



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390

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***Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2019***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Folder located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

*Processional Hymn

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

Hymn No. 203

*Call to Worship

Tom Hoover

One: A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord.

Many: Make a path, direct and straight through- a way for our God.

One: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low.

Many: The uneven ground shall become level, the rough places a plain."

One: God is restoring what has been unequal, uneven, unjust;

Many: God's glory shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

One: For God has spoken through the prophets:

Many: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Tom Hoover

Redeeming God, guide us as we embrace your love.

Help us to make the first move in faith.

Let us turn our lives back to you,

to wade into our waters of new life,

to blossom in justice, mercy, and hope.

Help us to repent and to believe in the good news,

for your reign has drawn near.

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Tom Hoover

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 11:1-10

Tom Hoover

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-17

Tom Hoover

*Response to the Lesson

Tom Hoover

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "Advent Processional" Chancel Choir

Advent Wreath Lighting The Robinson Family
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Candle Lighting Song "The Hope Of Your Coming" PowerPoint

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Sermon "Second Chances for Prickly People" Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response** "I Want To Walk As A Child In The Light" UMH No. 206

Moment of Impact R.A.P. 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
God of new beginnings, we bring our offerings of money, and our very lives.
We know we have fallen short of who you've call us to be. We have heard the
call of John the Baptist to a time of repentance, and we know that call is for
all of us. Help us to travel the journey of Advent with the resolve to live lives
that more closely resemble the hope you have for us. May all that we dedicate
here empower us and others to change direction and set our sights on a closer
walk with your Son, our Rock and our Redeemer, Amen.

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" Hymn No. 220

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** "Christmas Peace" Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

* = Rise in body or spirit **Bold Print = Say in unison**

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah fourteen generations.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from December 1, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 129

General Offering : \$ 7,357.34

Building Maintenance Fund: \$905

Emergency Groceries YTD: 322 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,570.11

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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.

Our Welcome Center, in the lobby, is a place to find information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to silence 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!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION– Tonight-Sunday, December 8th ~ 6:30

p.m. Bring your family and invite your friends! Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows all ages to join in the festivities. It will welcome everyone into the Christmas spirit!

CONGREGATION HOSTS FELLOWSHIP: Next **Sunday, December 15**, please bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies to share during our Coffee Fellowship time!

Advent began on December 1st! We invite you and your family to sign up to **lead the litany and light the Advent Wreath** at 8:30 or 11:00 worship. Sign up in the Lobby.

LUTHER HOUSE COOKIE BAKE: Last year, we had our first *Luther House Cookie Bake and Craft Make* event and were able to deliver cookies and a small gift to 253 Luther House residents! We are looking forward to bringing the same Christmas joy again this year. Right after the service, all are invited to join in on the fun of putting all the packages together! The **delivery date** for sharing the cookies and crafts with the residents is on **Monday, December 9 at 10 a.m.** If you are interested in helping Janice Bowers with the delivery, please contact her at 610-444-8470 or janicesemail2@gmail.com

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE: Bring your Christmas cards for your church family between 12/1/19-1/5/20. We are setting up a wonderful display of "Mailboxes" that you can into which you can deposit your cards. Place your cards into the box with the first initial of the recipients' last name. Pick up your cards at the same time. It is a wonderful way to share the Christmas joy with our church friends!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: The West Grove UMC Food Pantry will be open on **Thursday, December 12th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** We distribute approximately 20 bags of groceries each pantry night (the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month) and are grateful to our volunteers and donors who make this ministry possible. If you are interested in helping, please join us by signing up in the lobby.

R.A.P. (Retired Active People) meets this **Friday, December 13th** at noon for their Christmas Potluck Lunch and a program filled with holiday music! Bring a dish to share and invite a friend or two!!

THIS WEEK: December 8 through December 15, 2019

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

Second Sunday in Advent

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| Sunday: | 8:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Counters (#2) |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Luther House Cookies and Crafts |
| | 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | GS Troop #41413 (#8 & 10) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Christmas Music Celebration (Sanc., Lobby, Kit.) |

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| Monday: | Pastor Monica is on Vacation. | |
| | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| | 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Knit Wits (#1) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Luther House Cookie & Crafts Distribution |
| | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) |
| Tuesday: | 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| | 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. | Board of Ordained Ministry (West Lawn UMC) |
| | 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Music Practice (#6) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Prayer Gathering (Prayer Room) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | GS Troop #498 (#12) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Finance Meeting (#1) |
| | 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Ad Council Meeting (#1) |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| | 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | Chapel Time (Sanc.) |
| | 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) |
| Thursday: | 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| | 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. | Chapel Time (Sanc.) |
| | 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Food Pantry (Lobby, Kitchen) |
| | 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | GS Troop #4251 (#8, 10) |
| | 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | GS Troop #49900 (#12) |
| | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (#6) |
| | 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) |
| | 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | R.A.P. Lunch and Program (Kitchen, Lobby, Sanc.) |
| | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Youth Dodgeball, Games and Pizza (Sanc.) |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. | Daily Reflections (#8 and 10) |

Third Sunday in Advent

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| Sunday: | 8:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir and Memory Bells |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Counters (#2) |
| | 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | Youth Group (#8, 10) |

Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Congregation! Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share!

Moment of Impact—R.A.P. (Retired Active People)

RAP (Retire Active People) has been meeting for twenty-one years for fellowship, food, and a program. On the second Friday of the month, September through May, retired persons throughout our community are invited to gather together for a program of interest, time together, and desserts! Potlucks, Christmas singing, warm fellowship are all high points of the group. We give thanks to God for all those who gather across our community. Join RAP on Friday, December 13th at noon for their December gathering.

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 December: Advent Activities and Services Mission Prayer Focus for December: UMCOR

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Helen Carlin
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Family of Bill Fili (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
The Gastaldi Family (Strewjewski)
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
John Gorman (McGinley)
Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Scott Helsel (Stewart)
Family of Bob Herb (Shiplet)
Linda Herb (Shiplet)
Muff Hurst
Family of Sandy Kates (B. Smith)
Peg Kent
Gordon Maule (Phillips)



Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Peggy Mowrer
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Family of Vernon Ramberger
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Joan Saller
Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)
Charlie Smith (B. Smith)
Reed & Joyce Smith
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Mary Tharp (RAP)
Tommy Lake (Simmons)
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Tyler Brady—Middle East (Minnick)
Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Nathaniel Howard,
North Carolina
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(The Rambergers)
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)
Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps
Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, December 8

Ushers—8:30 Jay and Carol Schoff
Greeters—8:30 TBD
Ushers—11:00 Daisey Ingiosi and Jean Kilmartin
Greeters—11:00 TBD
Acolyte 8:30/11 Lizzy Bohnsack / Owen Jones
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 A. Castaldi/K. Smith/K. Rinehimer
C. Worship—8:30/11 Tiffany Bohnsack / Melanie Hartley
Lay Reader—8:30 Carolyn Barrett
Liturgist—11:00 Tom Hoover
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Roamers Joan Leaman
Hospitality 8:30 Shiplet, Smith, Underwood
Hospitality 11:00 Nancy Duvall
Counters Valerie Kapp-Benner and Alison Aucott
Sound Booth K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, December 15

John Gambill
John McGinley
Christy Robinson
TBD
Wesley Boyd / Alisabeth Guepet
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/Open
TBD / TBD
John McGinley
Becky Rinehimer
Melanie Hartley
Maryanne Covington
The Covington Family
Scott Steele
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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Opening Song "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" PraiseWorks

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Offering "Jesus, Friend Of Sinners" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3) Pastor Monica

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** "You Invite Me In" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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