



West Grove United Methodist Church

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300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390

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January 15, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful”

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Valerie Stephenson

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)

Karen Boyd

One: Baptized to begin lives of faith,

Many: we would witness to all you do in our communities, in our midst, in our world.

One: Baptized to serve,

Many: we would speak up for the voiceless, we would bring justice to those who have none.

One: Baptized to speak,

Many: we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

One: Baptized to do what is right,

Many: we would not play favorites, but treat each as your Beloved.

*Processional Hymn

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

UMH No. 575, Vv. 1,3,4

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Boyd

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong!

Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.

You sit enthroned above the floods of life.

As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism,

may we also hear you calling us your beloved,

and then move in action to care for one other with justice.

We pray through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:6-8

Karen Boyd

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:7-11

Karen Boyd

***Response to the Lessons**

Karen Boyd

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“Baptism for Action”

Pastor Monica

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Hymn of Response

“We Would See Jesus”

UMH No. 256

Moment of Impact

Human Relations Day

Pastor Monica

Offering

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Michael Ryan

***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 Shirley

Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“The Summons”

TFWS No. 2130

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“A Song Of Parting”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:7-11

But when John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship **Report January 8, 2017**

General Offering: \$4,991.50.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$515.00

Combined Worship Attendance: 198

Emergency Groceries YTD: 0 Bags

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

Moment of Impact

Human Relations Sunday

Over the years, The United Methodist Church has come together to extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles. When you give on Human Relations Day, you stand with the people of The United Methodist Church in our e-forts to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ helping all God’s children to realize their potential. Human Relations Day is a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

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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 to this gathering of God's people. 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)

**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.

**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.

**A BEAD AND A PRAYER CLASS:** Do you have trouble focusing when you pray? Does your mind wander? Prayer beads helps one stay focused while praying. The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to **A Bead and A Prayer Class** starting **February 5 to February 26 at 9:45 in Room 2**. The first class will be making your prayer beads. (kits available \$15) The remaining classes is learning how to use your beads, and learn the history of prayer beads. Men and women are welcome. Please sign the Sign up sheet in the narthex so we know how many bead kits to order. If you have any questions please contact, Pastor Shirley, Susan Paisley, Pam Howard, Joan Saller, or Cindy Haley.

**UMW FAITH CIRCLE** will resume their schedule of meeting on the **1st and 3rd Friday mornings in the Youth Room**. 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).

**FAMILY PROMISE: January 15-22.** If you are interested in donating needed items, or your time, please contact Janice Bowers: [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com) or Joan Leaman: [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net). There are also sign up sheets posted in the lobby.

## THIS WEEK: January 15 through January 22, 2017

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

### **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  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and Memory Bells  
12:00 p.m. Family Promise hosting begins (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)

**Monday:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
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)  
6:30 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. SE Dist. Night of Dialogue (Church of the Open Door)

**Tuesday:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)  
4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop (#12)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (#1)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (Sanc.)  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
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 Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
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.)  
5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 4567 (#8, 10)  
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:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

**Saturday:** Family Promise hosted at the church (#2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10)  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (8 & 10)

### **Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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  
7:00 a.m. Family Promise hosting ends

# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto: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 January: Family Promise**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in January: Mpasa Clinic**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
 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  
 Family of Joe Lilliard (Paisley)  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Trisha McCahon (Hruz)  
 Dave McClain  
 Margee Michaels



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Warren Payton (Hruz)  
 Family of James Pollard  
 (Yarbrough)  
 Family of Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lisa Schea & Family (Bowers)  
 Family of Karen Sloan  
 Ricky Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando Tena and family  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson  
 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 15**

**Ushers—8:30** The Howard Family  
**Greeters—8:30** P. Heist and M. Rubican  
**Ushers—11:00** Laura and Parker Featherston  
**Greeters—11:00** Joan Saller  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** A. Guepet/P. Featherston  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Kristin Boyd/Amy Simonds  
**SS Roamers** Fran Miller  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Rain Catoia  
**Liturgist—11:00** Karen Boyd  
**Moment All Ages** Eileen Bushnell  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Catoias/Scott Steele  
**Counters** Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, January 22**

The Delaney Family  
 The Simmonds Family  
 Ralph Curtiss  
 OPEN  
 Cecelia Figueroa/Josh Robinson  
 H. McCummings/R. Catoia/A. Castaldi  
 Amy Simonds/Joan Leaman  
 Joan Leaman  
 Joan Leaman  
 Dave Talley  
 Jamie Lindtner  
 The Chalmers / Linda Peirson  
 George Anderson & Donna Shaub  
 Various/K. Schneider



# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Sing, Sing, Sing" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "The River of God"  
"Micah 6:8" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Eileen Bushnell

**Old Testament Lesson** Micah 6:6-8 Rain Catoia

**\*Gospel Lesson** Matthew 3:7-11 Rain Catoia

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## SERVE

**Moment of Impact** Human Relations Day Pastor Monica

**Offering** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" PraiseWorks Band

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

**Gathered Prayers** Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Let The River Flow" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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