



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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

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*January 8, 2017*

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register 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)

Sue Curtis

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Many: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**Many: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

### \*Processional Hymn

"There's A Song In The Air"

UMH No. 249

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sue Curtis

**God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning,  
that we may see your light in the darkness.**

**Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises  
of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem.**

**May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us  
on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free.**

**May this time of worship bring us closer to you,  
that the good news of the birth of light and love  
will transform our lives. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Sue Curtis

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Julie Hughes

### Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 119: 97-106*

Sue Curtis

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 2: 1-12; 3:14-17*

Sue Curtis

## \*Response to the Lessons

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

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

## Anthem

“The Wonder Of The Star”

Chancel Choir

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Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10.

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## Sermon

“It’s All in the Book!”

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

## Hymn of Response

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH No. 600

## Moment of Impact

*Christmas in West Grove*

Pastor Monica

## Offering

“March of the Kings”

Ted Flower & Jake

Schneider, Trombone; Debbie Schneider, Piano

By Robert Thygerson

**\*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 (Unison)

Pastor Monica

**Glorious God, you guide us by night and call us your own by day. Chosen and baptized, we commit again to follow. We commit to follow you with our time, our talents, and our treasures. Bless and multiply these offerings, so that your kingdom may multiply here on Earth. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

## Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

## The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

## \*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Thy Word”

UMH No. 601

## \*Benediction

Pastor Monica

## Choral Benediction

“A Song Of Parting”

Chancel Choir

## \*Postlude

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



## Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in  
In Celebration of Pastor Monica’s birthday  
With love from her family



## Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119: 97-106

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12; 3:14-17

### *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### *Matthew 3:14-17*

But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

# OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.*

Welcome to this gathering of God's people. The wise men followed a star to Jesus. You, too, have followed the Holy Spirit's leading and have come to worship him. 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.  
Thank you.***

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.

**DO YOU LIKE TO WELCOME GUESTS? CAN YOU HELP OTHERS FEEL COMFORTABLE? USHERS AND GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS.** For 8:30 worship, please contact Rain Catoia 302-420-8475 or [raindowdy@aol.com](mailto:raindowdy@aol.com). For 11:00 worship, please contact Joan Saller 610-662-9807 or [ssaller@comcast.net](mailto:ssaller@comcast.net)

**WEST GROVE UMC CHURCH DIRECTORY:** The new Church Directories are ready for you to pick up. The directories are published once a year. Be sure to pick up your copy in the lobby. Thank you.

**TENA FAMILY DONATIONS:** The Tena Family has, and will continue to incur expenses related to Fernando's kidney transplant. Maira and her husband, Balthazar, will lose considerable income over the next months. If you wish to make a donation to the Emergency Aid fund on behalf of the Tena Family, please note your intent in the memo section of your donation or on the envelope. Funds will assist the family to meet bills and other needs.

**2017 GIVING ENVELOPES AND NUMBERS:** Be sure to pick up your envelope packet or your giving number card in the foyer. If your envelope packet or giving number is not available, please sign the list--it will be ready for you next week! Questions or concerns--contact Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**BISHOP'S WILL HOLD PRAYER VIGILS:** This prayer vigil serves as a response to the Council of Bishops initiative for Praying Our Way Forward. Together, let's be in a posture of prayer for the church. I invite You - clergy, laity, congregations, and small groups across the Eastern PA Conference to pray for God's guidance. Our prayer focus is twofold: We are praying that God will help us to more effectively fulfill the mission of the church **and** we are praying to be one in Christ. During this time, I also recommend reading Dr. Elaine Heath's new book, *God Unbound: Wisdom for the Anxious Church*. Please also join me on **Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm at Lima UMC, 209 N. Middletown Road, Lima, PA 19037 for a conference-wide prayer service.**

**Southeast District Racial Dialogue: Becoming the Beloved Community, Monday, January 16, 2017 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Church of the Open Door, 210 S. Broad Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348.** A time to come together for conversation. Devotion by District Superintendent Dawn Taylor-Storm. Refreshments provided.

# THIS WEEK: January 8 through January 15, 2017

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

**Sunday:**

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY BAPTISM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
 11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater)  
 Pastor Jim is leading worship at Jenner's Pond

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #461  
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. #453  
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karen Sloan Memorial Service (Sanc., 8 & 10)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4-H Club ( #8, 10)  
 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#1)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Committee Meeting (#8, 10)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Bishop's Prayer Vigil (Lima UMC)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #4317 (#12)  
 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#9, 11, 12, 13)  
 8:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Retired Active People (R.A.P.)(Sanc., Kit., Lobby)  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanc., 8 & 10)

**Saturday:**

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Juliet @ Sunrise Café  
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Private Event (Kit., Sanc.)  
 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Human Relations Day

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages

# 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 week-ends, 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 December: Mission Possible Mission Prayer Focus in December: UMCOR

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
John Boyd  
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
Fran Bryan



Bonnie Collins (Deckard)  
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
Gary Cornette (Rubincan)  
Shanna Cramner (Carlin)  
Dee Crawford  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Linda Eroh (Ramberger)  
Tom Fagan  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Richard Heacock  
Carol Herb (Shiplet)  
Ruth Kuch  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Dave McClain  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mower

Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Ed O'Brien  
Warren Payton (Hruz)  
Family of James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
Jennifer Potter (Saller)  
Family of Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Roann Schneider  
Lisa Schea & Family (Bowers)  
Family of Karen Sloan  
Ricky Spencer (K. Smith)  
Lorrie Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Fernando Tena and family  
Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson  
Melissa Withiam (Mullen)  
Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)  
Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)  
Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
Jimmy Strawhecker - Kuwait  
(Lynne Strawhecker)  
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **This Sunday, January 8**

**Ushers—8:30** The Catoia Family  
**Greeters—8:30** Mike and Cindy Haley  
**Ushers—11:00** Tom and Cindy Hoover  
**Greeters—11:00** Laura and Parker Featherston  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** J. LeSturgeon/Joseph Yarbrough  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Jessi Timm/Joan Leaman  
**SS Roamers** Maryanne Covington  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Karen Hruz  
**Liturgist—11:00** Sue Curtis  
**Moment All Ages** Julie Hughes  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Steve May/The Stuhrkes  
**Counters** Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, January 15**

The Howard Family  
P. Heist and M. Rubican  
Laura and Parker Featherston  
Joan Saller  
Anna Castaldi/Parker Featherston  
J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman  
Kristin Boyd/Amy Simonds  
Fran Miller  
John McGinley  
Karen Boyd  
Eileen Bushnell  
The Catoias/Scott Steele  
Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
Various/K. Schneider



**Retired Active People (R.A.P.)FRIDAY, January 13, 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m.**

Our next gathering is Friday, January 13 at noon. Bring your bagged lunch and drinks and desserts will be provided. Following lunch, Richard Heacock will present a program of his recent travels (possibly Holland and Belgium). Please join us and invite your friends for an afternoon of great fellowship.

**J.U.L.I.E.T.JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together : January 14 at 9:00 a.m.** Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374)

**UMW FAITH CIRCLE** will resume their schedule of meeting on the **2nd and 4th Friday mornings in the Youth Room as of January 6th.** Sewing skills are not necessary. If you are interested in our projects or want to confirm that we are meeting on a particular Friday, contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374) or Karen Boyd (443-553-4900).

**YOUTH DODGEBALL AND PIZZA:** Our next dodgeball and pizza night will be on **Friday, January 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Come out, bring your friends, \$2 for pizza and have fun with us!

**Spotlight on Special Sunday Giving: HUMAN RELATIONS DAY:** On **Sunday, January 15, 2017**, we will celebrate Human Relations Day at our church. Human Relations Day is our day to support, through a special offering, those living in the margins of society. All money collected during this special offering will go to United Methodist Community Developers (57 percent), United Methodist Voluntary Services (33 percent) and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program (10 percent). **Our offering makes a real difference.** Exodus House provides transitional housing to formerly incarcerated drug and alcohol addicts, and, with it, a new picture of the love of Christ. This ministry is just one of many we support when we give on Human Relations Day. Human Relations Day encourages ordinary people to change the world. Isn't that exciting? I hope you will join me in giving generously on January 15, 2017.

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**  
**Report January 1, 2017**

**General Offering: \$5,523.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$200.00**  
**Combined Worship Attendance: 150**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 0 Bags**

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

## **Moment of Impact**

### **Christmas In West Grove**

Over the Christmas weekend, over 150 people worshipped together in celebration of the Christ child. We pray that each one of those persons was enriched and will know Christ in their life.





## WGUMC next Family Host Week: January 15-22

We need your help!!

We need volunteers in all of the following areas:

- Breakfast, lunch and dessert supplies
- Evening Hosts to set-up for dinner, greet guests, have dinner and fellowship (5:45 – 8:30 pm)
- Overnight Host to get everything wrapped up for the evening, stay overnight and set-out pack and go breakfast in the morning (8:15 pm - ~6:15 am)
- Set-up and take down of rooms
- Linen laundry

Please contact to volunteer:

the church office, [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com) or  
[jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

Sign-up sheets are posted in the church lobby.



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 12**

**SAWMILL GRILL**

**OXFORD, PA**

**BUFFET BREAKFAST**

**JANUARY 14, 2017**

**8:30 AM & 9:30 AM**

**SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE GRAVY, BISCUITS, BACON, PANCAKES, ORANGE JUICE, MILK, COFFEE AND SODA WILL BE SERVED.**

**ADULT \$12.00/CHILD \$6.00**

Call or Email Lisa Yaletchko

For tickets

484-368-9030

lyaletchko@zoominternet.net



Thank you for  
supporting our Troop!  
Boy Scout Troop 12

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, January 8 ~ Saturday, January 15



**Sunday:** *“John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented.”* Matthew 3: 14-15. John baptized Jesus, even though Jesus is the son of God. We all have a vital part of the coming of the Kingdom of God. Pray for how God is using you for the coming kingdom.

**Monday:** *“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.”* Matthew 3:16. Jesus’ baptism demonstrates the connection that our own baptisms have with the coming of the Spirit. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Tuesday:** *“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’* Matthew 3:17. With you, God is well pleased! How are you living into God’s pleasure with you?

**Wednesday:** *“Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.”* Psalm 119: 97-98. Psalm 119 is the longest psalm, and it celebrates scripture. Learned scripture is a gift that God can use in times of trouble.

**Thursday:** *“I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.”* Psalm 119: 101-102. Reading the Bible shapes how we live our lives. Pray for God to teach you through your scripture reading.

**Friday:** *“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* Psalm 119: 103. God’s gift of the Bible sustains and delights us. Where are receiving God’s gifts of scripture as sweet and delight-filled?

**Saturday:** *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”* Psalm 119: 105. God’s word illuminates even our darkest challenges. Consider being in prayer for biblical guidance.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Let The Praises Ring" PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** "We Three Kings"  
"Thy Word" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

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## SERVE

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**Offering** "Word of God Speak" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Sacrament of Baptism** *Steve May*

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "The Book" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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