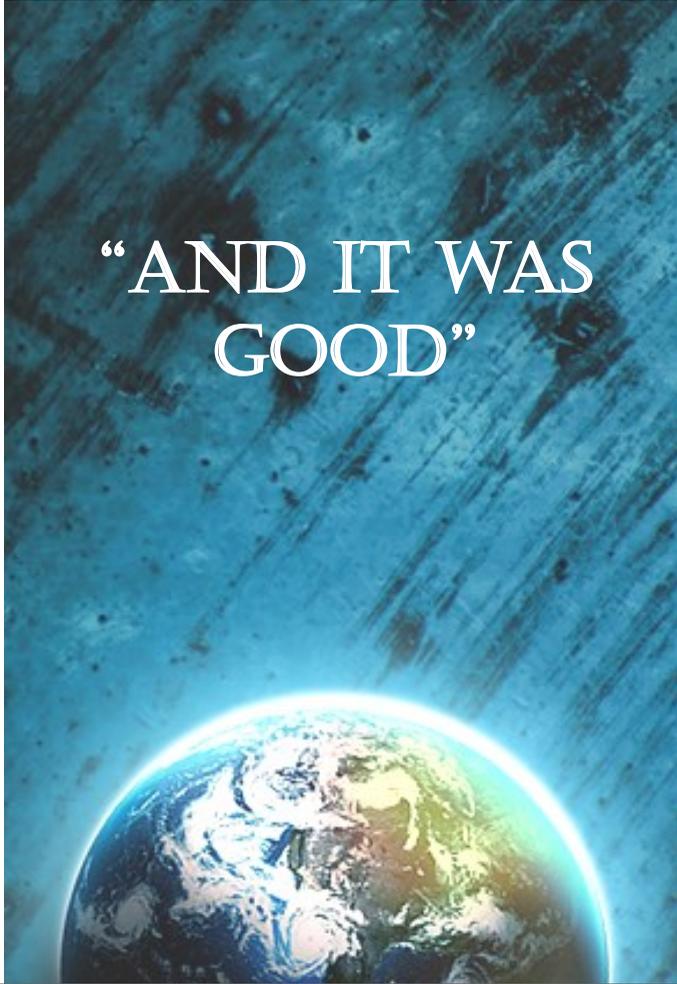




# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



“AND IT WAS  
GOOD”

***Earth Day  
50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church  
Sunday, April 22, 2018***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Kevin

*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!*

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Tom Hoover

One: From beneath the seas to the farthest stars,

**Many: We see the Lord's handiwork, and it is good.**

One: In dappled green leaves and gurgling streams,

**Many: We see the Lord's handiwork, and it is good.**

One: In long-necked giraffes and tiny, little ants,

**Many: We see the Lord's handiwork, and it is good.**

One: Let us praise the Lord who made the heavens and the earth;

**Many: Let us praise the Lord whose goodness is seen in this creation.**

### \*Processional Hymn

*"I Sing The Almighty Power of God"*

UMH No. 152

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Tom Hoover

**God of creation, you have given us this good earth to be our home, and provided for our every need. With infinite variety and loving care, you crafted your creation to be a reflection of who you are. Then you entrusted it to our care. Help us to be good stewards of all you have created. Teach us how to use wisely the resources of the earth rather than abuse them. May we treat your creation with the respect it deserves as your handiwork. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Tom Hoover

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

TBD

### First Lesson

*Psalm 8*

Tom Hoover

### Second Lesson

*Selections from Genesis 1*

Tom Hoover

### \*Response to the Lesson

Tom Hoover

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Anthem** *“Amazing Grace”* Chancel Choir  
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** *“And It Was Good”* Rev. Yocum

## **SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Response** *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* UMH No. 147

**Moment of Impact** *50th Anniversary of  
the United Methodist Church* Rev. Yocum

## **Offering**

**\*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 Kevin  
**Gracious God, all that you made you have entrusted into our hands. Teach us to be good stewards who use your gifts wisely for the purposes you intended. As we offer these gifts back to you, we pray that you will bless them and use them so that others might find the same joy and love that we have found in you. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, we ask these things. Amen.**

**Gathered Prayers** Rev. Yocum

**The Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Yocum

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** *“This Is My Father’s World”* UMH No. 144

**\*Benediction** Rev. Yocum

**\*Choral Benediction** *“Lead Me Lord”* Chancel Choir

## **\*Postlude**

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

## **First Lesson: Psalm 8**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, people that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Second Lesson: Selections from Genesis 1**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

# 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](http://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!



**WELCOME REV. YOCUM!** Join us as we welcome the Reverend Dr. Bronwyn Yocum to the pulpit today as Pastor Monica celebrates the wedding of her brother! Rev. Yocum was Pastor Monica's mentor in the candidacy process. She is an accomplished preacher, former district superintendent, and holds her doctorate in liturgical studies. Rev. Yocum will be preaching at both services on "And It Was Good" as we celebrate Earth Day.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Have you been thinking about joining the church? Have you been wanting to learn more about how you could get plugged in here at West Grove UMC? Join us on **Saturday, April 28th** at 9 a.m. for breakfast and more information. No obligation. Enjoy breakfast, have a cup of coffee, drink some tea, hear about the church.

**DARING GREATLY:** A new class is starting today, based on Brene Brown's new book, "Braving the Wilderness". We will be meeting in Room #2. Anyone who's interested may join. Please contact Peter Mullen for information about the class and book. (610-960-0596 / [psmullen@petermullen.com](mailto:psmullen@petermullen.com))

**BAD MOVIE NIGHT:** We had a good time watching "Plan 9 From Outer Space" and making fun of it. The popcorn, candy, and iced tea was pretty good too! Let's see if we can get twenty-five people to come out for our next Bad Movie Night on **Friday, April 27!**

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 80 bags of food so far this year. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart in the lobby. We are especially in need of laundry detergent and cleaning products.

**WGUMC MISSIONS TEAM** is sponsoring the **second annual Bike Southern Chester County on May 12, 2018** in support of Family Promise. Different route options are available. Children under 18 can register the day of the event for \$10. Adults can register in advance for a reduced fee of \$40 or on the day of for \$50. Register online at: <http://bikesouthernchestercounty.eventbrite.com/>.

**FAITH CIRCLE:** Faith Circle meets to make quilts for area shelters and Family Promise. We will be emerging from our winter break and will meet for lunch on Friday May 18 (location TBD). Enjoy good company and learn about current and future projects. If you are interested in learning more please contact Chris Curtiss. (Sewing skills not essential.)

**VBS – July 9-13:** Check out the VBS display in the church lobby. Our theme this year is "Rolling River Rampage" Experience the ride of a lifetime with God. There is still room for additional volunteers and you can choose the area in which you would like to serve. registration for children age 3-6 th grade will begin in May. Hope you are able to get involved! Please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)) with questions.

**THIS WEEK: APRIL 22 through APRIL 29, 2018**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Earth Day / 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church</b> ***The Reverend Dr. Bronwyn Yocum will be preaching.*** Returning Afternoon <b>5:00 p.m.</b> 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Retreat Local Pastors Retreat begins <b>Family Promise hosting begins</b> Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Counters (#1)
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>All day</b> All day 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.-7:30 p.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> Local Pastors Retreat CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) KnitWits (#1) SOS Ladies (#3) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>All day</b> All day 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> Local Pastors Retreat CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) CMO Art Show (Sanc.) Missions Meeting (#1) Brownie Troop #4138 (#14) Jr. Girl Scouts #498 (#12)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>All day</b> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) Daisy Troop #4282 (#12) Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (Sanc.)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>All day</b> 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m.-7:00 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.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Music Practice (#6) R.O.M.E.O.S (Perkins) Daisy #4251 (#12) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scout Troop #12 PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>All day</b> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Bad Movie Night (Sanc.)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>All day</b> 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting</b> New Member Class (#3) Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter and Fifth Sunday Coin Collection Sunday</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>Family Promise Hosting ends</b> Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Counters (#1)

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

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Ann Cantrell (Mullen)  
 Helen Carlin  
 Dee Crawford  
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
 Lena Douglas  
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
 Odella Farrell (Babcock)  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Family of Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Peg Kent  
 William Kirwin  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Townsend MacCoun  
 Dave McClain



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Pastor Monica  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Family of Richard "Butch" Shaub  
 Linda Shiplet  
 Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson



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

**Ushers—8:30**

**This Sunday, April 22**

Marc & Nancy Simmons

**Next Sunday, April 29**

The Catoia Family

**Greeters—8:30**

The Simonds Family

The Catoia Family

**Ushers—11:00**

Laura & Parker Featherston

Tom & Charlotte Adams

**Greeters—11:00**

Julie Hughes

Esther Culbertson

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

Wesley Boyd/Parker Featherston

Anna Castaldi/Clarissa Robinson

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

**OPEN/OPEN/OPEN**

K.Hendrickson/E. Mullen/J. Leaman

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**OPEN/OPEN**

**OPEN/OPEN**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

Karen Hruz

Youth TBD

**Liturgist—11:00**

Tom Hoover

Dave Talley

**Moment All Ages**

Eileen Bushnell

Pastor Monica

**Prayer Room 8:30/11**

C. Haley/C. Haley

J. Kilmartin/J. Saller

**Roamers**

Joan Leaman

Fran Miller

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

The Covingtons/Linda Pierson

John Gambill/Don Hurst

**Counters**

Talley/Bowers

Michaels/Ramberger

**Sound Booth**

Keith Schneider & various

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## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in celebration of Fred & Jeannie Sullivan's anniversary.

### ***God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship***

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

#### **Report April 15, 2018**

*General Offering: \$5,366.13*

*Building Maintenance Fund: \$265.00*

*Worship Attendance: 173*

*Emergency Groceries YTD: 90 bags*

*Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$100.00*

*Total amount received: \$11,652.91*

*Prayer Bead Garden Goal: \$13,000*

*UMCOR Sunday Collection: \$606.06*

### ***Moment of Impact***

#### ***50th Anniversary of United Methodist Church***

Fifty years ago, Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Bishop Rueben H. Mueller and Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke joined hands over a table laden with symbols---the Bible, hymnals, books of Discipline and a 307-page "Plan of Union." 1,300 delegates and 10,000 visitors met in Dallas, Texas on April 23, 1968 proclaiming the formation of the newly-constituted United Methodist Church. 10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of the EUB Church merged into one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world. Flags from fifty-three countries testified to the breadth of the new reality.

### ***Farewell to Pastor Shirley***

It was announced at both worship services on April 8<sup>th</sup> that Pastor Shirley has been offered, and accepted, a Lead Pastor appointment that has just opened at Friendship United Methodist Church.

As many of you know, Pastor Shirley served at Friendship prior to her current appointment at WGUMC. She is delighted both to return to the church and to grow to a Lead Pastor role, and knows that she has been called by God to make this move.

Please join SPRC in extending your personal messages of congratulations, best wishes, and gratitude to Pastor Shirley for her service here when you see her in the weeks ahead. Of course she will be missed as she is well-loved here and has touched many of us in the congregation personally.

Pastor Shirley will lead worship on June 24, her last day at WGUMC. Please join us in a celebration and send-off after the 11:00 service.

Thanks all for your continued prayers and support for our clergy and staff!

## **PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PAVERS**

The Prayer Bead Garden team is offering an opportunity to purchase a *Bead* (paver) in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names of those Honored or Memorialized will be listed in a laminated book and displayed. A full Bead (paver) is \$100.00 or a quarter Bead for \$25.00. Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo. An envelope is provided.

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Full Bead Paver—\$100.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Quarter Bead Paver—\$25.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Totals:</b>	_____	\$ _____

Please designate below how you wish to offer these Pavers, so it can be recognized in the Dedication Book. Please contact Pastor Monica, Susan Paisley, or the Prayer Bead Garden Team with questions or concerns .

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### **5th SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION April 29**

It's time to collect your loose change! Check the sofa cushions, the bottom of your purse and anywhere else loose change might be lurking.

Bring your loose change to church on April 29 for the 5th Sunday Coin Collection. The collection this month will benefit Sponsored Children.



### **Pancake Breakfast at West Grove UMC Saturday, June 9th 7 a.m.-10.a.m.**

Tickets for the All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast will go on sale at the end of April. Tickets are \$6 each. Children under the age of 3 are invited to eat for free! Please call the church at 610-869-9334 if you have any questions or need more information.



# RUMMAGE SALE



## **Annual Spring Rummage Sale**

**Set-Up on Thursday, May 3, 9 a.m.**

**Sale, Friday, May 4: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Sale, Saturday, May 5: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00

### **How can you help?**

This is a biannual event pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times. In order for the event to be held, many hands are needed for the physical labor of setting up the sanctuary and putting the items out on tables on the Thursday before the Friday sale. Then the reverse must happen on Saturday to get the sanctuary set up for Sunday worship. It is also helpful to have a half dozen people available during the busiest sale hours to help with check out on Friday and Saturday morning. Please consider lending an hour or two. The United Methodist Women use the proceeds of this event for various missions or additions to our church.

**Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby.**

**We will be setting up on Thursday, May 3 at 9 a.m.**

Also needed, of course, are donations of gently used clothing and household items. These can be brought to the church during office hours the week before the sale.

**Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning Sunday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 2. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

**So, start cleaning and sorting and we will see you at the sale!**

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 22 ~ Saturday, April 28



**Sunday:** *“O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.” Psalm 8:1.* Praise God today as you admire the glory of plant and flowers, animals, and creation.

**Monday:** *“Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.” Psalm 8:2.* Where is God calling you to be an advocate?

**Tuesday:** *“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established” Psalm 8:3.* Pray today for all those who care for creation from astronomers to astrophysicists to astronauts to garbage collectors to ground water scientists.

**Wednesday:** *“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” Psalm 8:4.* Consider today the goodness of God’s grace.

**Thursday:** *“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2.* When God creates in our lives, God brings order out of chaos. What chaos do you need God to bring order to?

**Friday:** *“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” Genesis 1:3.* Pray for those who experience the darkness more than the light that God’s light will be known to them.

**Saturday:** *“God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.” Genesis 1:5.* Consider each day how you order your days. Where is God calling you to spend your time for God’s glory?

