



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



***Epiphany Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
Emergency Aid Sunday  
Sunday, January 7, 2018***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### 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)

Chris Curtiss

One: The Magi came from distant places, following a star.

**Many: We come to worship following light in our lives.**

One: The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

**Many: We bring our gifts – ourselves, our hope, and our dreams.**

One: The Magi returned a different way.

**Many: We return with our lives changed.**

### \*Processional Hymn

“We Three Kings”

UMH 254

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Chris Curtiss

**Guiding God, we give you thanks for the tenacity of wise ones  
who have sought the Christ child based on hunches and insights,  
passing star lights, and dreams.**

**They bow before the mess of the manager  
with regal education and sage calculations.**

**Contradictions, then and now, between vulnerability and power,  
innocence and authority gleam in the starlight.**

**You, O God, call us, to offer our contradictions and confusions,  
journeys and jumpstarts, to your way.**

**Guide us to thy perfect light, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Chris Curtiss

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

### Old Testament Lesson

*Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Chris Curtiss

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

Chris Curtiss

### \*Response to the Lessons

Chris Curtiss

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

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

### Anthem

“The Wonder of the Star”

Chancel Choir

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**SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Response** “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH 242

**Moment of Impact** *Bishop’s Message: Year of Migrant* Pastor Monica

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Response** “What Child Is This” UMH 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 Shirley  
**Loving and receptive God, who acted in Bethlehem, in the birth of Jesus and who sustains the human family, even today, we come to you seeking wisdom. May your wisdom be ample and abundant for all who seek it. May the gifts we offer, be a sign, that wisdom is marked by an offering of the self and with collaboration of the Christ child, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**God of light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us, when we, like Herod, allow selfish ambition to harm others. Forgive us, when we cannot follow the light you have lent us. Forgive us, when we settle too deeply into the darkness to seek the light. Shine in our lives that we may follow, together, your way. May your wondrous grace bring light, when our coping capacity seems exhausted. May your dazzling newness override our weariness.**

(Moment of Silence)

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley

**The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *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.*

**The Lord’s Prayer** Pastor Monica

**Communion Song** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May the starshine bless each of those worshipped the Christ child and return a different way than we have come. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit, we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” UMH 224

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Choral Benediction** “Blessing” Chancel Choir

**\*Postlude**

## Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



# 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.*

**Wise Ones join us from where you have come. Let us worship and adore the Christ Child!** 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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Electronic Giving Cards can be found in the friendship folders. They are a sign-act to put in the offering plate for those who give electronically if they wish.

**RAP:** RAP will start the New Year together as we gather on **Friday, January 12th at noon.** Linda Peirson will be our monthly host. Hunter Hale from the Chester County Health Department will present a program on Food Safety. Bring your bagged lunch: desserts and beverages will be provided. Invite your friends!

**FAMILY PROMISE: January 14-21 Volunteers needed!** Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Here are the areas where your assistance is needed: **Set-up and break-down** of the Guest and Family/Dining Rooms, **Meal Preparation**-at the church, **Evening hosting**-enjoying a meal and relax time with the families, **Transporting cots**-on the final morning to Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square, **Breakfast and dessert baked goods**-can be prepared at home. Look for sign up in the lobby in the next couple of weeks with a list of food items needed as well as volunteering our service during the week our guests are here. Please contact **Joan Leaman at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or 484-643-2181.**

**HYGIENE KITS:** Mission Possible is almost at their goal of **100 kits**-but not quite! If you feel led to assist further in reaching their goal, please consider how you may help. In the lobby is a list of the items needed to prepare a kit. **The estimated cost of one kit is \$10.00.** Envelopes are also available if you would like to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of the kit items. Donations may be placed in the black bin in the lobby marked Missions. For questions, see Cindy Haley or Julie Hughes.

**GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018:** Your giving envelopes for 2018 have arrived! They are available for pick up in the lobby. They are organized in alphabetical order. If you have any questions, please see Donna in the office.

**JOIN US FOR SCRIP!:** We are slowly getting more individuals and families to participate. Even one card can net additional income for the church as we count our pennies. Please see **Gene Aucott** with questions.

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| <b>~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~</b> |                                              |                                                |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                              | <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>                       |                                                |
|                                                                             | <b>Communion Sunday/Emergency Aid Sunday</b> |                                                |
|                                                                             | 8:30 a.m.                                    | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
|                                                                             | 9:45 a.m.                                    | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy       |
|                                                                             | 11:00 a.m.                                   | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir     |
|                                                                             | 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                          | SPRC Meeting (#1)                              |
| <b>Monday:</b>                                                              | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                         | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)              |
|                                                                             | 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.                          | CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)                        |
|                                                                             | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.                         | Knit Wits (#1)                                 |
|                                                                             | 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                          | Pastor's Mtg. (#1)                             |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                          | SOS Ladies (#5)                                |
|                                                                             | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.                          | Memory Bells Rehearsal                         |
|                                                                             | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.                          | Full Staff Mtg. (#1)                           |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                                                             | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                         | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)              |
|                                                                             | 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.                          | CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)                        |
|                                                                             | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.                          | Girl Scouts Brownie Troop #4138 (#8 & 10)      |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>                                                           | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                         | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)              |
|                                                                             | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.                          | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)             |
|                                                                             | 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.                          | Girl Scout Daisy Troop #4282 (#12)             |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                                                            | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                         | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)              |
|                                                                             | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.                        | Music Practice (#6)                            |
|                                                                             | 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.                          | Girl Scout Daisy Troop #4251 (#12)             |
|                                                                             | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.                          | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                           |
|                                                                             | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                          | Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9,10,11,12,13)        |
|                                                                             | 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.                          | PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)             |
| <b>Friday:</b>                                                              | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                         | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)              |
|                                                                             | <b>12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b>                  | <b>RAP (Sanc. Lobby, Kitch.)</b>               |
|                                                                             | <b>7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.</b>                   | <b>Youth Dodgeball (Sanc., #8 &amp;10)</b>     |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                                            | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.                        | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)              |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                              | <b>First Sunday after Epiphany</b>           |                                                |
|                                                                             | <b>Pastor Shirley Preaching</b>              |                                                |
|                                                                             | 8:30 a.m.                                    | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
|                                                                             | 9:45 a.m.                                    | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy       |
|                                                                             | 11:00 a.m.                                   | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir     |

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**  
**Report December 31, 2017**

**General Offering: \$3,082.00**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$147.00**  
**Combined Worship Attendance: 143**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 186 bags**  
**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$ 9,750.95**  
**Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$2,550.00**  
**Total amount received: \$10,531.00**  
**Goal-\$13,000**  
**Christmas Offering: \$2,820.00**

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

# Moment of Impact

*Bishop Johnson: Year of the Migrant*

Bishop Johnson has challenged us to remember the migrants around us with our financial gifts as well as our political influence. How will you care for those who are displaced? Where will you be impacting the world for love?

# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto: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: Family Promise**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in: Mpasa Clinic**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Greg Bratton  
 (Bratton)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Dee Crawford  
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
 Lena Douglas  
 Jay Durham (Howard)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
 Laura Featherston  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Juan Jimenez  
 Peg Kent  
 William Kirwin  
 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Dave McClain



Lynn Morgan  
 (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer  
 Peter Mullen  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Roann Schneider  
 The family of Bob Shappell  
 (Mundell)  
 Family of Richard "Butch"  
 Shaub  
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
 Jeannie Sullivan  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 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, January 7th**

**Ushers—8:30** The Simmons  
**Greeters—8:30** The McGinleys  
**Ushers—11:00** Fran Miller/Joan Saller  
**Greeters—11:00** Esther Culbertson  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Mac Catoia/Nate Robinson  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** K. Hendrickson/E. Mullen/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Amy Castaldi/Amy Simonds  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Mike Chalmers  
**Liturgist—11:00** Chris Curtiss  
**Moment All Ages** Pastor Monica  
**Prayer Room 8:30/11** Nancy Howard/Joan Saller  
**Roamers** Joan Leaman  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Rain Catoia/The Stuhrikes  
**Counters** Anderson/Shaub  
**Sound Booth** Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, January 14th**

The Bushnells  
 The Hills  
 The Featherstons  
 IN NEED  
 IN NEED/Matthew Rinehimer  
 Bruno/Bratton/K. Rinehimer  
 M. Covington/J. Leaman  
 Rain Catoia  
 Margee Michaels  
 Joan Leaman  
 IN NEED/Susan Paisley  
 Maryanne Covington  
 IN NEED (Stuhrikes)/Hoovers  
 Michaels/Ramberger  
 Keith Schneider & various

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>*Opening Song</b>                                                                            | “Glory To God Forever” | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Welcome and Ministry Opportunities</b>                                                       | Pastor Monica          |                  |
| <i>Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.</i> |                        |                  |
| <i>First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here.</i>                                 |                        |                  |
| <b>*Celebration Set</b>                                                                         | “We Three Kings”       | PraiseWorks Band |
|                                                                                                 | “The Potter’s Hand”    |                  |
| <b>Passing of the Peace</b>                                                                     |                        | PraiseWorks Band |

## GROW

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| <b>Moment For All Ages</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        | Pastor Monica |
| <b>Old Testament Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Isaiah 60: 1-6</i>  | Mike Chalmers |
| <b>*Gospel Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i> | Mike Chalmers |
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| <b>Sermon</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | "DO: One Word"         | Pastor Monica |

## SERVE

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| <b>Moment of Impact</b>                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>Bishop's Message: Year of Migrant</i> | Pastor Monica     |
| <b>Offering</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | "Show Me Your Ways"                      | PraiseWorks Band  |
| <b>Offertory Prayer (Unison)</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                                          | Pastor Jim        |
| <b>The Great Thanksgiving~</b> <i>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.</i> |                                          |                   |
| <b>Communion Song</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | "Jesus, Messiah"                         | Praise Works Band |
| <b>*Closing Song</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | "Sing for Joy"                           | PraiseWorks Band  |
| <b>*Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |                                          | Pastor Monica     |
| <b>*Postlude</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                          |                   |

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