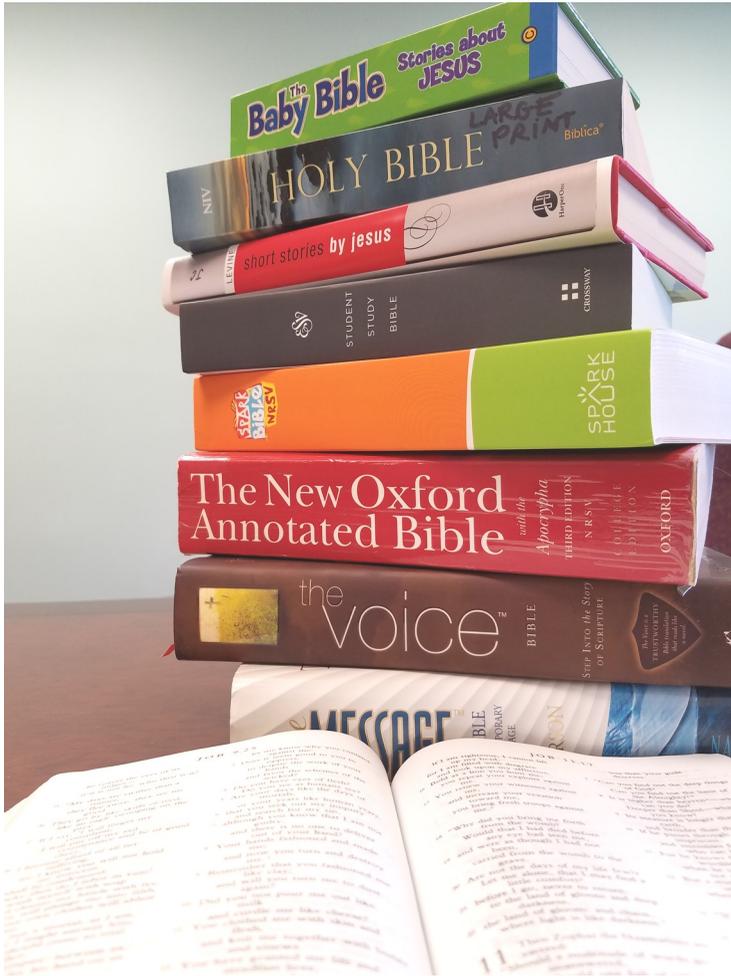




West Grove United Methodist Church

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



**Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, September 2, 2018**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

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!

*Processional Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Matthew Rinehimer

One: This is our story: this is our song.

Many: Let us praise our Savior all the day long.

One: God's praise is made up our stories of struggles and delight.

Many: Let us praise our God all the day long.

One: Our discernment for what comes depends on where God is leading us.

Many: Let us praise the Spirit all the day long!

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Matthew Rinehimer

Blessed Assurance is what we have in you, Precious Savior; and we give you thanks and praise. As we seek to live the good news that we receive in the biblical witness with integrity, may we engage the gift of scripture with the full presence of our reason, tradition, and experience. For this is our story, O God, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Matthew Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:1-5

Matthew Rinehimer

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-13

Matthew Rinehimer

*Response to the Lesson

Matthew Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Forever Sing His Praise"

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

"Do Good News"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

"I Love To Tell The Story"

UMH No. 156

**Moment of Impact
Offering**

EPA Resorative Ministry

Pastor Monica

***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 Jim

Good and Gracious God, who gives abundantly, we give you thanks. May these gifts offer blessings to our community, both nearby and far-flung. Our tithes, offerings, and gifts are the realized hands through which we came to know the good news. May we mirror God’s generosity. In the name of the One who gives abundantly, we pray, Amen.

***Invitation** Pastor Jim

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor Jim

Grace-filled God who whispers to us long before we hear you calling, we confess that on this day, sometimes our lives are filled with noise and we do not hear you. Other times, we have tuned you out intentionally. Forgive us, we pray. May we tune our lives to hear you and the voices of your children, who need to hear your good news, be fed, cared for, and loved. For you asked us for care for those who are hungry, who thirst, who are lonely, who are sick, who are imprisoned, and are in need of care. Let us treat each one with love, we pray.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance Pastor Jim

The Great Thanksgiving Pastor Monica & Pastor Jim

All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.

The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Monica

Communion Song “One Bread, One Body” UMH No. 620

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Jim

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

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “Standing On The Promises” UMH No. 374

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** “Benediction Blessing” Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-5

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1-13

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

MOMENT OF IMPACT

EPA Restorative Ministries

EPA Conference Committee on Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice

Goal: Ecumenical collaboration to provide support through advocacy, education, restorative justice and resources for individuals, families and communities affected by the criminal justice system. Everyone can do something! We have participated in Christmas cards for Inmates Projects.

See September newsletter for more details.

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!



OFFICE CLOSED: Please note, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. We will return to serve you on Tuesday, September 4.

J.U.L.I.E.T.S SEPTEMBER GATHERING IS CANCELLED due to the Mushroom Festival. We will resume meeting on October 13 at the Sunrise Café.

CAN YOU HELP? The Trustees are looking for assistance this morning in relocating the canopy in front of the church, as well assembling a second one for the upcoming Open Market. **We need approximately 8 volunteers after the 8:30 service** to pick up and carry the canopy in front to the field, about a 10 minute task. **We also need 6 volunteers after the 11:00 service to help assemble our second canopy**, about a one hour task. If you can assist, please join us after the service when you can help.

CMO CONSIGNMENT SALE: Consign—Thursday, October 18; Shop—October 19-20. Save the date and start cleaning out your closets for items you no longer need!

SOUND BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As we begin to web cast our services on Facebook, you can serve in the sound booth. Please see Keith Schneider for more information.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Your donations have helped so much! We have given away **276** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** An updated Shopping List is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the **4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m.** We'll meet in Room 3. Our next book is *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque. We will meet on **September 27** to discuss the book. See Pastor Monica for more information.

EMBRACING LIFE 2018: Save the date for this fundraiser to help raise money to continue the benevolent care promise at Simpson House (the oldest United Methodist affiliated Retirement Community in the world). November 8, 2018, 6:00 PM, The Hilton Philadelphia on City Avenue. More information about this event is in the lobby.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PICNIC: Penn Township Park on September 22, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. West Grove UMC will once again have a tent at this event. And we need volunteers to greet visitors and help at the tent. Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office if you are able to help.

FAITH CIRCLE RESUMES THIS FALL! The first meeting will be on Friday, September 21 at 9:30 AM in the youth room. Contact Chris Curtiss for more information.

THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 2 through SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday and Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Counters (#2)
Monday:	All Day 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Office is closed in observance of Labor Day Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Girl Scouts #447 (#8, 10) Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8, 10) Jr. Girl Scouts #498 (#12)
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ministerium CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 5:45 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.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Bi-Monthly staff meeting (#1) Music Practice (#6) Daisy Troop #4099 (#12) Jr. Girl Scouts #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scouts #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation

Rally Day & Commission of Sunday School Teachers

Jenner's Pond Worship Service

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Service Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater) Counters (#2) Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)
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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. **PLEASE STATE "PRAYER CHAIN ONLY" ON YOUR REQUEST IF YOU DO NOT WANT NAME LISTED IN THE BULLETIN.** 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 ZZZ: ZZZ
Mission Prayer Focus for ZZZ: ZZZ

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Barb Bratton (Bratton)
 Fran Bryan
 Helen Carlin
 Roger Cason (Mundell)
 Joann Coates
 Jim Collins (Mullen)
 Dee Crawford
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Amit Dua (Jackson)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
 Family of Roslyn Gobbeo (Michaels)
 Pastor Monica
 Mike Haley
 Pat Heist
 Linda Hodge (Rubincan)
 Anna R. Justice (Boyd)
 Peg Kent
 Kodish Family (Schrader)
 Rosemary MacCoun
 Townsend MacCoun



Dave McClain
 Pastor Jimmy
 Montgomery
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)
 Peggy Mowrer
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Rose Family (Boyd)
 Richard Saller
 Roann Schneider
 Linda Shiplet
 Joan Smead (Wolff)
 Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
 Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
 Jeannette Stryjewski
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Family of Ed Wandersee (Mundell)
 Family of Marliss Wilson
 Ron Wilson
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
 Quantico VA

Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
 Chesapeake, VA
 (The Rambergers)

Ed Tolmie

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, September 2

Next Sunday, September 9

Ushers—8:30	The Aucotts	TBD
Greeters—8:30	OPEN	TBD
Ushers—11:00	OPEN	TBD
Greeters—11:00	OPEN	TBD
Acolyte - 8:30	Hannah McCummings	Cora Boyd
Acolyte - 11:00	Nate Robinson	Parker Featherston
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	C. Bruno/K. Smith/K. Rinehimer	K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/J. Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11	OPEN/J. Leaman	A. Castaldi/OPEN
Lay Reader—8:30	Karen Hruz	Carolyn Barrett
Liturgist—11:00	Matthew Rinehimer	Becky Rinehimer
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 8:30/11	Carol McGinley/Jean Kilmartin	TBD
Roamers	N/A	TBD
Hospitality 8:30/11	L. Shiplett & K. Smith/ The Stuhrkes	The Stuhrkes/The Stuhrkes
Counters	Anderson/Shaub	Michaels/Ramberger
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers & Sunday Morning Servants, September 9th



Please be sure to mark your calendar. We are so blessed by the men and women who teach. Let us offer them our blessings and receive their promises as they prepare to shape hearts and minds for the next year.

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders September 9th

On Sunday, September 9th, we will present each of our third graders with Bibles. To ensure **we do not miss anyone**, please call Donna in the church office, 610-869-9334, or email her at office@westgroveumc.org with the full name and spelling of your child's name, so a Bible can be presented to your child. We can't wait to share the Word of God



Confirmation 2018 Starting September 9 9:45-10:45 AM

Confirmation year is here! Any students in 7th or 8th grade are eligible for to be confirmed this year. Confirmation is the opportunity for students to affirm their faith and become members of West Grove UMC.

Students will be meeting together on **Sunday, September 9** in room 10 (other side of the youth lounge).

There will be a **meeting with parents on Sunday, September 16** during the Sunday school hour (location TBA).



Sunday School Rally Day! Faith Learning Academy KICK-OFF! Sunday, September 9th

Plan on joining us on September 9th as we kick off our Sunday School experiences for adults and children. The children will meet their teachers and break off into their classrooms, while the adults will have an opportunity to view the different studies available to them and ask questions of the leaders.

(More details on offerings for adults to follow.)

In addition, refreshments will be available for everyone!
So, come check out what is new in Sunday School!



CHRIST SERVANT MINISTERS

Classes on October 26, 7-9 p.m. And October 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

We will be offering the basic course for Christ Servant Ministers on **October 26-27** at West Grove UMC. We will need a minimum of 12 students.

A Christ Servant Minister is...

- **An active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation;**
- **Eager to serve through the church**
- **Well-informed on Scripture, and on the doctrine, heritage, and the life of the United Methodist Church**
- **Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, caregiving ministries, and spoken communication**
- **Willing to improve his or her skills by training for service.**

Talk to Pastor Monica
if you would like to know more.



NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

September 29, 9:30-10:30 AM
Room 3

Have you been worshipping with us for a while? Come and join us! Have you just come through the door? Come check us out!

What can you expect? Pastor Monica will share a galloping look at the background of the Church.

She will share what is distinctive about being United Methodist and what is unique about West Grove United Methodist Church.

We discuss the vows of membership, renewed each time a new member joins or someone is baptized. There is information about spiritual gifts and a survey you can take a home about the ones you might have.

Are you just curious? Come!

MEMORY BELLS

The West Grove Memory Bells are gearing up for their new playing season. On Christmas Eve we will celebrate our tenth anniversary!

Our first rehearsal is September 10 and we plan to ring in church on September 16. We

have one or two, positions open for our bigger bells. We are also looking for willing substitutes—perfect if you aren't able to commit long-term. For information, please contact Sandy Deckard at home 484-887-0003, or at 610-563-9500.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report August 26, 2018
 General Offering: \$ 6,154.12
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 890.00
 Native American Awareness donations: \$ 823.25
 Combined Attendance: 217
 Emergency Groceries YTD: 276 bags
 Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,579.88
 Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 100.00
 Total amount received: \$ 14,318.91

OPEN Market

West Grove UMC 3rd Annual Open Market On Saturday, September 15 Call For Vendors

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its 3rd Annual Open Market. The Open Market will run from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a day of shopping and food. Our goal this year is to host close to 100 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters, etc) as well as food trucks. We are accepting vendors and food trucks, if interested please contact the church: **(610) 869-9334 or [email office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org)**.

Darlene Murphy, trustee and event coordinator for the market says, “I am quite excited and pleased by the turnout and interest from local vendors. We have an amazing community of artists and crafters that many folks may not know. Each new vendor that reaches out brings new and unique talents to contribute to a wonderful day.”

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and allowing us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and in addition we open our house to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations.

Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc. that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.



Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 2 ~ Saturday, September 8



Sunday: *“In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.” Acts 1:1-2* The same author of Luke continues into Acts telling of the acts of the apostles. Where would the writer see you doing the good news of God in your life?

Monday: *“After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3.* Pray for those speaking about the kingdom of God. Sharing God’s word can be exhilarating and draining. Pray.

Tuesday: *“While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ Acts 1:4-5.* Consider how the movement of the Spirit has seasons of waiting.

Wednesday: *“Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.” Mark 7:1-2.* Consider the critical judgment that begins this scene. Where are you being called to open your heart even when you might begin with judgment?

Thursday: *“Jesus said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’” Mark 7:6.* Pray for those who are quick to respond, there is often more to the story.

Friday: *“Then he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!’” Mark 7:9.* As you find yourself angry at others consider the root of the upset: is it tradition, emotion, do you feel compelled? Is there grace?

Saturday: *“Then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.” Mark 7:12-13.* Jesus did not reject tradition out of hand, nor did he accept every tradition because it was tradition. As we consider traditions, let us consider each one with open hands and hearts.

