



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390

GAME OF JUDGES

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

“Kingslayer: The Story of Samson”

***Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Fifth Sunday Coin Collection
Sunday, September 29, 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

“Maker, In Whom We Live”

UMH No. 88, Vv. 1, 3, 4

*Call to Worship

Peter Mullen

One: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

Many: But we also look to the future as well as the past.

One: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

Many: Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful. Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!

*Opening Prayer

Peter Mullen

**Everlasting God,
you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.**

**Since the creation of the world,
you have nurtured us with your love,
and created each of us as a vital part of your story.
But like Samson, we sometimes lose sight of our purpose,
and turn away from the person you made us to be.**

**May your love and grace settle into our hearts
to remind us that we are a part of your continuing story of redemption.
Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment For All Ages

Pastor Monica

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection and Moment of Impact

Pastor Monica

A Very Luther House Christmas

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Judges 13:2-5, 24-25</i>	Peter Mullen
New Testament Lesson	<i>2 Corinthians 5:16-19</i>	Peter Mullen
Response to the Lesson		Peter Mullen
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		

Anthem	<i>"On Eagles' Wings"</i>	Chancel Choir
Children (4 -Grade 4) are dismissed for Children's worship in room #10. Please pick up children following worship in room #10. Children (birth to 3) are invited to stories and activities in the nursery in room #15		
Sermon	<i>"Kingslayer: The Story of Samson"</i>	Melanie Hartley

SERVE

*Hymn of Response	<i>"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"</i>	UMH No. 121
Offering		
*Offertory Response	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	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 Monica
Living God, just as you sustained the Israelites through years of trial, you sustain those you call to fulfill your purposes. Thank you for your mercy and grace that does not hold our sin against us. Thank you for working through us in the good and the bad, that we may be a part of your greater story. Let us be bold witnesses of your majesty. We offer you these monetary gifts for the work of your church here and around the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.	

Gathered Prayer	Pastor Monica
The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Monica
*Hymn of Sending Forth	<i>"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"</i> UMH No. 664
*Benediction	Melanie Hartley
*Choral Benediction	<i>"Prayer of Blessing"</i> Chancel Choir
*Postlude	

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

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 13:2-5, 24-25 (NSRV)

There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, or to eat anything unclean, for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

The woman bore a son, and named him Samson. The boy grew, and the Lord blessed him. The spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 (NLT)

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And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

A Very Luther House Christmas

The Missions Team is happy once again this year to support our neighbors at the Luther House in Jennersville with a bit of Christmas cheer and hospitality.

The Luther House has a mission to provide an environment that is based on compassion and offers a sense of belonging, regardless of financial situation. They are a senior community for people 62 and above. Social and independent, Luther House residents are active in our community and enjoy time spent with others.

By providing gift bags of cookies, crafts, and sweet treats, it is our intention to show our neighbors that they are in our thoughts and prayers over the Christmas season.

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.

Our Welcome Center, in the lobby, is a place to find information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to silence 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!



FIFTH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION, TODAY. Contribute the coins and dollars you have been collecting to support A Very Luther House Christmas. It is a cookie baking, craft making project to provide Christmas cheer to the residents of the Luther Houses.

NEW, SHORT-TERM CLASS - SUNDAYS FROM OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 3, 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. IN ROOM #5. The Life and Times of John Wesley. As the United Methodist Church goes through a period of controversy and confusion over our identity as a denomination, it is important that we remember the roots from which we have sprung. John Wesley, the originator of the Methodist Movement, lived in a tumultuous time in English history and also went through many personal crises in his lifetime. Thankfully, we have his Journal to illuminate his spiritual battles and the development of his deep personal faith. This course will inspire you in your own growth as a Christian, and will give you pride in our Methodist heritage. The course will be taught by Dr. David Frame, retired United Methodist pastor, and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

TODAY!! LASER TAG & ARCADE AT MAIN EVENT: 6:00-9:00 P.M Students grades 7-12 will be meeting at the church and driving together for laser tag and other games. Have a great time!!

FAMILY PROMISE, October 21-28. If you are willing to serve in this ministry to help homeless families, sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby. You could donate food, offer to be an overnight chaperone (private sleeping accommodations), help to serve the meal, clean-up, act as a host. There are many opportunities to serve. Contact Joan Leaman for details at jmleaman@comcast.net.

The Marshallton UMC is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. The menu includes Roast Beef, Mushroom & Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, and Beverage. Ticket prices: If ordered before 10/15/19: \$13/adult and \$5/child (ages 5~12) At the door: \$15/adult and \$5/child (ages 5~12). The church is located at 1282 West Strasburg Road, West Chester, PA. (610) 696-5247 or office@marshalltonchurch.org with any questions

THIS WEEK: September 29 through October 6, 2019

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to benefit A Very Luther House Christmas

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5) GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10) Youth Group Laser Tag @ Main Event in Newark
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Troop #447(#8 &10) Tech Team Meeting (#1) GS Troop #41377 (#8 & 10) Trustees Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Evening	Ministerium (WGUMC Hosts—Sanc.) CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Chapel Time (Sanc.) RAP & Friends Outing to Dutch Apple Theater Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) CMO Soccer Shots (Church side lawn) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) GS Troop #427 (#8, 10) Bishop's Night on the District (St. Matthew's UMC) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5) Rummage sale table set up (Sanc.)
Thursday:	All day 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale set up (Sanc.) CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Chapel Time (Sanc.) Music Practice (#6) GS Troop #4099 (#12) GS Troop #4567 (#8 & 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) BS Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-2 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale (Sanc., Lobby) CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Hebrews Bible Study (Alison Theater, Jenner's Pond)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Rummage Sale (Sanc., Lobby) Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday ~ All Worship Sunday ~ Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir Counters (#2) Disciple Bible Study (Room #5) Ronald McDonald Meal (RMD House) GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10) Youth Group (#8, 10) GS Troop #4070 (Sanc.)
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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)
Family of 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



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 29

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

Nancy Simmons
TBD
Ed Tolmie and Jean Kilmartin
Esther Culbertson
Brady Castaldi/Alisabeth Guepet
C. Bruno / E. Mullen / J. Leaman
Amy Castaldi/Janice Bowers
N/A
Carolyn Barrett
Peter Mullen
Melanie Hartley
Joan Leaman
John Gambill
Don Hurst & Linda Peirson
Janice Bowers
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, October 6

Gene & Alison Aucott
Carolyn Bratton
Linda Peirson and Laura Minnick
TBD
Lizzy Bohnsack/Jacob Rinehimer
K. Smith/K. Hruz/P. Fulton
TBD/TBD
F. Sullivan, C. McGinley, M. Hartley, D. Talley K. Hruz
M. Hartley, D. Taylor, S. Paisley, C. Robinson
John McGinley
Christy Robinson
Pastor Monica
Heather McCummings
L. Shiplet, K., Smith, K. Underwood
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
George Anderson & Donna Shaub
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

*October 13, 8:30 & 11:00 services
Rehearsals will be Sunday September
22, 29 & October 6
from 10:45-11:00 a.m. in room 3.*

*Contact Melanie or Joan Leaman with any questions!
Children ages 5- grade 6 are invited! Children will be singing "I
Wanna Be Like Jesus".*



**RAP and FRIENDS are traveling by DuVall
Bus to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
on October 2nd for "Will Rogers Follies"**

The bus will be at WGUMC at 10 a.m., will leave at 10:15 a.m., and will return about 5 p.m. The Meal Buffet begins at 11:45 a.m. The Show begins at 1:15 p.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. The bus will return to WGUMC about 5 p.m. \$70 includes bus transportation, driver tip, meal, show, all taxes and gratuities. There are a few reservations available for sale. **All reservations must be confirmed on Monday morning by 10 am, September 16th.** Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger for reservations before Monday. Phone: 610-869-3863 Email: sar57ver@verizon.net



**Ronald McDonald
House Dinner for
Families
On Sunday, October 6,**

our church is honored to prepare the meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Delaware. We need approximately 8 volunteers. You can carpool to Delaware arriving at 2:30 p.m. where you will cook and serve a buffet style meal to the families who are staying there due to an illness. Things are done by 6pm and you can return home knowing you gave a hand to someone in need.

**Contact Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470
or janicesemail2@gmail.com**

**Sunday,
October
27th,
3 to 5
p.m.**



**Our Annual tradition is right
around the corner.**

Bishop's Night on District

**Wednesday, October 2nd
6:30 p.m.**

St. Matthew's UMC, Valley Forge

All are invited to attend this engagement where our Bishop will speak on Community Outreach and 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference.

FAMILY PROMISE **October 21-28** **Volunteers needed!**

Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Look for a sign up in the lobby with a list of food items needed as well as volunteering to serve during the week our guests are here. Please contact **Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net or 484-643-2181 for more information.**

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report September 22, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 143

General Offering : \$ 6,121

Building Maintenance Fund: \$965.00

Emergency Groceries YTD: 221 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,406.50

Christian Education at West Grove UMC

Classes for PreK- High School, lead by nurturing and engaged volunteers. Children in Pre-K- grade 6 learn bible stories through the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM), using art, science, storytelling and more!

For more information, contact
Melanie Hartley, Director of Children & Youth Ministries
610-869-9334





Children's Consignment Sale

Fall/Winter Children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, baby items and equipment.

Friday, October 18th ~ 9am – 4:00pm

Saturday, October 19th ~ 9am – 12:00 pm

West Grove United Methodist Church Children's Morning Out and Preschool will be holding its annual Children's Consignment Sale. This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at great prices!

If you are interested in consigning, you can pick up an instruction packet at the church. For additional details, please call the Tracy McLaughlin at 610-869-9334 or email her at cmo@westgoveumc.org Thank you!



Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 4th, 9 am-2 pm

Saturday, October 5th, 9 am– 12 pm

Bring your donations from Sunday, September 29-Thursday, October 3.

Saturday special: Fill a Bag for only \$3.00!!

Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria.

Our United Methodist Women, who sponsor this sale, fund ministry and mission within the church and community through the Rummage Sale.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 29~ Saturday, October 6



Sunday: *“You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.” Judges 13:5.* Praise God that the call of each follower is unique. Pray for how God calls you in this season to follow God.

Monday: *“When her son was born, she named him Samson. And the LORD blessed him as he grew up.” Judges 13: 24.* Pray for children growing up that they might know the blessing of God.

Tuesday: *“And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he lived in Mahaneh-dan, which is located between the towns of Zorah and Eshtaol.” Judges 13: 25* Consider that the Spirit of the Lord moved in Samson, and he was a part of God’s story, even though his story is not always good. God is always good. Praise God!

Wednesday: *“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!” 2 Corinthians 5: 16.* Where is God calling you to see someone differently today? Someone that you had already written off, God is calling you to remember that they are still a child of God.

Thursday: *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17.* We are not limited by a mis-step or mistake. God redeems us. We are part of God’s story.

Friday: *“And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:18.* Where is God calling you to reconciliation with someone who needs to know God’s redemptive love?

Saturday: *“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:19.* As you ask God’s forgiveness, forgive yourself. Really. Pray for those who are still struggling to forgive themselves.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "Here I Am To Worship" PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** "Because Of Your Love"
"We Fall Down" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Offering "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Page 3) Pastor Jim

Gathered Prayer Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** "Fix My Eyes" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Melanie Hartley

***Postlude**

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