



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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

be.  
here.  
now.

***Third Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday & Emergency Aid Sunday  
Sunday, March 4, 2018***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### 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) Sandy Deckard

One: In the presence and the place of God,

**Many: we come to just be.**

One: Here, we don't need to have answers;

**Many: here, we come to worship.**

### \*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH No. 64

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison) Sandy Deckard

**Merciful God, we praise your name as we join our voices.**

**We pause to be in your presence.**

**May we be merciful and generous to one another, as you are to us.**

**May our hearts have more of your heart, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages Pastor Monica

### Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 103:1-8* Sandy Deckard

### \*Gospel Lesson *Mark 2:18-22* 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

"Let Me Be"

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** “DO Pause to Confess” Pastor Monica

## **SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Response** “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH No. 399

**Moment of Impact** *General Commission on History & Archives* Pastor Monica  
**Offering**

**\*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  
**Generating God, your presence reminds us to pause. May your graciousness  
evoke our generosity. Move through us and among us, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**Forgiving God,**  
**For that which we did, which we should not have done, forgive us (silence)**  
**For that which we did not do, which we should have done, forgive us (silence)**  
**We pray.**  
(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** “Here” PowerPoint

**Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Shirley  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given  
yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves  
for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH No. 121

**\*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**

## New Testament Lesson: Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."



This year, our church is participating with close to 25 others in our area as we unite to take part in a restoration process in our community – imagine the difference we can make! Give|Serve|Restore (GSR) is a collaborative time of service and giving in partnership with churches across Southern Chester County.

The project consists of **3 challenges**: **1. Participate in a service project!** **2. Write a note of gratitude.** **3. Give \$3 (for Kids) and \$30 (for adults)** to our support the Getting Ahead program. We encourage you to joining us and our brother and sisters across Southern Chester County during this Lenten season as we love and serve our community!

***Literature can be found in the lobby, as well as the March newsletter!***  
***Visit [TheConstellationNetwork.com/GSR](http://TheConstellationNetwork.com/GSR) to learn more!***

# 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, 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](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. We would like for you to hear!



**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY:** Last Chance to sign up for Tools for Ministry classes. Contact Donna Fackler in the church office to register. (610-869-9334) Registration is free.

**PBJ TODAY!** Please join the Youth and Pastor Kevin after the 11 a.m. service as they make loads of PB&J sandwiches for the hungry.

**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.

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 59 bags of food in just 7 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.

**VBS Volunteers are Needed:** In order for us to have a successful and impactful week (July 9 -13) for the children of our church and community, we need lots of volunteers, both adults and youth. Please contact Joan Leaman [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) if you are able to commit to a volunteer position or for more information on what leadership is needed.

**RETIRED ACTIVE PEOPLE (R.A.P.):** Our next gathering is **Friday, March 9, 2018** at noon. You will not want to miss our scheduled program! Join our host, Vernon Ramberger, for an afternoon of fellowship as we enjoy music presented by Mel Leaman entitled, "Time Runs Through It – Eclectic Songs of Love and Life." Mel will be sharing many pieces he has written. Invite your friends, bring your lunch and enjoy the provided beverages and delicious desserts. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

**CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M.** Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Some of you may want to get an early start & Beautify our church in time for Easter! Vernon Ramberger will be there to answer questions concerning locations of projects, jobs, materials and tools needed. Thank you, in advance, for helping to care for our church.

**DODGEBALL:** The Youth Group is having a Dodgeball and Pizza Night on Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Get your Dodgeball ON people!

**BAD MOVIE:** About fifteen people came out for our first Bad Movie Night! We had a good time watching "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman" and making fun of it. The popcorn, candy, and iced tea was pretty good too! Let's see if we can get twenty-five people to come out next month for Bad Movie Night! Thank you to everyone who helped make the night a success!

## THIS WEEK: March 4 through March 10, 2018

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

**Sunday:**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Communion Sunday & Emergency Aid Sunday**

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

12:00 p.m.

Counters (#1)

**12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**PB&J Club Sandwich (Kitchen)**

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

SPRC Meeting (#1)

**Monday:**

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.-11:30 a.m.

Knit Wits (#1)

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

Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)

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

SOS Ladies (#5)

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

“Walking With Jesus” Group Meeting (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

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.)

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 #498 (#12)

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

Jr. Girl Scouts #41377 (#8, 10)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Ministerium

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)

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

**Lenten Wednesdays Potluck Dinner & After 40 Study (Sanc.)**

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

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.

Daisy #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 (#5, 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 Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)

**12:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**RAP (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)**

**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Youth Dodgeball**

**Saturday:**

**8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Tools for Ministry (Innabah Program Center)**

**9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

**J.U.L.I.E.T. (Sunrise Café)**

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

8:30 a.m.

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9:45 a.m.

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12:00 p.m.

Counters (#1)

### **God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report February 25, 2018**

General Offering: \$5,126

Building Maintenance Fund: \$270

Worship Attendance: 215

Emergency Groceries YTD: 71 bags

Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$200

Total amount received: \$10,741.00

Goal-\$13,000

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

## **Moment of Impact**

**General Commission on History and Archives:** When you give, you impact beyond the local church. As a denomination, our impact is felt around the world sharing our resources with those in needs as well as with those whose history is shared in the deepest ways. Our General Commission on History and Archives, not only preserves, but find compelling ways to share our traditions.

# 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 March: The Church Staff**  
**Mission Prayer Focus for March: The Constellation Network**

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Dee Crawford  
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
 Lena Douglas  
 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  
 Townsend MacCoun  
 Dave McClain  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Peggy Mowrer



Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Pastor Monica  
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
 Roann Schneider  
 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)  
 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, March 4th**

**Ushers—8:30** Gene & Alison Aucott  
**Greeters—8:30** John & Carol McGinley  
**Ushers—11:00** Open  
**Greeters—11:00** Open  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Hannah McCummings/Alisabeth Guepet  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** K. Hendrickson/E. Mullen/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Open/Open  
**Lay Reader—8:30** John McGinley  
**Liturgist—11:00** Sandy Deckard  
**Moment All Ages** Pastor Monica  
**Prayer Room 8:30/11** Pam Howard/Jean Kilmartin  
**Roamers** Fran Miller  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Stuhrikes / The Stuhrikes  
**Counters** G. Anderson/D. Shaub  
**Sound Booth** Keith Schneider & various

### **Next Sunday, March 11th**

Tim & Eileen Bushnell  
 The Hill Family  
 Open  
 Esther Culbertson  
 Lindsay Reisinger/Parker Featherston  
 C. Bruno/ C. Bratton / K. Rinehimer  
 OPEN/OPEN  
 Joan Leaman  
 Matthew Rinehimer  
 Pastor Monica  
 Nancy Howard/Sandi Hampton  
 Joan Leaman  
 Steve May / The Stuhrikes  
 M. Michaels/The Rambergers  
 Keith Schneider & various



**West Grove United Methodist Church  
Invites the all children in the community to an  
EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA  
Sunday, March 25  
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

There will be crafts, games, a bounce house, prizes, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon, so come as time allows. Our activities are geared for toddlers through elementary school age children. The event is "rain or shine"! We need donations of wrapped candies that will fit inside plastic eggs. Please place you bags of candy in the seasonal bin in the church lobby by Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!





## CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN Thursday, March 15-3:30-6:00 p.m.

SHOP Friday, March 16 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
and

Saturday ,March 17- 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

**Profit Sharing:** Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.

**Items to be consigned:** Spring/Summer children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**

**Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.**

### **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**Volunteers are needed!** Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

**\*\*Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed.**

**Any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at**

**(610) 869-9334.**

# Holy Week at West Grove UMC



## **Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, March 25**

**8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**

**11:00 a.m. Service features the Cantata**

**"Come To The Cross and Remember"**

We begin worship celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and face towards the cross. Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## **Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)**

We will recall Jesus' last supper with his disciples as we, too, celebrate Holy Communion. The evening continues into the Garden with Prayers.



## **Good Friday, March 30**

**24 Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, 9 a.m.—Saturday, 9 a.m.**

Sign up for a one-hour time slot to come into the church sanctuary and pray for the individual needs of our church family, as well as for needs of our community. Prayer requests and materials provided.

**Prayer Stations, 1:00- 3:00 p.m.**

All are invited to come to the church and visit the prayer stations that the youth set up for us.

**Community Good Friday Worship Service ~ 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)**

On this evening, join us for a service of reflection with other churches in our community.

## **Holy Saturday, March 31**

**Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.**

A child friendly service full of music-making and storytelling as we wiggle and giggle proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is Alive!



## **Easter Sunday**

**April 1**

**Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.**

On this triumphant Easter morning, join us at our Sunrise Service to proclaim Christ is alive!

**Contemporary Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.**

**Traditional Celebration Service at 11:00 a.m.**

**(Live Stream)**

**Jenner's Pond Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.**

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ this day with Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Christ's resurrection is for you and all humanity is celebrated this Easter morning. The joke is on death!

*Nursery and Children's Worship provided  
at all services.*



# EASTER

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 4 ~ Saturday, March 10



**Sunday:** *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. “Psalm 103: 1 Take time to be in the presence of God to bless God’s name.*

**Monday:** *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.” Psalm 103: 2-3. Where are you in the presence of God and experiencing God’s benefits, forgiveness, and healing? Where are you not? God is still present.*

**Tuesday:** *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Psalm 103: 8. Where do you need to experience God’s abundant love?*

**Wednesday:** *“Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, ‘Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?’” Mark 2: 18. Even disciples compared and contrasted. We have always been a people who have wanted to know why. Where is it that you lifting others up in relating those around you?*

**Thursday:** *“Jesus said to them, ‘The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.’” Mark 2: 19. Jesus explains that not all practices will meaningful and important in all times of life. Consider what is no longer helpful practice in this stage of your life.*

**Friday:** *“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.” Mark 2: 21. May the God of old and the new allow you to see God in the midst of the old and new today.*

**Saturday:** *“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.” Mark 2: 22 Prayerfully consider where God is calling you to new ways in your life.*

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song**      “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”      PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities**      Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set**      “Better Is One Day”      PraiseWorks Band  
“Breathe”

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

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**Moment For All Ages**      Pastor Monica

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**Offering**      “In Your Presence”      PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)**      Pastor Monica

**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.*

**Communion Song**      “Here”      Praise Works Band

**Prayer After Receiving**      Pastor Monica

**\*Closing Song**      “Holiness”      PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**      Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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