

Men: **God's hope wouldn't let me go, and love never gave up!**

Women: **God's justice was served, and mercy wins!**

All: **All the day long!**

### \*Opening Prayer

Karen Hruz

**Abundant God, today we proclaim your triumph and goodness.**

**You call us to step out in faith, trusting you in all things.**

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**

**Call us out in faith until we walk in faith and journey  
each step with you in steadfast love.**

**In the blessed assurance that Jesus is Lord, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Karen Hruz

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

### Hymn of Response

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369

### Old Testament Lesson

*Hebrews 11:1-3*

Karen Hruz

### New Testament Lesson

*Psalms 46*

Karen Hruz

### Response to the Lesson

Karen Hruz

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

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

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.

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>“Blessed Assurance”</i>	Pastor Monica
<b>*Song of Response</b>	<i>“My Story”</i>	PraiseWorks Band

## SERVE

<b>Moment of Impact</b>	Avon Grove Ministerium Prayer Walk For Our Schools	Pastor Monica
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<b>Offering</b>	<i>“I Am Thine, O Lord”</i>	UMH No. 419
<i>(College Student Prayer Partners: Come forward during the offering to select a student to pray for during the year. Sign up and receive contact information)</i>		

<b>*Doxology</b>	<i>“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	UMH No. 95
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b>		
<b>Praise him, all creatures here below;</b>		
<b>Praise him above, ye heavenly host;</b>		
<b>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		

<b>*Offertory Prayer (Unison)</b>	Pastor Monica
<b>Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we wondered about our abilities and capacities to serve. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence. Meet our offerings with your grace. Bless these tithes that through them your way may be known on earth as it is in heaven, Amen.</b>	

<b>Gathered Prayer</b>	Pastor Monica
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<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>	Pastor Monica
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<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>“I Walk By Faith”</i>	PraiseWorks Band
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<b>*Benediction</b>	Pastor Monica
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**\*Postlude**

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

## MOMENT OF IMPACT

For decades, the Avon Grove Ministerium has the privilege of being in prayer with our teachers, staff, and schools with a prayer walk. From Penn London Elementary to Avon Grove Intermediate to Fred S. Engle Middle School and Avon Grove High School through both campuses of Avon Grove Charter School, Avon Grove Nazarene School, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are privileged to pray.

Join us as we pray in our schools on August 21st, 2019 at 9:30 am in Avon Grove High School.

### **Old Testament Lesson: *Hebrews 11:1-3***

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

### **New Testament Lesson: *Psalms 46***

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Selah

# 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!

**ACOLYTES: Calling all third and fourth graders!** We are looking for new Acolytes. What is an Acolyte you ask? At the beginning of the service, an acolytes lights the candles on the altar, extinguishes the candles at the end of the service, and assist with offering. You serve once a month depending on the number of acolytes. No experience is necessary, we will train you. If you are interested, please call Carol Whelan at 484-868-4961.

**BLENDED WORSHIP:** During **August**, we worship together at 9:30 with traditional hymns and contemporary praise. Come join your church family in worship! On September 1st, we return to 8:30 contemporary worship and 11:00 traditional worship.

**LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS! August 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Join us as we invite our community for dinner and fun. Hot dogs and beverages provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert if you wish! The slip'n' slide will be up as will 9 in the air! Bring a friend!

**OPEN MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, September 14.** As the saying goes, "It takes a village..." In this case, it takes the body of the church to come together to make the Open Market and Craft Fair a success. There are many tasks, small and large, so please sign up for one or more of the jobs listed on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you have questions, contact Darlene Murphy [d123murphy@aol.com](mailto: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. 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](mailto:pastor@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".

**LASER TAG, August 22nd, 6:30pm** at Main Event in Newark, Delaware. All youth 7th grade—12th grade invited! Respond to Melanie Hartley at [childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org)

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** Is your college or college age student away? Share their address with us . So that we can connect them with a prayer partner!

## THIS WEEK: August 18 through August 25, 2019

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

### Tenth 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)  
10:45 a.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)  
*Pastor Jim is preaching at Olivet UMC this morning.*

**Monday:** 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)

**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:** **9:30 a.m. Prayer Walk for Our Schools (AGHS)**  
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:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Team (Room #1)  
**6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Laser Tag (Main Event, Newark, DE)**  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)

**Friday:** **No scheduled events**

**Saturday:** 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)  
Mid-day Eagle Scout Project (outside)

### Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal  
**9:30 a.m. Blended Summer Worship**  
10:30 a.m. Counters (#2)  
10:45 a.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

### Report August 11, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 99  
General Offering : \$ 4,380.00  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$215.00  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 208 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](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 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 Lake (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><b>This Sunday, August 18</b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday, August 25</b></u>
<b>Ushers—9:30</b>	Joan Saller and Daisy Ingiosi	Jean Kilmartin and Laura Minnick
<b>Greeters—9:30</b>	TBD	Esther Culbertson
<b>Acolyte 9:30</b>	Wesley Boyd	Parker Featherston
<b>Communion Servers</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Nursery 9:30</b>	Pam Fulton	Kenny Rinehimer
<b>C. Worship—9:30</b>	Tiffany Bohnsack	Joan Leaman
<b>Liturgist—9:30</b>	Julie Hughes	Becky Rinehimer
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Pastor Monica	Eileen Bushnell
<b>Hospitality 9:30</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Counters</b>	Caryl and Dick Stuhrke	Dave Talley and Janice Bowers
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Keith Schneider and Others	Keith Schneider and Others



# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 18~ Saturday, August 24



**Sunday:** *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.* Pray for those in need of refuge, both physical shelter and a spiritual home.

**Monday:** *"Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult" Psalm 46: 2-3* Where have you known God to be present in your life, even when it has felt like everything around you was shaking and changing?

**Tuesday:** *"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Psalm 46: 10.* Let these words be your prayer today: *Be still, and know that I am God.*

**Wednesday:** *"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Psalm 46:11.* Consider that the Lord is with you in all things. Never are you alone! Breathe in God's presence. Breathe out your hesitations and concerns.

**Thursday:** *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.* Pray for faith the size of a mustard seed and wait. Wait. Let God do the assurance.

**Friday:** *"Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval." Hebrews 11:2.* Ask an admired brother or sister in the faith about their assurance. Let them share their story. Listen to God speaking through someone else.

**Saturday:** *"By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible" Hebrews 11:3.* Spend time in God's world today. Let awe and wonder be your guide.



## Altar Flowers

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in  
Celebration of Mason Hendrickson's 5th Birthday  
With love from his family