



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
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West Grove, PA 19390



GAME OF JUDGES

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

Hands of a Woman: Deborah and Barak

***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Third Grade Bible Sunday
Sunday, September 8, 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 member, let us know you were here!

*ProceSSIONal Hymn “From All That Dwell Below The Skies”

UMH No. 101
Verses 1, 2, and 4

*Call to Worship

Dave Talley

One: Praise to God the Creator, who never forgets any of God’s creation.

Many: Celebrate the abundance painted across the sky at dawn with the sunrise.

One: Praise to Jesus, the Living Word, who enlivens our understandings of being disciples.

Many: Delight in woodland creatures preparing for the winter.

One: Praise to the Reviving Spirit, who creates new life out of frustration and staleness.

Many: Rejoice in flowers persisting through the asphalt. God is here!

*Opening Prayer

Dave Talley

**Surprising God, we look around your creation
and see signs of your presence.**

Your fingerprints are all over as your creative markings.

**We admit that, as we notice your presence,
we seek to be filled with hope, faith, and love.**

**Often, we have held fear, doubt, and pain in our clenched fists.
Let us open our palms to explore the assumptions we have held
and receive the hope you offer.**

**May our open hands offer praise and gratitude
to our Surprising and Grace-filled God, we pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Dave Talley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Third Grader Bibles

Pastor Monica
& Melanie Hartley

Brady Castaldi, Felicity Guepet, Mollie Miller, Norah Timm

Old Testament Lesson

Judges 4:1-9

Dave Talley

New Testament Lesson *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Dave Talley

Response to the Lesson

Dave Talley

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"We Are Called"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"Hands of a Woman: Deborah and Barak"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH No. 393

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 (Written by Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane)**

Pastor Monica

God of mercy and grace,

you see us for the imperfect vessels we are.

Our worship is imperfect; our service is imperfect;

our giving is imperfect; our compassion for others is imperfect.

Yet your love and patience is boundless!

We bring our gifts to your altar

and pray that in the loving hands of the Potter

they might be made beautiful,

reshaping the world in beauty and love.

In Christ, we pray. Amen

Gathered Prayers & Blessing of the Teachers

Pastor Monica

Children & Youth: Tiffany Bohnsack, Chris Bruno, Amy Castaldi, Judy Gambill, Andrew

Herman, Amy Simonds, Joyce Smith, Scott Steele

Adults: Tim Bushnell, Peter Mullen, Dave Talley, Carol Whelan.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

"Forth In Thy Name"

UMH No. 438 (See Insert)

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"Prayer of Blessing"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 4:1-9

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 will 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!

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.

Care Givers Support Group, September 18 @ 6:30 p.m. To all those, caring for loved ones; spouses, children, grandchildren, significant others, this is a safe place to take time for yourself to voice (vent, if that is your need) those things you feel others do not understand. We will laugh, we will cry, we will care for each other. **We will meet every third Wednesday of the month in room 4.**

THIS WEEK: September 8 through September 15, 2019

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

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)
	12:00 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)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #498 (#12)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (#1)
	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.-1:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool & Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Private meeting (#3)
	5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #49900 (#12)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4251 (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 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, Jenner's Pond)
	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	R.A.P. (Sanc., Lobby)
Saturday:	All Day	OPEN MARKET
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Juliets @ Creekside Diner
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41403 (#8&10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group (#8, 10)

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)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
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)
Linda 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

This Sunday, September 8

Ushers—8:30
Greeters—8:30
Ushers—11:00
Greeters—11:00
Acolyte 8:30/11:00

Fred Sullivan and Judy Gambill
Margaret Rubincan
Daisey Ingiosi and Christy Robinson
Ester Culbertson
Anna Castaldi / Jacob Rinehimer

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11
C. Worship—8:30/11
Lay Reader—8:30
Liturgist—11:00
Moment All Ages
Roamers
Hospitality 8:30
Hospitality 11:00
Counters
Sound Booth

K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/P. Fulton
Amy Castaldi / Joan Leaman
Cindy Haley
Dave Talley
Pastor Monica
Fran Miller
Reed and Joyce Smith
Nancy Duvall
Valerie Kapp-Benner and Dave Talley
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, September 15

TBD
John McGinley
Fran Miller and Joan Saller
TBD
Hannah McCummings/Clarissa Robinson
M. Rubincan/K. Hendrickson/K. Rinehimer
TBD / TBD
Fred Sullivan
Janis Schrader
Melanie Hartley
Maryanne Covington
Reed and Joyce Smith
Nancy Duvall
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others



West Grove United Methodist Church 4th Annual Open Market

They say “it takes a village...” well, it takes the whole congregation to make the Open Market a success. This year we will host close to 50 vendors and this requires **many people lending a hand.** West Grove United

Methodist Church has been recognized for taking care of their vendors with everyone commenting how they appreciate the help with move in and move out and the simple hospitality of free coffee in the morning. Please consider how you may contribute your services to this event.

We need volunteers for two-hour intervals during the following time periods:

- ⇒ 6:30 – 8:30 a.m – assisting vendors with move-in and setup
- ⇒ 8:30-2:00 – Traffic and parking direction
- ⇒ 2:00-4:00 p.m. – assisting vendors for breakdown and move-out
- ⇒ 3:00-4:30 p.m. – Clean up, reset church for Sunday service

Sign up in the Lobby to help out!

Donate baked goods for the Trustees table. Contact Linda Shiplet littlered2111@yahoo.com for details.

In addition, please invite friends, neighbors, and colleagues to come out and **support our local crafters, artist,** etc. It is only through your patronage to them that their creativity can have an impact on our village.



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in Celebration of Alisabeth Guepet's 13th Birthday
With love from her family



SAVE THE DATE!
Movie Night at West Grove
UMC
"All Saints" (PG)
On the BIG SCREEN
Friday, September 27, at
6:30 pm.

This event is **totally FREE** and refreshments will be offered. Bring your family and friends!

All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was order to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

The big screen viewing is at West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove, 610-869-9334, www.westgroveumc.org
 We hope to see you there!

***God's Faithfulness ~
 Your Stewardship***

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

Report September 1, 2019

*Combined Worship Attendance: 164
 General Offering : \$ 11,886.34
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$570.00
 Emergency Groceries YTD: 213 bags
 Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,406.50*

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Third Grade Bibles

The Word of God opens up new adventures and connects us to God.

It is our joy to put adventures in the hands of our third graders!

West Grove UMC has a tradition of equipping our third graders as they begin the school year with spiritually appropriate Bibles. Your generosity underwrites these gifts and grants us to give each student a Bible.



**SAVE THE
DATES!**

**Children's Clothing
and Equipment
Consignment Sale**

Friday, October 18th

9am - 4:00pm

Saturday, October 19th

SAVE THE DATES!

Fall Rummage Sale

**Friday, October 4
9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Saturday, October 5 , 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**Donations accepted at the church from Sunday,
September 29 through Thursday, October 3.**



Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 8 ~ Saturday, September 14



Sunday: *“So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;” 1 Thessalonians 5: 6.* Consider that our assumptions of who can be a leader limits how we understand that God is working. Let God open your heart to the fullness of God’s creativity and way.

Monday: *“For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Thessalonians 5: 9.* Salvation is wholeness in Jesus Christ. Pray for wholeness for creation and humanity. Listen for how God is calling you to live out that salvation.

Tuesday: *“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5: 11.* Our assumptions tend to break one another down, not build one another up. What if you assumed generously? What if you imagined that God gave abundantly to each person you came in contact with today? Encourage and build one another up!

Wednesday: *“Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.” Judges 4:3-4.* The answer to our prayers does not always come in the form we expect. The Israelites waited for twenty years and were expecting a military leader. Deborah surprised and exceeded their expectations. Wait on the Lord.

Thursday: *“Deborah used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.” Judges 4:5.* Consider that Deborah was a female judge. Her expertise and giftedness were highly valued. God gifts all people. We all have assumptions around who can do tasks well and poorly. Where is God calling you to re-evaluate your assumptions?

Friday: *“Deborah sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.” Judges 4: 6.* Deborah gave military command to the General Barak. Barak worked faithfully under her leadership and in collaboration with her. Pray for civilian and military collaborations.

Saturday: *“I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.” Judges 4:7.* Pray for the safety and wisdom of armed services. May God grant them the wisdom of Deborah and collaboration of Barak.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** “Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)” PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** “The Book” PraiseWorks Band

“Word of God Speak”

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** “Sing For Joy” PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

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