



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2015

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Scout Sunday
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

GATHERING

- Prelude** "Hymn" and "Kum Bah Yah"
Avon Grove Intermediate School Flute Ensemble
- Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica
*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!*
- *Presentation of Colors** Scout
- *Call to Worship (Responsive)** Janis Schrader
One: The journey of Lent continues with a journey into the light.
Many: We are called to follow Jesus.
One: We are called upon to give of ourselves to others.
Many: Lord, help us to reach inward in confession and outward in service.
One: Be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.
Many: We journey with each other and with God.
- *Proclamation Hymn** "Lead On, Oh King Eternal" Hymnal No. 580
- *Unison Prayer** (written by Maren C. Tirabassi) Scout
**Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled.
You have offered us an easy yoke,
and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens.
You have forgiven us and we have complained
against our brothers and sisters.
Give us a conversion that faces the light;
teach us a repentance that lives in works of love;
lead us into a narrow path;
guide us through the valley of the shadow of death.
Call us to follow Jesus Christ
and, in his way, to live and suffer, to die and rise again, Amen.**
- *Passing of the peace**
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
Many: And also with you.
- Presentation of the Charter** Boy Scout Troop #12

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Moments for All Ages		Pastor Monica
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Jeremiah 31: 27-34</i>	Scout
*Gospel Lesson	<i>John 12:20-33</i>	Scout
Response to the Lesson		Scout
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.		
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		

Anthem “We Will Walk In The Light” 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 “Walk in the Light” Pastor Monica

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response** “I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light” Hymn No. 206

Offering “Crusader's Melody”
Avon Grove Intermediate School Flute Ensemble

***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 Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal No. 895

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “Lift High The Cross” Hymnal No. 159

***Retiring the Colors**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** “Here in the Shadow of the Cross” Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

We give thanks to God for the ministry of scouting and are delighted to have our scouts worshipping with us. Thanks be to God for the gifts of music offered by the Flute Ensemble from Avon Grove Intermediate School directed by Ron Evans.

New Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31: 27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

A New Covenant

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Lesson: *John 12:20-33*

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[a] to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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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.

Welcome! God has promised to be our God and to let us be God's people. May we focus confidently on the blessing of such a loving relationship as we worship God today. 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.***

**RAP and UMW Hosting Marie Monville**, Author of "One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting" on **Friday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. **Mark your calendars.** Seating is limited, so please plan to arrive early.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DODGE BALL, March 27** - Bring \$2, a friend or two and come play some dodgeball and eat all the pizza you can! It's awesome!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will start on **April 19, 2015**. We will meet on Sunday mornings for 3 weeks in Pastor Monica's office. On May 10th, we will welcome new members into our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Monica or Melissa Jones.

**MARCH SOUP SALE ON MARCH 28TH:** Be sure to sign up on the form in lobby for your **Ham and Bean Soup and Cream of Mushroom Soup!** They are still only \$5.00 per Quart. Orders are due by March 25th and pick-up is on Saturday, March 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the Lobby or you can call the church office to place your order.

**R.O.M.E.O. Retired Older Men Eating Out: Thursday, March 26.** Remember, if you are retired, then you could be a ROMEO. We get together to eat at Perkins on the **last Thursday of each month.** Call Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends!

## ***Avon Grove Intermediate School Flute Ensemble***

McKenzie Bachman

Megan Marlett

Ava Gray

Gabriela Morales

Megan Gula

Ayza Syed

Angela Hudson

Victoria Olski

Maggie Keegan

Sammie Voelker

Michelle LeSturgeon

Nicki Wittman

We give thanks to God for the Avon Grove Intermediate School flute students and their director, Mr. Ronald Evans for sharing their beautiful music in our worship service today!

**THIS WEEK: March 22 through March 29, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SCOUT SUNDAY**

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. High School Youth Group (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. African American Experience (#11, 13)

**Confirmands at Gretna Glen**

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m -12:00 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)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Crown Financial (#1)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Café Free Meal Ministry**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 04317 (#14)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 41250 ( #12)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Missions Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ad Council (#1)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s at Perkins**  
4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting (#1)  
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. -12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanctuary)

**Sunday:**

**PALM~PASSION SUNDAY**

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  
**3:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M. EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA! (All Church)**

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for March 15, 2015**

**General Fund: Offering: \$6,065.<sup>00</sup> Offerings Received YTD: \$63,909.<sup>84</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$195.<sup>00</sup> Year-to-Date: \$2,065.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30—83 + 11:00—112 = Total: 195 Sunday School: 43**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 8**



The missions team of West Grove UMC in conjunction with Family Promise of Southern Chester County is evaluating the possibility of being a host church for homeless families in Southern Chester County.

A host church provides overnight accommodations for up to five families / 14 people for a one week period (Sunday evening to the following Sunday morning) every 3 months. These carefully screened families are provided shelter, meals, and support services to help them get back into housing with a goal period of 30 days.

Family Promise has a day center that is located in downtown West Grove where the families are able to shower and receive support services for getting back on their feet.

A host church provides:

- Sleeping accommodations ;A living area / hospitality room
- A Dining area; Evening Meals; Simple Breakfasts; Bag lunches
- Compassion and hospitality

For a church to effectively run this program, a crew of 40 volunteers is needed for the following roles:

- Coordinators (2-4); Meal Preparers / Food providers (14)
- Overnight Volunteers (14); Set-up / Take-Down (2-4)
- Linen Laundry (2); Activities (2); Supplies (many)

If you would like to see WGUMC be a host church please sign up in the lobby. If you have a particular area of interest, indicate such beside your name.

Please call Janice Bowers with any questions: 484-888-6821 days 610-444-8470 evenings or email [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com).

## OPERATION HOPE TOTES

It's time for our annual participation in Operation Hope Tote. Look for Operation Hope Tote envelopes in the lobby. **They will be collected during March and all items should be returned to the church by Sunday, March 29, 2014.** Operation Hope Tote is a simple but powerful way to help homeless people and to express Christ's love and the spirit of renewal that is such an important part of Easter. Thank you for your help in this very worthwhile project.



## *Spring Tea Widows' Gathering*

Oxford Presbyterian Church  
Sunday April 12 at 3:00 p.m.

All widows are welcome to join us in the parlor enjoy fellowship and support.  
Tea and light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Oxford Presbyterian at 610-932-9640



# Meditations For Your Week



*March 22—March 29*

**Sunday:** “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.” Jeremiah 31:31. The LORD of all speaks to us. Pause today to listen.

**Monday:** “It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.” Jeremiah 31:32. Too often, we have broken our promises to God. Where do you need to confess a broken promise to God?

**Tuesday:** “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:33. God has committed to being your God! How are you being a child of God? Can others tell by your actions?

**Wednesday:** “No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:34. God desired a relationship with the people of Israel as God desires a relationship with us. How is your relationship with God?

**Thursday:** “Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” John 12: 23. Walking this journey of lent with Jesus is filled with various emotions. Spend some time considering Jesus’ journey.

**Friday:** “ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” John 12: 26. How are you serving Jesus today?

**Saturday:** “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12: 32. Jesus will draw all people to himself. Spent time today contemplate the completeness of all people.





## EASTER "EGGS"TRAVAGANZA

Sunday, March 29  
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Come one, come all! All ages, all families, friends and relatives, neighbors and guests...you are all invited to our annual "Eggs"travaganza!

So many exciting things to do and see and learn! And of course, our egg hunt with more than 3000 eggs!

Children throughout the area are invited to get their Easter baskets ready and take part in the Easter Eggstravaganza at West Grove United Methodist Church at 300 N. Guernsey Road.

There will be crafts, games, a giant inflatable, face painting, prizes, toddler areas, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon from 3-5 p.m., so come as time allows. All activities are for children ages toddler through grade 4. There is even an "egg pit" for the infants! Our egg hunt is well-organized and safe for everyone! It occurs all afternoon, so there is no rush nor trampling of one another! Come and hunt at your pace!

**Our event is "rain or shine"!**

**We are looking forward to another wonderful community-wide Easter celebration this year!**

For additional information or directions, interested readers may call the church office at 610-869-9334 or visit the church website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

**EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA COMING SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 3-5 P.M.. 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 see Bill Jones.



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, March 29.**

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

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(s) for dedication:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 March: Children's Morning Out Preschool**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in March: Family Promise**

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)  
 Dennis Baldwin (Boyd)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Carolyn Bratton  
 Fran Bryan  
 Maura Carroll (Bates)  
 Sandy Deckard  
 David Dickens (Hoover)  
 Leslie Dunn (Boyd)  
 Donna Fackler  
 Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Grace Gurney (Wolff)  
 Jason Haley (Haley)  
 Matt Helm (Laird)  
 Tonya Howell (Boyd)  
 Family of Rev. Fred Landis  
 Amy Lengel & family (May)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Kay Longnecker (Mullen)  
 Neva Luttmann (Miller)  
 Dave McClain  
 Gloria Miller (Ramberger)



Lisa Montgomery (Russell)  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Ami Murray and Family (May)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Lisa Reoli  
 The Rinehimer Family  
 Dot Russell  
 Richard Saller  
 Roann Schneider  
 Family of Ellie Streibel (Mullen)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Fernando Tena  
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Reston Turn & Family (May)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
 Chris Wolfe (Bauer)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - South Korea (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, March 22**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 Scouts  
 John and Judy Gambill  
 Scouts  
 J. Lestourgeon / Sydney Curtis  
 C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman  
 Amy Castaldi / OPEN  
 Amy Castaldi  
 Karen Hruz  
 Scouts  
 Pastor Monica  
 Melissa Dea / Scott Steele  
 Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, March 29**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
 Ralph Curtiss and Kay Yates  
 John and Judy Gambill  
 Ed and Becky Tolmie  
 Matt Simonds / Alisabeth Guepet  
 M. Rubincan/A. Castaldi/J. Williamson  
 Judy Gambill / OPEN  
 Cindy Haley  
 Cindy Haley  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Pastor Monica  
 The Byers / The Hursts  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

### **Opening Song**

“Here I Am To Worship”

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

Pastor Monica

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

### **Celebration Set**

“Better Is One Day”

“The Way Of The Cross”

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Moment For All Ages**

Pastor Monica

### **Scripture**

*Jeremiah 31: 27-34*

*John 12: 20-33*

Karen Hruz

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**

“Walk In The Light”

Pastor Monica

### **Offering**

“Burn Bright”

### **Gathered Prayers of the People**

The Lord’s Prayer

### **Closing Song**

“The Lord Is My Light”

### **Benediction**

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