



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



You are God's Beloved

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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!*

*Proclamation Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH No. 384

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Dave Talley

One: The joy of heaven has come down to earth in Jesus the Christ!

Many: Praise be to God!

One: Jesus is the gift of Christmas that keeps on giving.

Many: Let us make room in our lives for Christ.

One: Jesus' way brings beauty out of our suffering.

Many: Do not fear! Emmanuel has come!

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dave Talley

God of wondrous love, you have made us and never leave us! You call us by name and touch us with hope. You are the God of healing, who does not cause pain, but invites us to mark the road where we have been. Help us see where you are leading us towards JOY! In life and in death, you raise us anew. Touch us again as you stay with us and lead us to joy, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Dave Talley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Dave Talley

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-11

Dave Talley

*Response to the Lesson

Dave Talley

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Blessings"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Road Markers: Beauty From Suffering"

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response** “Wash, O God, Our Songs And Daughters” UMH No. 605

During this song, please feel free to come forward to touch the water in the baptismal font and take a blue stone as a remembrance of your baptism. You are the beloved of God!

Moment of Impact *Our Nursery* 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 Monica

Creator God, we praise you in the inevitable storms and struggles of life. Your constancy remains with us throughout each challenge. We are not alone; we are the beloved of God. Let these offerings and tithes grant to our brothers and sisters the gifts of community and God’s steadfast love. May these beautiful road markers of God’s presence and redemption guide the path towards the realized kingdom of God, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers (Unison) Pastor Monica

***The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth** “Child Of Blessing, Child Of Promise” UMH No. 611

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** “A Song Of Parting” Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Pastor Jim leads worship this Sunday at Jenner's Pond. We give thanks to God for that ministry. On January 20th, Pastor Jim and Betty leave on their worldwide cruise. They will offer worship and Bible study on board ship. Blessings on their travel and ministry. They will return to worship on Sunday, May 5th.

During Pastor Jim's travel, our Jenner's Pond worship will be led by Karen Hruz, one of our Christ Servant Ministers as well as Rev. Dr. David Frame, new Jenner's Pond resident and United Methodist preacher. We give thanks to God for their gifts of ministries shared in leadership of worship.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report January 6, 2019

*Sunday Combined Attendance: 190
General Offering : \$ 8,383.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 355.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 5 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 35.00*

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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!



STAR WORDS FOR 2019! Last Sunday, as we celebrated Epiphany, we chose star words to guide us for the new year. The Magi, wise ones, were guided by a star to find the Christ child. Today, we too seek Christ. This year, let your prayers be focused on a single word as you seek Christ. If you did not get a chance to pick a word, you can pick one up in the Narthex. May 2019 be filled with seeking Christ!

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: Saturday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Eastern University/ Palmer Campus in St. Davis, PA. Pick up a flyer in the lobby for information about registration and the workshops being offered.

NEWSLETTER AMENDMENT: Please note on page 5 under Book of the Month - “*The Great Alone*” will be read in February, not November. We apologize for the confusion.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: The UMM will be meeting this month on **January 28 at 6:45 p.m. at the Kemblesville UMC.** The speaker is Steve Basht, the Area Director for Susquehanna & Delaware Coalition for Men’s Discipleship. Please RSVP to Vernon Ramberger by January 20 if you plan to attend.

FAITH CIRCLE: Faith Circle will not be meeting on December 21 or January 4. We will resume meeting on **Friday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth Room. We will continue making quilts and pillowcases for area shelters. New folks are welcome! Contact Chris Curtiss for more information.

FAITH IN WASHINGTON BIBLE STUDY: The Faith in Washington Bible study will continue **tonight, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in room 3. Come join us tonight as Pastor Monica teaches biblical perspectives on gun control.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our food pantry has blessed many people and families this year. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. We are currently in need of personal hygiene products, particularly shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE: WGUMC is hosting Family Promise again **January 20-27.** Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Look for the sign-up sheet in the lobby for all the opportunities to serve!

THIS WEEK: January 13 through January 20, 2019

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

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir Jenner's Pond Worship Service Counters (#2) Faith in Washington Bible Study: Gun Control (#3) Youth Group (#8, 10)
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Monday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.) Knit Wits (#1) SOS Ladies (#5) Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
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Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.) Girl Scouts Troop #447 (#8, 10) Constellation Network meeting (Sanc.) Jr. Girl Scouts Troop \$41377 (8, 10) Finance Meeting (#1) Ad Council (#1)
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Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
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Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Music Practice (#6) Brownie Troop #4099 (#12) Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5) Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#1) PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
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Friday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10.)
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Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
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Second Sunday After Epiphany

Human Relations Day / Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Family Promise Hosting Begins

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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for January: Family Promise Mission Prayer Focus for January: Mpasa Clinic

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Carolyn (A. Boyd)
Cory Beattie (Shaub)
Mike Bohn (Fackler)
Fran Bryan
David Cantrell (Mullen)
Helen Carlin
Roger Cason (Mundell)
Family of Dana Clark (Fackler)
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Family of Vera Flowers
Family of Betty Gaughan (Fackler)
Pastor Monica
Liz Hadly
Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Pat Heist
Walter Hunt (K. Boyd)
Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)
Peg Kent
Aileen Krewatch



Cindy Luttman (Miller)
Peggy Lytle
Dave McClain
Laura Minnick
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Richard Saller
Roann Schneider
Linda Shiplet
Joan Smead (Wolff)
Family of Cliff Smith (Mundell)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannette Stryjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Karrington Washington (Howard)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Family of Leon Willis (Carlin)
Ron Wilson
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



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

	<u>This Sunday, January 13</u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 20</u>
Ushers—8:30	The Bushnells	Nancy Simmons
Greeters—8:30	TBD	Carolyn Bratton
Ushers—11:00	Christy Robinson	TBD
Greeters—11:00	Esther Culbertson	TBD
Communion 8:30/11:00	N/A	N/A
Acolyte 8:30/11:00	Cora Boyd / Parker Featherston	Lindsay Reisinger / Alisabeth Guepet
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	C. Bruno/C. Bratton/J. Leaman	M. Rubincan/K. Smith/K. Rinehimer
C. Worship—8:30/11	TBD/TBD	TBD/TBD
Lay Reader—8:30	Mark Simonds	Carolyn Barrett
Liturgist—11:00	Dave Talley	Margee Michaels
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Joan Leaman
Prayer Room 8:30/11	TBD/Susan Paisley	TBD/Sandi Hampton
Roamers	Heather McCummings	Maryanne Covington
Hospitality 8:30/11	The Smithsk / The Stuhrkes	The Covingtons/Scott Steele
Counters	Kapp-Benner/Bowers	Stuhrke
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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Opening Song *"I Need You Every Hour"* PraiseWorks Band

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***Celebration Set** *"Blessed Be Your Name"* PraiseWorks Band
"We Fall Down"

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band
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***Closing Song** *"Fear Not"* PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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