



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 18, 2018***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

"There's Something About That Name"
arranged by Gloria Axelson

Memory Bells

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder 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)

Christy Robinson

One: Beginning this Lenten journey, we come from different places.

Many: **Some of us are ready to slow down and notice.**

One: Some of us are still moving very quickly, because life has not stopped.

Many: **In these forty days of Lent, may we find times to pause and hear God.**

***Processional Hymn** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH No. 269

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Christy Robinson

**Gracious God, you call us first to listen.
Before you call us to great action and change,
you call us to hear you.
Jesus, before he began his public ministry,
spent time with you to hear and listen.
Let us to pause to listen, we pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Christy Robinson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

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Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:18-21

Christy Robinson

Psalter

Psalms 46:10

Christy Robinson

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:1-12

Christy Robinson

***Response to the Lessons**

Christy Robinson

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

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

Anthem

“Be Still and Know”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“DO Pause and Listen”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“We Would See Jesus”

UMH No. 256

Moment of Impact

Praise Works

Pastor Monica

Offering

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
arranged by Susan T. Nelson

Memory Bells

***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 Shirley

Generous God, you listen to our lives and care for our needs. Surrounding us with friends and families, we find ourselves caring for others and others caring for us. Equip us with what we need. Incline us to hear what others need. Empower us to share what others need. Bless these tithes, gifts, and offerings to be God’s hands in the world, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH No. 301

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“In the Shadow of the Cross”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:18-21

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalter: Psalm 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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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, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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. We would like for you to hear!



REMINDER: The church office is closed in honor of Presidents Day. We will return to serve you on Tuesday, 7:30 am-4 pm.

YOUTH SINGERS: We give thanks to God for our Youth Singers. Any youth 5th grade and up are welcome to join our PraiseWorks Band in singing on 3rd Sundays. Practice is the preceding Sunday after worship.

CANTATA: Our Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing for the cantata. This is always an incredible musical experience. If you feel called to join in, see Choir Director Betsy Smith.

R.O.M.E.O.s (Retired Older Men Eating Out): If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch on Thursday, February 22 at 12:00 p.m. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month. Call Roger Bates, at 610-724-0477, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends!

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 52 bags of food in just 6 weeks. The need is great. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The children's choir will be performing on **Feb. 25 at both services**. Practices are at 10:45 in Room 4 on the following Sundays: 2/11, 2/18. If you have any questions, please see Joan Leaman, or contact her at jmleaman@comcast.net.



The Youth Group @ West Grove UMC is starting a Peanut Butter and Jelly Club! A PB&J Club is an outreach ministry to feed hungry and homeless people. PB&J Clubs have proven themselves to be an easy and effective way to serve people in need. Just as important, when we share a PB&J sandwich, we are sharing the love of Jesus Christ. During the month of February, we are preparing for our ministry by collecting the supplies we need so we can start making sandwiches on Sunday March 4 after the 11am worship service.

Please help us, if you can, by bringing the following with you to church:

February 18—Granola bars (and brand)

February 25—Zipper sandwich bags and disposable food prep gloves

March 4—King Sized loaves of white bread

After the 11:00 Worship Service, you are invited to stay and help the youth and Pastor Kevin as they make PB&J sandwiches to share with those in need!

Big Screen, Bad Movie is coming! Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

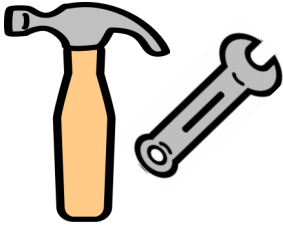
"Attack of the Fifty Foot Woman" is currently leading "Colossal Man" for our first Big Screen, Bad Movies event. Please vote for your movie pick on the church web site or in the ballot box in the lobby.

Recommendations for future Big Screen, Bad Movies are needed. I want to show movies you enjoy! Movies need to be rated G or PG and appropriate for church (if you have to ask, it's not appropriate). They also need to be fun, silly, and easily mocked. You know, movies so bad they're good! Let me know what you want to see by emailing me at pastorkevin@westgroveumc.org or leaving a message in my church mailbox.

Showtimes: Monthly on the 4th Friday @ 7pm

**Where: West Grove United Methodist Church
300 N. Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390**

Heads Up! No children younger than sixth grade. This is a youth and young adult oriented program (and for older adults young at heart). Expect people to mock the movies, offer running color commentary, provide alternative dialogue, and possibly even use props interactively during the showing.



TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Innabah Program Center
712 Pughtown Rd., Spring City, PA 19475

Agenda

8:30 Registration & Breakfast

9:00 Welcome

Camp Director, Michael Hyde

District Lay Leaders: Jennifer Lafferty, Bill Thompson

District Superintendent Dawn Taylor-Storm

9:15 – 9:30 Travel to First Session Workshops

9:30 – 10:50 Session One Workshops

10:50 – 11:10 Break/Travel to Session Two Workshops

11:10 – 12:30 Session Two Workshops

12:30 p.m. Departure

A list of classes can be found on the church web site—westgroveumc.org. Information is also available at the Welcome Center.

To Register:

Contact Donna Fackler in the church office to register (610-869-9334) or
office@westgroveumc.org Registration is free.

NEW CLASS!

Sunday Mornings View and Chew: Cultivating Tenderheartedness in Race Relations



Watch at home – discuss it here the last Sunday of each month from February through June (note two exceptions)! The Apostle Paul encourages Christians to be tenderhearted (Ephesians 4:32). Enhancing understanding through education is a means to move from mere tolerance to tenderheartedness. Each month participants will be assigned a movie, videos, or You Tubes to watch that speak to relations between white people and people of color. A list of questions to consider will be sent with the assigned video or movie. Watch it at your leisure, but come ready to share your reactions and responses with the others in the Sunday School class (Room TBA). Mel Leaman will facilitate the process. Please email Mel regarding your participation at jmleaman@comcast.net or sign-up in the narthex. Mel will send you the questions upon your registration.

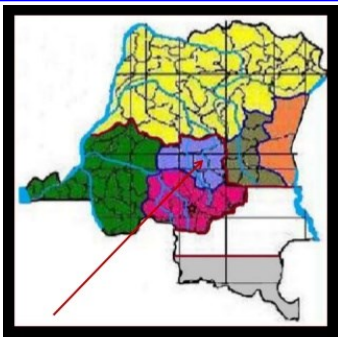
Sunday – February 25 – The movie “Crash” (2 hours)

Sunday – March 25 – Understanding Privilege

Sunday – April 29 – Slavery by another name: Incarceration

Sunday - May 20 – Cracking the Codes: Systems of Inequality

Sunday, June 10 – Perspectives on Healing and Reconciliation



Mission Team to Congo to Visit Mpasa

For the last four years, our district has been praying, raising funds, and working with the Mpasa Health Clinic. We have raised funds for a pediatric clinic, gathered solar electricity, purchased equipment. Ground has been broken!

A team from our district, including our Bishop and District Superintendent will follow up on the good work to see the impact it is having.

Please be in prayer for: Bishop Peggy Johnson, District Superintendent, Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Rev. Bob Wilt, Rev. David Ryan, Rev. Joe Archie, Rev. Vicki Gordy-Stith, Tony Barnett, and Ann Jacob.

The team left on February 13th and will return on February 27th. **They have arrived safely in Congo!** The area that they are traveling to in the Democratic Republic of Congo have experienced some unrest. Riots and unrest have occurred. **Please continue to pray for the team's safety** as they serve those they came to care for.

Itinerary: 2/13-2/14 Travel and arrive in DRC. 2/16 Visit Mpasa. 2/17 Travel and arrive in Diengenga. 2/24 Return to Kinshasa. 2/25 Worship with various missions. 2/26-2/27 Travel home. In God's Love, Pastor Monica

Walking With Jesus ***February 18 through April 1*** **More than a Lenten devotional**

You are invited to join us in this **6 week program beginning on February 19**. It is designed to help you make small changes and simple lifestyle improvements in your health, and to grow in faith. An inspiring devotional dimension to the program reminds you of the connection between health in body and spirit. As you work on physical health goals (increased steps walked daily, more vegetables and fruits, increased water intake), daily Scripture readings and meditations help you follow the routes that Jesus walked while preaching and teaching, leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection. **Group meetings begin on Monday, February 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**



Join us TONIGHT as we kick off this study with a *healthy* Potluck dinner at 5:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet and copies of the book are still available on a display in the lobby. Pick up your copy today! Book donations of \$8.30 are appreciated to cover the cost of the book, but don't let cost be an issue. You are invited to take a book and join the journey! Donations can be placed in the offering plate.

Questions? Please contact **Susan Paisley: sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or (610) 529-8699.**

VBS 2018 NEEDS YOU!!



VBS 2018 at WGUMC is planned for the week of **July 9-13**. There are classes for children age 3 through those entering grade 6. Students entering

grade 6 may choose to be a participant or volunteer with the younger children. The theme is **“Rolling River Rampage”- Experience the Adventure of a Lifetime with God!** Registration for VBS will begin in a few months!

In order for us to have a successful and impactful week for the children of our church and community, we need lots of volunteers, both adults and youth. We are

filling leadership positions first and then will open up other volunteer opportunities.

Please contact Joan Leaman jmleaman@comcast.net if you are able to commit to one of these volunteer positions.

Leaders needed for:

- Opening and Closing Leader
- Music Leader
- Craft Leader
- Recreation Leader
- Science Leader
- Missions Leader
- Preschool Leader
- Group Leaders (no planning necessary)
- Decorations Leader

Please prayerfully consider how you can support VBS this summer. Thanks!



West Grove United Methodist Church “Prayer Bead Garden” is participating in a

**“Dine to Donate” Fundraiser at
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Routes 41 and 1, Avondale
Monday February 26, 2018 from
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

The church will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters to help fund the “Prayer Bead Garden”.

The more family and friends we invite and who show up, the more money we raise.

DON'T FORGET to tell your Perkins server and/or cashier when you check out that you are with the

“West Grove United Methodist Church” Fundraiser. Thanks for your support!



THIS WEEK: February 18 through February 24, 2018

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

Sunday:	First Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	"After 40" Lenten Study with Pastor Monica (#3)
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir & Memory Bells
12:00 p.m.	Counters (#1)
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	"Walking with Jesus" Healthy Potluck Dinner!
Monday:	Church Closed in honor of Presidents Day
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. DCOM (The Well, Downingtown)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts #447 (8 & 10)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (8 & 10)
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ad Council Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	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.)
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Lenten Wednesdays Potluck Dinner and After 40 Study (Sanc.)
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Venture Crew (8 & 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Book Fair (Lobby)
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.s (Perkins on Rt. 41 in Avondale)
5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Daisy Troop #4251 (#12)
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 (#8, 9,10,11,12,13)
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Book Fair (Lobby)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #4070 (8 & 10)
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth (& Young at Heart) Bad Movie Night! (Sanc., Kit.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:	Second Sunday in Lent
	Children's Choir at Both Services
8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	"After 40" Lenten Study with Pastor Monica (#3)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report February 11, 2018

General Offering: \$5,586
Building Maintenance Fund: \$190
Worship Attendance: 152
Emergency Groceries YTD: 52 bags
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$0
Total amount received: \$10,541.00
Goal-\$13,000

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

Moment of Impact

PraiseWorks

Music speaks words of comfort and conviction. We give thanks to God for our PraiseWorks Band and singers who lead us at our contemporary service and in other special services.

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 for February: Emergency Aid and Food Cupboard
Mission Prayer Focus for February: The Garage in West Grove

Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Fran Bryan
 Patrick Joseph
 Componeschi (Hruz)
 Dee Crawford
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Lena Douglas
 Tom Fagan
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)
 Odella Farrell (Babcock)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)
 Brown Honeycutt (Paisley)
 Muff Hurst
 Peg Kent
 William Kirwin
 Rosemary MacCoun
 Dave McClain
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)



Peggy Mowrer
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Pastor Monica
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)
 Family of Helen Mae Rapp
 (Ramberger)
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Roann Schneider
 So. Dist. Congo Team
 Family of Richard "Butch"
 Shaub
 Linda Shiplet
 Joan Smead (Wolff)
 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, February 18th

Ushers—8:30 Gene & Alison Aucott
Greeters—8:30 Pat Heist/Margaret Rubincan
Ushers—11:00 **NEEDED**
Greeters—11:00 Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30/11 Wesley Boyd/Matt Rinehimer
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 C. Bruno/K. Smith/A. Castaldi
C. Worship—8:30/11 Maureen Hill/Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30 Fred Sullivan
Liturgist—11:00 Christy Robinson
Moment All Ages Joan Leaman
Prayer Room 8:30/11 Nancy Howard/Sandi Hampton
Roamers Maryanne Covington
Hospitality 8:30/11 The Covingtons/Scott Steele
Counters Talley/Bowers
Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, February 25th

Mike & Dawn Chalmers
 The Simonds Family
 Carol & Jeff Whelan
NEEDED
 Anna Castaldi / Ian Ditzel
 H. McCummings/**Open/Open**
 Amy Castaldi/Jessi Timm
 Cindy Haley
 Mary Franciscus
 Ellen Bushnell
 Nancy Howard/Susan Paisley
 Amy Castaldi
 The Chalmers/Linda Peirson
 Stuhrke
 Keith Schneider & various

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

*Opening Song	"Be Still and Know"	PraiseWorks Band
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*Celebration Set	"Majestic" "Word of God Speak "	PraiseWorks Band with Youth Singers
*Passing of the Peace		PraiseWorks Band

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SERVE

Moment of Impact	<i>PraiseWorks</i>	Pastor Monica
Offering	"Slow Down"	PraiseWorks Band
Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Pastor Monica
Gathered Prayer		Pastor Monica
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Monica
*Closing Song	"Lean on Me "	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
*Postlude		

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