

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

"Thanksgiving" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Jason Krug ("Now Thank We All Our God")

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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)

Susan Paisley

One: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

Many: We inherit the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

One: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**Many: From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Many: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those
redeemed by God.**

*Processional Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH, No. 102

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

**O God, who has made the heavens and the earth,
who has surrounded us with beauty and goodness,
help us to open our eyes to your creation.**

Let our hearts open to you like flowers of the field.

**Let us fall down in worship and adoration
as leaves from the trees.**

**You, who are the giver of every good and perfect gift,
may we praise you, even as you garden in our lives.**

**May we give thanks for each time you weed and prune
as well as when we bloom and flower.**

**In the name of the One who created, redeems,
and sustains us, 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

Julie Hughes

New Testament Lesson Colossians 1:11-20

Susan Paisley

Special Music

"Give Thanks"

Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Anna Laura Page

***Response to the Lessons**

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

“Rejoice The Lord Is King”

Chancel Choir

Jake Schneider, Trombone and Debbie Schneider, Piano

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Sermon

“Christ the King, Gardener of Our Lives”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“We Gather Together “

UMH, No. 131

Moment of History

Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ

Offering

“Prayer of Thanksgiving”

Chancel Choir

***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 Jim

We thank you, O God, for putting in us a generous spirit.

**Grant these gifts we offer in the spirit of giving be the
first of many we offer this week to others out of love for
them and in remembrance of your many mercies.**

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King” UMH No. 715

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction

“Go Now In Peace”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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***Opening Song** “Blessed Be Your Name” PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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***Celebration Set** “Majestic” PraiseWorks Band
“Thank You Lord”

***Passing of the Peace**

GROW

Moment For All Ages Julie Hughes

New Testament Lesson *Colossians 1:11-20* Fred Sullivan

***Gospel Lesson** *John 15:1-6* Fred Sullivan

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Sermon “Christ the King, Gardener of Our Lives” Pastor Monica

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Moment of History *Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ*

Offering “You Are God Alone” PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim

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Gathered Prayer Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** “Forever” PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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



West Grove United Methodist Church

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

Thanksgiving Sunday Christ the King Sunday *November 20, 2016*

New Testament Lesson: *Colossians 1:11-20*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Lesson: *John 15:1-6*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

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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 to this gathering of God's people worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. 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.

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.

ADULT AND CHILDREN ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE: Our devotional this year is "Hark the Glad Sound". Children's devotionals (advent chains) are also available. Please be sure to pick up your copy on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

ANGEL BLESSINGS: New Faith Learning Academy course starting on November 13th. Join us in Room 3 for discussion from the book, *Angel Blessings: Recognizing Angels in our Lives*. See Julie Hughes for more information.

THE RAP GROUP has been invited by the West Grove Seniors to go on their bus trip on **Wednesday, December 14th**, to the American Music Theatre's Christmas show "**Winter Wonderland**" followed with lunch at the **Bird-in-Hand Restaurant**. The bus will load at WGUMC at 9 a.m. The cost for the bus, the show, and the lunch is **\$70**. Seating is limited--please sign up asap. Phone Janet Gregg at 610-255-4477 or Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863.



SAVE THE DATE!! CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION, Sunday,

December 4, 6:30 p.m.: Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! We welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, PraiseWorks Band, special

musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. **Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!!** If you play an instrument or would like to participate in this musical celebration, please contact Betsy Smith, Choir and PraiseBand Director, to let her know of your interest by Sunday, November 6. She can be reached by phone at 610-869-3941 or email her at musicmomva@aol.com

FREE COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP: If you're the Parent or Guardian of a 9 – 12th Grade Student, this free workshop is for you! Come to a Free College Preparation Workshop 101-Saturday, December 3, 2016, 10:00 am to noon Free (but you must register to attend) Go to this link to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-prep-101-workshop-tickets-29341103029?aff=es2> Wharton-Wesley United Methodist Church, 5341 Catharine Street, , Philadelphia, PA 19143 For more Information, call Wharton-Wesley UMC at 215.472.6779 Facilitated by Lenora Thompson, Eastern PA Conference Scholarship Committee Chair and Rev. David W. Brown, Deacon, Vice Coordinator, BMCR



West Grove UMC Church Directory Update

Please check your family's information

and update addresses, cell phone numbers, emails, birthdates, etc. There are many children (and adults) in our church family who do not have their birthdays listed, and we would love to be able to wish them

happy birthday!

Our new directory is used by all of our congregation, so please make sure to check your information. The binder with our current directory information is at the Welcome Center in Lobby. Please make your corrections directly in the book or you may email the office at office.westgroveumc.org Thank you.

For thanksgiving, or any meal, this is a good entry into discussion about being thankful. All ages can participate!

After dinner, or before dinner, or during dinner read the following:

AS YOU PREPARE and eat a meal, take the time to think about your food. Everything you are eating came from the earth. Everything was nourished by the sun and the rain and the care of a person who spent many hours growing the food so that you might be sustained. Pray into these realities. Feel the love and the care that live in each bite you take. Allow gratitude to arise in you.

Daniel Wolpert ~ *Creating a Life with God*

One person names one food that is being served. Then one person at a time states one thing or person that was a part of the process in getting that item to your plate. Ex: farmer, sun, rain etc.... (don't forget the cook)
Then name another food on your plate. And repeat.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship **Report November 13, 2016**

General Offering: \$7,727.²⁵

Building Maintenance Fund: \$105.⁰⁰

Combined Worship Attendance: 180

Emergency Groceries YTD: 110 Bags

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

Moment of History

This thanksgiving week, we give thanks for this building and all whose lives are connected to it. We celebrate its building, maintenance, and continual impact on our community as a safe place of fellowship and faith.



**Community Thanksgiving
Worship at Christ Church
in the Grove
On Sunday, November 20th
at 6:00 p.m.**

Join the churches of West Grove, Avondale, Jennersville, and the surrounding areas, as we gather to give thanks to God! Please bring a non-perishable food item for us to share with the local food pantries.

Join us for great music, time of fellowship and testimony, and a inspiring message for our community brought by Pastor Dan Bergstrom.

Our own PraiseWorks band will offer music!

**Christ Church in the Grove
1986 Newark Rd
Lincoln University, PA 19352**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

United Methodist
STUDENT DAY

is

next Sunday.

www.umcsgiving.org/umsd

The United Methodist Student Day is coming November 27, 2016.

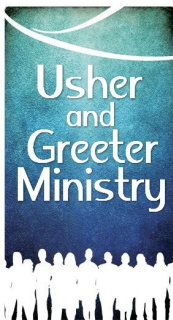
The United Methodist Student Day calls the Church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Offerings provide scholarships and loans to deserving United Methodist students.



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
Celebration of Kelly Hendrickson's Thanksgiving birthday!
With love from Mom





**DO YOU LIKE TO WELCOME GUESTS? CAN YOU HELP
OTHERS FEEL COMFORTABLE?
USHERS AND GREETERS
ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS.**

For 8:30 worship, please contact Rain Catoia 302-420-8475
or raindowdy@aol.com.

For 11:00 worship, please contact Joan Saller 610-662-9807
or ssaller@comcast.net



SUKKOT BOOTH: As we have done in previous years, our church will collect nonperishable food items and turkey coupons (from local grocery stores) at the Sukkot booth in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 6 through Sunday, November 20. This year's Fall Harvest Food Collection will benefit and help replenish the short food supply for our Emergency Food Pantry (Over 110 bags given so far this year), as well as The Bridge at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. **The Bridge has doubled the number of local families that it is serving this fall.** Your donations are essential to serve those in our community. In addition, Thanksgiving Baskets will be given to a few local families in need. Be sure to stop by the booth with your

donations. Thank you for serving God through the faces in our community.



**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE:
November 6 through November 20.**

Winter is coming and everyone needs to bundle up nice and warm. Yes, that means **EVERYONE**. However, throughout our community we have

many individuals that lack the basic winter defense of a nice, warm winter coat. Once again, **West Grove United Methodist Church is asking for the donation of gently used or new blankets and winter coats.** Donations may be dropped off at the church from November 6 through November 20. We are accepting all sizes from children, through teens and adults. These items will be given to The Bridge at the Church of the Nazarene in West Grove and to the Penn London Elementary School for distribution. Please join us and help keep **EVERYONE** warm this winter!

THIS WEEK: November 20 through November 27, 2016

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

Sunday:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and

The Memory Bell Handbell Choir

6:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service at Christ

Church in the Grove, 1986 Newark Road, Lincoln University, PA 19352

Pastor Shirley is on vacation Saturday, November 19 through Saturday, November 26

Pastor Monica is on vacation Monday, November 21st and November 22nd. Please contact the church office or Pastor Jim for pastoral emergencies.

Monday:

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Knit Wits (#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:

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

Yoga (Sanc.)

Wednesday:

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

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

Advent Fun Night with Potluck Dinner!

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

Visitation Ministry Bible Study (#3)

Thursday:

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office is Closed.

Friday:

Church Office is Closed.

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (8 & 10)

Sunday:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT United Methodist Student Day

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

FAITH LEARNING ACADEMY ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES: *Mary Had a Baby*: An Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals- Nov 27- Dec 18 – Room 4 with Mel. Join us as we highlight 4 spirituals across 4 weeks (Mary Had a Baby, Rise Up Shepherd and Follow, Children, Go Where I Send Thee, and Go Tell it on the Mountain).

Christmas Carols and Signing (Room 3) with me – Nov 27- Dec 18 – Would you like to be able to sign along with some of your favorite Christmas carols? Mark your calendars for Pastor Monica teaching a course on American Sign Language and Carols on November 27th, December 4th, 11th, and 18th during our Faith Learning Academy at 9:45 am. Look forward to learning signs to O Come, O Come Emanuel, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Away in a Manager and Joy to the World. Join us!



EMERGENCY BACKPACKS ASSEMBLY

What: Package meals to be shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief. Assemble backpacks with supplies for returning citizens from prison and our homeless neighbors.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: West Grove UMC



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 week-ends, 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 November: Church Finances **Mission Prayer Focus in November: Sunday Breakfast Mission**

Wayne Achuff
Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Joe Bonano (Hughes)
Alan Bratton
Kylee Brown (Wiwel)
Fran Bryan
Bonnie Collins (Deckard)
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)
Gary Cornette (Rubincan)
Family of Hazel Cornette (Rubincan)
Shanna Cramner (Carlin)
Dee Crawford
Bill Davis (Mullen)
Colin Delaney (McGinley)
Tom Fagan
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Richard Heacock
Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)
Sue Hutton
Lynn Jackson
Family of Max Levy (Gula)
Rosemary MacCoun



Dave McClain
Margee Michaels
Lynn Morgan (McClain)
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Ed O'Brien
Warren Payton (Hruz)
James Pollard (Yarbrough)
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)
Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)
Roann Schneider
Ricky Spencer (K. Smith)
Lorrie Steele
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Fernando & Jonathan Tena
Raymond Thompson (Adams)
Danny Tiderman (Hughes)
Zach Trexler (Lytle)
Family of Lee Wilson (Stuhrke)
Ron and Marliss Wilson
Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)
Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)
Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)
Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC
Jimmy Strawhecker - Kuwait
(Lynne Strawhecker)
Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,
Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan
Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, November 20

Ushers—8:30
Greeters—8:30
Ushers—11:00
Greeters—11:00
Acolyte 8:30/11
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11
C. Worship—8:30/11
SS Roamers
Lay Reader—8:30
Liturgist—11:00
Moment All Ages
Hospitality 8:30/11
Counters
Sound Booth

David and Barbara Delaney
Pat Heist and Margaret Rubincan
The Featherston Family
Joan Saller
Anna Castaldi / Parker Featherston
J. Lindtner/R. Catoia/A. Castaldi
Kristin Boyd / **Open**
Maryanne Covington
Fred Sullivan
Susan Paisley
Julie Hughes
The Covingtons / Scott Steele
Sara Ann & Vernon Ramberger
Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, November 27

The Howard Family
The Simmonds Family
The Featherston Family
OPEN
Wesley Boyd / Matthew Rinehimer
H. McCummings/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer
Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman
Joan Leaman
Judy Gambill
Peter Mullen
Eileen Bushnell
Rain Catoia / Linda Peirson
Margee Michaels & Scott Steele
Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, November 20 ~ Saturday, November 26



Sunday: *"May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience."* Colossians 1: 11. Endurance is built on the back of experience. Write a note of gratitude to someone whose life experiences have granted them endurance in the midst of challenge.

Monday: *"While joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."* Colossians 1: 12. Our inheritance comes not only from those who birthed and cared for us in childhood, but also those who demonstrated faith to us. Write a note of gratitude to someone whose faith you inherited.

Tuesday: *"He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* Colossians 1: 13-14. God's grace gives us multiple chances. Write a note of gratitude to someone to whom you need to give another chance.

Wednesday: *"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."* Colossians 1: 19-20. God desires reconciliation with us as well as us reconciling with others. Write a note of gratitude to someone with whom you need to reconcile.

Thursday: *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."* John 15: 1-2. Gardeners tell us plant grow more fully with pruning. Write a note of gratitude to someone who has pruned you out of love.

Friday: *"You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."* John 15: 3-4. Abiding in God is a personal act, but not a private one. Write a note of gratitude to someone who you have watched in the faith.

Saturday: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."* John 15: 5-6. Our connection to each other is also through Christ. Write a note to someone you would not have been connected to, except for your relationship in Christ.