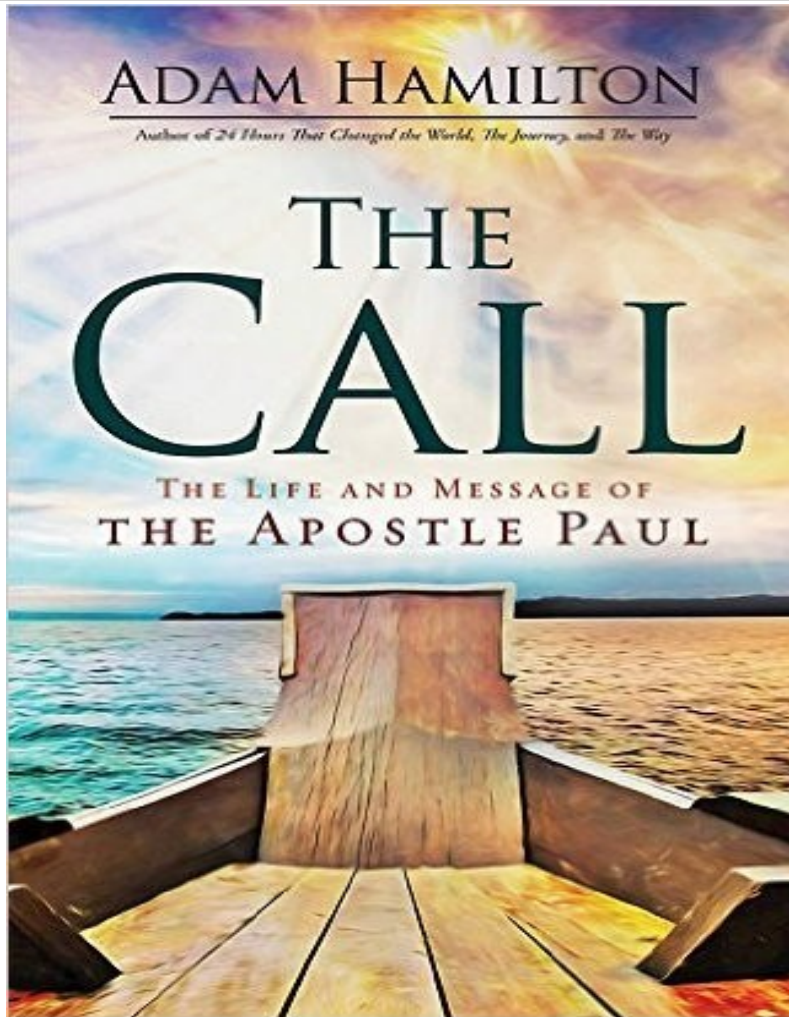




West Grove United Methodist Church

OPEN • GROW • SERVE

The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



First Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

First Sunday in Lent

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

Karen Boyd

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

Many: The journey begins in the wilderness.

One: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Many: Like Jesus, we are not alone.

One: The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Many: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

*Processional Hymn

"Oh God, Our Help In Ages Past"

UMH, No. 117

Opening Prayer

Karen Boyd

**God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to us even in the wilderness.**

**Give us courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that we may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Passing of the peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Karen Boyd

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

Karen Boyd

Response to the Lesson

Karen Boyd

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“When We Sing, We Pray”

Chancel Choir
Diane Persons, Violinist

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Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

“Help! Prayers When Tempted”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

“In The Need Of Prayer”

UMH, No. 352

Moment of Impact

Give/Serve/Restore

Pastor Monica

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)

(Based on 1 Corinthians 10:13)

Pastor Monica

Generous God, we give you thanks that you have promised that no testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. You are faithful, and will not let us be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing you will also provide the way out so that we may be able to endure it. We praise you and offer this gifts for your purposes. May they be multiplied to your glory. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

*Hymn of Sending Forth

“God Will Take Care Of You”

UMH No. 130

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

“In The Shadow Of The Cross”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

** = Please stand as you are able*

Bold Print = Say in unison

New Testament Lesson: *Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”
Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling
place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you
in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the
wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to
become a loaf of bread.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And

the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been
given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be
yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. 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.***

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby.***

***Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

**FAMILY PROMISE:** We are excited to announce that Family Promise will be returning for the second time on **February 14 through the morning of February 21**. Janice Bowers and Missions Team would appreciate it if you would contact Janice at 610-444-8470 or email her at [janicesemail12@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail12@gmail.com) with your questions or willingness to help.

**DO YOU HAVE FAITH? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available during the service.** Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", shout it out (making a witness!). At the end of the service, see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**

**USHERS and GREETERS** Serve your church family by greeting them and all guests as a greeter. Serve your church family in worship as an usher. It is a week to week commitment. Call the office to sign up or **please use the sign up sheet in the lobby**. Thank you.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 12 FUNDRAISER:** On **Wednesday, February 17**, please visit Wendy's at the Oxford Mall for your dinner from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** The Boy Scouts will receive a percentage of the proceeds whether you dine in or take out!

**SCOUT SUNDAY is February 21<sup>st</sup>** Please join us for worship on Sunday, February 21 as we celebrate our Scouts! (Boys and Girls!) We will be celebrating our charter with Troop and Crew 12 as well as awarding My Faith Pin to some of our girl scouts.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ, Tuesday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The Community Café is a meal ministry being offered to meet the needs of our church neighbors, friends and members who are in need of and desire a time of fellowship and food. We strive to serve you a great meal, provide a time to have conversations with others and to feel God's love all around you! **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Sign-up sheets for **volunteering and donations** are posted in the lobby. Please see Linda Shiplet if you have any questions.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WANT AD:** Seeking people who love children. No prior experience or teaching background necessary. Fabulous opportunity to have an impact teaching our next generation of Christians. If you are looking for a way to serve God, this may be the job for you! Work once a week or once a year. Duties are light – rewards are great! Contact Judy Gambill for more information: 610-593-8067; [jl456@epix.net](mailto:jl456@epix.net)



## YOU ARE INVITED!

...to the National Christian Choir Concert on February 28 at 6 pm at Wesley Church, at 1104 Kirkwood Pike in Quarryville, PA. (3 miles south of Quarryville on Rte 472, so it is easy to get to). Come early to get a good seat; doors open one hour before the performance begins. There are no

tickets required, no admission fee, only an offering for the Choir's ministry.

The program includes many of the pieces from our newest recording, "Song of Hope", and we believe it is both inspiring and uplifting. The ensemble, "Second Edition," will also be a part of the program, as well as soloists and a duet. We travel throughout the country giving concerts, and sing locally at times. Take advantage of this local concert to hear us and share in the worship experience! We hope you will join us!

In His Service with Music, John and Karen Boyd

***Lenten devotionals are available  
for children and adults.***

***They are in the Lobby for you to pick up. Let us devote  
to worship and prayer together this Lenten season.***

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**God's Faithfulness ~  
Your Stewardship  
Report February 7, 2016**

**General Offering: \$7,154.<sup>53</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$185.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 218**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 8 Bags**

**Human Relations Day: \$181.<sup>00</sup>**

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

## Moment of Impact

### ***Give/Serve/Restore***

Give | Serve | Restore is a collaborative way to show love to Southern Chester County through churches in our communities during the Lenten season  
[February 10th-March 27th, 2016].

See Page 8 for details.



advised funds, bequests, and memorial gifts. Please see Pastor Monica for more information.

# **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, February 14 ~ Saturday, February 20



**Sunday:** *“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness” Luke 4:1.* As Jesus was sent into the wilderness, there are times of wilderness in our lives. Turn to God in prayer when you find yourself in the wilderness.

**Monday:** *“Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.” Luke 4:5.* Where are you tempted to put reputation and pride ahead of working with others for the coming of the kingdom of God?

**Tuesday:** *“Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Luke 4:8.* Scripture gives confidence to turn away from temptation.

**Wednesday:** *“When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.” Luke 4:13.* Evil is always looking for a foothold. Today, pray that God will protect you.

**Thursday:** *“You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’” Psalm 91:1-2.* God is your refuge. Turn to God for protection!

**Friday:** *“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” Psalm 91: 11.* When you find yourself threatened, ask God to grant angels of protection.

**Saturday:** *“When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.” Psalm 91:15.* Where do you need to call to God?



## Give | Serve | Restore

Give | Serve | Restore is a collaborative way to show love to Southern Chester County through churches in our communities during the Lenten season [February 10th-March 27th, 2016]. The project consists of 3 easy ways to get involved:

- Do one service project! It can be coordinated from a church participating in GSR, or, by taking action on your own to serve (such as making a meal for someone in need or helping a neighbor with a house project).
- Donate two pounds of food to our local food cupboards (bin in the lobby)
- Give three dollars (for Kids) and thirty dollars (for adults) to our two partner organizations-Good Neighbors and Young Moms. Good Neighbors is an organization committed to making homes warmer, safer, drier and healthier for qualified homeowners as an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ. Young-Moms is an organization committed to equipping teen moms with the resources and support they need to reach their potential as women and mothers.
- o Last year, three churches partnered and were overwhelmed with the response of those congregations.
- o Three churches partnered together to focus on restoration in Southern Chester County
- o **Over \$38,000** raised for [Family Promise](#), to assist homeless families in Southern Chester County
- o **Over 2.5 tons of food** donated for local food cupboards
- o **Numerous service projects completed** from members of all three churches involved.

This year, we're working together with 14 churches (and counting!).





### ***Lent Wednesday Night Fun***

***Join us for potluck dinner and activities to prepare for Lent.***

Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for a potluck dinner of whatever assortment of dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, it will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

**February 17th**— We will be creating a chest of those prayers we wish to confess to Christ and then offering them to God.

**February 24th** - We will be praying for the world. There will be global interactive games and stations to pray for our world.

**March 2nd** - We will be creating thankfulness sculptures to give thanks to God for God's many blessings in our lives.

**March 9th** - We will be making Easter boxes for our shut-ins. Our shut-ins will receive a box of our love and care and some of the symbols of the celebrations in a box!

**March 16th** - We will be making resurrection egg sets. Supplies will be provided. You will go home with a dozen plastic eggs that tell the story of Holy Week and Easter.

**March 23rd** - We will create interactive experiences of Holy Week to pray together.

**Join us one week or all the weeks!**

# THIS WEEK: February 14 through February 21, 2016

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

|                              |                                                           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>               | <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                               |
| 8:30 a.m.                    | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band            |
| 9:45 a.m.                    | Christian Education for All Ages                          |
| 11:00 a.m.                   | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir                |
| <b>6:00 p.m.</b>             | <b>Family Promise Week Begins</b>                         |
| <b>Monday:</b>               | <b>Church Office is Closed in Honor of Presidents Day</b> |
| 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.         | S.O.S. Ladies (#1)                                        |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.        | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)                            |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>              | <b>All Day &amp; Night</b>                                |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.       | <b>Family Promise (CE Wing)</b>                           |
| 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.        | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                       |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.         | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)                    |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.        | CMO Music Program (#8, 10)                                |
| <b>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b>   | Yoga Class (Sanc.)                                        |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>            | <b>All Day &amp; Night</b>                                |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.       | <b>Financial Peace University (#14)</b>                   |
| 11:15 a.m.&11:30 a.m.        | <b>Family Promise (CE Wing)</b>                           |
| 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.         | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                       |
| <b>6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b> | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>             | <b>All Day &amp; Night</b>                                |
| 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.        | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                        |
| 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.          | <b>Wednesdays in Lent (Sanc. &amp; Kitchen)</b>           |
| 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.        | <b>Family Promise (CE Wing)</b>                           |
| <b>Friday:</b>               | <b>All Day &amp; Night</b>                                |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.       | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                       |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.         | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                                      |
| <b>Saturday:</b>             | <b>All Day &amp; Night</b>                                |
|                              | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                     |
|                              | <b>Family Promise (CE Wing)</b>                           |
|                              | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                       |
|                              | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                                      |
|                              | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                                     |
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|                              | CMO Music Program (#8, 10)                                |
|                              | <b>Family Promise (CE Wing)</b>                           |

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| <b>Sunday:</b>        | <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>                   |
|                       | <b>BAPTISM OF JACK KROHN</b>                   |
|                       | <b>SCOUT SUNDAY</b>                            |
| 8:30 a.m.             | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
| 9:45 a.m.             | Christian Education for All Ages               |
| 11:00 a.m.            | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir     |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.   | Mission Possible Youth Group (#8, 10)          |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)                  |

# 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 in February: Emergency Food Pantry**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in February: Family Promise**

Wayne Achuff  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Carolyn Bratton and Family  
 Fran Bryan  
 Helen Carlin



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Kylie Myer (Hughes)  
 Kathie Myhre (Miller)  
 Ed O'Brien

Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
 Barbara Delaney  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Sara Harris (Tolmie)  
 Family of Loretta Hoover  
 Anne Horn (Czerpak)  
 Jimmy Hunt  
 Billy Kirwin (Tolmie)  
 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Jeff Laird  
 Family of Amy Langel (B. Smith)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Pam McClain  
 Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)  
 Margee Michaels

James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Grace Reisinger  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Frank Steele  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Angela Street (K. Smith)  
 Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
 Family of Doris Stuhrke  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Hans Winkler (Mullen)  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
 Donald Yerkes (Saller)

Tom Fagan - USA  
 (Whelan)



Allan Frost -  
 South Korea (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
 (Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)

Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
 Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)

Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan

Chris Weidman - Okinawa, Japan  
 Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**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**

**Sunday School Roamers**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, February 14**

Rob and Rain Catoia  
 The Eason Family  
 Tom and Charlotte Adams  
 Dick and Caryl Stuhrke  
 Matt Simonds / Sarah Reynolds  
 C. Bruno/R. Catoia/A. Castaldi  
 Judy Gambill/ Jessi Timm  
 Amy Castaldi  
 Rain Catoia  
 Karen Boyd  
 Jamie Lindtner  
 Steve May /The Stuhrkes  
 Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, February 21**

Scouts  
 Scouts  
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 M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson  
 TBA/TBA  
 Maryanne Covington  
 Scout  
 Scout  
 Pastor Monica  
 Covingtons / Scott Steele  
 Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

# Open

**\*Opening Song**      “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”      PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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*First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

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| <b>*Celebration Set</b> | “Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)”<br>“Holy Is The Lord” | PraiseWorks Band |
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## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Jamie Lindtner

|                             |                           |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Old Testament Lesson</b> | <i>Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16</i> | Rain Catoia |
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**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 4:1-13* Rain Catoia

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.

Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

**Sermon**                      “Help! Prayers When Tempted”                      Pastor Monica

## Serve

|                         |                    |               |
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| <b>Moment of Impact</b> | Give/Serve/Restore | Pastor Monica |
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| <b>Offering</b> | “Help Is On The Way” | PraiseWorks Band |
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**Offertory Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** (Sung)      "Our Father"      Congregation and PraiseWorks Band

**\*Closing Song**                      “As We Pray”                      PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

## \*Postlude

**\* Please stand as you are able**