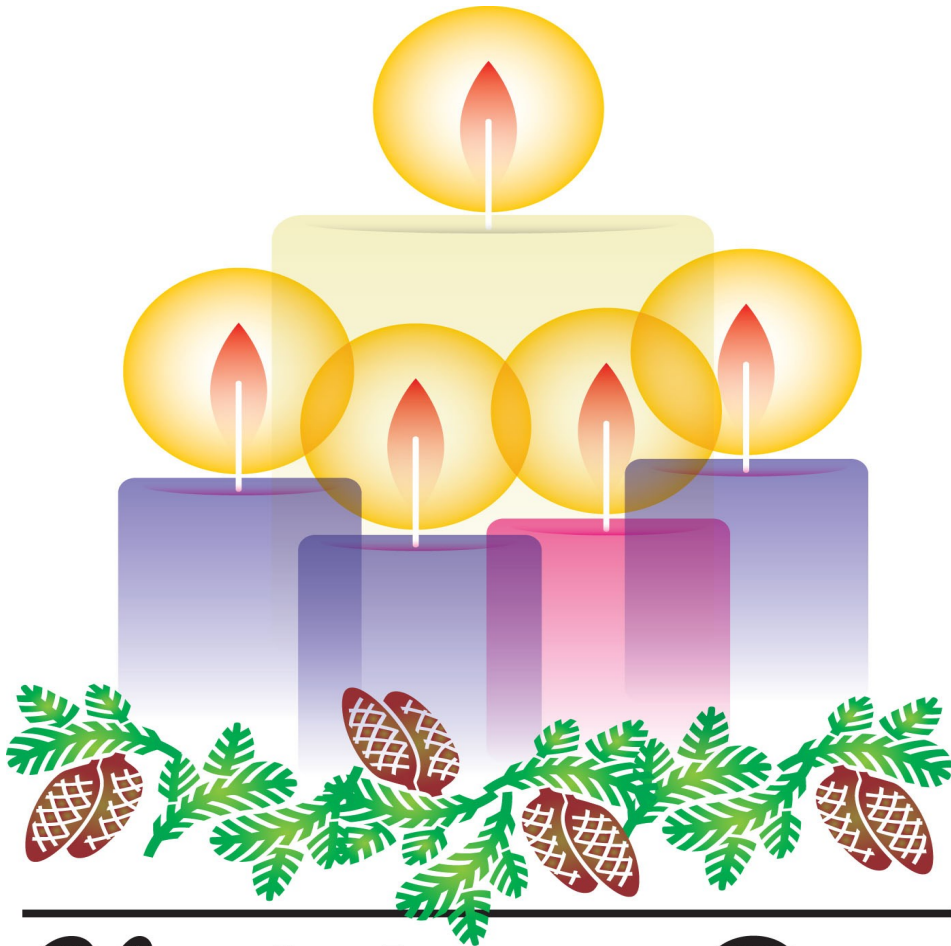




West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

9:30 Christmas Day

OPEN

Prelude

*Opening Song

“Let The World Sing Gloria”

PraiseWorks Band

Welcome

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)

Janis Schrader

One: Today, Christ is born!

Many: We join angels and shepherds, wise ones and animals.

One: As we offer one another gifts, we praise the greatest gift of all, Jesus the Christ!

Many: O Come, Let us Adore Him!

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

The celebration of Christmas has just begun.

**Even though many of us have gone through the gift giving and receiving,
have feasted with family and friends,
there is yet another gift which has been given.**

**You, O Loving God, have wrapped the gift of your Son Jesus Christ
around our lives.**

The light of your love through him is shining brightly.

**It is not a harsh light, but a multitude of bright colors
that remind us of the wondrous ways you love us.**

**Open our hearts and spirits as we hear the words of your holy scriptures,
and the beautiful music.**

Bring us to you with such joy

that it will seem as though our feet aren't even touching ground. AMEN.

*Passing of the peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Janis Schrader

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:15-20

Janis Schrader

*Response to the Lessons

Janis Schrader

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Christmas Day In The Morning”

Chancel Choir

There will be no Children’s Worship today.

Sermon

“Manger and Menagerie”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“Friendly Beast”

UMH No. 227

Offering

“Glory To God”

PraiseWorks Band

***Offertory Response**

“What Child Is This”

UMH No. 219, V. 3

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant King, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Jim

Blessed Lord, you have given us your greatest gift: your very Word come to earth, to live with us and through us; you have filled us with your grace and truth, your holy child sent to free us from our bonds. How can we repay such divine generosity? Receive our thanks and praise. As you have given to us, so now we share your gifts and your grace with a world in need. May this offering help bring your light and love to those who still wander in darkness. Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Joy To The World”

UMH No. 240

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“Christmas Peace”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
Memory of Randy and Rachel
With love from Sandi, Jeremy and Josh
&
In Celebration of Peter Guepet’s 2nd Birthday!
With love from his family



Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2:15-20*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

Report December 18, 2016

General Offering: \$.⁵⁰

Building Maintenance Fund: \$.⁰⁰

Combined Worship Attendance:

Emergency Groceries YTD: 126 Bags

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

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

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.

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.

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

WEST GROVE UMC CHURCH DIRECTORY: The new Church Directories are ready for you to pick up. The directories are published once a year. Be sure to pick up your copy in the lobby. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE: The office will be closed on Friday, December 23 at noon; closed Monday, December 26 for the full day; and closed Friday, December 30 at noon. Thank you.

TENA FAMILY DONATIONS: The Tena Family has, and will continue to incur expenses related to Fernando's kidney transplant. Maira and her husband, Baldazar, will lose considerable income over the next months. If you wish to make a donation to the Emergency Aid fund on behalf of the Tena Family, please note your intent in the memo section of your donation or on the envelope. Funds will assist the family to meet bills and other needs.

2017 Giving Envelopes and Numbers: Be sure to pick up your envelope packet or your giving number card in the foyer. If your envelope packet or giving number is not available, please sign the list--it will be ready for you next week! Questions or concerns--contact Sara Ann Ramberger, Financial Secretary at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 12 FUNDRAISER: Buffet Breakfast, January 14, 2017, 8:30 am & 9:30 a.m. Sawmill Grill, Oxford, PA Scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, bacon, pancakes, orange juice, milk, coffee and soda will be served. Adult \$12.00/Child \$6.00. Call or Email Lisa Yaletchko for tickets. Seating is limited, so tickets must be purchased in advance. 484-368-9030 or lyaletchko@zoominternet.net
Thank you for supporting our Troop!

THIS WEEK: December 25 through January 1, 2017

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

Sunday: CHRISTMAS DAY!

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service

No Sunday School classes today

Note: Pastor Shirley is on vacation December 26 through January 2

Pastor Monica is on vacation December 27-28 ~ If you have pastoral needs, please contact the church office or Pastor Jim Mundell

Donna Fackler is on vacation December 29 through January 4 (The church office is open)

Monday: Church Office is closed.

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)

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

Wednesday: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

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

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)

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: Church Offices closes at Noon.

Youth at Stratosphere Park in Wilmington

10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Advent Bible Study (Jenner's Pond)

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

Sunday: EPIPHANY SUNDAY

COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ NEW YEAR'S 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

**Emergency Food Pantry Collection Day is on the first Sunday of each month*

Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 in celebration of the New Year!

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 December: UMCOR

Family of Wayne Achuff
Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Joe Bonano (Hughes)
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)
Fran Bryan
Bonnie Collins (Deckard)
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)
Gary Cornette (Rubincan)
Shanna Cramner (Carlin)
Dee Crawford
Family of Bill Davis (Mullen)
Colin Delaney (McGinley)
Linda Eroh (Ramberger)
Tom Fagan
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Richard Heacock
Carol Herb (Shiplet)
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)
Roann Schneider
Elaine Soutar & Family (Mundell)
Ricky Spencer (K. Smith)
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Fernando Tena and family
Raymond Thompson (Adams)
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)
Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Family of Lee Wilson (Stuhrke)
Ron and Marliss Wilson
Melissa Withiam (Mullen)
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 25 (9:30)

Ushers—8:30	David and Barbara Delaney
Greeters—8:30	David and Barbara Delaney
Ushers—11:00	N/A
Greeters—11:00	N/A
Acolyte 8:30/11	Alisabeth Guepet
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	N/A
C. Worship—8:30/11	N/A
SS Roamers	N/A
Lay Reader—8:30	Janis Schrader
Liturgist—11:00	N/A
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Chalmers & Linda Peirson
Counters	Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger
Sound Booth	Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, January 1

Tim and Eileen Bushnell
The Lindtner Family
OPEN
OPEN
Wesley Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet
C. Bruno/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer

Fran Miller
Cindy Haley
Chris Curtiss
OPEN
Rain Catoia / Sam & Roxanne Shane
Sara Ann and Vernon Ramberger
Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, December 25 ~ Saturday, December 31



Sunday: *“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’” Isaiah 52: 7. Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace among all those that God favors! Spread Christmas peace today!*

Monday: *“Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.” Isaiah 52: 8. Lift up your voices, turn up the songs! Sing today God’s great story of salvation in hymns, carols, and song!*

Tuesday: *“Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.” Isaiah 52:9. Prayerfully consider who God is using you to comfort.*

Wednesday: *“The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” Isaiah 52: 10. God continues to show up and be seen. Where have you seen God?*

Thursday: *“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.” Luke 2: 15-16. Going with haste, they found Jesus. Consider how you go with haste to draw nearer to Jesus.*

Friday: *“When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.” Luke 2: 17-18. Shepherds could not help but share. They were great evangelists. Who are you telling about the birth of Jesus?*

Saturday: *“But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” Luke 2: 19-20 . Pause today to treasure all these things in your hearts before returning to your home and praising God!*