



West Grove United Methodist Church

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GAME OF JUDGES

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY:
AN HONEST LOOK AT ISRAEL'S JUDGES

**GIVE US A PROTECTOR
OF THE REALM: A JUDGE!**

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
All Worship Sunday
Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, September 1, 2019*

11:00 a.m. Traditional 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 members, let us know you were here!

*Proclamation Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH No. 127

*Call to Worship

Jean Kilmartin

One: The heavens tell of the glory of God, and all the earth shows God’s handiwork.

Many: We may not always hear God’s voice or see God’s being, but God’s truth and touch is all around us!

One: The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are detectable and point out the right road.

Many: God’s way leads to life and endures forever!

*Opening Prayer (Inspired by Psalm 19)

Jean Kilmartin

God, our Refuge and our Strength, you have delivered your people.

**You have set before us ways to live justly
and in harmony with our neighbors.**

**Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
open our hearts to hear your ways, we pray.**

**May the words of our mouth and meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O LORD, our rock and redeemer.**

In the name of our Gracious Deliverer, Jesus the Christ, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Jean Kilmartin

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Judges 2:6-16

Jean Kilmartin

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

Jean Kilmartin

*Response to the Lesson

Jean Kilmartin

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Lead And I Will Follow”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

“Give Us a Protector of the Realm: a Judge!”

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH No. 381

Moment of Impact

World Service Fund

Pastor Monica

Offering

***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
Almighty God, in your goodness, you provide for those most in need. Remove from your people the pride of place and the pursuit of power that mocks humility. Bless these gifts that they may offer providence to God's people that reflects the way of Christ. Open our hearts in generosity and justice to the neglected and lonely, that in showing esteem for others, we may honor and please you through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Invitation** Pastor Jim

Prayer of Confession Pastor Jim

God of power and justice, like the prophets, you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. We confess that we have lost our focus on seeking your way and been drawn to our own ways. Remind us that You are the one who made us, who made this entire earth for all people, but there are millions who are hungry, experiencing homelessness, poverty, disease, and death. Forgive us for the hoarding of resources, for the acquiescence of power and wealth to a very few, and for believing the myth that it's not our problem. Keep us on the path of justice and move us to speak out and to work with those on the margins. Guide us into Your ways of humility, gentleness, and caring for all. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself and became one of us, serving the lost and the least, that we pray.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance Pastor Jim

The Great Thanksgiving (Insert) Pastor Monica & Pastor Jim

All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake. You will also find a basket at the back of the sanctuary for Emergency Aid giving.

Communion Song "For The Bread Which You Have Broken" UMH No. 614

Prayer After Receiving Pastor Jim

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH No. 133

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** "Prayer of Blessing" Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Old Testament Lesson: *Judges 2:6-16*

When Joshua dismissed the people, the Israelites all went to their own inheritances to take possession of the land. The people worshiped the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred ten years. So they buried him within the bounds of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Moreover, that whole generation was gathered to their ancestors, and another generation grew up after them, who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and worshiped the Baals; and they abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; they followed other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were all around them, and bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. They abandoned the Lord, and worshiped Baal and the Astartes. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers who plundered them, and he sold them into the power of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them to bring misfortune, as the Lord had warned them and sworn to them; and they were in great distress.

Then the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the power of those who plundered them.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 18:1-8*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report August 25, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 152

General Offering : \$ 5,689.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$285.00

Emergency Groceries YTD: 213 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,406.50

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!



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.

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: NEXT 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!

HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jim Mundell, **Fridays at 10:30 AM** in the Alison Theater, Jenner's Pond, **beginning September 6.** 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.

THIS WEEK: September 1 through September 8

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

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

All Worship/Communion and Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	1:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Monday:	Labor Day—Church Office is closed	
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	GS Troop #447 (#8, 10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Tech Team (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #41377 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	BS Eagle Board of Review (#5)
	6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting (#2)
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (#1)
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4099 (#12)
	6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	BS Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Hebrews Bible Study (Alison Theater, Jenners Pond)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Third Grader Bible Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
	1:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Kick-Off (#8, 10)

MOMENT OF IMPACT: World Service Fund

We give thanks to God for your generosity as you give to the church. Our giving to the local church also impacts around the world as we are connected to others though our denomination. The World Service Fund is one of seven apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church. Basic to the financial program of The United Methodist Church, this vital fund helps to build new churches, prepare clergy and lay leaders, increase the number of young clergy and pay missionary salaries. It also helps to expand Bible studies, provide leadership for youth ministry, continue a proud tradition of cooperation and dialogue with other faith traditions through interdenominational and ecumenical work and express the church's commitment to God's reign through advocacy for peace and justice. The World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Thank you for giving to serve others!

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

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

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
Sandy Kates (B. Smith)
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

	<u>This Sunday, September 1</u>	<u>Next Sunday, September 8</u>
Ushers—8:30	Gene & Alison Aucott	Fred Sullivan and Judy Gambill
Greeters—8:30	Carolyn Bratton	Margaret Rubincan
Ushers—11:00	Linda Peirson and Laura Minnick	Daisey Ingiosi and Christy Robinson
Greeters—11:00	TBD	Ester Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30/11:00	Cora Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet	Anna Castaldi / Jacob Rinehimer
Communion 8:30 11:00	Sullivan, McGinley, Barrett, Mundell, Hartley Mundell, Hartley, Taylor	N/A
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	C. Bruno / NA / J. Leaman	K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/P. Fulton
C. Worship—8:30/11	All Worship Sunday	Amy Castaldi / Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30	Karen Hruz	Cindy Haley
Liturgist—11:00	Jean Kilmartin	Dave Talley
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
Roamers	N/A	Fran Miller
Hospitality 8:30	L. Shiplet/K. Smith/K. Underwood	Reed and Joyce Smith
Hospitality 11:00	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke, Nancy Duvall	Nancy Duvall
Counters	George Anderson & Donna Shaub	Valerie Kapp-Benner and Dave Talley
Sound Booth	K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others	K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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*Celebration Set

“I Will Follow”

PraiseWorks Band

“How Great Is Our God”

*Passing of the Peace (Responsive)

PraiseWorks Band

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Many: **And also with you.**

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Karen Hruz

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Sermon

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Offering

“Will Justice Reign?”

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3)

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Communion Song

“All Who Are Thirsty”

PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison, insert)

Pastor Jim

*Closing Song

“Everyday”

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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