



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Thanksgiving Sunday
November 22, 2015

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Thanksgiving Sunday

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

Susan Paisley

One: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

Many: God has blessed us with God's great love.

One: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

Many: Let us come to this time praising God.

One: Come, now is the time to worship.

Many: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH, No. 694

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

Generous God, we gather to raise high our voices of thanks. We thank you for your grace and mercy, O God, which is new every morning. We thank you for your love and compassion, which guide us in our actions. We thank you for your peace and justice that seek us in all situations. Let us not miss the instructions of giving. As we gather as your people, our lives be filled with thanks and giving. In your name, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Children's Sunday School

“I Will Follow”

Children sign in ASL

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 1:16-18

Susan Paisley

New Testament Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Susan Paisley

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33

Susan Paisley

*Response to the Lesson

Susan Paisley

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“A Thanksgiving Prayer”

Chancel Choir

Accompanied by Sara White on Cello

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

“Oh Yeah, By The Way, Thank You”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“We Gather Together”

UMH, No. 131

Moment of Impact

United Methodist Student Day

Dedication of Audio Assist System

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Offering

***Offertory Response**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn 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)**

Pastor Jim

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. AMEN.

Reception of New Members

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH, No. 102

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“Go, Now In Peace”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Ruth 1:16-18*

But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

New Testament Lesson: *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 6:25-33*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Dedication of Audio Assist

Pastor: Here in this place of worship we gather in the name of God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, the Redeemer and Sustainer. Here we dedicate this Assisted Listening equipment to the service of God.

Paul writes in the letter to Rome: "But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

All: We celebrate the ability to share the word of God with all.

Pastor: Let us pray:

Creating and Re-Creating God, we give thanks for the generosity of those who have given of their resources so that all might hear and know the word of God. We dedicate this audio assistive equipment to glory of God and the spreading of the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Establish the work of our hands, O God. Furthermore, we give thanks to you for all your servants, whose faithful love and devotion, witness and service, have lead us to more fully share the hearing of your word with all. In the name of Jesus who made the deaf to hear,
Amen.



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22ND at 7:00 p.m.

Join the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas, as we gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries.

Also, help us extend hospitality to those who will be coming to Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22nd by **bringing in a treat to share**. Your generosity gives our community an opportunity to fellowship.

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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.

Family and friends, guests and visitors: Welcome to Thanksgiving worship as we take time to celebrate and be grateful for all that God has done. 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.***

**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 out faith (and make a witness!). At the end of the service, please come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many folks 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.**

**FAMILY PROMISE:** We are excited to host our first Family Promise week hosting **Sunday, December 6 through Sunday December 13th**. There are opportunities to serve in hosting, feeding, providing resources, and spending the night at the church. Please contact our team for more information. Janice Bowers: 610-444-8470 [janicemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicemail2@gmail.com) & Joan Leaman: 484-643-2181, [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

**OUR NEW YOU TUBE CHANNEL:** Thanks to Keith Schneider, we now have a link to the WGUMC *You Tube* Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcMskzlor4EexJqIRtPVMZw> We hope you will visit this channel soon! Check out our Sunday School Memory verse for this unit as well as Moment of Impact!

**OUR CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** to celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. Blessings to all our families!

**THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR** will present **JOY, A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** on December 12, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Hempfield HS Performing Arts Center, Landisville, PA (west of Lancaster). Ticket price is \$20--Group of 10-19--\$3 discount (\$17), Group of 20+--\$4 discount (\$16). Our Karen and John Boyd are members of the choir!! If we have at least fifty people signed up, we will consider renting a bus (an additional charge for the bus) or carpool. See the poster in the lobby! Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger: 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**2015 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Our Youth Group has a display in the lobby with the necessary information--**Please return the filled shoeboxes by TODAY, November 22nd!**



**NOVEMBER SOUP SALE:** We will make two favorites. #1- **Roasted Butternut Squash**, #2- **Chicken Corn Chowder** *Sign-up is until Thursday, November 26. There is a sign-up sheet hanging on the blackboards in the lobby, or you can call the church office at 610-869-9334. Pick-up is on Saturday, November 28* between 2 & 4 p.m. or Sunday after Worship Services. The cost is still only **\$5.00 per Quart**. *Proceeds will help to buy a smart TV for the church in support of Family Promise and many other programs and ministries hosted at WGUMC.* Thank you for supporting WGUMC!

**SUKKOT BOOTH:** Our church again is collecting nonperishable food items and turkey coupons (from local grocery stores) at the Sukkot booth in the lobby through Sunday, November 22. This year's Fall Harvest Food Collection will help replenish the short food supply for The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. **The Bridge has doubled the number of local families that it is serving this fall.**



**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE Through November 22.** Winter is coming and everyone needs to bundle up nice and warm. Yes, that means **EVERYONE**. However, throughout our community we have many individuals that lack the basic winter defense of a nice, warm winter coat. Once again, **West Grove United Methodist Church is asking for the donation of gently used or new blankets and winter coats.** Donations may be dropped off at the church through **November 22.**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH ~ 6:30 P.M.** Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! Bring your family and invite your friends! Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows all ages to join in the festivities. Welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. Stay after for delicious, homemade Christmas cookies and cider! Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!



**ADVENT**

Join us for  
**Wednesdays Night Fun  
in Advent**

November 25, December 2, December 9, December 16,  
And December 23rd ~~From 6-8 p.m.

We will have pot-luck style dinner. If you are able, you are invited to bring a dish to share.

If you can't, no worries, come anyway!

It is a potluck and there is always plenty to be shared!

We will provide plates, utensils, drinks, and desserts.

**Come one week, come all of the weeks!**

Bring the family, bring the kids, invite your friends and neighbors!

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, November 22~ Saturday, November 28



**Sunday:** *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” Matthew 6:25.* Take time today to give thanks to God for the abundance in your life.

**Monday:** *“And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” Matthew 6:27.* Worrying is a response to concern. What can you give to God today?

**Tuesday:** *“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33.* Striving for the kingdom of God is putting God first. Spend time in prayer today putting God first.

**Wednesday:** *“But Ruth said, ‘Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.’” Ruth 1:16.* Ruth remained loyally with Naomi. Be with people of God who lead you closer to God.

**Thursday:** *“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone.” 1 Timothy 2:1.* On Thanksgiving day, give thanks for blessings of your life!

**Friday:** *“For kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” 1 Timothy 2:2.* As we move towards Advent, consider how God is calling you to a quiet and peaceable life.

**Saturday:** *“For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time.” 1 Timothy 2:5-6.* Prayerfully consider the mystery of God.

**FAMILY PROMISE RESOURCE CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for some people (retired folks are great) to help staff our Family Promise Resource Center in West Grove. People can help out for a couple of hours at a time, any day of the week between 8 am and 5 pm. Please call Betsy Hanna at 610-513-4119 or talk with Pastor Monica .



**THIS WEEK: November 15 through November 22, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**THANKSGIVING 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  
**7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Monday:**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#14)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Tuesday:**

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Missions Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

**Wednesday:**

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Fun in Advent (Sanc.)**

**Thursday:**

**Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office is closed.**

**Friday:**

**Thanksgiving Holiday. Church Office is closed.**

**Saturday:**

**7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Soup Sale (Kitchen)**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**BAPTISM SUNDAY ~ EMBERLY GAJESKI**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#5)  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
Baptism of Emberly Gajeski

## **BACKGROUND & EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

**West Grove UMC Bible Study, Monday's Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21  
7:00 – 8:30 PM Conference Room #1  
By Rev. Jim Mundell**

Nov. 30: **GOD'S COVENANT WITH US**

God's covenants with mankind  
New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-34  
The WORD made flesh – John 1:1-6, 14 [1-18]

Dec. 7: **PREPARING THE WAY**

OT Prophecies  
Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 40:3-5  
Birth of John the Baptist  
Birth foretold – Luke 1:5-25  
Birth of John – Luke 1:57-80  
Genealogies Of Jesus  
Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38

Dec. 14: **BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD**

From Mary's point of view – Luke 1:26-56  
From Joseph's view point – Matt. 1:18-25

Dec. 21: **BIRTH OF JESUS**

Events of the birth of Jesus – Luke 2:1-20  
Visit of the Wise Men – Matt. 2:1-18

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby. Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship** **Report for November 15, 2015**

**General Offering: \$6,558.<sup>03</sup>**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$300.<sup>00</sup>**  
**Worship Attendance: 180**  
**Emergency Groceries Bags**  
**Distributed YTD: 82**  
**Youth Stock Shares Purchased: 234**  
**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD: \$1,753.<sup>80</sup>**  
**Endowment Fund Donation: \$2,000.<sup>00</sup>**

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

## **Moment of Impact**

*United Methodist Student Day*

*TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE STUDENTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. United Methodist Student Day is November 29, 2015 and your giving provides the resources for undergraduate and graduate students to become educated and change the world!*

# 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 November: The Staff of WGUMC**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in November: Sunday Breakfast Mission**

Simon Alexander (Guepet)  
 Kory Arnold  
 Aunt Naomi and Cousin  
 Cheryl (Haley)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
 Bill Cooney (O'Brien)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Bradley Dunn  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Dave Hake & Family (May)  
 Lonna Hudson (Hurst)  
 Lee Hunt (Curtiss)  
 Mike James  
 Bill Jones  
 Family of Richard Kreutzfeldt  
 Bill Lilley  
 Pam McClain



Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Kylie Myer (Hughes)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Family of Hailey Parker (Simonds)  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Vernon Ramberger  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
 Jeanette Stryjewski  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Jeff Whelan



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, Colorado Springs, CO (The Rambergers)  
 Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30** Fred & Jeannie Sullivan  
**Ushers—11** Scott Steele  
**Greeters—8:30** Simonds Family & C. Bratton  
**Greeters—11** Larry and Kay Yates  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Wesley Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Jessi Timm / OPEN  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Luke Chalmers  
**Liturgist—11:00** Susan Paisley  
**Moment All Ages** Eileen Bushnell  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Chalmers / Linda Peirson  
**Counters** Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
**Sound Booth** Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, November 29**  
**OPEN**  
 Kay Yates  
 Cindy and Mike Haley  
**OPEN**  
 Matt Simonds/Joseph Yarbrough  
 M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson  
 Maryanne Covington / Heather Ditzel  
 Rain Catoia  
 Becky Rinehimer  
 Karen Hruz  
 OPEN / Dick and Caryl Stuhrke  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Thanksgiving Sunday

### Open

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

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "Because Of Your Love"  
"I Will Follow" PraiseWorks Band

**Children's Sunday School** "I Will Follow" Children sign in ASL

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Eileen Bushnell

**Old Testament Lesson** *Ruth 1:16-18* Luke Chalmers

**New Testament Lesson** *1 Timothy 2:1-7* Luke Chalmers

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 6:25-33* Luke Chalmers

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**Moment of Impact** *United Methodist Student Day* Pastor Monica

**Dedication of Audio Assist System**

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**Offering** "Thank You, Lord" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**Reception of New Members**

**Gathered Prayers of the People** Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Love The Lord" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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