

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening** "Today is the Day" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

***Celebration Set** "Found in You" PraiseWorks Band
"You are My Hiding Place"

***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

Moment For All Ages Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 32 Carolyn Barrett

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 4: 1-11 Carolyn Barrett

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Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon "Pray with Scripture" Pastor Monica

SERVE

Moment of Impact Camps Pastor Monica

Offering "Thy Word" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison) (page 3)

Invitation Pastor Shirley

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving ~ *The ushers will guide us. 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.

Communion Song "All Who Are Thirsty" PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** "As We Pray" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390

PRAY LIKE JESUS



March 5, 2017

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 5~ Saturday, March 11



Sunday: *"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished."* Matthew 4: 1-2. Even Jesus was tempted. When you are tempted, pray, fast, and lean on God's word.

Monday: *"The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Matthew 4: 3-4. God's word will sustain you. When are you reading God's word for sustenance?*

Tuesday: *"Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Matthew 4: 5-7. Even tempter can use God's word. Find times to read the scriptures with others, listening for God's word among the din of the world.*

Wednesday: *"Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Matthew 4: 8-10. It might be easy to be tempted to see the things of this world as exciting as they appear. However, the price is high –worship of other than God. Turn yourself back to God and wait on God's timing.*

Thursday: *"Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him." Matthew 4:11. Where are you in midst of trial? There is no way, Look for where the angels will comfort, care, and wait on you.*

Friday: *"Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance." Psalm 32: 6-7. God will protect you. God in your prayer closet and call out to God!*

Saturday: *"Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." Psalm 32: 11. God's word always calls us to rejoice. Where can you celebrate God's faithfulness? Where can you celebrate God's providence?*

Sermon	“Pray with Scripture” SERVE	Pastor Monica
*Hymn of Response	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH No. 451
Moment of Impact	<i>Camps</i>	Pastor Monica
Offering		
*Offertory Response	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” 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.	UMH No. 95
*Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Pastor Monica
Generous God, we praise your name and give you thanks. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you, the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of your own purpose you gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of God’s creatures. May our first fruits, our offerings, and our gifts be blessed and multiplied, so that your character and kingdom might be multiplied and known more deeply among your people, we pray, Amen.		
*Invitation		
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Monica
God of mercy, we confess that more often we satisfy our own desires, before thinking of the needs of others. More often, we lament our wishes unfulfilled than the needs of other unattained. More often, we wail over our inconveniences, instead of seeing others injustices. Forgive us, we pray. May we turn back to your scriptures and learn your heart for love, hope, and justice. May your ways be grafted on our hearts that we may live out your way in the world and usher in your kingdom. Hear our prayers, O Lord.		
Words of Assurance		
The Great Thanksgiving ~ <i>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.</i>		
Communion Hymn	“Rock of Ages”	UMH No. 361
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Monica
*Hymn of Sending Forth	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	UMH No. 496
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
Choral Benediction		Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

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THIS WEEK: March 5 through March 12, 2017

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

Sunday:

NINTH 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—
	Younger kids—
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir
12:15 p.m.	Technology Team
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group (#8, 10)

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)
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#6)

Tuesday:

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.-10:30 a.m.	Bi Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)
10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.	Family Literacy (#2)
4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.	Girl Scout Jr. Troop (#8, 10)
6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop (#12)
6:15 p.m.	CMO Advisory Board (#1)
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Jr. Troop (#8, 10)
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Yoga (Sanc.)
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (#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.)
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Lenten Wednesday Night Fun (Making a Chain) (Sanc.)

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.)
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)
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball (Sanc.)

Saturday:

Confirmants to	St. George's UMC
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Juliet @ Sunrise Cafe
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

Sunday:

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME—SPRING FORWARD

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
1:00 a.m.	Worship Service at Jenner's Pond led by Karen Hruz
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group (#8, 10)

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

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.

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.

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 APRIL 23: 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 connected -ness 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 April 23rd at 9:45 a.m. (through May 28) and Saturday mornings beginning on May 6th at 9:00 a.m. (through June 10). 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>



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
In Celebration of Linda Peirson's birthday
With love from Linda, Karen and Kim



**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.**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Dave Talley

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

Many: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Many: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

Many: We worship the Lord our God alone.

*Processional Hymn “O Lord throughout These Forty Days” UMH 269 vs 1-4

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dave Talley

**Wild God of wilderness,
as we devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord,
so that we may be ready, by your grace,
to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 32

Dave Talley

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4: 1-11

Dave Talley

*Response to the Lessons

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Chancel Choir
Diane Persons, Violinist

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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.** 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)
Family of Charles Wesley Haley (Haley)
Family of
Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)
Pat Testerman (Kr. Boyd)



Ruth Kuch
Rosemary MacCoun
Townsend MacCoun
Dave McClain
Margee Michaels
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Ed O'Brien
Warren Payton (Hruz)
Roann Schneider
Family of Lisa Schea (Bowers)
Family of Karen Schneider
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Fernando Tena and family
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 - NJ
(Lynne Strawhecker)
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan
Chris Weizman - Jordan
(Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, March 5

Ushers—8:30 Tim & Eileen Bushnell
Greeters—8:30 The Lindtner Family
Ushers—11:00 Robinson Family
Greeters—11:00 Featherston Family
Acolyte 8:30/11 J. LeStourgeon/N. Robinson
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson
C. Worship—8:30/11 A. Castaldi/J. Leaman
SS Workshops TBA
SS Roamers Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30 Carolyn Barrett
Liturgist—11:00 Dave Talley
Moment All Ages Joan Leaman
Hospitality 8:30/11 Rain Catoia / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Counters The Rambergers
Sound Booth Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, March 12

The Catoias
The Haleys
OPEN/OPEN
OPEN/OPEN
A. Guepet/M. Jones
J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman
OPEN/OPEN
TBA
Fran Miller
Cindy Haley
Vernon Ramberger
Pastor Monica
Steve May/Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
The Stuhrkes
Various/K. Schneider

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report February 26, 2017

General Offering: \$ 5,133.53

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 960.00

Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$ 97.00

Combined Worship Attendance: 171

Emergency Groceries YTD: 21

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

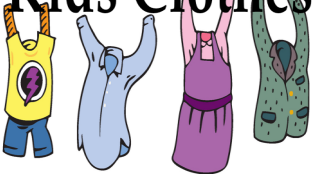
Moment of Impact

Camps

Our United Methodist Conference has four camps: Gretna Glenn, Innabah, Carson Simpson, and Pocono Plateau. All camps provide experiences of God's love in God's creations for campers and retreat seekers.

Please consider sending your children to camp or going for retreat, yourself.

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).



LENT

Lent Wednesday Night Fun! 6-8pm

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 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! Come learn about a Ugandan village.

April 12—Care-Ware—You can provide dignity and care for each
man, woman, boy and girl this Easter season by providing gifts of
undearwear, t-shirts, bras and shower shoes. Help us pack up the
boxes!

