



West Grove United Methodist Church

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***Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Backpack Blessing Sunday
Sunday, August 25, 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

“Majestic”

PraiseWorks Band

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 8)

Becky Rinehimer

One: O LORD, our LORD, How majestic is your name, in all the earth.

Many: Glory and strength reign in the heavens reflecting your likeness.

One: Tracing the works of your fingers, who is humanity that **you** are mindful of us?
And yet, you love us and care for us.

Many: O LORD, our LORD, How majestic is your name, in all the earth.

*Opening Prayer

Becky Rinehimer

Creating and caring God, you have made all things and called them good.

Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;

that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness.

You desire for us to be whole people in peace and shalom.

Equip and empower us to work for the shalom, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Becky Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Blessing of the Backpacks

Melanie Hartley

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 6:22-26

Becky Rinehimer

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:5-13

Becky Rinehimer

*Response to the Lesson

Becky Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn of Response

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

UMH No. 376

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	“Peace”	Pastor Monica
Special Music	“PEACE”	PraiseWorks Band

SERVE

Moment of Impact	Food Pantry	Pastor Monica
Offering	“Peace Like a River”	TFWS No. 2145

*Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” 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.	UMH No. 95
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*Offertory Prayer	Pastor Jim
Generous and giving God, you have poured your blessings down on us like a summer rain, sustaining and renewing us. The gifts we dedicate to you are a small token in comparison to your goodness, but we pray that they offer you refreshment, in the knowledge that we long to grow in generosity. May our giving inspire justice and righteousness to grow and swell like a mighty river in our midst. We pray in the name of Christ, the Living Water. Amen.	

Gathered Prayer	Pastor Jim
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The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
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*Closing Song	“My Peace”	PraiseWorks Band
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*Benediction	Pastor Monica
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*Postlude

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

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Beginning after Labor Day, our Food Pantry will begin with Thursday afternoon hours to assist our community. From 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, our Food Pantry will be open and available to those in our community who are food insecure. Our Emergency Assistance Team and Food Pantry team are working together and need your help! Do you have a passion to serve others? Are you available one Thursday a month? Could you set aside regular time on a Thursday to serve our neighbors? Sign up in the lobby with your interest. See Karen Hruz with questions.

Old Testament Lesson: *Numbers 6:22-26*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 10:5-13*

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM MUNDELL

**Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Alison Theater
beginning September 6, 2019**

We will be studying the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, but will look at Old Testament themes of sacrifice, forgiveness and the office of the High Priest.

This study is a lens that will focus our attention on Jesus Christ – who He is in His humanity and in His divinity. Come and join us as we look at these 13 chapters of Hebrews to help strengthen our faith.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

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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!

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.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Come join us in the Library as we study Tish Harrison Warren's book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. We will begin meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 A.M. during the Sunday School hour. You can purchase the book from Amazon. We look forward to seeing you! Questions – call Carol Whelan at 484-868-4961.

RETURN TO TWO WORSHIP SERVICES. Next Sunday, September 1, we return our schedule of 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship.

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 help 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 Be sure, as well, to save the date to shop for unique gifts and support the church!

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 & ARCADE AT MAIN EVENT: *RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00-9:00 P.M.* We are changing the date of our laser tag night so more of our friends can join us! All students grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a night of fun at Main Event in Newark, DE. We will be meeting at the church and driving together, if there any adults or parents who are able to help drive/chaperone please contact Melanie! Save the date and invite a friend!

THIRD GRADER BIBLE SUNDAY: Sunday, September 8, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Each year, our third grade students receive their own Bible as a gift from the church! If your child is entering third grade, please contact Melanie Hartley with the name that they would like printed in their Bible! Bibles will be presented at the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services. Join us!

THIS WEEK: August 25 through September 1, 2019

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

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal Blended Summer Worship Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00:00 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Teacher In-Service (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Knit Wits (#1) GS Troop #447 Welcome Back (#8, 10) SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Teacher In-Service (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	CMO Teacher In-Service (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Full Staff Meeting (#1) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) CMO Parent Orientation (Sanc., 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Staff Parish Relations Committee (Room #1) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Meet the Teacher (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) GS Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	Office Closed.	No scheduled events
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
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God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report August 18, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 118
General Offering : \$ 4,798.00
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 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)
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



Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Vernon Ramberger
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli McGinley
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

This Sunday, August 25 (9:30)

Ushers—8:30	J. Kilmartin, L. Minnick
Greeters—8:30	Ester Culbertson
Ushers—11:00	N/A
Greeters—11:00	N/A
Acolyte 8:30/11:00	Parker Featherston
Communion 8:30 11:00	N/A
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	Kenny Rinehimer
C. Worship—8:30/11	Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30	Becky Rinehimer
Liturgist—11:00	N/A
Moment All Ages	Melanie Hartley
Roamers	N/A
Hospitality 8:30/11	Nancy Duvall
Counters	Dave Talley & Janice Bowers
Sound Booth	K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, September 1

Gene & Alison Aucott
Carolyn Bratton
L. Peirson, L. Minnick
TBD
Cora Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet
Sullivan, McGinley, Barrett, Mundell, Hartley
Mundell, Hartley, Taylor
C. Bruno / na / J. Leaman
TBD / TBD
Karen Hruz
Jean Kilmartin
Pastor Monica
N/A
TBD / TBD
George Anderson & Donna Shaub
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, August 25~ Saturday, August 31



Sunday:

"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them" Numbers 6: 22-23. Blessings are opportunities to offer God's best to others. Who are you blessing?

Monday:

"The Lord bless you and keep you" Numbers 6: 24. Shalom, peace and wholeness in relationship, begins to return to earth, when we seek blessing for those with whom we have broken relationships. Pray today this blessing, *The Lord bless you and keep you*, over the name of one with whom you have had a broken relationship.

Tuesday:

"The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you" Numbers 6:25. Consider that God's grace shows in our faces, when we know peace.

Wednesday:

"The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Numbers 6: 26. Complete peace is wholeness. Where are you praying for peace today? Ask a friend to join you in that prayer. Then offer to be in prayer for their complete peace as well.

Thursday:

"As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" Matthew 10: 7. As you go, reminds us that there is no wrong place to share that God's kingdom is already coming near us. Wherever you are, share about seeking God's peace for all people. As you go, share God's call to reconciliation and wholeness.

Friday:

"As you enter the house, greet it." Matthew 10:12. Pray for those in each place you enter. Pray for the peace of Christ to be in their home.

Saturday:

"If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you." Matthew 10: 13. Consider that peace and shalom are the complete wholeness of who God made us each to be. When the world lives in shalom, we reflect the fullness of God's image. Pray for how you might share repair relationships with others in working towards God's shalom.