

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "Be Glorified" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here.*

***Celebration Set** "In Jesus' Name" PraiseWorks Band
"Change My Heart, O God"

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

GROW

Moment For All Ages Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 18:1-9* Julie Hughes

***Gospel Lesson** *Mark 3:1-12* Julie Hughes

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon "DO Pause to Create" Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact GSR Pastor Monica

Offering "The Potter's Hand" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayers Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** "Created to Worship" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

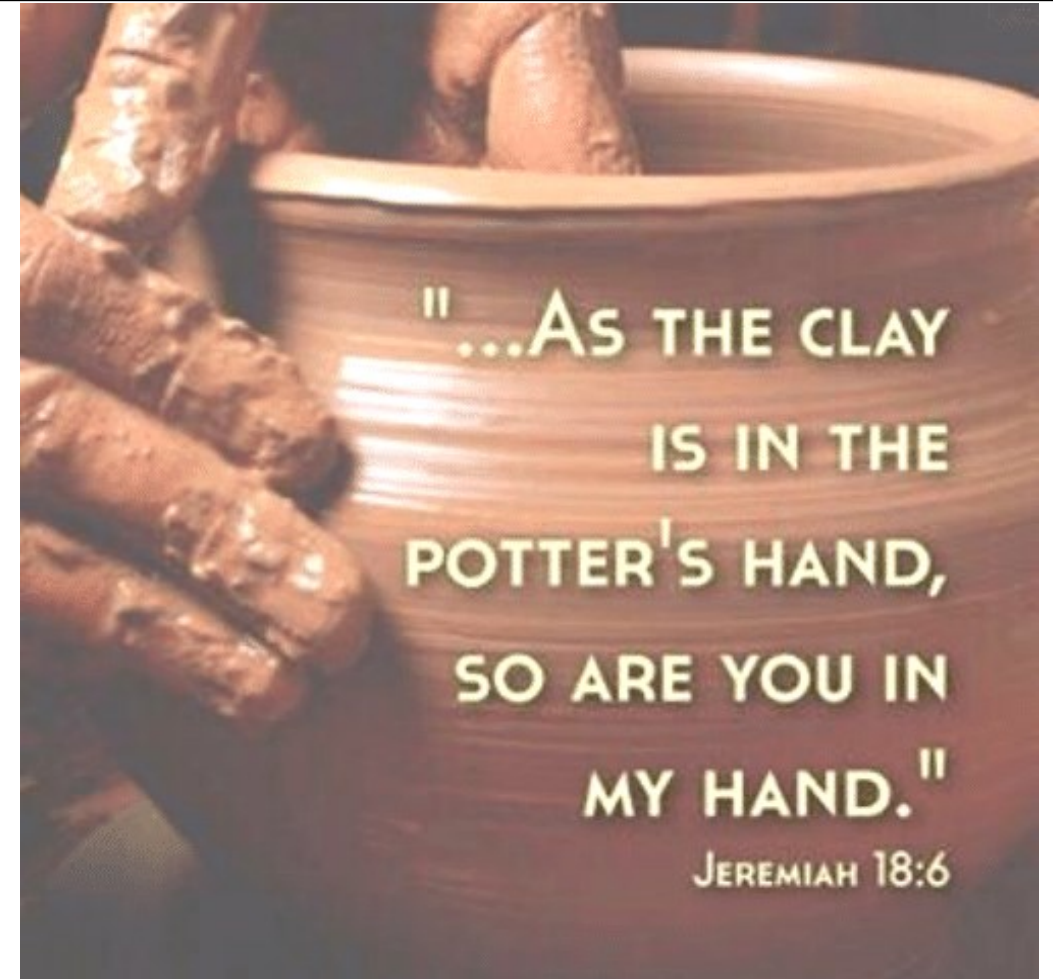
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West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 18, 2018***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

“In the Garden”
arranged by Kevin McChesney

Memory Bells

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica
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Pastor Monica

*Processional Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way Lord”

UMH No. 382

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Vernon Ramberger

One: A potter works with the clay to bring out its beauty and function.

Many: At our baptism and throughout our spiritual journey, God has gifted each of us.

One: The creative process sometimes requires re-creating.

Many: May we be open to movement of God’s Spirit.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

**Potter God, we confess that we bristle at the idea of being recreated,
even under your hand. We like the imagery of being sculpted,
but not necessarily reworked. Move among us, we pray.**

May we see enough of your creative spirit.

May we see enough of your creative way.

**May we see enough of your sculpting to trust your Spirit, we pray,
in the name of the Potter,
who creates, redeems, and sanctifies the clay, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-9

Vernon Ramberger

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 3:1-12

Vernon Ramberger

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 18 ~ Saturday, March 24



Sunday: *“The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So, I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel.” Jeremiah 18: 1-3.* God’s creativity extends to using ordinary events and objects to illustrate God’s ways and purposes. Consider where you might pause today to see God’s creative way.

Monday: *“The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.” Jeremiah 18: 4.* Reworking is part of the creative process. Where is God calling you to rework something you are working on?

Tuesday: *“Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.” Jeremiah 18: 5-6.* Prayerfully ask God to sculpt you.

Wednesday: *“At one moment, I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.” Jeremiah 18: 7-8.* God is seeking God’s ways. Where is God seeking God’s way in our world? Pray for creative ways that you can be a part of restorative justice.

Thursday: *“And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,” Jeremiah 18:9.* Where is God building you up?

Friday: *“And Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’ Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.” Mark 3: 3-5.* Jesus is always healing and bringing forth hope in the midst of challenge. Consider your call to healing and bringing forth hope in the midst of challenge.

Saturday: *“Jesus told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him.” Mark 3:9-10.* Creating and recreating requires time and space. Pray today for God’s people to have time and space to re-create.

West Grove United Methodist Church
Invites the all children in the community to an
EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA
Sunday, March 25
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.



There will be crafts, games, a bounce house, prizes, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon, so come as time allows. Our activities are geared for toddlers through elementary school age children. The event is "rain or shine"!



Easter Flowers

It's Easter Flower time! We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers in Memory, Honor or in Celebration of a loved one, or just for you and your family.

The last date to order flowers is Palm Sunday, March 25. Please fill out this order form and place it with your check in the offering plate or inn Donna Fackler's mailbox. Checks can be made payable to "WGUMC" with memo line noting Easter Flowers. On Easter Sunday, we will include the list of those who purchased flowers in Memory, Honor or Celebration of a loved one.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office.

	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tulips	\$5.00	_____	\$ _____
Daffodils	\$5.00	_____	\$ _____
Easter Lilies	\$9.50	_____	\$ _____

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: _____ **Total Amount \$** _____

***Response to the Lesson**

Vernon Ramberger

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

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Anthem

"My Song of Love"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"DO Pause to Create"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH No. 393

Moment of Impact

GSR

Pastor Monica

Offering

"Shadows of the Cross"
 arranged by Dan R. Edwards

Memory Bells

***Offertory Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 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**

Pastor Monica

Creating and Creative God, you create opportunities for us to give and receive. In the hands of the potter, may we offer ourselves to be plucked up, and built up. These gifts are the creative works of our hands. Bless, O creative God, our tithes, our offerings, and gifts, that they might be your creative expressions of love and hope in this world and into the future, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

UMH No. 150

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"In the Shadow of the Cross"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-9

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:1-12

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, "You are the Son of God!" But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

MOMENT OF IMPACT – GSR

We collaborate with 24 other Southern Chester County churches to Give Serve and Restore toward God's Kingdom here in our Area. We GIVE towards a program called Getting Ahead, a 16-week workshop empowering those in poverty to build resources for themselves and their communities. Getting Ahead is based on a national model and is part of a framework called Bridges Out of Poverty, a community approach to alleviating poverty that focuses on collaboration and long-term change on a personal and community level. We SERVE individually and collectively in the community. See Janice Bowers for ideas. We RESTORE with notes of gratitude to our educators and staff in the surrounding school districts.



Join us as we pause at the cross.

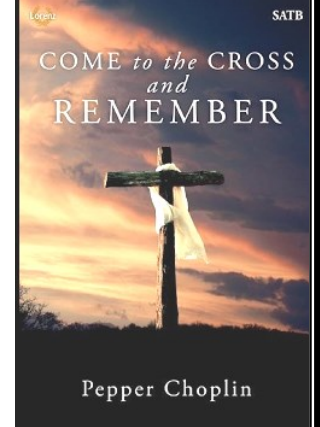
On Good Friday, March 30th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., our community will gather with churches in the area to *pause*. West Grove United Methodist Church will host the evening service.

Thought-provoking preaching, touching music and tender prayer will have us *pause* at the cross, pausing with those who suffer, and pausing to wait in anticipation of the resurrection.

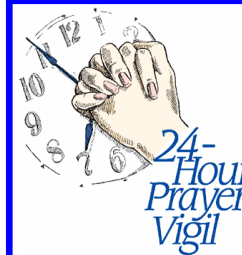
The offering will support the GSR 2018 multi-church effort towards "Getting Ahead."

All are welcome!

"Come to the Cross and Remember" Cantata by the Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday, March 25 at the 11 a.m. Service



You won't want to miss this meaningful and spirit-filled Cantata presented by our Chancel Choir. Christ's journey to the cross and His sacrificial love for us will be remembered through powerful anthems and narration.



24 Hour Prayer Vigil
Friday, March 30, 9 a.m. through
Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m.

Please sign up for a one-hour time slot to come to the Prayer Room located in the rear of the Sanctuary, or from your home, to pray for individual needs of our church family, as well as for the needs of our community.

If you have never prayed for an hour, that's okay! We have plenty of materials to guide you through. You'll be surprised how quickly the time goes by and how refreshed and energized you feel! A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby and also on the web site under the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil event.

Pink prayer request slips will be available in the weekly bulletin, as well as in the lobby, for you to submit a prayer request for the vigil. Prayer requests may be dropped off in the box located in front of the sound booth in the sanctuary.

Holy Week at West Grove UMC



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

11:00 a.m. Service features the Cantata

“Come To The Cross and Remember”

We begin worship celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and face towards the cross.

Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29,

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)

We will recall Jesus' last supper with his disciples as we, too, celebrate Holy Communion. The evening continues into the Garden with Prayers.



Good Friday, March 30

24 Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, 9 a.m.—Saturday, 9 a.m.

Sign up for a one-hour time slot to come into the church sanctuary and pray for the individual needs of our church family, as well as for needs of our community. Prayer requests and materials provided.

Prayer Stations, 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

All are invited to come to the church and visit the prayer stations that the youth set up for us.

Community Good Friday Worship Service ~ 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)

On this evening, join us for a service of reflection with a community of churches.

Holy Saturday, March 31

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.

A child friendly service full of music making, storytelling as we wiggle and giggle proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is Alive!



Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

On this triumphant Easter morning, join us at our Sunrise Service to proclaim Christ is alive!

Contemporary Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Celebration Service at 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream)

Jenner's Pond Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ this day with Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christ's resurrection is for you and all humanity is celebrated this Easter morning. The joke is on death!

Nursery and Children's Worship provided at all services.



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, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



PALM SUNDAY: Join us on Palm Sunday for the Chancel Choir's presentation of "Come to the Cross and Remember". This is a beautiful way to begin the observance of Holy Week.

REMINDER: The church office will close at 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 2.. We will return to serve you on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 a.m.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: There are still open time slots for the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil that starts on Good Friday. Please sign up either in the narthex or on the web site.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 59 bags of food in just 7 weeks. The need is great. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list.

AMAZON SMILE—From March 12-31, Amazon is **tripling** the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2243445 and Amazon will donate 1.5% of your purchase to West Grove United Methodist Church. Shop and smile!

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: On **March 24**, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. A bus has been reserved for anyone interested in going. Spaces is limited to 55 seats and may be reserved with a \$50 donation. The bus will leave on March 24 at 6:30 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Cuthbertson at actnow@oxgrovedems.org or 610.212.1983.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Some of you may want to get an early start & beautify our church in time for Easter! Vernon Ramberger will be there to answer questions concerning locations of projects, jobs, materials and tools needed. Thank you, in advance, for helping to care for our church.

BAD MOVIE NIGHT: Our next Bad Movie Night will be on **Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.** This month's movie is "Plan 9 From Outer Space". This is a youth and young adult oriented program (and for older adults young at heart). No children younger than 6th grade, please. Expect people to mock the movies, offer running color commentary, provide alternative dialogue, and possibly even use props interactively during the showing.

THIS WEEK: MARCH 18 through MARCH 25, 2018

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

Sunday	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy "After 40" Lenten Study with Pastor Monica (#3) Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir & Memory Bells Counters (#1) ALICE Training
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) KnitWits (#1) SOS Ladies (#3) "Walking with Jesus" Group Meeting (#8, 10) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Bi-monthly Staff Meeting Jr. Girl Scouts #447 (#8 & 10) Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8 & 10)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) DCOM Meeting (#3, 4) Lenten Wednesdays Potluck Dinner and After 40 Study (Sanc.)
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Venture Crew Youth Meeting CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) Music Practice (#6) Daisy #4251 (#12) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scout Troop #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Bad Movie Night (Sanc.)
Sunday:	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Ox/Grove Act Now / March for Our Lives Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy "After 40" Lenten Study with Pastor Monica (#3) Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir Cantata Counters (#1) Easter Eggstravaganza

Report March 11th, 2018

General Offering: \$6,534
Building Maintenance Fund: \$487
Worship Attendance: 172
Emergency Groceries YTD: 71 bags
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$69
Total amount received: \$10,665.00
Goal-\$13,000
Give/Serve/Restore to date: \$266


**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

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

P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

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 for March: The Church Staff
Mission Prayer Focus for March: The Constellation Network

Cory Beattie (Shaub)		Tim Mullen
Fran Bryan		Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Dee Crawford		Pastor Monica
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)		Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Lena Douglas		Rick Renzulli
Ed Farrell (Babcock)		(McGinley)
Odella Farrell (Babcock)		Roann Schneider
Laura Featherston		Family of Richard "Butch" Shaub
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)		Linda Shiple
Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)		Joan Smead (Wolff)
Brown Honeycutt (Paisley)		Rick Spencer (K. Smith)
Muff Hurst		Jeannie Sullivan
Peg Kent		Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
William Kirwin		Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Rosemary MacCoun		Gisela Winkler (Mullen)
Townsend MacCoun		Ron and Marliss Wilson
Dave McClain		
Lynn Morgan (McClain)		
Peggy Mowrer		



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)
Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ
(Lynne Strawhecker)
Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)
Ed Tolmie

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u>This Sunday, March 18th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 25th</u>
Ushers—8:30	Marc & Nancy Simmons	Mike & Dawn Chalmers
Greeters—8:30	P. Heist (front door)/M. Rubincan	The Simonds Family
Ushers—11:00	The Featherston Family	OPEN
Greeters—11:00	OPEN	Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30/11	Cora Boyd/Nate Robinson	Anna Castaldi/Matthew Rinehimer
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	M. Rubincan/K. Hruz/A. Castaldi	OPEN/OPEN/OPEN
C. Worship—8:30/11	Amy Castaldi/OPEN	OPEN/OPEN
Lay Reader—8:30	Julie Hughes	Mike Chalmers
Liturgist—11:00	Vernon Ramberger	Tom Hoover
Moment All Ages	Joan Leaman	OPEN
Prayer Room 8:30/11	Pam Howard/Joan Saller	Pastor Shirley/Susan Paisley
Roamers	Maryanne Covington	Heather McCummings
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Covingtons/Linda Peirson	The Gambills / The Hursts & L. Peirson
Counters	The Stuhrkes	The Talleys & The Bowers
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various