



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***Communion Sunday & Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, May 6, 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)

Susan Paisley

One: A bit of yeast rises

Many: a loaf of bread.

One: A small seed or acorn

Many: is the start of a plant or oak tree.

One: A bit of faith

Many: can move mountains!

*Processional Hymn “God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

UMH No. 577

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

Almighty God, you move among us in incredible ways. And yet, you have a habit of beginning in the microscopic. We praise you for the imaginative and inspiring ways in which you remind us that nothing is beyond you. We celebrate that the glory of your majesty is known among us in all of your creation from humanity to groundhogs and bumblebees. Make us ever present, grateful, and generous, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:44-45

Susan Paisley

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:1-9

Susan Paisley

*Response to the Lesson

Susan Paisley

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“The Gifts He Gives To Me”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“DO Give Seeds”

Pastor Monica

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- *Hymn of Response** *"You Are The Seed"* UMH No. 583
- Moment of Impact** *Give Serve Restore* 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
- Farmer God, from the beginning you planted seeds of faith, hope, and love in us.**
May these gifts we offer, plant seeds in others. Bless their increase as they
blossom into fruits of the Spirit, we pray, Amen.
- *Invitation** Pastor Shirley
- Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Shirley
- God of Grace and Glory, we hear your words and celebrate the planting of seeds of**
faith and the growth of God's body. And, more often, we find ourselves bristling
when we realize that that the planting includes our resources, and the expanding
means stretching our circles. Forgive us, we pray, when our initial reactions are
irritation, instead of reflection. May we embrace God's ways of planting
extravagantly and expanding our tables.
- (Moment of Silence)
- Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley
- The Great Thanksgiving** Pastor Shirley & Pastor Monica
- 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** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* UMH No. 618
- Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** 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** *"Pass It On"* UMH No. 572
- *Benediction** Pastor Monica
- *Choral Benediction** *"Lead Me Lord"* Chancel Choir
- *Postlude**

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

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EMERGENCY AID SUNDAY



Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. An Emergency Aid donation envelope can be found in the lobby literature rack or on the welcome center on First Sundays. The funds collected help others in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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!



THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE! Pick your copy up in the lobby. There is so much going on at the church—stay in-the-know with the newsletter!

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

TWIN PINES: Today at 2:00 p.m. we will join our friends at Twin Pines Nursing Home for a service filled with song and prayer. Pastor Shirley will be offering our message with Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us!

NEW MEMBERS: We will be receiving New Members in worship on May 20th at both services! Pastor Monica will also offering the Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact the office, if you have not already, if you wish to become a member or be baptized.

GRADUATING THIS YEAR? Please let the church know about your future plans—educational or vocational. Send the names and plans to office@westgroveumc.org. We want to celebrate with you and keep you in our prayers!

YOUTH DODGEBALL & PIZZA NIGHT: Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. Bring \$2 for pizza (if you can) and invite your friends.

J.U.L.I.E.T. (Just Us Ladies Interested In Eating Together): Saturday, May 12, 2018 at We meet for breakfast and fun...Join us! We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA. Questions? Contact Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374).

PRAYER ROOM: Our newly updated prayer room will be open each Sunday after worship for anyone seeking prayer.

R.A.P. (Retired Active People): Our next gathering is Friday, May 11 at noon. Please join us for a covered dish luncheon to celebrate the end of this year's meetings and activities. Our program will be music presented by Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass. We look forward to great music and fellowship.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry continues to need your donations! **We have given away 112 bags of food** so far this year. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart in the lobby. We are especially in need of laundry detergent and cleaning products. (Any specific overages are shared with the Bridge, our ministry food partner.)

FAITH CIRCLE: Faith Circle meets to make quilts for area shelters and Family Promise. We will for lunch on Friday May 18 (location TBD). Enjoy good company and learn about current and future projects. If you are interested in learning more please contact Chris Curtiss. (Sewing skills not essential.)

THIS WEEK: MAY 6 through MAY 12, 2018

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

Sunday:	Communion Sunday & Emergency Aid Sunday	
	All Day	District Conferences
	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
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group PB&J Club (Kit.)
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#1)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Twin Pines Worship
Monday:	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.)
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	KnitWits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16)
	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	BOOM Meeting (West Lawn UMC)
	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #4138 (8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts #498 (#12)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Team (Prayer Room)
Wednesday:	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.	Daisy Troop #4282 (#12)
Thursday:	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.)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Daisy Troop #4251 (#12)
	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Court of Honor (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	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 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	R.A.P. (Retired Active People) (Sanc., Kit.)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts #4070 (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball (Sanc. #8, 10)
Saturday:	ALL DAY	Family Promise Bike Ride
	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Boys Scouts Shed Project
	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:	Ascension Day & Mother's Day	
	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
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#1)
	12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Boys Scouts Shed Project

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 May: United Methodist Women
Mission Prayer Focus for May: Les Family—Ukraine

Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Roger Bates
 Fran Bryan
 Family of Ann Cantrell (Mullen)
 Helen Carlin
 Dee Crawford
 Family of Colin Delaney
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Lena Douglas
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)
 Odella Farrell (Babcock)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Family of Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)
 Muff Hurst
 Peg Kent
 William Kirwin
 Rosemary MacCoun
 Townsend MacCoun
 Dave McClain



Ray McKay
 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)
 Family of Gary Taylor (Dist. Super.)
 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, May 6

Ushers—8:30 **OPEN**
Greeters—8:30 John & Carol McGinley
Ushers—11:00 **OPEN**
Greeters—11:00 **OPEN**
Acolyte 8:30/11 **OPEN/OPEN**

Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 C. Bruno/K. Hendrickson /

C. Worship—8:30/11 Kristin Boyd/Joan Leaman
Lay Reader—8:30 Fred Sullivan
Liturgist—11:00 Susan Paisley
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 8:30/11 Pam Howard/Cindy Haley
Roamers Amy Castaldi
Hospitality 8:30/11 **OPEN**/The Stuhrkes
Counters Anderson/Shaub
Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, May 13

Tim & Eileen Bushnell
OPEN
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OPEN
 Hannah McCummings/

 Margaret Rubincan/Kim Smith/**OPEN**

OPEN / Joan Leaman
 Cindy Haley
 Becky Rinehimer
 Pastor Monica
 Nancy Howard/**OPEN**
 Joan Leaman
 The Stuhrkes/The Hoovers
 Talley/Bowers
 Keith Schneider & various

MOMENT OF IMPACT

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report April 29, 2018

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General Offering: \$7,019.13
Building Maintenance Fund: \$250.00
Combined Attendance: 200
Emergency Groceries YTD: 112 bags
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$800.00
Total amount received: \$12,452.91
Goal-\$13,000*

HELLO AGAIN & FAREWELL

Welcome back to Pastor Jim and Betty from their world cruise! We look forward to hearing stories about their adventure!

Farewell to Pastor Shirley—She has accepted a Lead Pastor appointment at Friendship United Methodist Church. Pastor Shirley will lead worship on June 24, her last day at WGUMC. Please join us in a “Strawberry Shortcake Social” after each service that day.

Farewell to Pastor Kevin—He accepted a lead pastor appointment in addition to his current appointment at Clifton Heights, at Swarthmore UMC. Pastor Kevin and his family will be serving both Clifton Heights and Swarthmore UMC in half time capacities. Pastor Kevin will be in worship with us on June 3rd for the final time. We will celebrate with him on June 8th at dodgeball. His final day will be June 17th.

AMAZON SMILE

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 13. This Mother's Day, shop for Mom at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2243445 and Amazon donates to West Grove United Methodist Church. Your shopping matters!

BIKE SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY
SATURDAY, MAY 12TH 2017 8 A.M.
300 N. Guernsey Rd.
West Grove, PA 19390

Please join us for the second annual Bike Southern Chester County to benefit **Family Promise**. The ride starts at West Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 12th. Registration starts at 7:30 AM and rides start at 8 AM.

NEW for 2018 – A 8 mile ride for the whole family to enjoy!

Register online at: www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-southern-chester-county-tickets-32002680880; or mail a check made out to West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N. Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA 19390.

Cost: \$40 until April 30th; \$50 the day of event. 8, 35 or 50 Mile routes available through beautiful Southern Chester County – see lovely farmland, scenic woods with rushing creeks and rolling hills. (Rain or shine, no refunds.)

RIDE INCLUDES: Two rest stops with food and drink (35 and 50 mile only), Lunch for all riders, SAG support vehicles, well-marked routes as well as cue sheets. Helmets required!

For more information and route maps:
<http://westgroveumc.org/bike-southern-chester-county/>



We will need baked goods, bottles of water and sodas donated for the event. If you are able to help with this, please have them delivered to the church by Friday, May 11. Thank you!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A church is one body made of many parts. And it takes lots of volunteers for a church to run smoothly. This month we are kicking off a new series of articles that will put a spotlight on the many different volunteer opportunities at the church.

Please consider how you can help to serve our body with your gifts.

Look for a Sign-Up Genius to be posted early in May.

Greeters

A warm greeting, smile, and a handshake—that is what can make the difference for someone visiting our church for the first time.

We are in need of volunteers for greeters for each service. It is a small commitment—20 minutes before each service.

If you are a “people” person and have the gift of hospitality, this is a wonderful way to serve the church.



Ushers

Another way to serve the church is as an usher.

Ushers assist with the church service by welcoming people as they enter the sanctuary, handing out bulletins, and assisting with the collection of the offering.

Ushers arrive 15 minutes before each service and then serve for a few minutes during the church offering.

If you have the gift of service, this is an easy way to serve the church in an important way.

“Dine to Donate” on May 21 Prayer Bead Garden Fundraiser at Perkins

Join West Grove United Methodist Church
for a

“Dine to Donate” Fundraiser
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Routes 41 & 1 in Avondale, PA
4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

West Grove UMC will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters. Please let your Perkins server and/or cashier when you check out that you are with the “West Grove United Methodist Church” Fundraiser.



**SAVE THE DATE!!
JULY 9-13**

**VBS 2018 NEEDS
YOU!!**

VBS 2018 at WGUMC is planned for the week of July 9-13 from 9:00-noon for children age 3 through those entering grade 6.

The theme is “Rolling River Rampage”- Experience the Adventure of a Lifetime with God! We need lots of volunteers, both adults and youth. Please let Joan

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, May 6 ~ Saturday, May 12



Sunday: *“All who believed were together and had all things in common;”*
Acts 2:44. Be together today in worship.

Monday: *“they would sell their possessions and goods”* Acts 2:45a. Where is God calling you to consider your own actions?

Tuesday: *“and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.”*
Acts 2:45:b. Consider God’s radical call to sharing with your neighbors.

Wednesday: *“Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land.”*
Mark 4:1. Jesus taught ways that people could hear. How are you sharing good news so others can hear?

Thursday: *“He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching, he said to them: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.’”*
Mark 4:2-3. Pray for those who are hearing God’s word.

Friday: *“Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away.”*
Mark 4:4-5. Consider where in your life God is calling you to remove conditions that are rocky or scorching, so you might hear the word of God more fully.

Saturday: *“Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’ And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’”* Mark 4:6-9. Reread the parable today to soak in the word of God.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** *"Blessed Be Your Name"* PraiseWorks Band

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"How Great Is Our God"

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Communion Song *"Enough"* PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison) Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** *"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"* PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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