



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390

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***Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 5, 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!

*Call to Worship

Dave Talley

One: The brilliance of the star drew the attention of the Magi. Their future was changed by the vision and refined through dreams.

Many: May we see God's brilliance for our future and follow.

One: At the precipice of a new decade, we watch for God's way like the Magi.

Many: May we be filled with wonder at the revelation of God's glory!

*Processional Hymn

"We Three Kings"

Hymn No. 254

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dave Talley

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery.

Visit our rest with disturbing dreams,

and our journeys with strange companions.

Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes

to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom

bearing profound and unusual gifts. 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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Dave Talley

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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

"ZZZ"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Brilliant Star-Filled Vision"

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

"Jesus, The Light Of The World"

PowerPoint

Offering

Offertory Response“What Child Is This”*

UMH No. 219, V. 3

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant king to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, Haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

***Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

Pastor Jim

**God of glorious surprises, like Magi, we come as searchers for a glimpse of
your presence. We, too, are surprised not to find you not in a palace, but in a
stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly
shepherds. We humbly offer our gifts seeking that they may be used for work
of justice, mercy, and compassion -- as would befit the savior who sleeps in a
manger. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

***Invitation**

Pastor Jim

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim

**Radiant Christ, we search for your light, but too often end up settling for the
dimness of shadows and darkness of temptation. We confess we want Christ
to answer our list, fulfill our desires, and satisfy our needs. We fall short of
remaining still to discern your hopes for us. We choose wealth, health,
success, fulfillment, rather than servanthood, of compassion, of peace.
Forgive us, and refocus us on your light and grace. Help us to be like those
wise ones long ago, who found hope, on the journey; who found grace in their
gratitude, and who found salvation in the sign. As we journey with your son,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.**
(Moment of Silence)

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Monica and Pastor Jim

*All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive
together. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.*

Communion Hymn*“I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light”*

Hymn No. 206

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Jim

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. May we see your vision for our future. Grant that in
the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending Forth“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

Hymn No. 224

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

Choral Benediction“Amen”*

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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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!



FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE: Be sure to pick up your cards from the Christmas card boxes today! It was a wonderful way to share the joy of the holidays!

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. “Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love” will be offered **on Sundays beginning February 2 to March 1 from 9:45 to 10:45 AM. Carol McGinley will lead this class.**

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: The Food Panty is open the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4-6pm. **We are serving in January on January 9th and 23rd.**

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from December 29, 2019

Combined Worship Attendance: 90

General Offering : \$ 8,638

Building Maintenance Fund: \$3,858

Emergency Groceries YTD: 381 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 3,970.11

THIS WEEK: January 5 through January 12, 2019

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

Epiphany *All Worship ** Communion ***Emergency Aid 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
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Christian Ed Meeting (#1)
	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)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Tech Team Meeting (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	GS Troop #447 (#8, 10)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	GS Troop #447 (#8,10)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41377 (#12)
	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	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:	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)
	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby, Kitchen)
	5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #4251 (#8, 10)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop #49900 (#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)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	R.A.P. (Sanc.)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball (Sanc.)
Saturday:	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	UMM Breakfast (Perkins on Rt. 41)
	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Creekside Diner)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
	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)

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)
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



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)



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 5

Ushers—8:30 The Aucotts
Greeters—8:30 TBD
Ushers—11:00 Linda Peirson & Laura Minnick
Greeters—11:00 TBD
Acolyte 8:30/11 Cora Boyd/Owen Jones
Communion- 8:30 (Sunday, Jan. 5th) F. Sullivan, J. Mundell, M. Hartley, C. McGinley, C. Barrett
Communion 11:00 (Sunday, Jan. 5th) J. Mundell, M. Hartley, D. Taylor
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 A. Castaldi/K. Smith/J. Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11 All Worship Sunday
Lay Reader—8:30 David Bohnsack
Liturgist—11:00 Dave Talley
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Roamers Amy Castaldi
Hospitality 8:30 L Shiplet, K. Smith, K. Underwood
Hospitality 11:00 The Stuhrikes
Counters Donna Shaub and George Anderson
Sound Booth K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, January 12

Fred Sullivan
TBD
Christy Robinson
TBD
Anna Castaldi/Clarissa Robinson
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/P. Fulton
TBD / TBD
Mark Simonds
Margee Michaels
Pastor Monica
Joan Leaman
TBD
Nancy Duvall
Valerie Kapp-Benner and Alison Aucott
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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David Bohnsack

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

David Bohnsack

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

"Brilliant Star-Filled Vision"

Pastor Monica

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Moment of Impact

Star Words

Pastor Monica

Offering

"God Will Make A Way"

PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3)

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Communion Song

"The Table"

PraiseWorks Band

Prayer After Receiving (Unison, p. 3)

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*Closing Song

"Made New"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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