



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 11, 2015

**First Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

*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) Becky Rinehimer

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

***Processional Hymn** "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymnal No. 57

***Opening Prayer** (Unison) Becky Rinehimer

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you.

Your Spirit has touched our lives,

bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion.

Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others.

In all that we do, and in all that we are,

may your name be glorified,

that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth.

We pray this in the name of your Son,

our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moments for All Ages Joan Leaman

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Becky Rinehimer
Leviticus 19:33-34 (NRSV)
Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (NRSV)

Response to the Lessons

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“United In His Love”

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

Breathe Deep For Your Own Well Being

Rev. Mel Leaman

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response**

“Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee”

Hymnal No. 562

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**

Gathered Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymnal No. 577

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
In Memory of Robert Rubincan
With love from his wife, Margaret Rubincan



Hebrew Scripture Lesson: *Leviticus 19:33-34 (NRSV)*

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: *Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (NRSV)*

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God^a and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

New Testament Lesson: *Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:2*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Pastor Monica is now on maternity leave. If you require pastoral care, please contact Pastor Jim Mundell through [January 19](#). The Rev. Dick Sarley, will be our interval Pastor beginning January. 20th. He will be in the pulpit January 25 for 8 weeks. You are encouraged to call the church office if you need any kind of assistance and the office will ensure you are contacted. We look forward to his arrival and I know you will join together to give Pastor Sarley a warm welcome.

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 worship, education and Christian fellowship on a glorious winter morning! I invite you to greet those worshipping near you. We also 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.***

**JANUARY IS WHITE SOUP SALE MONTH:** We will be making two favorites. The First will be a **Traditional New England Clam Chowder** (recipe comes from Skipjacks in Boston). The second will be Melissa's spin on **Potato Leak Soup**. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the lobby on the black boards. Sign-ups are open until Thursday, January 22, 2015 with pick-up on Saturday, January 24, 2015 between 2 & 4 pm or Sunday after Services. Cost is still only \$5.00 per Quart. Thank you for supporting WGUMC!

**HEART TO HEART X LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:** We are preparing our tenth 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 that 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.

**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.

**CAREGIVERS MEETING POSTPONED:** Caregivers normally meet on the 2nd Wednesday. This month, **the meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m.** Please call Susan Paisley if you have any questions.

**THIS WEEK: January 11 through January 18, 2015**

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

**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  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Mission Reveal Party (#8, 10)

**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)  
6:30 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)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 04317 (#14)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#15)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 41250 ( #12)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4-H Robotics Club ( #8, 10)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
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)  
6:45 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. - 8:00 p.m. SPRC (#1)  
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)

**Saturday:**

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

**Sunday:**

**SECOND 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  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)

**PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance.**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for January 4, 2015**

**General Fund: Offering: \$6,568.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$6,568.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$365.00 Year-to-Date: \$365.00**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30-76 + 11:00-61 = Total: 137**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 0**

# 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: The Community Café Free Meal Ministry**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in January: The Bridge**

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  
 Grace Gurney (Wolff)  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Tonya Howell (Boyd)  
 Nancy Jessup (Gambill)  
 Deborah Kennedy (Coates)  
 Kim Kurz (Ramberger)  
 Amy Lengel & family (May)



Bill Lilley  
 Neva Luttman (Miller)  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Vivian Paisley  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 The Raimato Family (Tolmie)  
 Lisa Reoli  
 Shirley 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 - Maryland (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 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  
 Becky Rinehimer  
 Joan Leaman  
 Melissa Dea / Bill & Edie Mears  
 M. Michaels & S. Steele  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, January 18**

Ken Arnold  
 Edel Mullen & George Anderson  
 David and Barbara Delaney  
 Ruth Wells and Kay Yates  
 Matt Simonds / Ava Kirwin  
 H. McCummings/K. Smith/K. Boyd  
 OPEN / Heather McCummings  
 Maryanne Covington  
 Ken Arnold  
 Susan Paisley  
 OPEN  
 MA & Lianne Covington / Ed Tolmie  
 Bill Jones & Tim Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# **First Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**

## **Opening Song**

“Show Me Your Ways”

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

Pastor Mel

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## **Celebration Set**

“Living Upside Down”

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Moment For All Ages**

Joan Leaman

## **Scripture**

*Leviticus 19:33-34 (NRSV)*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (NRSV)*

*Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:2 (NRSV)*

Joan Leaman

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## **Sermon**

“Breathe Deep For Your Own Well Being”

Pastor Mel

## **Offering**

“Testify To Love”

## **Prayer of the People**

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Mel

## **Closing Song**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

## **Benediction**

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