

West Grove United Methodist Church

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



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 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!

*Processional Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH No. 269 Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sue Curtis

One: Our Lenten journey began with Wednesday's ashes and a call to take on love.

This journey may take us with Jesus through the wilderness in order to share

God's love to God's people.

Many: Open our hands to do justice.

One: Set our hearts on Jesus, who modeled extravagant love.

Many: Open our hearts to love kindness.

One: Jesus walked in the desert through hunger, doubt, and temptation, but never

without God.

Many: Open our lives to walk humbly with our God.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sue Curtis

Gracious God, you walk with us in joy and trials. You call us to goodness and walk with those who know abundance and those who know scarcity. Encourage us to walk humbly with you. Teach us to do mercy and justice, sharing our bounty, loving our neighbor, and sharing our righteousness. For all of us who have bread, give us a hunger for justice and righteousness. We ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Sue Curtis

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 *Micah* 6:6-8

Sue Curtis

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:7-12

Sue Curtis

*Response to the Lesson

Sue Curtis

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

"Love Your Neighbor"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

*Hymn of Response

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

TFWS No. 2129

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 Monica

Yahweh, with every breath we take, we give you thanks. We offer these gifts to you with our gratitude. We pray that your breath might rest upon our offerings. May these tithes multiply faith and generosity here and around the globe teaching us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, O God, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayers (Unison)

Pastor Monica

*The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Monica

*Hymn of Sending Forth

"A Charge To Keep I Have"

UMH No. 413

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

"Here In The Shadow Of The Cross"

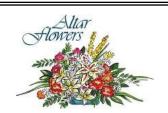
Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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

Worship at Jenner's Pond

We welcome Karen Hruz preaching and leading at Jenner's Pond this morning as Pastor Jim is away.



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in celebration of **Linda Peirson's** birthday!

Given in love by her friends.

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:7-12

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Give | Serve | Restore

Give | Serve | Restore is the 5th annual project that gathers churches of Southern Chester County to collaborate for the common good of the community during the season of Lent. This year, together we seek to increase awareness of what poverty in Southern Chester County looks like, and facilitate opportunities for meaningful engagement. We impact that goal through raising food for our local emergency food pantry and funds for Getting Ahead. Additional opportunities to engage with poverty awareness include poverty simulation and the Southern Chester County Opportunity Network. We give thanks to God for how we seek to learn from and care for our neighbors.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report March 3, 2019

Sunday Combined Attendance: 183 General Offering: \$8,163.34 Building Maintenance Fund: \$935.00 Emergency Groceries YTD: 45 bags Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$100.00

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!



GIVE | SERVE | RESTORE COLLECTIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Please consider donating items to this important ministry. Pick up a Give Serve Restore shopping bags in the shopping cart in the lobby and return it full. We are especially in need of pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, laundry detergent, cleaning products, Ziplock freezer bags, deodorant, tissues, toilet paper, hair conditioner and toothpaste. Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby. Thank you!

VBS 2019– TO MARS AND BEYOND! Even in the midst of the winter and snow, summer is right around the corner and we are starting to think about VBS in July! We are looking for adults and youth who want to be a part of this super fun week! **The dates for VBS this year are July 15-19**. If you are interested in being a part of VBS this year, contact Melanie Hartley or Joan Leaman.

KIDS SING: Save the date! **Sunday, March 24.** The KidsSing Children's Choir will be singing again during worship on March 24! All children Age 4 to Grade 6 are invited to participate. The Children will be singing "God of Wonders". Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, March 3, 10, and 17, 10:45 a.m. in Room 3.

RAP 2019-2020 SEASON PLANNING MEETING: March 26th at 1 p.m.: Time to bring your suggestions and ideas to plan our programs. Mark your calendar to enjoy dessert while we plan and organize our second Friday meetings for RAP beginning in September through May.

RAP AND FRIENDS FALL OUTING: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 to see THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES at the DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE. Board the bus at 10 a.m. at WGUMC. Return to WGUMC at 5 p.m. \$70 (Includes bus, meal, show, all taxes and gratuities.) Questions and Reservations: Sara Ann Ramberger, RAP Coordinator. Reserve the date for a day of fun, food, and fellowship!

BBQ FUNDRAISER! April 27—Save the date! Hoods BBQ pork, 2 sides and corn bread. More details to come.

PRAYER MINISTRY GATHERING: Please join us on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Prayer Room to pray and receive prayer.

UMW FAITH CIRCLE: Weather permitting, we will meet on **Friday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth Room. Our new project this spring is to make walker bags. Contact Chris Curtiss for more information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT "BE BRAVE": Ladies, be sure to register for the "Be Brave" Women's Retreat being held Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration is \$25. See our web site for more information.

OPEN MARKET & CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Vendors and food trucks wanted! Contact the church office for more information.

THIS WEEK: March 10 through March 17, 2019

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

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band

9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. KidsSing Rehearsal (#3)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir

11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)

12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Group (#8, 10)

Monday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Music Class (#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.)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. BOOM Meeting (West Lawn UMC)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Daisy Troop #41366 (#12)

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

Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #498 (#8, 10)

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

Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room)

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Full Staff Meeting (#1)

12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Soccer Shots (Outside)
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

Thursday: All Day CMO Consignment Sale Set-Up (Sanc., Lobby)

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9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)

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)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #4990 (#12) 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)

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

Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)

PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DCOM Meeting (CLM Day (St. Daniel's UMC)

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Coffee Fellowship Sunday—Hosted by the Trustees

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band

9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy

10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. KidsSing Rehearsal (#3)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir & Memory Bells

12:00 p.m. Counters (#2)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Group (#8, 10)

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 March: Church Staff Mission Prayer Focus for March: Constellation Network

Darlene Alleger (Guepet) Cory Beattie (Shaub) Mike Bohn (Fackler) Family of Fran Bryan Helen Carlin Roger Cason (Mundell) Joann Coates Dee Crawford Laura Minnick Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton) Bill Fili (Bratton) Pastor Monica Liz Hadly Mike Haley Ellen Haves Bob Herb (Shiplet) Karen Hruz

Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)

Cindy Luttman (Miller)

Family of Peggy Lytle

Peg Kent

Counters

Sound Booth



Talley

Keith Schneider & various

Dave McClain
Margee Michaels
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Nancy Pearo (Heist) Rick Renzulli (McGinley) Richard Saller

Roann Schneider

Jeannie Seehan (Bratton) Roxanne Shane

Linda Shiplet Joan Smead (Wolff) Rick Spencer (Kim Smith) Maureen Stickel (Fackler) Jeannette Stryjewski Jeannie Sullivan Mary Tharp (RAP) Bruce Varney (Shiplet) Mary Weidman (Miller)

Ron Wilson Ryan (Kilmartin) Gisela Winkler (Mullen) FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Next Sunday, March 17 This Sunday, March 10 Ushers—8:30 Bushnells Fred Sullivan Greeters—8:30 TBD / TBD TBD / TBD Ushers—11:00 Christy Robinson / Carol Whelan Ken Rinehimer Greeters—11:00 Esther Culbertson TBD / TBD Communion 8:30/11:00 N/A N/A Acolyte 8:30/11:00 Lindsay Reisinger / Clarissa Robinson Wesley Boyd / Matthew Rinehimer Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan / M. Rubincam / C. Bruno / C. Bratton / J. Leaman K. Rinehimer C. Worship—8:30/11 Kristin Boyd / Melanie Hartley Amy Simonds / Amy Simonds Lay Reader—8:30 John McGinley Mike Chalmers Liturgist—11:00 Sue Curtis Mary Franciscus Moment All Ages Pastor Monica Joan Leaman Prayer Room 8:30/11 TBD / TBD TBD / TBD Roamers Maryanne Covington Cindy Haley Hospitality 8:30/11 The Smiths / The Stuhrkes The Covingtons/Scott Steele

Stuhrke

Keith Schneider & various

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WORSHIP AND BEYOND Sunday, March 24

A concert presented by West Grove United Methodist Church PraiseWorks Band

Fun! Fellowship! Food! MUSIC!!!

Bring your family and invite your friends for a pot-luck dinner followed by a concert by our

PraiseWorks Band!

5:30 p.m.—Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 p.m.—Concert

- <u>Bring</u> your favorite covered dish to share for dinner.
- <u>Stay</u> for an enjoyable evening of music with some favorite worship songs and music that goes BEYOND to many familiar and favorite secular songs as well!"
- <u>Fellowship</u> with dessert after the concert!

A love offering will be taken to support the PraiseWorks Band sound equipment needs.

Invite your friends and family to enjoy the food, fellowship, and great music!

We hope to see you all here!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Dinner Meeting Monday, March 25 6:30 p.m. West Grove UMC

WGUMC is the host group for the meeting of the Lan-Chester UMM this month.

The speaker is Terry Stone from Traveling Animal Doctors (TAD). Terry Stone will share how they got started, their purpose/mission, & also show pictures of remote places they have been to treat animals. TAD is like to "Doctors Without Borders", but with veterinarians.

Please RSVP to Vernon Ramberger as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, March 17. (610-869-3863 / spartan57@verizon.net)

Worship & Lenten Breakfast Sunday, March 31 7:00 a.m. Oxford UMC

Oxford UMC will be hosting its 56th annual Men's Lenten Breakfast on Sunday, March 31. The worship service begins at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:00 a.m. As we worship together, we will hear a word from Billy Levengood from Redemption Community Church. All men are invited. The church is located at the corner of Market and Addision Streets. If you have questions, please call the Oxford UMC church office at 610.932.9698.



CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN: Thurs, March 14-4:30-6:00 p.m.

SHOP: Fri, March 15, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Sat, March 16-9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

GENTLY USED spring/Summer children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment.

Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet. ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

For more information: Visit www.westgroveumc.org or



Saturday April 6 8:00—10:00 a.m.

Pancakes Frank's Sausage Fresh Fruit Cup Orange Juice Coffee, Tea, Milk \$7 per person Ages 3 & Under Eat Free!!



ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Fri, March 29: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat, March 30: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$3.00

Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning after worship services on Sunday March 24 through Thursday, March 28. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 13 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Spring is around the corner; Easter is soon here. The Trustees are looking for help to spruce up the church grounds.



We need 10-12 teenagers and adults to spruce up our church for Easter. We want it to be an inviting place to visit and to worship. We hope you do also & will come out to help.

There is more information in the March newsletter and our web site. For questions and to sign-up, please contact Vernon Ramberger at 610-869-3863 / spartan57@verizon.net).

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WEST GROVE UMC EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN



Emergency evacuation plan diagrams are posted at each exit in the building. Please familiarize yourself with the nearest location

Sanctuary:

Two exits in the rear of the Sanctuary and two exits into the Narthex. Please proceed to the nearest exit, unless directed otherwise by a Safety Marshall.

Meeting Point

Proceed to the parking lot area immediately in front of the Prayer Bead Garden front of the Prayer Bead Garden

Education Wing:

One exit nearest Harmony Park and the hallway into the Narthex. Please proceed to the nearest exit, unless directed otherwise by a Safety Marshall.

Meeting Point

If exiting into Narthex, proceed to the parking lot immediately in front of the Prayer Bead Garden

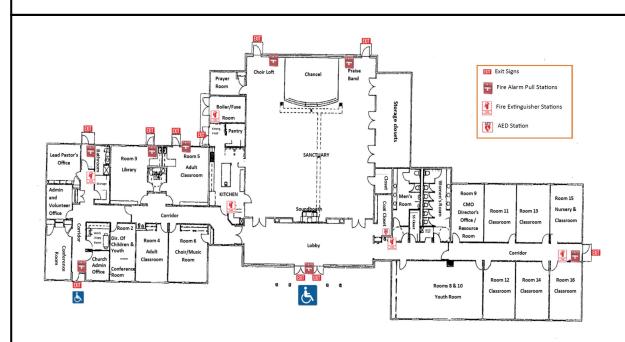
If exiting the emergency door near Harmony Park, meet in front of the stairs leading to Harmony Park.

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Emergency Exit Routes

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 10 ~ Saturday, March 16



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Monday: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8. Consider how today you might walk humbly with God in this messy world.

Tuesday: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7:7. Where are you boldly praying for God's kingdom and justice to come on earth as it is in heaven?

Wednesday: "For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:8. Today, consider praying with others: Gracious and Giving Lord, You invite us to your table and into the journey of these 40 days of Lent. You call us to taste your goodness and be fed. For those of us who are hungry, O God, give us bread. For those who have enough, move us to share with others as well as to hunger and thirst for justice. Through Jesus, the Bread of Life, we pray, Amen.

Thursday: "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake?" Matthew 7:9-10. Consider how you might have feet of action by giving to our emergency food pantry or your local food pantry.

Friday: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11. Where can you celebrate God's generosity?

Saturday: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets" Matthew 7:12. Pray that you might do unto others as you would have them do to you each time you look at an electronic device today.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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Opening Song

"In The Secret (I Want To Know You)"

PraiseWorks Band

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The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

*Closing Song

"Big House"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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