



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



EPIPHANY

Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2015

Epiphany Sunday

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

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

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sandy Deckard

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

21st Century Africana Worship, General Board of Discipleship

*Processional Hymn

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal No. 254

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

**Great God of the Epiphany,
this day reveal your salvation
to the poor who hunger for your nourishment,
to the seekers who travel across deserts for your drink,
to us gathered here, who desire you.**

**Great God of the Epiphany,
this day reveal your salvation
Through the one who saves us, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Rev. Nathan Decker, General Board of Discipleship

*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moments for All Ages

Karen Hruz

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Sandy Deckard

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12, 16

Sandy Deckard

***Response to the Lessons**

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Let Us Be”

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

Seeking The King

Pastor Jim

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response**

“I Come With Joy”

Hymnal No. 617

Offering

***Offertory Response**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Hymnal No. 239

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

From the Book of Common Worship (1993), of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Words of Assurance

Pastor Jim

As surely as the Light follows the Darkness, the light of God’s love, given to the world so long ago, is given for you, for healing and hope. You are beloved of God. In God’s name, receive the Light. AMEN.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion for Epiphany

Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion.

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Hymnal No. 251

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12*

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 in the east 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 Christ 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 be the shepherd of 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 make a careful search 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 in the east 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 and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Pastor Monica, Steve, Alisabeth and Felicity welcomed their new baby boy, Peter David Guepet, on Sunday, December 28, 2014. Baby Peter is 6 lbs., 6 oz. and 19 1/4 inches long. He was delivered a month early, so is requiring some assistance in the NICU of the Chester County Hospital. Please keep the Guepet Family in your prayers for healing and strength. Pastor Monica is now on maternity leave. If you require pastoral care, please contact Pastor Jim through January 19. Thereafter, our interval Pastor, The Rev. Dick Sarley, will be available for emergencies and will lead the service each Sunday. You are encouraged to call the church office if you need any kind of assistance and the office will ensure you are contacted.

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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.

We come from different places in life, literally and figuratively, following the star to meet before the manger. Together, let us worship the newborn King. We invite you to inquire about our church's activities and ministries. 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.***

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** The process of assigning and distributing numbered giving envelopes for 2015 is underway. If you **use** your giving envelopes regularly, you will be issued another packet for 2015. If you did not have envelopes in 2014 and **need envelopes** for 2015, or if you **don't use** envelopes and just would like to be assigned a giving number for your checks or online payments, please notify Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary **ASAP**. If you are interested in **Online Giving**, pamphlets can be found in the literature rack in the lobby, or you can contact Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator.

**J.U.L.I.E.T....Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together.** Start the New Year out right and join us for breakfast on Saturday, January 10, 2015! There's no agenda, just a bunch of ladies (all ages, too!) having fun on winter's morning. **We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Call Margee Michaels or Chris Curtiss.

**HEART TO HEART VIII LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:** We are preparing our ninth booklet of devotions to be handed out on Ash Wednesday. It will contain faith stories from individuals in our congregation. **WE NEED YOUR STORY!** Everyone has a story to tell of how God has worked in their life and we would like you to share yours. It can be an answered prayer, a lesson learned, or how you live out your faith in your daily life. Children can submit drawings or short messages too! **Your story of faith will be an encouragement to someone!** Simply write your story in 50 to 400 words. Include your name.. Include a scriptural reference if you like. Include a prayer if you like. **TURN IN DEVOTIONS BY JANUARY 31** to: **Cindy Haley at [chaley@zoominternet.net](mailto:chaley@zoominternet.net) or Donna Fackler at [donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org](mailto:donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org)**

**WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE AT LIMA UMC SUN., JAN. 11 @ 3PM, Lima UMC, 209 N. Middletown Rd, Lima PA** Love Handbells? Join us as we enjoy the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble at Lima UMC on Sunday, January 11 at 3PM. The Ensemble was founded by Michael Helman in 2000 and is the only community based handbell ensemble in Wilmington. Membership is by audition or invitation and the group draws from various church bell choirs in New Castle County. The purpose of the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble is to educate and introduce audiences to the beautiful and varied repertoire for handbells as well as promote excellence in musicianship among its members.

**THIS WEEK: January 4 through January 11, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**Holy Communion and Emergency Food Shelf**

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

J.A.M. and Christian Education classes

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Knit Wits (#1)

6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.

Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Yoga-Sanc.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Advent Dreams Bible Study (#8, 10)

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Brownie Troop 453(#9)

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Venture Crew Meeting (#12)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Daisy Troop 4567 (#9)

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:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 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.-3:00 p.m.**

**RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

J.A.M. and Christian Education classes

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir

*The Church's Emergency Food shelf has been depleted by those in need in our community. Items needed are peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, toothpaste, canned soups, canned meats, cookies, canned pasta dinners, instant potatoes, rice, tuna fish, crackers, canned fruit, applesauce cups, dish detergent, laundry detergent. These are just suggestions. If you think of something else that a family would enjoy, please feel free to donate it. Blessings.*

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for December 28, 2014**

**General Fund: Offering: \$7,101.<sup>20</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$328,326.<sup>02</sup>**

**Offerings Estimated to meet Budget YTD: \$355,992 (-\$27,666)**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$110.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$10,858.<sup>97</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30-56 + 11:00-53 = Total: 109 Christmas Eve: 408**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 90**

# 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 weekends, 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 January:  
Mission Prayer Focus in January:**

Marianne Aquino  
Kory Arnold  
Family of Michael Basilio (Covington)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Fran Bryan  
Maura Carroll (Bates)  
Leslie Dunn (Boyd)  
Olivia Eason  
Family of Steve Engle (Ramberger)  
Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Peter David Guepet  
Pastor Monica Guepet  
Richard Heacock  
Matt Helm (Laird)  
Tonya Howell (Boyd)  
Nancy Jessup (Gambill)  
Deborah Kennedy (Coates)  
Claire Krantz (Russell)  
Kim Kurz (Ramberger)  
Amy Lengel & family (May)  
Bill Lilley



Neva Luttman (Miller)  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Edel Mullen  
Tim Mullen  
Vivian Paisley  
  
Tammy Ramberger  
The Raimato Family (Tolmie)  
Lisa Reoli  
Shirley Rosazza  
Family of Tom Rosazza (Ramberger)  
Dot Russell  
Richard Saller  
Roann Schneider  
Family of Willard Stem (Howard)  
Elli Streibel (Mullen)  
Fernando Tena  
Jonathan Tena  
Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Joseph White (Tolmie)  
Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - Guam (Frost)  
Brian Kubo - Qatar (Edel Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy, Mexico City (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**  
**S. S. Roamers**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Hospitality 8:30/11**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

**This Sunday, January 4**

Ken Arnold  
Edel Mullen & George Anderson  
David and Barbara Delaney  
Ruth Wells and Kay Yates  
Wesley Boyd / Matthew Rinehimer  
M. Rubincan/A. Castaldi/J. Williamson  
Jessi Timm / OPEN  
Fran Miller  
Judy Gambill  
Sandy Deckard  
Karen Hruz  
Rain Catoia / The Kreutzfeldts  
Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger  
Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, January 11**

Ken Arnold  
Edel Mullen & George Anderson  
David and Barbara Delaney  
Ruth Wells and Kay Yates  
Jonathan Lestourgeon/Madeline Jones  
J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/E. Mullen  
Amy Simonds / Joan Leaman  
Cindy Haley  
Joan Leaman  
Susan Paisley  
Joan Leaman  
Melissa Dea / Bill & Edie Mears  
M. Michaels & S. Steele  
Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# **Epiphany Sunday**

## **8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**

### **Opening Song**

“God of All”

### **Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jim

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### **Celebration Set**

“I Will Rise Up”

“We Fall Down”

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Moment For All Ages**

Karen Hruz

### **Scripture**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Judy Gambill

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. At 9:30, the children staying for JAM will be taken to the youth room (#8 & 10) and those who are not staying will be brought back to the Sanctuary.

### **Sermon**

“Seeking The King”

Pastor Jim

### **Offering**

“We Three Kings”

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

“Hungry”

### **Prayer After Receiving**

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

### **Closing Song**

“Forever”

### **Benediction**

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