



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



February 26, 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) (based on Psalm 1, Message paraphrase) Sandy Deckard

One: Holy are those who do not follow in the dead-end ways of foolishness

Many: Let us delight in God's word and way

One: Chew on and percolate through scripture night and day.

Many: Let us be nourished by God's word and way

One: Fools are unanchored and blown around by the change of the winds.

Many: Let God chart our paths and lead us in wisdom.

*Processional Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

UMH No. 103

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

**Glorious God, Ancient of Days,
we praise your timelessness and eternal ways.**

And yet, we, our people, are fixed in such a time as this.

In the midst of the world around us, we see contradictions and confusion.

We are perplexed and unnerved.

**It seems at times, that worldly figurings
are rewarded, and that the ways of God are left fallow.**

**God of Wisdom, invite us again to sit in your presence
and seek not merely the accumulation of knowledge, but your wisdom.**

May our hearts settle in your presence, and our souls find respite in you.

**In the stillness, may we find your presence
and discern your ways, we pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 26:1-6

Sandy Deckard

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Sandy Deckard

Response to the Lessons

Sandy Deckard

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Teach Me Lord”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“You Might Be A Poor Spiritual Friend, If You Are Foolish”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

“Come Let Us Dream”

WS No. 3157

Moment of Impact

Grow, Serve, Restore

Pastor Monica

Offering

“Fully Alive”

Written & Sung by Mel

Leaman and accompanied by Jake Schneider, Guitar

Chorus

Yet, a time will come when every voice is heard

And the heart will tune to the other’s word

When each one of us dares to seek and to strive

To love the brother (sister; each other) and be fully alive.

*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

Spirit of Wisdom, you move among us and offer your blessings. May we always seek the wisdom of God over the quick fixes of the world. Receive these gifts that we offer. May our tithes, gifts, and offerings be blessed and multiplied to share the wisdom of the way of God to all. In the name of God’s Wisdom, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

*Hymn of Sending Forth

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH No. 368

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“Love Round”

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Old Testament Lesson: *Proverbs 26:1-6*

Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.
Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
an undeserved curse goes nowhere.
A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
Do not answer fools according to their folly,
or you will be a fool yourself.
Answer fools according to their folly,
or they will be wise in their own eyes.
It is like cutting off one's foot and drinking down violence,
to send a message by a fool.

New Testament Lesson: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”
and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report February 19, 2017

General Offering: \$6,476.95

Building Maintenance Fund: \$307.00

Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$97.00

Combined Worship Attendance: 75

Emergency Groceries YTD: 11 Bags

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

Moment of Impact

GSR

We join 20 other local Southern Chester County churches in taking the challenge to give, serve, and restore. Join us to take the challenge to Serve with service project; Give 2 pounds of food; and restore our world with \$3 for children and \$30 for adults for CASA. CASA is Court appointed Special advocates for foster care children in Chester County.

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. 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY offered during the Sunday School Hour! The classes will begin on February 26 and continue through April 10 in room 4 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Please see David or Barbara Delaney should you have any questions.

Faith Sharing Seminar on Saturday, March 18, 8:30 to 3:00 pm. at New Hanover UMC in Gilbertsville, Pa. Our guest presenter is the Rev. Terry Teykl, a leading "prayer evangelist" and popular speaker and author. If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact Pastor Shirley. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.

On February 25th, our United Methodist Women will host the Southeast District UMW team for a presentation on Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action. This subject is among the top four social concerns of our National UMW. The program will be presented by the Rev. David Norris, a recently retired Pastor and the instructor for the Issue Study: Climate Justice at Mission U last year. **Everyone is invited to attend** to learn of ways you can help protect the earth God has given us for future generations. **This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a brunch of light breakfast foods and beverages. The program will begin at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.** In case of inclement weather and cancellation, the program will not be rescheduled.

INVITATION FOR RAP AND FRIENDS: The Avon Grove Seniors will be traveling by Duvall's bus to the Rainbow Comedy Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, April 26th, for their buffet and show RUNNING MATES. The bus will load at WGUMC at 10 a.m. The total cost for bus travel, buffet, and show (including the bus driver tip and all taxes and gratuities) is \$68 payable to the Avon Grove Seniors. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net for questions and reservations.

NEW BIBLE STUDY -"DARING ABUNDANTLY" STARTING MARCH 5: We are told by the Bible that adversity brings with it great blessings. The book Daring Greatly, by Brené Brown, explains to us how we can use our emotional vulnerability to "lean into discomfort" and begin to understand the tensions which sometimes occur between ourselves and others—often based on shame, guilt, or blame, which often cause us to be afraid to live a wholehearted life. Brené encourages us to "show up, and be seen". With proper practice, we can build the courage to live fuller lives in connectedness with others. Jesus taught us how to experience love, compassion, and belonging which can occur when we can be our authentic, unique selves. This can only be found when we are able to be vulnerable, resilient, and compassionate toward others. We will be reading and exploring this in a 6 week Sunday School Class beginning March 5th at 9:45 a.m. and Saturday mornings beginning on March 11th at 9:00 a.m. Please join us. Inquire or sign up at the table in the Narthex after services, or Call Peter Mullen at 610-299-8899. Take a look at a Youtube of Brené: <https://youtu.be/qQiFfA7KfF0>



LENT

Lent Wednesday Night Fun!

Join us for potluck dinner and activities to prepare for Lent.

Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for a potluck dinner of whatever assortment of dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, it will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory.

The event is totally free.

Join in us one week or all the weeks!

Lent Wednesday Night Fun!

March 1—Ash Wednesday Service noon and 7pm - no potluck.



March 8—Lenten Prayer—Making a Chain to count down to Easter.



March 15— Game Night—games for all ages!

Bring your favorite or use our supply!



March 22 - Baking Cookies for those who serve us! Lots of fun to eat and give away!



March 29—Making Easter boxes for Shut-

ins. Our friends who can't join us love to receive these boxes of Easter love!



April 5—Give Back Day—An experience of global missions—**HERE!**

April 12—Care-Ware—You can provide dignity and care for each man, woman, boy and girl this Easter

season by providing gifts of underwear, t-shirts, bras and shower shoes. Help us pack up the boxes!



**Coming up! March 1-
April 16, 2017**

WHAT IS GSR?



Give | Serve | Restore is an annual project that gathers churches of Southern Chester County to bring hope and healing to our community during the season of Lent.

WHY DO GIVE | SERVE | RESTORE? The goal of Give | Serve | Restore (GSR) is for people to work together to bless our community!

West Grove UMC is again participating in GSR this year as follows:



1 Service / Good Works

The wall in the lobby is set up for everyone to be encouraged to do small or large acts of kindness and service to others during Lent. Please fill-out a post it note with your kind gestures noted and place on the wall.



2 Pounds of Food

We encourage all to bring in 2 pounds of non-perishable food to help stock our Emergency Food Cupboard. We have a goal of collecting 200 pounds. You can watch our progress on the goal board in the lobby.

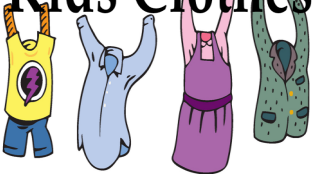


\$3 (Kids) / \$30 (Adults)

We encourage you to use that \$30 to help our community thrive!

This year, donations will benefit Casa Youth Advocates -a local non-profit organization working for the restoration of our community. Casa Youth Advocates believes that every child needs an advocate. They aim to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the family courts, and do so by mobilizing and supporting quality volunteers to serve as advocates for the children they serve. Casa serves Delaware County and is expanding their service into Chester County. **Please note on your gift that it is for GSR.**

Kids Clothes



CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN Thursday, March 16-4:30-6:30 p.m.

SHOP Friday, March 17 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and

Saturday March 18- 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

Profit Sharing: Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.

Items to be consigned: Spring/Summer children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**



Please contact the church office

for a full consignment instruction packet.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Volunteers are needed! Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

****Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed.**

Any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at [\(610\) 869-9334](tel:6108699334).

THIS WEEK: February 25 through March 5, 2017

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

Sunday:

EIGHTH 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
	Workshops: Older kids—Pop Up Drama
	Younger kids—Pop Up Drama
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group

Pastor Shirley will be away for her quarterly Sunday off

Pastor Jim will be away through April 25 on a world cruise with Betty.

Monday:

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Music Class (#8, 10)
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop #461 (#16)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12)
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#6)

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m.	SE District Lenten Day Apart (Malvern Retreat Center)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Music Class (#8, 10)
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scout Troop 498 (#8, 10)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting (#1)
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga (Sanc.)
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)

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.)
12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

Thursday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
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 (#8, 10)
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)
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	GS Jr. Troop 4070 (#8, 10)
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

Saturday:

9:30 a.m.	Girl Scout Special Programs
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

Sunday:

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT COMMUNION 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

Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. .

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 February: Emergency Food Cupboard Mission Prayer Focus in February: The Bridge

Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Joe Bonano (Hughes)
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)
Fran Bryan
Family of Nancy Bussom (Boyd)
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)
Reginald Cooper and the Bond Family (Beauchamp)
Dee Crawford
The Ditzel Family
Charlotte and Ken Dunn (Boyd)
Tom Fagan
Laura Featherston
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)
Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)
Ruth Kuch
Rosemary MacCoun
Dave McClain



Margee Michaels
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Ed O'Brien
Warren Payton (Hruz)
Family of Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Roann Schneider
Family of Lisa Schea (Bowers)
Family of Karen Schneider
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Fernando Tena and family
Raymond Thompson (Adams)
Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Ron and Marliiss 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 - NJ
(Lynne Strawhecker)
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan
Chris Weizman - Jordan
(Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, February 26

Ushers—8:30 The Howard Family
Greeters—8:30 The Simonds Family
Ushers—11:00 Richard Heacock & Kay Yates
Greeters—11:00 OPEN / OPEN
Acolyte 8:30/11 Wesley Boyd / Parker Featherston
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 A. Castaldi/E. Mullen/A. Castaldi
C. Worship—8:30/11 Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman
SS Workshops Judy Gambill
SS Roamers Amy Castaldi
Lay Reader—8:30 Mark Simonds
Liturgist—11:00 Sandy Deckard
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Hospitality 8:30/11 The Chalmers / Linda Peirson
Counters Denise Byers & Dave Talley
Sound Booth Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, March 5

Tim & Eileen Bushnell
The Lindtner Family
OPEN / OPEN
OPEN / OPEN
J. LeSturgeon/Nathan Robinson
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson
OPEN / OPEN
TBA
Joan Leaman
Carolyn Barrett
Dave Talley
Joan Leaman
Rain Catoia / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
The Rambergers
Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, February 26~ Saturday, March 4



Sunday: *“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” 1 Corinthians 3: 16-17.* God dwells in you. How are you treating yourself as a place for God’s wisdom?

Monday: *“Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise.” 1 Corinthians 3: 18.* Fools for Christ depend on God. Next time, you are uncertain of how God would have you respond, spend time in prayer discerning God’s wisdom.

Tuesday: *“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their craftiness’, and again, ‘The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.’” 1 Corinthians 3:19-20.* In our figuring, we often seek to cut corners, shave off time, and avoid the long way. Prayerfully, quiet yourself to listen for God’s wisdom in your life.

Wednesday: *“So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.” 1 Corinthians 3:21-23.* Our humanity often leads us to get caught up in how it will work out and who will be involved. Where are you offering God an opportunity to bring wisdom into your life?

Thursday: *“Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool. Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, an undeserved curse goes nowhere.” Proverbs 26: 1-2.* Wisdom is not just about knowledge. Wisdom is about using knowledge alongside tradition, reason, experience, and scripture. Where is God inviting you to grow in wisdom by examining a challenge in your life through the quadrilateral lens?

Friday: *“A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools. Do not answer fools according to their folly, or you will be a fool yourself.” Proverbs 26: 3-4.* Consider where you can refrain from responding to folly by seeking wisdom.

Saturday: *“Answer fools according to their folly, or they will be wise in their own eyes. It is like cutting off one’s foot and drinking down violence, to send a message by a fool.” Proverbs 26: 5-6.* Choose today to respond in reflection, instead of anger, bitterness, or antagonism.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "It's All For You" PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** "Word of God" PraiseWorks Band

"Show Me Your Ways"

***Passing of the Peace**

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***Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayers Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** "Everyday" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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