

**8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Second Sunday in Lent ~ Scout Sunday**

Open

***Opening Song** "Grace Like Rain" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

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

***Presentation of Colors** Scout

***Celebration Set** "The Lord Is My Light" PraiseWorks Band
"Wait On The Lord"

***Passing of the Peace**

Grow

Moment For All Ages Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson *Philippians 3:17-4:1* Scout

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18* Scout

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Sermon "Why Pray?" Pastor Monica

Serve

Moment of Impact **Scouting** Pastor Monica

Renewal of Charter, Pinning of My Faith Pins

Blessings on Our Scouts

Offering "A Man After Your Own Heart" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism *Richard Erling Krohn IV*

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

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

***Closing Song** "Fear Not" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Why?



Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Second Sunday in Lent ~ Scout Sunday

OPEN

Prelude "He Touched Me" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Bill Ingram

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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***Presentation of Colors** Scout

***Call to Worship** Scout

One: Wait for the Lord; be strong!

Many: The promises of God will never be broken.

One: With God as our light, what is there to fear?

Many: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

***Processional Hymn** "How Firm A Foundation" UMH, No. 529

Opening Prayer (Based on Psalm 27) Scout

God of promises fulfilled, we gather as descendants of Abraham;

we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant;

we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits.

When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life,

we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness.

When we are overcome with despair by the pain of war and poverty in our world,

we need only see the light of a single candle

to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation.

We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Passing of the peace** Scout

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson *Philippians 3:17-4:1* Scout

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18* Scout

Response to the Lesson Scout

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

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	 Prayer Chain	Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)
Ken Arnold		Margee Michaels
Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)		Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Joann Bates		Tim Mullen
Cory Beattie (Shaub)		Kathie Myhre (Miller)
Carolyn Bratton and Family		Ed O'Brien
Fran Bryan		James Pollard (Yarbrough)
Helen Carlin		Tammy Ramberger
Danny (Hughes' brother)		Grace Reisinger
Bill Davis (Mullen)		Rick Renzulli
Barbara Delaney		Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Colin Delaney (McGinley)		Family of Dot Russell
Tom Fagan		Roann Schneider
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)		Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)
Marcus Forst (Howard)		Kim Smith
Sara Harris (Tolmie)	Frank Steele	
Family of Loretta Hoover	Lorrie Steele	
Anne Horn (Czerpak)	Angela Street (K. Smith)	
Jimmy Hunt	Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)	
Billy Kirwin (Tolmie)	Family of Doris Stuhrke	
Wanda Kreutzfeldt	Fernando & Jonathan Tena	
Ken & Lois Levingood (Miller)	Zach Trexler (Lytle)	
Bill Lilley	Asher Lindtner	
Pam McClain	Dot Weeks	
	Hans Winkler (Mullen)	

Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)	 PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
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

	<u>This Sunday, February 21</u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 28</u>
Ushers—8:30	Scouts	Scott Steele
Greeters—8:30	Scouts	OPEN
Ushers—11:00	Scouts	Joan Saller and Kay Yates
Greeters—11:00	Scouts	Linda Peirson & Ruth Wells
Acolyte 8:30/11	Scouts	J. LeStourgeon / Matthew Rinehimer
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson	J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/J. Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11	Amy Simonds/TBA	Maryanne Covington/Jessi Timm
Sunday School Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Cindy Haley
Lay Reader—8:30	Scout	Alexandra Smith
Liturgist—11:00	Scout	Dave Talley
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Karen Hruz
Hospitality 8:30/11	Covingtons / Scott Steele	Dawn Chalmers/Linda Peirson
Counters	Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger	Bill Jones and Tim Shaub
Sound Booth	B. Ditzel/K. Schneider	B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

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

Sunday:	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT BAPTISM OF "JACK" RICHARD ERLING KROHN IV SCOUT SUNDAY
	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)
Monday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)
	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.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)
	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Café Free Meal Ministry
	12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Music Program (#8, 10)
	1:00 a.m.-2:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (#1)
	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Training (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (#14)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	11:15 a.m.&11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)
	2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)
	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent (Sanc. & Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#14)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 04317 (#14)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13)
	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal
Friday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)
	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)
	12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Music Program (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanc.) & Glo-Bowling!
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)
	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
	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 and Flute Ensemble

Anthem "Restoration" Chancel Choir

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Sermon "Why Pray?" Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response** "Eagles Wings" UMH, No. 143

Moment of Impact **Scouting** Pastor Monica

Renewal of Charter, Pinning of My Faith Pins

Blessings on Our Scouts (MARK TROTTER, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.

Offering "Were You There?" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Jill Fedon

***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 (Unison)** **Scout**
Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you. Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care— to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

Gathered Prayer Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "We'll Understand It Better By And By" UMH No. 525

***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: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. That day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."



Lent Wednesday Night Fun

***Join us for potluck dinner and activities to prepare for Lent.
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.***

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 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!



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!).

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.**

We give thanks to God for the ministry of scouting and are delighted to have our scouts worshipping with us.

**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.

**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)

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY:** We hope you will join us for Tools for Ministry on **Saturday, March 5th.** Here are the Tools for Ministry Workshops : SPRC Basics, LifeTree Café, Celebrate Recovery, Clergy Taxes, Restorative Justice, Cemetery Management, Breaking Barriers, Youth in your Community, Healing Ministry, SPRC and the Pastor, Grant Writing, CoNam, Trustees, Homelessness, Prayer, and Young Adults. **Tools information can be found in the literature rack in the lobby (yellow handout) and are offered by our Ushers.**



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.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report February 14, 2016

General Offering: \$6,755.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$350.00

Worship Attendance: 170

Emergency Groceries YTD: 8 Bags

Give/Serve/Restore: \$57.00

and 342 pounds of food

It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact

and change lives for Christ!

Moment of Impact

Scouting

Do you know that we charter 1 Boy Scout Troop #12, 1 Venture Crew #12, and host 2 Daisy Troops #4383, Troop #4567, 3 Brownies Troops #447, #498, #4070, 3 Girl Scout Junior Troops #41377, #453, 04317! Many children are impacting by the ministries of scouting through our congregation!

What will your legacy be? Are you considering how to impact the world into the future? Consider planning for the future and remembering the church in your plans. The MidAtlantic Foundation can assist in donor-

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



Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, February 21 ~ Saturday, February 27



Sunday: "God brought Abraham outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to Abraham, "So shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5. God's promises are always continuing God's way through God's people. Where do you see God's covenant continuing?

Monday: "And Abraham believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness." Genesis 15:6. God's promises and covenants are big, almost unbelievable. Where is God calling to you to believe where you have not seen, have faith?

Tuesday: "But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" Genesis 15:8. Abraham needed more proof, more information from God's big promises. We can always take our wonderings and questions to God.

Wednesday: "On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...." Genesis 15:18. Spend time with God listening to how God will work through you.

Thursday: "Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us." Philippians 3:17. Look around you for the examples of faith that inspire you to live a life of faith.

Friday: "Christ will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself." Philippians 3:21. Have you considered what challenges, trials, and humiliation you can offer to Christ?

Saturday: "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved." Philippians 4:1. Pray for God to help you stand firm in your faith.