



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



March 12, 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 119:1-3)

Vernon Ramberger

One: Come, all who need help!

Many: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

One: Come, all who desire blessing!

Many: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.

One: Come, all who long for salvation!

Many: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

*Processional Hymn

“God Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us”

UMH No. 100

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

**God of the ages,
we come into this holy space asking for your blessing,
only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us.
Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation
in the beauty all around us.
Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word
as it is proclaimed in story and song this day.
Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith
through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger.
And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing
to a world still in need of salvation.
All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Passing of the peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Romans 15:5-7

Vernon Ramberger

***Response to the Lessons**

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“Pray Like Jesus: Pray In Color”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See”

UMH No. 468

Moment of Impact

Tools for Ministry

Pastor Monica

Offering

***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

God, our teacher, you graciously provide direction to guide us through Scripture. Thank you for the joy we feel when we do what is right and live according to your ways. By your Spirit, nurture our growth as individuals and as a congregation. Let our community of faith readily share with our neighbors the love of your Son, our Savior. Accept our offerings in his name. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

TFWS No. 2158

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“Under The Shadow Of The Cross”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:18-22

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OneRunTogether's Signs of Spring 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk will be held at 8am on Saturday, April 8th at the Honeybrook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road in Honey Brook. The mission of OneRunTogether is to host challenging and exciting races that financially and spiritually benefit local cancer patients in need. In order to lighten their emotional and financial burdens, the group donates 100% of its profits to the cause. For registration information, please refer to the website at www.oneruntogether.org or call 610-733-2181.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship **Report March 5, 2017**

General Offering: \$ 6,703
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 245
Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$ 97.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 190
Emergency Groceries YTD: 22

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

Moment of Impact

Tools for Ministry

Equipping disciples for the work of faith is the call of the church. Annually, our district provides workshops to train us for our roles. We have been blessed to have this training opportunity. Join us on April 29th for this great opportunity.

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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.

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.

Mission Possible and Middle School Youth: March 19, 2017 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM – Pizza and Game Night at church! Invite your friends!!

Stop Hunger Now: March 25, 2017 – 10 AM – Stop Hunger Now at West Grove UMC to pack food with our Mission Connexion (11 local United Methodist Churches). Join us to help others. All ages are welcome!

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/qQiFfA7KfFO>



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 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 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.

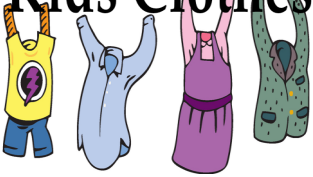


\$3 (Kids) / \$30 (Adults)

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 write your check out to West Grove UMC (with memo: GSR, CASA).**

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).**



April Fool's Day Saturday - April 1st Spring Cleanup Day for our Church!!

April 1st is the thirteenth day of Spring! We want to have our church looking its best for Palm Sunday, April 9th, and Easter, April 16th! Our Trustees ask for and need your help with our spring spruce up! Please set aside a few hours on April 1st to provide a welcoming atmosphere to our church for our members and visitors. We are in need of many volunteers to accomplish the tasks quickly. We will begin at 8 a.m. and finish by 1 p.m. The more help we have, the quicker we will be finished!

THIS WEEK: March 12 through March 19, 2017

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

Sunday: 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
11:00 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)

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)
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#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)
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

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)
10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.	Family Literacy (#2)
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)
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Lenten Wednesday Night Fun (Making a Chain) (Sanc.)
6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.	Prayer Garden Team (#3)
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)
11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)
12:00 Noon—?	CMO Consignment Sale Set-Up (Sanc., Lobby)
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.-4:00 p.m.	CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)
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:

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Faith Sharing Seminar (New Hanover UMC)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

Sunday:

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group and Mission Possible Group Combined Event

~~Coffee Fellowship is hosted this morning by the Board of Trustees

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

Ushers—8:30

Greeters—8:30

Ushers—11:00

Greeters—11:00

Acolyte 8:30/11

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11

C. Worship—8:30/11

SS Workshops

SS Roamers

Lay Reader—8:30

Liturgist—11:00

Moment All Ages

Hospitality 8:30/11

Counters

Soundbooth

This Sunday, March 12

The Catoia Family
The Haleys
The Robinson Family
Esther Culbertson
A. Guepet/A. Guepet
J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman
OPEN/OPEN
Writing Workshops
Fran Miller
Cindy Haley
Vernon Ramberger
Pastor Monica
Steve May/Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
The Stuhrkes
Various/K.Schneider

Next Sunday, March 19

The Delaney Family
Pat Heist & Margaret Rubincan
The Featherston Family
Esther Culbertson
C. Figueroa/M. Rinehimer
H.McCummings/R.Catoia/A.Castaldi
Kristin Boyd/OPEN
TBA
Maryanne Covington
Fred Sullivan
Chris Curtiss
Julie Hughes
The Covingtons/Scott Steele
The Michaels/Scott Steele
Various/K.Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 12~ Saturday, March 18



Sunday: *“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.” Romans 15:5.* Harmony hints that we might not all sing the same notes, but we will love together in peace. Pray for harmony in our world.

Monday: *“So that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:6.* Where is God calling you to come together with those who may not sing the same notes, but can join together in glorifying God?

Tuesday: *“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7.* Welcome is more than acknowledgement. When you welcome a baby or pet to your home, you make sure they have all they need. Where are welcoming others?

Wednesday: *“In the morning, when Jesus returned to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, ‘May no fruit ever come from you again!’ And the fig tree withered at once.” Matthew 21: 18-19.* Jesus is full of power, power of God. Ask Jesus to show you how you might call on the power of God.

Thursday: *“When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, ‘How did the fig tree wither at once?’” Matthew 21: 20.* When you are amazed, who do you turn to? Turn to Jesus and offer praise in your amazement.

Friday: *“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea’, it will be done.’” Matthew 21: 21.* Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Where is God calling you to faith?

Saturday: *“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” Matthew 21: 22.* Are you praying boldly? Today, pray with faith.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening** "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever" PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** "Majestic" PraiseWorks Band
"More Love, More Power"

***Passing of the Peace**

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Gathered Prayer Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** "Overwhelmed" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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