




West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
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West Grove, PA 19390



“He is my chosen, and I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; by this he will bring justice on the nations.” Isaiah 42: 2-3

***Rally Day, Bibles for 3rd Graders & Confirmands
Commission of Sunday School &
Faith Learning Academy Teachers***

Sunday, September 9, 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) *Inspired by Matthew 1 & Genesis 1* Becky Rinehimer

One: An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, son of David, son of Abraham:

Many: In the beginning when God began to create the heavens and earth, God created order out of chaos.

One: Fourteen generations link Abraham and David; fourteen generations link David and the Babylonian exile. Fourteen generations link the exile to the birth of Jesus the Messiah.

Many: After bringing forth waters and land, vegetation and animals, humanity is created in a garden.

One: Prophecy foretold the coming of Jesus the Messiah.

Many: Creation prepared for Messiah's birth. Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

*Processional Hymn *"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"*

UMH No. 203

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Becky Rinehimer

Gracious Lord, we praise your name as we sing gratitude. The foretelling of the prophecy of the Anointed One did not change with time, but has stood beyond time. May we study and follow the way of compassion and justice the Anointed One leads, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Becky Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Equipping Our 3rd Graders & Confirmands With Bibles

Pastor Monica

Third Graders: *Autumn Gajeski, Abby Herman, Owen Jones, Lindsay Reisinger, Jacob Rinehimer, Rachael Rittenhouse, Clarissa Robinson, Doyle Stuhrke*

& Melanie Hartley
(see insert)

**Commissioning Our Sunday School &
Faith Learning Academy Teachers & Facilitators**

Pastor Monica
& Melanie Hartley
(see insert)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-4

Becky Rinehimer

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 12:9-21

Becky Rinehimer

***Response to the Lesson**

Becky Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"The Very Thought Of Thee"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"Do Matthew"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

UMH No. 196

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**

Pastor Monica

Eternal One, you fulfill the prophecy of the servant who brings justice to the nations through Jesus the Christ. You call us, as your people, to work with Christ in the building of your kingdom here on earth. May these offerings, gifts, and tithes, be blessed and multiplied to fulfill your purposes and prophecies in this place, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

*"I Want To Walk As
A Child Of The Light"*

UMH No. 206

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"Benediction Blessing"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-4 (The Voice Paraphrase)

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When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Third Grade & Confirmation Bibles

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path! It is our joy to continue our tradition of equipping our third graders and Confirmands as they begin the school year and confirmation process with developmentally appropriate Bibles. Your generosity allows us to give each student a Bible. Please see Melanie Hartley if your student did not receive one.

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!



R.A.P. RESUMES! RAP's (Retire Active People) first meeting of the new season will be held **Friday, September 14 at 12:00 noon**. Remember to bring your lunch and a friend or two. Desserts and drinks are provided. Trooper Easterling, Community Services Officer, Avondale State Police, is our guest speaker and will provide a presentation on Identity Theft. Pastor Monica will also bless and dedicate a tree, park bench, and plaque in celebration of RAP's 20th Anniversary. Please join us for an afternoon of great fellowship, lunch and a very informative presentation.

CMO CONSIGNMENT SALE: Consign—Thursday, October 18; Shop—October 19-20. Save the date and start cleaning out your closets for items you no longer need!

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE: "Building Connections for Social Justice" on **Sat., Sept. 29 at West Lawn UMC, from 8:30-3:30**. Participants can attend 2 workshops as well as devotions by Bishop Johnson and keynote address by Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, Gen. Sec. of General Board of Church and Society. Workshop topics include health care, poverty, gun violence, social principles, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, prison reform, suicide prevention, racism, Native American concerns, Sanctuary Church, and United Methodist Advocacy in PA. Registration is \$25 to cover morning refreshments, lunch, and handouts. You can register on-line at www.epaumc.org.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: **Your donations have helped so much!** We have given away **277** bags of food so far this year. **The need continues to be great.** An updated Shopping List is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list. **Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby.** Thank you!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Are you interested in reading and discussing what others are reading? Join us on the **4th Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m.** We'll meet in Room 3. Our next book is *"Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again Through Science"* by Mark McHarque. We will meet on **September 27** to discuss the book. See Pastor Monica for more information.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PICNIC: Penn Township Park on **September 22, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM**. West Grove UMC will once again have a tent at this event. And we need volunteers to greet visitors and help at the tent. Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office if you are able to help.

FAITH CIRCLE RESUMES THIS FALL! The first meeting will be on **Friday, September 21 at 9:30 AM** in the youth room. Contact Chris Curtiss for more information.

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

Confirmation

Rally Day & Commission of Sunday School Teachers

Jenner's Pond Worship Service

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Perkins Fundraiser for Prayer Bead Garden
	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Full Staff Monthly Meeting (#1)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	BOOM Meeting
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	South District Clergy Gathering
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Life of David Bible Study (Sanc.)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #4251 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Bead Garden Meeting (#1)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts #12 (#5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Life of David Bible Study-Jenner's Pond (Alison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	R.A.P. (Sanc.)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball (Sanc.)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Open Market (Outside)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
	<i>Coffee Fellowship Hosted By Men's Sunday School Class</i>	
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting (#8, 10)

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. **PLEASE STATE "PRAYER CHAIN ONLY" ON YOUR REQUEST IF YOU DO NOT WANT NAME LISTED IN THE BULLETIN.** 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 September: Ad Council Mission Prayer Focus for September: Children's Morning Out

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Carolyn (A. Boyd)
Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Barb Bratton (Bratton)
Family of Michael Bray (Fackler)
Fran Bryan
Helen Carlin
Roger Cason (Mundell)
Joann Coates
Jim Collins (Mullen)
Dee Crawford
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
Amit Dua (Jackson)
Laura Featherston
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
Family of Roslyn Gobbeo (Michaels)
Pastor Monica
Mike Haley
Pat Heist
Linda Hodge (Rubincan)
Vera Hughes (Hughes)
Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)



Anna R. Justice (Boyd)
Peg Kent
Family of Townsend
MacCoun
Dave McClain
John McGinley
Family of Liz Miller (A. Boyd)
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rose Family (Boyd)
Richard Saller
Roann Schneider
Linda Shiplet
Joan Smead (Wolff)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Stryjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannette Stryjewski
Jeannie Sullivan



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
Quantico VA

Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)

Ed Tolmie

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, September 9

Ushers—8:30	TBD
Greeters—8:30	TBD
Ushers—11:00	TBD
Greeters—11:00	Joan Saller
Acolyte - 8:30	Anna Castaldi
Acolyte - 11:00	TBD
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/J. Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11	A. Castaldi/OPEN
Lay Reader—8:30	Carolyn Barrett
Liturgist—11:00	Becky Rinehimer
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 8:30/11	TBD
Roamers	Joan Leaman
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Stuhrkes/The Stuhrkes
Counters	Michaels/Ramberger
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, September 16

TBD
TBD
Joan Saller
TBD
Anna Castaldi
Alisabeth Guepet
M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/A. Castaldi
TBD
Fred Sullivan
Janis Schrader
Joan Leaman
TBD
Maryanne Covington
The Covingtons/S. Steele
Stuhrke
Keith Schneider & various

Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries*

West Grove UMC

(300 N Guernsey Rd, West Grove, PA 19390)

Instructor: Judy Ehninger

Registration Fee: \$35

(brown bag lunch)

Friday, October 26, 2018: 7– 10 pm – Part 1

Saturday, October 27, 2018: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm– Parts 2 & 3



Prerequisites:

- Desire to serve Christ
- Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication
- Willing to improve skills by training for service
- Committed to study of the Bible and the power of prayer,
- Written approval from local Pastor and/or Administrative Council.

Upon completion of Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries, an individual must complete an additional 10 hours of approved training within 3 years to be recognized as a Christ Servant Minister.

**Completed registrations and checks must be received by October 12, 2018.
Registration forms are available in the lobby.**

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report September 2, 2018

General Offering: \$ 8,398.12

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 370.00

Combined Attendance: 176

Sunday Facebook Views: 66

Emergency Groceries YTD: 277 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,943.89

Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 100.00

Total amount received: \$ 14,418.91



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
celebration of Alisabeth Guepet's 12th birthday,
With love, from her family

OPEN Market

West Grove UMC 3rd Annual Open Market On Saturday, September 15 Call For Vendors

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, West Grove United Methodist Church will host its 3rd Annual Open Market. The Open Market will run from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a day of shopping and food. Our goal this year is to host close to 100 vendors (artists, jewelers, homemade bath products, woodworkers, crafters, etc) as well as food trucks. We are accepting vendors and food trucks, if interested please contact the church: **(610) 869-9334 or email office@westgroveumc.org.**

Darlene Murphy, trustee and event coordinator for the market says, "I am quite excited and pleased by the turnout and interest from local vendors. We have an amazing community of artists and crafters that many folks may not know. Each new vendor that reaches out brings new and unique talents to contribute to a wonderful day."

This event hosted by the Trustees is a fundraiser to help offset costs of maintaining the facility and allowing us to be a host to our community. We have many groups that use our facility for meetings: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Robotics, etc. and in addition we open our house to those in need. We serve as one of the home churches for Family Promises of Chester County, which feeds and houses families in need. Emergency food pantry, warming center in winter, and a Chester County back-up emergency shelter are all utilized through our church. This event is free to the public however, we will accept monetary donations.

Please join us for food, shopping, socializing, and become acquainted with the wonderful artists, crafters, etc. that call this area home. Your participation helps to guarantee that we can make this an annual event and increase community participation each year.





West Grove UMC Prayer Bead Garden “Dine to Donate” Fundraiser

**Monday, September 10, 2018
4:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Routes 41 and 1, Avondale**

West Grove United Methodist Church will receive 10% of all sales accumulated by our supporters. The more family and friends we invite and who show up the more money we raise. Please 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!

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST September 29, 9:30-10:30 AM, Room 3

Have you been worshipping with us for a while? Come and join us! Have you just come through the door? Come check us out!

What can you expect? Pastor Monica will share a galloping look at the background of the Church.

She will share what is distinctive about being United Methodist and what is unique about West Grove United Methodist Church.

We discuss the vows of membership, renewed each time a new member joins or someone is baptized. There is information about spiritual gifts and a survey you can take a home about the ones you might have.

Are you just curious? Come!

MEMORY BELLS

The West Grove Memory Bells are gearing up for their new playing season. On Christmas Eve we will celebrate our tenth anniversary!

Our first rehearsal is September 10 and we plan to ring in church on September 16. We have one or two, positions open for our bigger bells. We are also looking for willing substitutes—perfect if you aren’t able to commit long-term. For information, please contact Sandy Deckard at home 484-887-0003, or at 610-563-9500.



Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 9 ~ Saturday, September 15



Sunday: *“Eternal One: Look here, let Me present MY servant; I have taken hold of him. He is my chosen, and I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; by this he will bring justice on the nations.” Isaiah 42:1.* The servant of the Eternal One, Christ brings justice. Where do you see justice?

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Tuesday: *“And though he faces obstacles, resistance, and great pressure, he will not crack, he will not give up until things are set right. Even the coastlines wait patiently for his instruction.” Isaiah 42:4.* The coastlines feel the ebb and the flow, the coming and going, and yet they are held up as patient. Where are you being called to be patient for the instruction of the Christos, the Anointed One?

Wednesday: *“Jesus left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and the religious leaders asked him, ‘Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?’” Matthew 12:9-10.* Sometimes we lose track of what is important. Take some time today to refocus on what is important.

Thursday: *“Jesus said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out?’” Matthew 12:11.* Jesus calls us not only to extend reason, but love and compassion. How are you caring for others today?

Friday: *“Then Jesus said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other” Matthew 12:13.* Pray for all those who find the courage to seek out healing in body, mind, and soul.

Saturday: *“This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, ‘Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.’” Matthew 12:17-18* Consider the prophecy of the coming of Christ was spoken generations before you and continues to be fulfilled. Praise God for God’s faithfulness.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** *"Here I Am To Worship"* PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** *"Let the Praises Ring"* PraiseWorks Band
"Thy Word"

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayers Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** *"The Book"* PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

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