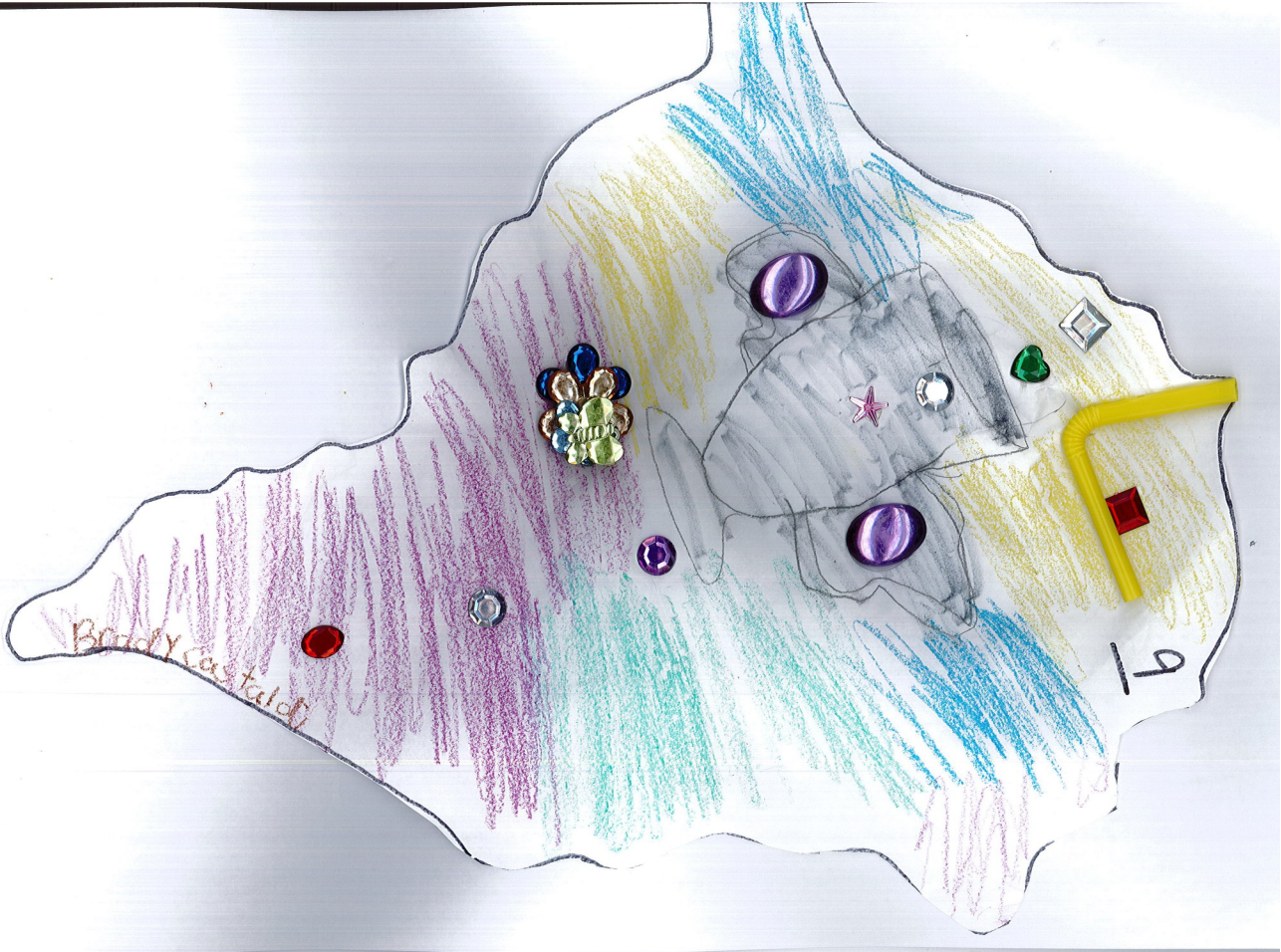




West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
(arranged by Dan R. Edwards)

Memory Bells

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)

Vernon Ramberger

One: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God:

Many: God, who made us and the earth that nourishes us.

One: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

Many: We are God's children and God's image in the world.

All: Let us praise God and share our gratitude.

*Processional Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

With Memory Bells

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

In-breaking God, we gather together.

As the bells ring and the chimes sing,

**we are transported outside of our daily struggles
to transcendence and holiness.**

Here in this place, let us hear your voice, O whispering God.

Let us draw near to your presence and absorb your way.

May your way become a part of us.

May we return to our daily struggles

with the in-breaking of your presence

and gratitude for your love, we pray, 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

Julie Hughes

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 47:1-12

Vernon Ramberger

*Gospel Lesson

John 3:16-21

Vernon Ramberger

***Response to the Lessons**

Vernon Ramberger

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"I Will Give Thanks"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"Use Your Powers for Good!"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Musical Response

"Gratitude"

Betsy Smith

Moment of Impact

Pastor Monica

Mpasa Health Clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Offering

"Thanks Be to Thee"

Memory Bells

(arranged by Linker and McFadden) Organ Accompaniment by Joyce Flower

***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 Jim

Lavish God, you shower us with abundance and call us to share our blessings with others. We are shaped by the sharing, reminded that we are not alone in our resources or our needs. Put the spirit of giving first in our hearts. As we offer these gifts, may they be the first of many this week to draw the family of God into relationship. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth "Now Thank We All Our God"**

UMH 102
With Memory Bells

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"Go Now In Peace"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 47:1-12

So Joseph went and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; they are now in the land of Goshen.” From among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our ancestors were.” They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to reside as aliens in the land; for there is no pasture for your servants’ flocks because the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now, we ask you, let your servants settle in the land of Goshen.” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. The land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land; let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know that there are capable men among them,

put them in charge of my livestock.”

Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob, and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the years of your life?” Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The years of my earthly sojourn are one hundred thirty; few and hard have been the years of my life. They do not compare with the years of the life of my ancestors during their long sojourn.” Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and granted them a holding in the land of Egypt, in the best part of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had instructed. And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

Gospel Lesson: John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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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.

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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.

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Our food supply is in need of replenishment. If you would like to donate to the pantry, the following are items are in high demand, as they are not covered by food stamps: **Laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner.** Also needed are some staple items: **tea bags, juice boxes, coffee, juice, canned fruit, applesauce cups, jelly, cereals, snacks for kids, canned meats and stews, baked beans, ramen noodle soup packages, ketchup, and mayo.** Of course, any donation is a blessing to those in need.

**SUKKOTH BOOTH:** As we have done in previous years, our church is collecting nonperishable food items at the Sukkoth booth in the lobby through Thursday, November 30. This year's Fall Harvest Food Collection will benefit and help replenish the short food supply for our Emergency Food Pantry (Over 140 bags given so far this year.) Thank you for serving God through the faces in our community.

**THE FOUR LIGHTS OF ADVENT:** The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to join us for Sunday gatherings this Advent season to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We welcome you all to four Sunday mornings for reflection, prayer, and music. The theme is The Four Lights of Advent (The Light Breaks Through, Reveals, Spreads, and Sings) led by: Carol McGinley, MA Spiritual Director. First class is **Sunday, November 26 at 9:45 am in Room #3.**

**POINSETTIAS:** It's that time again! Don't miss out on ordering your poinsettia that will adorn the sanctuary in honor, memory, or celebration of a special person or event. Pick up your order form in the lobby on the information table. Contact Donna Fackler in the office if you have any questions.

**GIVING TREE-THE GIFT TREE:** Please visit our **Christmas Gift Tree** in the lobby starting next **Sunday, November 26th.** On the tree, there will be 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 19th.**

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a four week Bible study that will include the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Join him on **Fridays: December 1, 8, 15, 22nd at Jenner's Pond in the Alison Theater from 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

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

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> |                                                                  |
|                   | 8:30 a.m.                                   | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band and Youth Singers |
|                   | 9:45 a.m.                                   | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy                         |
|                   | 11:00 a.m.                                  | Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir and Memory Bells             |
|                   | 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.                        | Youth Group "Git 'er Done" Service Project                       |
|                   | 12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.                        | Concert Set Up                                                   |
|                   | 6:00 p.m.                                   | Concert-Leaman & Friends                                         |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | <b>NO CMO.</b>                              |                                                                  |
|                   | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                         | SOS Ladies (#5)                                                  |
|                   | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                         | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)                                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | <b>NO CMO.</b>                              |                                                                  |
|                   | 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                       | Family Literacy Program (#1)                                     |
|                   | 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.                         | GS Troop #447 (#8 &10))                                          |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | <b>NO CMO.</b>                              |                                                                  |
|                   | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                         | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                               |
|                   | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.                         | GS Daisy Troop #4282 (#12)                                       |
|                   | 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                         | Movie Night for Everyone w/Potluck (Lobby, Sanc., Kitc.)         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>                  |                                                                  |
|                   | <b>Church Office Closed.</b>                |                                                                  |
|                   | <b>NO CMO.</b>                              |                                                                  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | <b>Church Office Closed.</b>                |                                                                  |
|                   | <b>NO CMO.</b>                              |                                                                  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.                       | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)                                |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  |                                                                  |
|                   | 8:30 a.m.                                   | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band                   |
|                   | 9:45 a.m.                                   | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy                         |
|                   | 9:45 a.m.                                   | Sermon Talk Back with Pastor Monica                              |
|                   | 11:00 a.m.                                  | Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir                              |
|                   | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                         | Youth Group Movie Night (#8 & 10)                                |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report November 12, 2017**  
**General Offering: \$8,919.25**  
**Building Maintenance Fund:**

**\$117.00**

**Combined Worship**

**Attendance: 198**

**Emergency Groceries**

**YTD: 141 bags**

**Anniversary Giving YTD:**

**\$8,445.95**

**Prayer Bead Garden**

**Donations: \$70.00**

**Total amount received:**

**\$7,959.00**

**Goal-\$13,000**

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

## **Moment of Impact**

*Mpasa Health Clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

The Rev. Jonathan Baker and his wife Donna Baker, a retired nurse, are both Congo Partnership missionaries serving in the DRC with generous support from the Eastern PA Conference, especially from the South District.

After helping to build a new and much-needed pediatric hospital, district members then raised additional funds to furnish and equip it with new medical equipment. Their

Phase III effort was to provide solar power and add a much-needed blood bank.

"There's blood in the refrigerator," wrote Donna recently, attaching a photo that depicted the new blessing of a solar-powered refrigerator to store blood. "Hallelujah! There is solar energy at the Mpasa Medical Center! And we saw blood in the refrigerator! What an exciting morning to witness lights turned on, the incubator and ultrasound functioning and so much more!"

# 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 weekends, 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: Church Finances**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in: Sunday Breakfast Mission**

Tom Adams  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Family of George Byrne  
 (Yarbrough)  
 Joann Coates  
 Dee Crawford  
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Joann Frost  
 Family of Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Peg Kent  
 William Kirwin  
 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Susan Lacy (Mullen)  
 Rosemary MacCoun



Dave McClain  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Tim Mullen  
 Pastor Jim Mundell  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Willy Raiford (Babcock)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Mary Small (Kapp-Benner)  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Stephen Spitko (Howard)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
 Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell,  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)  
 Ed Tolmie

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

### **This Sunday, November 19th**

**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**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Prayer Room 8:30/11**  
**Hospitality 8:30/11**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

The Simmons  
 P. Heist/M. Rubincan  
 Scott Steele  
 The Reisinger Family  
 Cora Boyd/Parker Featherston  
 McCummings/Hendrickson/OPEN  
 Jessi Timm/OPEN  
 Mark Simonds  
 Vernon Ramberger  
 Julie Hughes  
 Nancy Howard/Cindy Haley  
 Covingtons/Scott Steele  
 Bowers/Beauchamp  
 Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, November 26th**

The Chalmers  
 The Simonds  
 OPEN  
 OPEN  
 Anna Castaldi/Clarissa Robinson  
 OPEN/K.Smith/A. Castaldi  
 A. Castaldi/OPEN  
 Karen Hruz  
 Karen Boyd  
 Pastor Monica  
 OPEN/Pastor Shirley  
 The Chalmers/Linda Peirson  
 Talley/Michaels  
 Keith Schneider & various





## Wednesdays in Advent

Parties, gifts, and family tensions dominate the season. So, maybe it's time we explore the true meaning of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Join us on

**Wednesdays in Advent from 6-8 p.m.**, as we use Messy Church to experience creative and fun-filled Christian community. Bring a potluck to contribute to the meal!

**Wednesday December 6th-  
Prepare the Manger  
Wednesday, December 13th-  
Worship at the Manger  
Wednesday, December 20th-  
Celebrate the Manger**

This season, refocus and prepare for Christmas with Messy Church!



## Annual Christmas Music Celebration

**Sunday, December 3rd**

**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!



**West Grove UMC**  
**Live Nativity 2017**  
**Preparing our Hearts for Christmas**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**In the field adjacent to our**  
**Building.**



***How do you feel when you think of Christmas?...***

Exhaustion (at the thought of decorating)?...

Overwhelm (at the thought of squeezing more into an already busy schedule)?...

Fear (of over spending)?

***Pause. There is Good News!***

*The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us John 1:14*

**JOY** came down that first Christmas...

**PEACE** that passes understanding dwelt among us...

**FORGIVENESS** came to redeem and heal us....

**LOVE** In the Flesh became accessible....

And He lives in us today! Hallelujah!!!

***Be a part of the Live Nativity***

Join us for a time of quiet reflection. Invite a neighbor.

Bring children to experience the moment with live sheep, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

Share TRUE joy, peace, forgiveness and love with friends and neighbors.

Warm up with baked goodies, hot chocolate, and fellowship in the church lobby.

**Sign up in the lobby to be an actor or to bake cookies. Actors serve for 30 minute intervals. Costumes provided!**



**Coat and Blanket Collection**  
**for the Needy.**  
**Sunday, November 26 through**  
**Sunday, December 17.**

We will collect new and gently used coats and blankets to share warmth with those who do not have it. All sizes are welcome: Men, Women and Children.

There will be a rack in the lobby and bins for the blankets.

Thank you for your generosity.



## **Mel Leaman and Friends in Concert TONIGHT!!!**

**NOVEMBER 19TH**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Since his retirement from the pastorate and then as a professor of Religion at Lincoln University, Mel Leaman has taken to song writing. You can catch his debut concert at the West Grove United Methodist Church on November 19. The repertoire will include an eclectic collection of songs about love and faith as well as those that speak to personal and social issues confronting society. His son, Toby (of Dr. Dog fame), brother-in-law, and nine friends from our church, will provide instrumentation and vocal harmonies. Mel was a former member of THE GARAGE youth center Advisory Board.

**He is asking for a \$5-10 donation with the stipulation that 100% of those gifts will go to support The Garage.** A CD of his first album "Time Runs Through It" will be available for purchase.

## **Movie Night Before Thanksgiving! Save the Date! Wednesday, November 22 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Come to the Big Screen showing of  
**"A Dog's Purpose".**



Yes, it's the night before Thanksgiving! Many families travel the next day, and enjoy a night off from the hustle and bustle. Some have a spouse bring the kids so they can get preparations done for all who will be at their home for Thanksgiving.

We hope you join us!! All are welcome, so please invite your friends and neighbors. Who knows, perhaps it will become their tradition too!

## **Meditations For Your Week**

### **Sunday, November 19th—Saturday, November 25th**



**Sunday:** *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3: 16-17. The love of God is for the good of the world. Where do you see God’s good?*

**Monday:** *“And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.” John 3:19 We too have loved darkness. Today, ask God, who is always light, to dispel the darkness in your life.*

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**Wednesday:** *“But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” John 3: 21. May God’s light shine so that you might choose a life of drawing nearer to God.*

**Thursday:** *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” Psalm 100: 1-2. On this day of thanks and giving, let your thanks be abundant and your giving be generous!*

**Friday:** *“Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.” Psalm 100: 3-4. Where do you need to let your voice be heard giving praise to God?*

**Saturday:** *“For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100:5. As you give thanks to God for the littlest ones, give thanks to God for the generations who have come before.*

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "Because Of Your Love" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "Love the Lord" PraiseWorks Band

"More Love, More Power"

(Joined by Youth Singers: Wesley Boyd, Alisabeth Guepet, Hannah McCummings,  
Maggie Stuhrke, Sydney Simonds)

**\*Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Julie Hughes

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**Offering** "Gratitude" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "Forever" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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