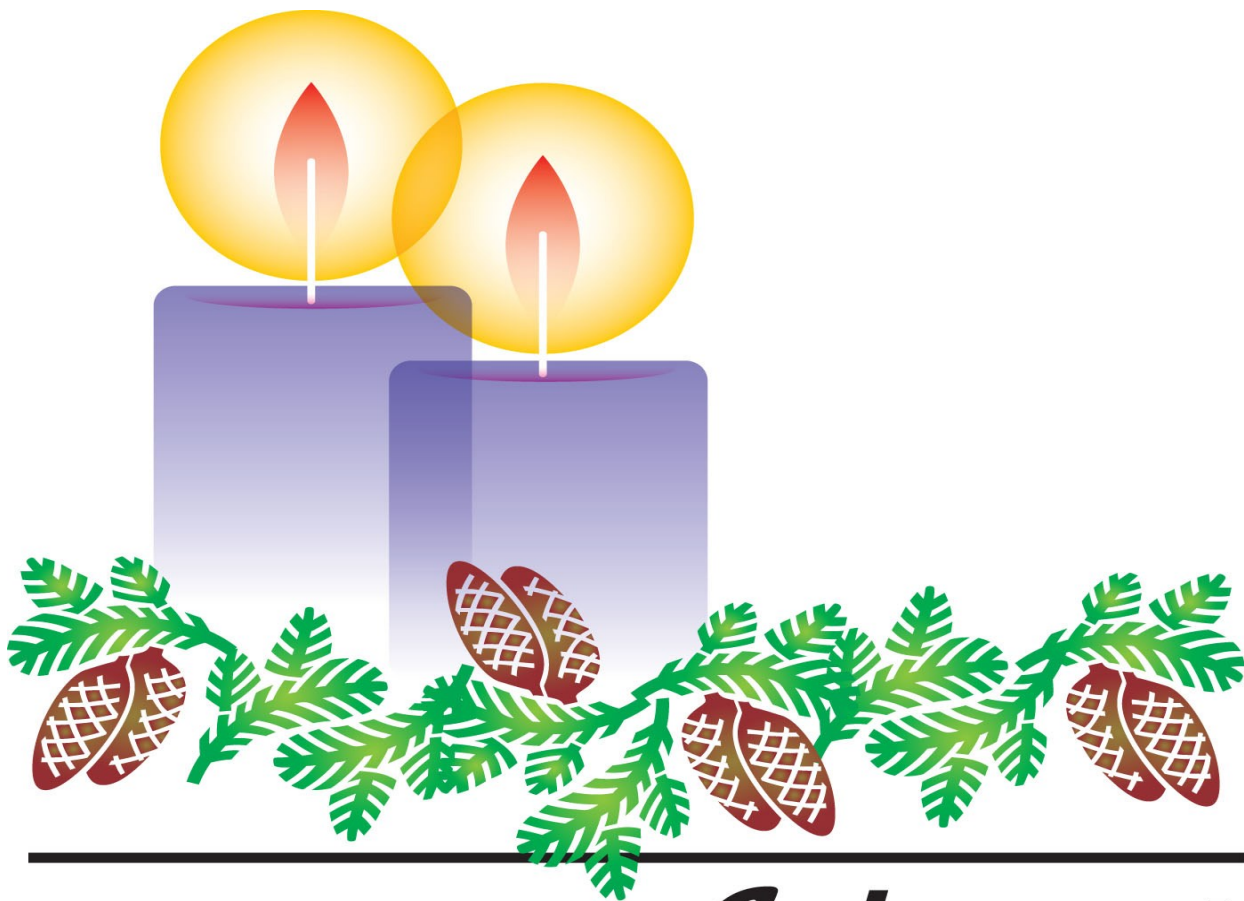




West Grove United Methodist Church

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 4, 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)

Sandy Deckard

One: The baby born in Bethlehem, is alive today!

Many: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: Death has no power over him; he walks among us as our risen savior.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: We feel his presence now as we raise our voices in song, our hands in prayer,
and our hearts in discipleship.

Many: Come, Lord Jesus!

*Processional Hymn

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

UMH No. 203

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

**God of our Waiting, our Longing, we sing of your coming reign,
and we long for your way.**

**We long to hear the angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace, goodwill to all people."**

We long to hear your peace proclaimed.

**Help us to live into your reign by loving our neighbors as ourselves,
by seeking nonviolent resolutions, by valuing each life as a gift from you.**

**Grant us your peace in our lives,
so that during our own struggles and challenges,
we know that you are with us guiding us to live in your way.**

As disciples of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Joy: Sing! Worship!

The Hill Family

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Advent Song

"Light The Advent Candle"

TFWS, No. 2090, V. 2

Moment for All Ages

Karen Hruz

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Sandy Deckard

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

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

“Christmas Play List”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“People Look East”

UMH No. 202

Moment of Impact

Prayer Room

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 Jim

Gracious God, we lift our voices to glorify you! You sent Jesus to lead us in wisdom and mercy. His kindness to the poor and meek reveals the harmony of your heavenly kingdom. Help us, our ministries, and the ministries of the Church to demonstrate your love for the world. We dedicate our tithes and offerings to bless those who are searching for Christ’s abiding peace. We pray, Amen.

Invitation

Pastor Shirley

Greeting From The Les Family

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Shirley

We confess, God with us, we are not ready for you to come fully into our lives. There is much that we still wish to control. There is much that we still wish to manage and figure out ourselves. Forgive us, O Christ, for our selfishness and self-focus. Lead us into your way and your kingdom. Call us as we pray ‘thy kingdom come’ to release our grip on our lives, turning our lives into your hands. May our lives reflect the fully realized coming of Christ, we pray.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance

Pastor Shirley

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 Hymn

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

UMH No. 218

Prayer After Receiving

Pastor —

Eternal God, as you have welcomed us in these moments, let us go to embrace each person we meet. As Jesus has been our servant of hope and grace, let us go to serve the most vulnerable around us. As the Spirit of hope has filled us, let us go to empty ourselves of joy and peace for all. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “Angels From The Realms Of Glory”

UMH No. 220

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“Christmas Peace”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 1: 26-38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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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 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

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 13th. 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 4th, 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 9th**, 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.

TONIGHT!! 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!!**

THE GIFT TREE: Please visit our **Christmas Gift Tree** in the Narthex. On the tree, there are gift tags for families and individuals from our community in need. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag and helping someone in need over this Christmas season. **Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by Tuesday, December 13.** We ask that you sign your name on the list on the table beside the tree so that we know who took each tag.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WAYNE ACHUFF: Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 p.m. at Lima Estates, enter at main door to Auditorium.



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 Thank you.



**Join us for Wednesdays Night Fun in
Advent
(November 23rd – December 14th)
Potluck and Activity 6-8 p.m.**

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

Wednesday, December 14th – 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 27, 2016**

General Offering: \$5,258.⁸⁰

Building Maintenance Fund: \$540.⁰⁰

Combined Worship Attendance: 192

Emergency Groceries YTD: 126 Bags

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

Moment of Impact

Prayer is a vital part of our faith lives. We pray individually and corporately. We give thanks to God for a set aside space for prayer in our church. Our prayer room is always open.

Please pause to pray or leave your prayer requests.



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!***

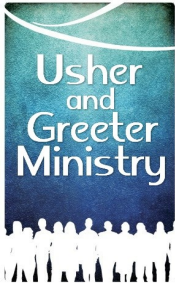
**Saturday, December 17
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**



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**.



**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 rain-dowdy@aol.com.

For 11:00 worship, please contact Joan Saller 610-662-9807 or ssaller@comcast.net

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle:
The Candle of Joy: Sing! Worship!**

Reader 1: God is coming and worthy to be praised!

Congregation: Sing! Worship! Let the God song built up in you and sing out loud!

Reader 2: Sing and worship, not because it is easy and you are carefree, but because God's way redeems and restored our relationships with all God's people.

Reader 1: Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus! So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it! Just think of all the Scriptures that will come true in what we do! For instance: Then I'll join outsiders in a hymn-sing; I'll sing to your name!

And this one: Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together!

And again: People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races, give hearty praise!

(Adapted portions from Romans 15: 1-12)

Reader 2: The first is the candle of Patience, reminding us to watch and wait for what God is about to do. [Light the first candle – purple across from pink] The second candle of joy invites us to celebrate God's faithfulness in song and worship. [The second candle is lighted – purple to the right of lit candle]

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:

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.)

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)

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. CMO Music Program (Sanc.)

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)

1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

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)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Jenner's Pond Christmas Chorus Program

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)

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)

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)

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 (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Holiday Party (Sanc.)

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #4317 (#12)

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:

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

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

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Youth Friday Fun Nite! (Sanctuary)

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. JULIET Breakfast- Sunrise Café, Kennett Square

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (8 & 10)

4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Parents Night Out! Sponsored by the Youth (Sanc., #8, 10)

Sunday:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Children's Choir Sings

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. Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Allison Theater)

3:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Christmas Caroling around town!

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 December: Mission Possible
Mission Prayer Focus in November: Sunday Breakfast Mission

Family of 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)
 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, December 4

Ushers—8:30 Tim and Eileen Bushnell
Greeters—8:30 The Lindtner Family
Ushers—11:00 **OPEN**
Greeters—11:00 Fran Miller / **OPEN**
Acolyte 8:30/11 Michelle LeStourgeon/Ava Tolmie
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson
C. Worship—8:30/11 Amy Castaldi / **OPEN**
SS Roamers Amy Castaldi
Lay Reader—8:30 Alexandra Smith
Liturgist—11:00 Sandy Deckard
Moment All Ages Karen Hruz
Hospitality 8:30/11 Rain Catoia / Don Hurst
Counters Bill Jones and Tim Shaub
Sound Booth Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, December 11

The Catoia Family
 Mike and Cindy Haley
OPEN
OPEN
 Cecelia Figueroa / Madeline Jones
 C. Bruno/K. Smith/J. Leaman
 Amy Simonds/Amy Simonds
 Fran Miller
 Mark Simonds
 Tom Hoover
 Jamie Lindtner
 Steve May / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
 George Anderson & Donna Shaub
 Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, December 4 ~ Saturday, December 10



Sunday: *"The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."* Isaiah 11: 12. We give thanks to God for wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear. Pray for God's way in your life.

Monday: *"His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked."* Isaiah 11: 3-4. Christ's ways are worthy of our worship and emulation. Where are you living in the image of Jesus?

Tuesday: *"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."* Isaiah 11: 6-9. God's vision for a redeemed world has all living together. Pray today for your vision to be expanded.

Wednesday: *"And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be."* Luke 1: 28-29. God showing up in our lives can be quite surprising. Consider that God may show up in ways that you do not expect.

Thursday: *"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" Luke 1: 30.* Our God who created us loves us and calls us. We have found favor with God. As others have hurt you with their words, rest in the presence of the One with whom you have found favor.

Friday: *"For nothing will be impossible with God."* Luke 1: 37. God's ways continue to confound us generations later. Watch today for where God might move in seemingly impossible ways.

Saturday: *"Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."* Luke 1: 38. In this Advent season, God calls us to be open to how God will use us. Pray that you might be able to respond, let it be with me according to your word.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

- *Opening Song** "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" 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** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" PraiseWorks Band
"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"
***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

- The Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Joy: Sing! Worship!**
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Sermon "Christmas Play List" Pastor Monica

SERVE

- Moment of Impact** *Prayer Room* Pastor Monica
Offering "Christmas Offering" PraiseWorks Band
***Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim
Invitation Pastor Jim
Prayer of Confession Pastor Jim
Words of Assurance Pastor Jim
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 "Breathe" PraiseWorks Band
Prayer After Receiving Pastor Jim
***Closing Song** "Sing For Joy" PraiseWorks Band
***Benediction** Pastor Monica
***Postlude**