



West Grove United Methodist Church

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***Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Sunday, January 12, 2020***

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

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

UMH No. 384

*Call to Worship

Margee Michaels

One: From the waters of Creation, the earth came forth.

Many: From the waters of a womb, God's son, Jesus was given to us.

One: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's children.

Many: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Margee Michaels

Creator God, our soul's delight, your Spirit hovered over the water at Creation, and your voice thunders over the waters of baptism to liberate the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One. Amen

*Passing of the Peace

Margee Michaels

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment For All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Acts 16:11-15

Margee Michaels

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Margee Michaels

*Response to the Lesson

Margee Michaels

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"The Child Grew Strong"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

“Remember God’s Vision Of You”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters”

UMH No. 605

Moment of Impact

Enneagram Prison Project

Peter Mullen

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 grace and glory, as your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in this life-transforming work. May our gifts transform this world into a fuller reflection of your goodness and grace, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

UMH 611

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

** = Rise in body or spirit* **Bold Print = Unison**

We give thanks to God for finishing 2019 well! We paid our full apportionments and ended the year well! We cared well for our neighbors through the Food Pantry and our Emergency Assistance Fund as well as worship and discipleship. We look forward to final financial reporting from our Finance Team. May God give us clarity and vision for 2020!

Old Testament Lesson: Acts 16:11-15

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Meditations

Sunday, January 12—Saturday, January 18

Sunday: *"A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul."* Acts 16: 14. Consider that God might open your heart today to see and hear God's way. Slow your spirit and attune yourself to listen for God.

Monday: *"When Lydia and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us."* Acts 16: 15. Lydia's baptism changed her. She lived into her call of radical hospitality and intentional discipleship. How have you been changed by presence of the Holy Spirit?

Tuesday: *"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him."* Matthew 3: 13. Jesus went to John to be baptized. Who do you go to in order to know God more?

Wednesday: *"John would have prevented Jesus, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'"* Matthew 3: 14. Pray today for the moments in our lives and the lives of others when we can not yet see God's purposes.

Thursday: *"But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented."* Matthew 3: 15. Consider that John baptized Jesus as a cousin. Where is God calling you to connect with family, even when it is uncomfortable, in order to share the good news?

Friday: *"And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him."* Matthew 3: 16. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. The Holy Spirit inspires and equips us for every work.

Saturday: *"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"* Matthew 3: 17. Remember God's vision of you: You are the beloved child of God. No matter what you do or say, you are already God's beloved child.

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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!



VALENTINES FOR PENN LONDON ELEMENTARY: We are in our 14th year of donating boxes of valentines to students who do not have Valentines to give their classmates. Please consider donating a box from January 12th through February 2nd in the collection box in the lobby.

FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS OF METHODISM: What do Methodists believe? This course will focus on the documents that form the basis for our Methodist belief. These documents date back to the founding era of Methodism and stem from John Wesley himself. When United Methodist pastors are ordained, they are questioned about their support for these documents. However, many Methodist laypeople have never encountered them. You may be surprised by some of the beliefs and practices these documents espouse. The course will run for 3 weeks, beginning Sunday, January 12, and will meet from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 5 (the Men's Class meeting room). The course will be taught by Dr. David Frame, retired UM pastor. **This course will be immediately followed by a second short-term class, beginning Sunday, February 2, in which Pastor Monica** will present information about plans for the future of United Methodism that are to be debated to the General Conference in May. Pastor Monica's class will also meet on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 5. All interested persons are welcome to attend these two courses.

JOURNEY TO JESUS, JOURNEY TO LOVE: We will be offering “Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love,” which is a spiritual experience to help you become more in tune with your inner self, deepen your relationship with Jesus, and become more aware of his passionate love for you and others. **NOTE NEW DATES:** “Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love” will be offered **on Sundays beginning March 1st to April 15th from 9:45 to 10:45 AM. Carol McGinley will lead this class.**

UMM BREAKFAST AT PERKINS: On the **second Saturday** of each month, the United Methodist Men will meet at Perkins on Route 41 at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Join them on **Saturday, February 8th! On January 27, 6:45 p.m.** the cluster UMM will have a **dinner meeting at Kemblesville UMC.** The cost of the meal is \$11.00. All men of the

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from January 5, 2020

Combined Worship Attendance: 155

*General Offering : \$ 5,213
Building Maintenance Fund: \$580
Emergency Groceries YTD: 0 bags
Total Grocery bags 2019: 389
Emergency Aid provided 2019:\$3,970.11
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 0*

THIS WEEK: January 12 through January 19, 2019

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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Class (#5)
	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4070 (#12)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group (# 8, 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Lay Leadership Team (#1)
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #498 (#12)
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10)
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.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)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
Thursday:	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #427 (#8, 10)
	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool -Extended(#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #4567 (#8, 10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4099 (#12)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Class (#3)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#1)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	Keystone Fire Inspection (all church)
	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

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
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Alison Theater)
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Class (#5)
	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group (# 8, 10)

Family Promise Hosting, Sunday, January 19 through Sunday, January 26

****Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Music Team****

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 Allegre (Guepet)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Helen Carlin
Joann Coates
Florence Combs (Combs)
Dee Crawford
Jen Donnelly (Simmons)
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)
Linda Herb (Shiplet)
Muff Hurst
Family of Sandy Kates (B. Smith)
Peg Kent
Suzanne Krebel (Hurst)



Gordon Maule (Phillips)
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Peggy Mowrer
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe
Michael Raineri
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)



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, January 12

Ushers—8:30 Fred Sullivan
Greeters—8:30 TBD
Ushers—11:00 Christy Robinson
Greeters—11:00 TBD
Acolyte 8:30/11 Anna Castaldi/Clarissa Robinson
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/P. Fulton
C. Worship—8:30/11 Tiffany Bohnsack / TBD
Lay Reader—8:30 Mark Simonds
Liturgist—11:00 Margee Michaels
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Roamers Joan Leaman
Hospitality 8:30 Reed & Joyce Smith
Hospitality 11:00 Nancy Duvall
Counters Valerie Kapp-Benner and Alison Aucott
Sound Booth K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, January 19

John Gambill
John McGinley
Daisey Ingiosi & Jean Kilmartin
TBD
Lizzy Bohnsack/Alisabeth Guepet
C. Bruno/E. Mullen/K. Rinehimer
TBD / TBD
Fred Sullivan
Peter Mullen
Joan Leaman
Maryanne Covington
The Covingtons
Scott Steele
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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Opening Song “Hallelujah (Your Love Makes Me Sing)” PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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*Celebration Set	“The River Is Here ”	PraiseWorks Band
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“Father Of Lights”

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment For All Ages Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson *Acts 16:11-15* Mark Simonds

Acts 16:11-15

***Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 3:13-17* Mark Simonds

Matthew 3:13-17

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon “Remember God’s Vision of You” Pastor Monica

“Remember God’s Vision of You”

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Moment of Impact Enneagram Prison Project Peter Mullen

Enneagram Prison Project

Peter Mullen

Offering	“The River/Come On Down”	PraiseWorks Band
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“The River/Come On Down”

PraiseWorks Band

During this song, please feel free to come forward to touch the water in the baptismal font and take a stone as a remembrance of your baptism. Remember God's vision of you is beloved!

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Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3) Pastor Monica

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Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

Pastor Monica

***Closing Song** “Let The River Flow” PraiseWorks Band

“Let The River Flow”

PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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