



West Grove United Methodist Church

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300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Susan Paisley

One: The Bible tells us God offer ample blessings to all. Sometimes we have trouble seeing our lives as filled with blessings.

Many: God's greatest blessing was, is, and always will be Jesus.

One: In Christ, God reveals to us blessings unlike anything the world could give.

Many: Jesus found divine blessings in poverty and in the midst of great sorrow.

One: Jesus carved out blessings with gentleness and meekness.

Many: Jesus found blessings in developing a craving for righteousness, in being a peacemaker, and even found a rich mine of blessings in acts of civil disobedience.

All: God offers ample blessings in our lives; let us seek them for ourselves and all the world.

*Processional Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" *twice*

UMH No. 431

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (Inspired by Rev. Michael Johnson)

Susan Paisley

Good and Gracious God,

**we pause before you waiting to learn and grow
as you show us the blessings of our lives.**

Somehow, you are able use every aspect of life as a blessing.

Every task, great or small, is a blessing from you.

Every occasion of suffering is used by you to enrich our lives.

You hope that we can count every act of tribulation as a source of divine joy.

**We can be humiliated, emptied of everything, and left with nothing
and all you have to do is say the Word,**

and you create an unbelievable blessing out of our lives.

Sometimes our imagination has been too small,

and we fail to comprehend the perfect blessing you have created.

**At times we are too impatient to wait for you to complete your magnificent
masterpiece. We walk away from the blessings that you have intended to be
ours. Forgive us, we pray.**

Free us to see the blessings and life abundant that you invite us to live into.

In the name of our Redeemer, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages		Joan Leaman
5th Sunday Coin Collection	<i>CMO</i>	
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Psalm 15</i>	Susan Paisley
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Susan Paisley
*Response to the Lessons		Susan Paisley
One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		
Anthem	“Blessed Are They”	Chancel Choir
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Sermon	“Blessed To Be A Blessing”	Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response	“All Who Hunger”	TFWS No. 2126
Offering		
*Offertory Response	“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
*Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Pastor Monica
God of blessings, we give you thanks for the abundance of your blessings in our lives. Even when we struggle to make ends meet or achieve financial security, call us to praise your name for the abundance of your blessings. As disciples who have gone before, we return our tithe, our offerings, our gifts to your storehouse for blessing, multiplication, and ministries in the world. May your blessings be known in all the world. In the name of our abundant Savior, we pray, Amen.		
Gathered Prayers		Pastor Monica
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Monica
*Hymn of Sending Forth	“Bring Forth The Kingdom”	TFWS No. 2190
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
Choral Benediction	“A Song Of Parting”	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

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Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship **Report January 15, 2017**

General Offering: \$5,138.53
Building Maintenance Fund: \$465.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 169
Emergency Groceries YTD: 0 Bags

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

Moment of Impact

CMO

We are blessed to offer to our community formative and strong early childhood education and faith formation. Shaping and educating our children is our future.

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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 to this gathering of God's people. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. 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.

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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.  
Thank you.***

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.

**Pastor Shirley will be on call February 2, 3, and 4** as Pastor Monica will be away at the Board of Ordained Ministry retreat. As the Southeast District Committee on Ministry chair, Pastor Monica is on the Board of Ordained Ministry. Please be in prayer as the board reviews candidates for ordination, commissioning, and full-time licensing.

**FIRST SUNDAYS:** *Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. An Emergency Aid donation envelope can be found in your bulletin on First Sundays as well. The funds collected help others in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity.*

**A BEAD AND A PRAYER CLASS:** Do you have trouble focusing when you pray? Does your mind wander? Prayer beads helps one stay focused while praying. The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to **A Bead and A Prayer Class** starting **Sunday, February 5 to February 26 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2**. The first class will be making your prayer beads. (Kits will be available for \$15.) The remaining classes will be learning how to use your beads, and learning the history of prayer beads. Men and women are welcome. **Today is the last day for sign up!** If you are interested in the class, but not interested in making your beads, bring your own pre-made prayer beads, which you can find on Amazon. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shirley, Susan Paisley, Pam Howard, Joan Saller, or Cindy Haley

**Financial Pease University offered during the Sunday School Hour! On February 19, FPU will hold a Question and Answer session** for those who would like to learn more about the class before registering. **The classes will begin on February 26 and continue through April 10 in room 4 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE!! Vacation Bible School will be July 10th-14th, 2017**

**VALENTINES FOR PENN LONDON SCHOOL:** This is our **ELEVENTH YEAR** of donating boxed valentines to the children of Penn London Elementary who do not have Valentines to give to their classmates. Please consider buying a box of valentines and dropping it off in the collection box provided in the church lobby. **The deadline for cards is Monday, February 6.** Thank you.



# 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.** After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** 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 January: Family Promise**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in January: Mpsa Clinic**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Family of Nancy Bussom (Boyd)  
 Anne Cantrell (Mullen)  
 Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
 Gary Cornette (Rubincan)  
 Dee Crawford  
 Charlotte and Ken Dunn (Boyd)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Family of Ida May Houston (Kr. Boyd)  
 Ruth Kuch  
 Family of Joe Lilliard (Paisley)  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Trisha McCahon (Hruz)



Dave McClain  
 Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Family of Tammy Paisley (Paisley)  
 Warren Payton (Hruz)  
 Family of Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lisa Schea & Family (Bowers)  
 Family of Karen Sloan  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando Tena and family  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliiss Wilson  
 Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell,  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Kuwait  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weizman - Jordan  
 (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### *This Sunday, January 29*

**Ushers—8:30** The Chalmers Family  
**Greeters—8:30** Carolyn Bratton & Karen Hruz  
**Ushers—11:00** Janice Bowers  
**Greeters—11:00** The Hoover Family  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Wesley Boyd / Madeline Jones  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** C. Bruno/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Jessi Timm / OPEN  
**SS Workshops** Kathy Wiwel and Chris Bruno  
**SS Roamers** Fran Miller  
**Lay Reader—8:30** John McGinley  
**Liturgist—11:00** Susan Paisley  
**Moment All Ages** Joan Leaman  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Chalmers / Don Hurst  
**Counters** Dave Talley & Denise Byers  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### *Next Sunday, February 5*

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 The Lindtner Family  
 OPEN  
 OPEN  
 M. LeStourgeon/M. Rinehimer  
 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
 OPEN/OPEN  
 Heather Ditzel/Chris Bruno  
 Amy Castaldi  
 Mike Chalmers  
 Becky Rinehimer  
 Julie Hughes  
 Rain Catoia / Sam & Roxanne Shane  
 Dick and Caryl Stuhkes  
 Various/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## **OPEN**

**\*Opening Song** "Better Is One Day" PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** "Blessed Be Your Name"  
"10,000 Reasons" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## **GROW**

**Moment For All Ages** Joan Leaman

**5th Sunday Coin Collection** CMO

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## **SERVE**

**\*Offering** "Blessed" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "Blessed To Be A Blessing" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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