



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



March 26, 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) (based on Psalm 147:3-5,7)

Karen Boyd

One: God heals their broken hearts and bandages their wounds.

Many: God counts the stars and knows the name of each and every one.

One: Our Master is great.

Many: He is powerful.

One: There is no limit to the things he knows.

Many: Sing to the Lord with Thanksgiving!

*Processional Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH No. 155, Vv.1,3,6

*Opening Prayer (Unison) (<https://re-worship.com>)

Karen Boyd

**God, we remember with wonder and joy
that your spirit is reaching everywhere:
touching what is wounded or ill with healing power;
gathering in the lonely, the lost, the least;
soothing ancient animosities;
creating and recreating a vision of hope.
Come now, Holy Spirit.
Let our worship rejoice in you,
and lift our hearts,
and bind us in one family of loving grace.
We ask in Jesus’ name; Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:12

Karen Boyd

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 103:1-17

Karen Boyd

Response to the Lessons

Karen Boyd

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Lullaby Prayer”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“Praying for the Children”

Pastor Shirley

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*Hymn of Response

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

UMH No. 404

Moment of Impact

GSR CASA

Pastor Monica

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 (Unison)** (www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Pastor Monica

Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Use our giving for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiple its reach and influence. May it be a great blessing to many. Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

*Hymn of Sending Forth

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH No. 352

*Benediction

Pastor Shirley

Choral Benediction

“In The Shadow Of The Cross”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29:12

Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 103:1-17

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship **Report March 19, 2017**

General Offering: \$ 5,120.03

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 2,570.00

Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$109.00

Combined Worship Attendance: 200

Emergency Groceries YTD: 22

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

Moment of Impact

GSR CASA

Through the Constellation Network, we work with other churches and Christians in Southern Chester County to incubate and accelerate great efforts to impact the world around us. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, has supported and cared for children in Delaware County, help us care for children in Chester County!

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 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: 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.

THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will be studying "Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane" using the scripture from Mark 14:32-50. This rotation will focus specifically on prayer and will incorporate the following workshops: cooking workshop, science, games, puppets and creative writing. We look forward to working with the children to enhance their understanding of prayer and it's meaningfulness in our lives as Christians.

INVITATION FOR RAP AND FRIENDS: The Avon Grove Seniors will be traveling by Duvall's bus to the Rainbow Comedy Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, April 26th, for their buffet and show RUNNING MATES. The bus will load at WGUMC at 10 a.m. The total cost for bus travel, buffet, and show (including the bus driver tip and all taxes and gratuities) is \$68 payable to the Avon Grove Seniors. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.

****SAVE THE DATE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be July 10th-14th, 2017:** Get ready for an action-packed 5-day super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God! *Hero Central 2017 VBS* from Cokesbury prepares kids to *Do good! Seek peace and go after it!* Ps. 31:14B (CEB). Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby in the near future!

ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Set-Up on Thursday, May 4, 12:00 p.m.; Sale, Friday, May 5: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sale, Saturday, May 6: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. So, start cleaning and sorting and we will see you at the sale! Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning Sunday, April 30 through Thursday, May 4. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

BIKE RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS to Support Family Promise So. Chester County Sponsored by West Grove UMC: Save the Date! May 20th , 2017 : 8:00 am start for 50 miles; 9:00 am start for 35 miles; \$40 Entry Fee. Contact Lonnie Lusavage for more information: llusavage@gmail.com This event begins and ends at WGUMC. If you are interested in riding, visit our registration site at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-southern-chester-county-tickets-32002680880> We need volunteers for assistance at the church and two rest stops. Contact Janice Bowers, Lonnie Lusavage or the church office if you would like to help out!

SUGAR COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE "EGG" STRAVAGANZA! We need several dozen sugar cookies for the Easter Eggstravaganza. The children who attend get to decorate and enjoy a cookie. If you could supply some sugar cookies, please sign the sheet in the lobby. Cookies need to be brought to the church kitchen by noon on Sunday, April 9th. Contact Joan Leaman with questions.



LENT

Lent Wednesday Night Fun!

6-8pm

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.

Join in us one week or all the weeks!

March 29—Making Easter boxes for Shut-ins. Our friends who can't join us love to receive these boxes of Easter love!

April 5—Give Back Day—An experience of global missions—HERE! Come learn about a Ugandan village.

April 12—Care-Ware—You can provide dignity and care for each man, woman, boy and girl this Easter season by providing gifts of underwear, t-shirts, bras and shower shoes. Help us pack up the boxes!



EASTER "EGGS"TRAVAGANZA

Sunday, April 9, 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Come one, come all! Families, friends, relatives, neighbors and guests...you are all invited to the annual "Eggs"travaganza! at West Grove United Methodist Church. There will be crafts, games, a giant inflatable, candy and prizes, refreshments and, of course, an egg hunt! Activities will occur continuously from 3-5 p.m., so come as time allows. Toddlers through fourth graders will find fun things to do. **Our event is "rain or shine"! We are looking forward to another wonderful community-wide Easter celebration this year!**



Your help is needed! Candy donations to fill the hundreds of eggs are requested, and you can place your donation in the bin designated in the lobby. If you would like to donate your time and assistance, please contact Joan Leaman at 6484-643-2181 or jmleaman@comcast.net

Coming up! March 1-April 16, 2017

WHAT IS GSR?



Give | Serve | Restore is an annual project that gathers churches of Southern Chester County to bring hope and healing to our community during the season of Lent.

WHY DO GIVE | SERVE | RESTORE? The goal of Give | Serve | Restore (GSR) is for people to work together to bless our community!

West Grove UMC is again participating in GSR this year as follows:

1 Service / Good Works: The wall in the lobby is set up for everyone to be encouraged to do small or large acts of kindness and service to others during Lent. Please fill-out a post it note with your kind gestures noted and place on the wall.



2 Pounds of Food: We encourage all to bring in 2 pounds of non-perishable food to help stock our Emergency Food Cupboard. We have a goal of collecting 200 pounds. You can watch our progress on the goal board in the lobby.



\$3 (Kids) / \$30 (Adults): We encourage you to use that \$30 to help our community thrive!



This year, donations will benefit Casa Youth Advocates -a local non-profit organization working for the restoration of our community. Casa Youth Advocates believes that every child needs an advocate. They aim to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the family courts, and do so by mobilizing and supporting quality volunteers to serve as advocates for the children they serve. Casa serves Delaware County and is expanding their service into Chester County. **Please write your check out to West Grove UMC (with memo: GSR, CASA).**

HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday ~
Sunday, April 9**

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services

11:00 worship will feature the cantata:
"Footprints in the Sand"



**Maundy Thursday ~
Thursday, April 13**

Noon and 7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Holy

Communion



**Good Friday~
Friday, April 14**

24 hour Prayer Vigil - 9:00 a.m.
through Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Stations 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday ~ Saturday, April 15

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil 5p.m.



**Easter Sunday ~ Sunday,
April 16**

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.



OneRunTogether's Signs of Spring 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk will be held at 8am on Saturday, April 8th at the Honeybrook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road in Honey Brook. The mission of OneRunTogether is to host challenging and exciting races that financially and spiritually benefit local cancer patients in need. In order to lighten their emotional and financial burdens, the group donates 100% of its profits to the cause. For registration information, please refer to the website at www.oneruntogether.org or call 610-733-2181.



April Fool's Day Saturday - April 1st Spring Cleanup Day for our Church!!

April 1st is the thirteenth day of Spring! We want to have our church looking its best for Palm Sunday, April 9th, and Easter, April 16th! Our Trustees ask for and need your help with our spring spruce up! Please set aside a few hours on April 1st to provide a welcoming atmosphere to our church for our members and visitors. We are in need of many volunteers to accomplish the tasks quickly. We will begin at 8 a.m. and finish by 1 p.m. The more help we have, the quicker we will be finished!



Easter Flowers

It's Easter Flower time and you may order yours by placing a check or cash in the "Easter Flower" envelope and dropping it in the collection plate or the church office. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or from the Sunday Ushers.

We offer Tulips or Daffodils in 6" pots for \$5.00 each. Lilies with 4-5 blooms in 6" pots are \$9.50 each. **Last date to order flowers is Sunday, April 9.**

| <u>Price each</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Tulips | \$5.00 | \$ _____ |
| Daffodils | \$5.00 | \$ _____ |
| Easter Lilies | \$9.50 | \$ _____ |

Please designate below how you wish to offer these flowers, so it can be recognized in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Contact the church office with questions or concerns .

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

Your Name: _____ **Total Amount** _____

THIS WEEK: March 26 through April 2, 2017

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

Sunday:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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| 8:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
| 9:45 a.m. | Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages |
| 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir |
| 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. | Vision ReCap (Sanc.) |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10) |

Pastor Jim will be away through April 25 on a world cruise with Betty.

Monday:

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| 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Knit Wits (#1) |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Daisy Troop #461 (#16) |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12) |
| 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc) |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | SOS Ladies (#6) |
| 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Tech Team Meeting (#1) |

Tuesday:

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| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. | Family Literacy (#2) |
| 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | RAP Planning Meeting (Kit., Sanc.) |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Daisy Troop #461 (#16) |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Missions Meeting (#1) |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Brownie Troop #498 (#8, 10) |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Yoga (Sanc.) |

Wednesday:

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| 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 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. - 8:00 p.m. | Lenten Wednesday Night Fun (Sanc.) |

Thursday:

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| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Music Practice (#6) |
| 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.) |
| 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) |
| 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1) |
| 8:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. | PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.) |

Friday:

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| 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
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Saturday:

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| 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Congregational Clean-Up Day!! (All church) |
| 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.) |

Sunday:

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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| 8:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
| 9:45 a.m. | Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages |
| 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | High School Youth Group (#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 March: Church Staff Mission Prayer Focus in March: The Constellation Network

Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Joe Bonano (Hughes)
Fran Bryan
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)
Reginald Cooper and the Bond
Family (Beauchamp)
Dee Crawford
Family of Ervin Fackler
Tom Fagan
Laura Featherston
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Family of Sandra Goodwin (Fackler)
Family of Charles Wesley Haley
(Haley)
Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)
Peg Kent
Ruth Kuch
Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)
Rosemary MacCoun
Townsend MacCoun
Dave McClain



Margee Michaels
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Family of Ed O'Brien
Family of Kim Osborne
Family of Ellen Palmer (B. Smith)
Warren Payton (Hruz)
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)
Roann Schneider
Family of Karen Schneider
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Fernando Tena and family
Edith Tiderman (Hughes)
Pat Testerman and family (Kr. Boyd)
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 - NJ
(Lynne Strawhecker)
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan
Chris Weizman - Jordan
(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
SS Workshops
SS Roamers
Lay Reader—8:30
Liturgist—11:00
Moment All Ages
Hospitality 8:30/11
Counters
Soundbooth

This Sunday, March 26

The Howard Family
The Simond Family
TBA
TBA
Wesley Boyd/Alisabeth Guepet
C. Bruno/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer
M. Covington/Joan Leaman
Kathy Wiwel / Judy Gambill
Amy Castaldi
Karen Hruz
Karen Boyd
Pastor Monica
The Chalmers/Linda Peirson
George Anderson & Donna Shaub
Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, April 1

Tim and Eileen Bushnell
The Lindtner Family
TBA
TBA
M. LeSturgeon/J. Yarbrough
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson
OPEN / OPEN
Amy Castaldi / Kathy Wiwel
Joan Leaman
John McGinley
Sue Curtis
Jamie Lindtner
Rain Catoia / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Denise Byers & Dave Talley
Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 26~ Saturday, April 1



Sunday: *"I will give them a new heart and a new mind. I will take away their stubborn heart of stone and will give them an obedient heart." Ezekiel 11:19* Live this day and all days on His promise.

Monday: *"For in him every one of God's promises is a "yes." 2 Corinthians 1:20* Memorize this verse. Where in your life do you need His Word? Cover your children in prayer knowing they are the apple of His eye.

Tuesday: *"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children" Isaiah 54:13* Praise God today for His protection on your children and other's children.

Wednesday: *"I will transform her valley of troubles into a door of hope." Hosea 2:15* Are the children in your life in the valley? Then, know to look for the door of hope.

Thursday: *"I have written your name on the palms of my hands" Isaiah 49:16* Do you need comfort? Know that your name and the children's names is inscribed on His hands. Breath slow in His comfort.

Friday: *"I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5* The synonym for the word forsake is reject, disown. God's promise is He will never disown or reject us or the children.

Saturday: *"Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" Isaiah 61:3* When you don't what to pray for, pray with praises. Whisper up praises all through the day for the children in your life.



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8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** "I Will Rise Up" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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***Celebration Set** "Blessed Be Your Name"
"A Heart Like Yours" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

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SERVE

Moment of Impact GSR CASA Pastor Monica

***Offering** "Father of Lights" PraiseWorks Band

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer "Our Father" PraiseWorks Band

***Closing Song** "Sing For Joy" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Shirley

***Postlude**

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