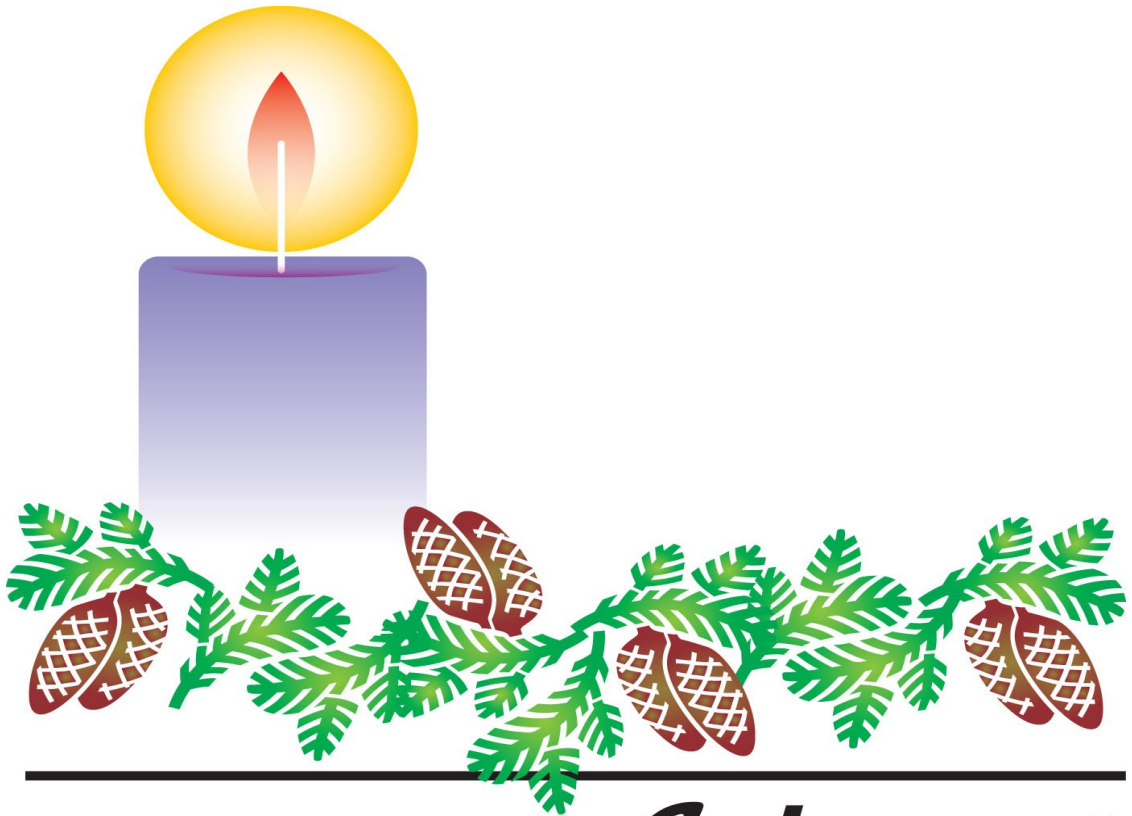




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**First Sunday in Advent**  
***November 27, 2016***

# 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)

Peter Mullen

One: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy. Watch for this gift!

**Many: Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.**

One: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.

**Many: Watch! Wait! The gift is coming into the world! Praise be to God for such lavish love. AMEN.**

### \*Processional Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

UMH, No. 211, Vv. 1, 2, 4

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Peter Mullen

**O come, Emmanuel, interrupt our lives filled with chaos and tribulation.**

**Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love  
that we might grow into faithful disciples.**

**Grant us patience as we wait by serving others with hope and compassion.**

**In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### The Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Patience: Watch! Wait!

The Gula Family

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### Advent Song

“Light The Advent Candle”

TFWS, No. 2090, V, 1

### Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

### Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 13*

Peter Mullen

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Luke 1: 5-25*

Peter Mullen

### \*Response to the Lessons

Peter Mullen

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

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

## Anthem

“Come Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children’s Worship.

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

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

## Sermon

“Countdown to Christmas”

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

### \*Hymn of Response

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH, No, 196

### Moment of Impact

*United Methodist Student Day*

Pastor Monica

### Offering

### \*Offertory Response

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

UMH, 221, V.4

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;**

**Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

### \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Monica

**Generous God, we have so much to be thankful: our homes, our loved ones, our work and purpose, our friends, our health, and our daily bread. Help us not take for granted these many blessings and particularly, the gift of Jesus Christ. Let the gifts we offer now, be symbols of our gratitude and love. Multiple them that your way in the world might be multiplied among us, we pray, Amen.**

### Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

### The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

### \*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

UMH No. 251

### \*Benediction

Pastor Monica

### Choral Benediction

“Christmas Peace”

Chancel Choir

### \*Postlude

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

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***On December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Vira Les King, part of Les family who are missionaries in Ukraine, at the 11:00 worship service.***

### **Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 13*

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.  
But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### **Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 1: 5-25*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

# 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 worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. 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](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***



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.

**ADULT AND CHILDREN ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE:** Our devotional this year is "Hark the Glad Sound". Children's devotionals (advent chains) are also available. Please be sure to pick up your copy on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

**ANGEL BLESSINGS:** New Faith Learning Academy course starting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us in Room 3 for discussion from the book, *Angel Blessings: Recognizing Angels in our Lives*. See Julie Hughes for more information.

**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS:** Pastor Monica teaching on **Wednesday mornings – 9:30 –** Countdown to Christmas - Are you feeling the countdown to Christmas getting closer and crunchier? We refocus on the Advent (Coming) of Jesus and preparing ourselves.

**SPECIAL VISIT: On December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Vira Les King**, part of Les family who are missionaries in Ukraine, at the 11:00 worship service. Join us to welcome her!

**RAP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** On **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, at **noon**, our RAP group and friends will be having a **Covered Dish Luncheon**. "**John Clayton and the Revelators**" will be entertaining us with their exceptional musical talents. We will fellowship, enjoy delicious food, and celebrate the Christmas season with beautiful music--including several of our Christmas favorites! Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE!! CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION, Sunday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.:** Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! We welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, PraiseWorks Band, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. **Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!!** If you play an instrument or would like to participate in this musical celebration, please contact Betsy Smith, Choir and PraiseBand Director. to let her know of your interest by Sunday, November 6 . She can be reached by phone at 610-869-3941 or email her at [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com)

**FREE COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP:** If you're the Parent or Guardian of a 9 – 12th Grade Student, this free workshop is for you! Come to a Free College Preparation Workshop 101- Saturday, December 3, 2016, 10:00 am to noon Free (but you must register to attend) Go to this link to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-prep-101-workshop-tickets-29341103029?aff=es2> Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church, 5341 Catharine Street, , Philadelphia, PA 19143 For more Information, call Wharton-Wesley UMC at 215.472.6779 Facilitated by Lenora Thompson, Eastern PA Conference Scholarship Committee Chair and Rev. David W. Brown, Deacon, Vice Coordinator, BMCR



## West Grove UMC Church Directory Update

### Please check your family's information

and update addresses, cell phone numbers, emails, birthdates, etc. There are many children (and adults) in our church family who do not have their birthdays listed, and we would love to be able to wish them happy birthday!

Our new directory is used by all of our congregation, so please make sure to check your information. The binder with our current directory information is at the Welcome Center in Lobby. Please make your corrections directly in the book or you may email the office at [office.westgroveumc.org](mailto:office.westgroveumc.org) Thank you.



### Join us for Wednesdays Night Fun in Advent (November 23<sup>rd</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>) Potluck and Activity 6-8p

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Make and Eat Gingerbread families and mulled apple cider

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Join us for a Movie Night—*How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, 2000 version

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Singing Our Songs—Join us for a carol sing.

We will have pot-luck style dinner. If you are able, you are invited to bring a dish to share. If you can't, no worries, come anyway! It is a potluck and there is always plenty to be shared! We will provide plates, utensils, drinks, and desserts.

**Come one week, come all of the weeks!**

Bring the family, bring the kids, invite your friends and neighbors!

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

#### Report November 20, 2016

**General Offering: \$4,971<sup>50</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$305.<sup>00</sup>**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 201**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 122 Bags**

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

## Moment of History

United Methodist Student Day benefits students here and around the world as they seek to live fully into who God has called them to be.

Scholarships and funds for undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and work training programs is available for United Methodists. Thank you for blessing our students.



# Annual Christmas Music Celebration

**Sunday, December 4th ~ 6:30 p.m.**

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us!

Bring your family and invite your friends!

Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m.  
allows **all ages** to join in the festivities.

Welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, PraiseWorks Band, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along.

Stay after for delicious, homemade  
Christmas cookies and cider!

Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!

## **LIVE NATIVITY**

***Be part of something special this  
Christmas!***

**Saturday, December 17  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

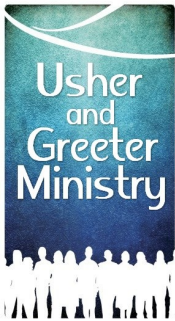


The Live Nativity is a great opportunity to take a few moments during the busy Christmas season to pause and reflect on the true meaning and purpose of the holiday. Bring your children, your visiting relatives, your

neighbors, and share the miracle of Christ's birth.

Volunteers are needed for this most special event. Please look for sign-up sheets posted in the lobby, as well as additional information in your bulletins and newsletter. The coordinator this year is Lori McClain, so if you have questions, please contact her at **[llmccl@verizon.net](mailto:llmccl@verizon.net)**.





**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)

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle:  
The Candle of Patience: Watch! Wait!**

Reader 1: In the days to come, the Lord shall establish God's house upon earth!

**Congregation: Watch! Wait! For God will do something special, something very unexpected.**

Reader 2: Do not be hesitant. Place your trust in God's promise.

Reader 1: "But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!" (Adapted from Romans 13: 11-14)

Reader 2: Today we light this first candle, a special candle, lighted in darkness, shedding its meager light into our world. [The first purple candle across from pink is lighted.]

**Congregation: Come, see the light. Let its brightness fill you. Come, feel the warmth of the light. Let it give you comfort.**

Reader 1: Come, draw near to the light, for it is God's way of breaking through to you.

Reader 2: Come, rejoice in the light, for God is with us!

Please sing "Light The Advent Candle" TFWS, No. 2090, V, 1



# THIS WEEK: November 27 through December 4, 2016

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

**Sunday:**

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT UNITED METHODIST STUDENT 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  
*Pastor Jim is preaching at New London and Avondale UMC today*

**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)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 4042 (#8 & 10)  
 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.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)  
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (#1)  
 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
**9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. "Countdown to Christmas" Bible Study (#3)**  
**Afternoon Carpet Cleaning in the Sanctuary**  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Advent Fun Wednesdays (Kitchen, Sanc., Lobby)**  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Visitation Ministry Bible Study (#3)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 10:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m. CMO Music Program (#8, 10)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (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:**

**Youth Mission Trip for the Philadelphia Project**  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study at Jenner's Pond  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Kitchen Inspection (Kitchen)

**Saturday:**

**Youth Mission Trip for the Philadelphia Project**  
**8:00 a.m.-1:30 a.m. STOP HUNGER NOW (Sanc.)**  
 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. SE District Committee on Ministry @ Lima UMC  
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Youth return from Mission Trip for the Philadelphia Project**  
 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  
**6:30 p.m. Christmas Music Celebration (Sanc., Lobby, Kit.)**

# 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 November: Church Finances** **Mission Prayer Focus in November: Sunday Breakfast Mission**

Wayne Achuff  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
Alan Bratton  
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
Fran Bryan  
Bonnie Collins (Deckard)  
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
Gary Cornette (Rubincan)  
Shanna Cramner (Carlin)  
Dee Crawford  
Bill Davis (Mullen)  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Sharon Ewing & Family (Mundell)  
Tom Fagan  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Richard Heacock  
Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
Sue Hutton  
Lynn Jackson  
Ruth Kuch  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Dave McClain  
Margee Michaels



Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Ed O'Brien  
Warren Payton (Hruz)  
James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
Jennifer Potter (Saller)  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)  
Roann Schneider  
Elaine Soutar & Family (Mundell)  
Ricky Spencer (K. Smith)  
Lorrie Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Family of Lee Wilson (Stuhrke)  
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)  
Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **This Sunday, November 27**

**Ushers—8:30** The Howard Family  
**Greeters—8:30** The Simonds Family  
**Ushers—11:00** The Featherston Family  
**Greeters—11:00** **OPEN**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Wesley Boyd/Parker Featherston  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** H. McCummings/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman  
**SS Roamers** Joan Leaman  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Judy Gambill  
**Liturgist—11:00** Peter Mullen  
**Moment All Ages** Eileen Bushnell  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Rain Catoia/Linda Peirson  
**Counters** Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, December 4**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
The Lindtner Family  
**OPEN**  
**OPEN**  
Michelle LeStourgeon/Ava Tolmie  
C. Bruno/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
Amy Castaldi / **OPEN**  
Amy Castaldi  
Alexandra Smith  
Sandy Deckard  
Karen Hruz  
Rain Catoia / Sam & Roxanne Shane  
Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
Various/K. Schneider

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, November 27 ~ Saturday, December 3



**Sunday:** *"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" Psalm 13: 1.* There are seasons of challenge and feeling far from God. Who can you write a note of gratitude to encourage in their season of feeling far from God?

**Monday:** *"How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?" Psalm 13: 2.* The psalmist knew pain in the soul and sorrow in the heart. We may as well. Write a note of gratitude to someone who has walked with you in your pain and sorrow.

**Tuesday:** *"Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed'; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken." Psalm 13: 3-4.* We often feel as though those who disagree with us are enemies. As we wait and watch for the kingdom of God, it might be that those who disagree with us are not enemies, but fellow children of God. Write a note of gratitude to someone with whom you disagree.

**Wednesday:** *"But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13: 5-6.* God calls us to trust and rejoice, sing and see God in our lives. Write your last note of gratitude to God.

**Thursday:** *"But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth" Luke 1: 13-14.* God hears our prayers. God seeks to be with us in joy as well as challenge. Where is God calling to you?

**Friday:** *"With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1: 17.* John the Baptist came to prepare people for the Lord. How are preparing others as well as yourself for the full realization of the Lord.

**Saturday:** *"After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'" Luke 1: 24-25.* We often say, the patience of Job, but let us not forget the patience of Elizabeth. She waited all of her life for her heart's desire and it was granted to her through her husband. Let us watch and wait for where God grants our heart's desire through others.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

- \*Opening Song** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel " 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** "Open Up The Heavens" PraiseWorks Band  
"You Are My Hiding Place"
- \*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

- The Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Patience: Watch! Wait!**  
The Wolfe Family Page 8
- Advent Song** "Light The Advent Candle" TFWS, No. 2090, V, 1
- Moment For All Ages** Eileen Bushnell
- Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 13* Judy Gambill
- \*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 1: 5-25* Judy Gambill
- Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship.  
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10.  
Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

- Sermon** "Countdown To Christmas" Pastor Monica

## SERVE

- Moment of Impact** *United Methodist Student Day* Pastor Monica
- Offering** "You Are Welcome" PraiseWorks Band
- \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**Generous God, we have so much to be thankful: our homes, our loved ones, our work and purpose, our friends, our health, and our daily bread. Help us not take for granted these many blessings and particularly, the gift of Jesus Christ. Let the gifts we offer now, be symbols of our gratitude and love. Multiple them that your way in the world might be multiplied among us, we pray, Amen.**
- Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley
- The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley
- \*Closing Song** "Lord, Reign Me In" PraiseWorks Band
- \*Benediction** Pastor Monica
- \*Postlude**