



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



First Sunday After Christmas
December 27, 2015

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship First Sunday After Christmas

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

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

Peter Mullen

One: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

Many: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.

One: Now the light has truly come to us!

Many: Darkness has been banished away!

One: Let us shine! For the Light of God's love has come to us.

Many: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

UMH, No. 250

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Peter Mullen

Holy and Righteous God, during this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the story of the Shepherds and Magi. Let us go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, the Babe lying in a manger. Let us hear again from the Holy Scripture the story of those who came to seek and worship the new born, the Son of the Living God. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Peter Mullen

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Peter Mullen

*Response to the Lesson

Peter Mullen

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"The Jesus Gift"

Chancel Choir

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

“Shepherds and Wise Men”

Pastor Jim

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“There’s A Song In The Air”

UMH, No. 249

Moment of Impact

World Service Fund

Pastor Jim

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

Gracious Giving God, by your love and compassion, we have received much from you. You have given us the Christ Child who is our Lord and Savior. Just like the Shepherds who gave of themselves in worship and the Magi who gave their gifts, bless and honor these gifts we have given. Amen

Gathered Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim

The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

UMH, No. 251

***Benediction**

Pastor Jim

***Choral Benediction**

“A Christmas Blessing”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our Altar today are
In Celebration of Peter Guepet’s First Birthday
With love from his family



Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)*

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 our last worship service of 2015. God is Lord of all time and eternity, so we walk with him — and one another — into all that the new year brings. 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.***

**Please pick up your Offering Envelopes for 2016.** They can be found on the table in the lobby. If you are an electronic giver or do not use envelopes, you may pick up the card which has your name and giving number on it. Please direct your requests for envelopes or giving number to Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary, at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**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!

**2015 Contributions:** Contributions to be recorded on your 2015 Financial Statement must be received by December 27th. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary, with any questions.

**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.**

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Classes begin Tuesdays, January 19 through March 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** What is Financial Peace University? We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. Please use this link to sign up: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1009967>

**BALDWIN UMC** in Elk Mills, Maryland, was consumed by fire on Sunday, December 6th. If you wish to give a love offering to help them rebuild, please mark it on your giving envelope or place in the basket in the Narthex Lobby area.

**USHERS and GREETERS** Serve your church family by greeting them and all guests as a greeters. Serve your church family in worship as an usher. It is a week to week commitment. Call the office to sign up.

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

**Sunday:**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Rev. Jim Mundell Preaching**

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

**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)

**Tuesday:**

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tech Committee Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#14)

**Thursday:**

**Church Office is Closed**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s at Perkins**

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)  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

**Happy New Year! Church Office is Closed**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

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

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

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

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for December 20, 2015**

**General Offering: \$5,694.<sup>00</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$210.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 233**

**Emergency Groceries Bags**

**Distributed YTD: 134**

**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD:**

**\$2,153.<sup>80</sup>**

**Christmas Offering: \$25.<sup>00</sup>**

**No More Malaria: \$10.<sup>00</sup>**

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

## **Moment of Impact**

The World Service fund is a part of our church's regular giving to the Annual Conference and the General Church. It allows the General Church to support missionaries and ministries around the world. In the United Methodist Church, we are part of a connectional system. Our impact extends around the globe to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of 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 December: Emergency Food Pantry Mission Prayer Focus in December: UMCOR*

Kory Arnold  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Fran Bryan  
Family of Helen Chreiman  
(Hoover)



Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Bradley Dunn  
Tom Fagan  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Marcus Forst (Howard)  
Family of Lee Hunt (Curtiss)  
Family of Marie Kent (Bratton)  
Family of Richard Kreutzfeldt  
Family of Amy Langel (B. Smith)  
Bill Lilley  
Richard Lukesh (Mullen)  
Pam McClain  
Family of Lillian McMahon  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Tim Mullen  
Kylie Myer (Hughes)

Kathie Myhre (Miller)  
Ed O'Brien  
Family of Mabel Owsley  
(Bratton)  
James Pollard

(Yarbrough)  
Tammy Ramberger  
Grace Reisinger  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Lorrie Steele  
Glenn Stern (Heist)  
Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
Doris Stuhrke (Dick Stuhrke)  
Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Dot Weeks  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
Diana Wygent (Fackler)



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**

**Ushers—11**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Greeters—11**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, December 27**

Rob and Rain Catoia  
Edel Mullen & Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
Mike and Cindy Haley  
Tom and Charlotte Adams  
Michelle LeStourgeon/Madeline Jones  
M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson  
Amy Simonds/**Open**  
Kate Barrett  
Peter Mullen  
Joan Leaman  
The Chalmers / Linda Peirson  
Margee Michaels and Scott Steele  
Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, January 3**

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Matt Simonds / Joshua Robinson

J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/J. Williamson

**Open / Open**

Karen Hruz

Vernon Ramberger

Pastor Monica

TBA/TBA

Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger

B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## First Sunday After Christmas

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "Glory to God" PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** "What a Glorious Night"  
"We Three Kings" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Joan Leaman

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 2:8-20* Kate Barrett

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**Sermon** "Shepherds and Wise Men" Pastor Jim

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** *World Service Fund* Pastor Jim

**Offering** "The First Noel" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer** Pastor Jim

**Gathered Prayers of the People** Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "Our King Has Come" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Jim

**\*Postlude**

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