

West Grove United Methodist Church

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

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Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany Sunday, February 2, 2020

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Folder located on a chair in your row. First-time quest or member, let us know you were here!

*Processional Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH No. 103

*Call to Worship

Caryl Stuhrke

One: A wilderness beckons us: a desert, a barren place, yet a place of blessing and discovery.

Many: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us, as we enter new territory, the frightening places, the exciting places, those that evoke memories of past

spaces, and those that give us hope for the future.

One: Jesus, our wise and well-traveled guide, lead us into this new land, give us boldness and courage to follow you. Give us your vision and wisdom.

Many: Walk with us through this time of liminality and uncertainty. Help us to trust that we are in a space where all things will be made new.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Caryl Stuhrke

Holy One, we gather in this place to celebrate our common call to ministry and service in your church. Our gathering celebrates anew and always, Jesus' inclusion those on the outskirts of society in his earthly ministry. We come, from various places in life and ministry, some with complacency, and even joy, others with anxiety and fear. But beyond it, all we come in the sure and certain faith that in gathering together, we experience your enlivening, empowering presence, and above all, your grace that never ceases. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, now, throughout our time together, and all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ. our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Caryl Stuhrke

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 3:11-16 Caryl Stuhrke

New Testament Lesson 1Corinthians 1:1-9 Caryl Stuhrke

Response to the Lesson Caryl Stuhrke

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem "Let Us Serve Him" Chancel Choir

Sermon "You Are Not Lacking!" Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response "In The Lord, I'll Ever Be Thankful"

TFWS No. 2195

Moment of Impact

Twin Pines

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

O God, there are many things that we do not understand. We do not understand the emptiness of accumulation nor our desire to acquire more. Our desire to live this year more fully and faithfully is even a mystery, but it is real. Our gifts today are symbols of our hope and inner yearnings. Receive them and transform them by the mysterious power of your love. We pray, Amen

*Invitation

Pastor Monica

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Monica

Creating God, You made each of your children with different gifts, different abilities, and different attributes in order to create the body of Christ, your Church. We confess, O God, that we often dismiss our own gifts, disregard the gifts of others, ignore the call we hear. We imagine our own image of the body of Christ, the Church, instead of opening ourselves to how you are still forming the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Forgive us, we pray. Invite us to understand your ways, even when this may not be as we have understood it. Remind us that we are not alone, and others can help our light to shine. Call upon us to lean on one another during trying times. May we remember each other in prayer, and may we seek prayer from others. May we encourage and lift up one another, and call upon others for help. May we be renewed in spirit, O God, and look to Jesus Christ, the perfecter of our faith, who lived as one of us, died as one of us, but lives again so that all may have eternal love and life. Help us grow and accept that you are still at work, Holy Spirit, and we are all made to drink of one Spirit, we pray.

(Moment of Silence)

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Monica

All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten-free, dairy-free and nut-free, and our cup is grape juice so that all may partake. A basket at the rear of the sanctuary is for Emergency Aid.

Communion Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH No. 620

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Monica

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May the Holy Spirit reveal to us our sufficiency as we embrace our gifts for use in the church and the community. Strengthen us that we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending Forth "I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God"

UMH No. 712

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

"Love Round"

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

* Rise in body or spirit Bold Print = Unison

New Testament Lesson: Acts 3:11-16

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord[a] and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in Celebration of Seth Michaels Birthday!

With love from his family



The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord is with you. **Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is good, right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You gifted each of us with unique and identifiable gifts by the Holy Spirit. We were not all given abundance, but rather together given the fullness of what we need. We turned from you, the Source of Life and Gifts, but you, O God, remained steadfast in love and life. You called to us though the prophets reminding us that we are your children gifted and beloved. We need one another

And so, with all the company of heaven and the people on earth, we join together and give to you our unending song of praise:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed are you and Blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus called disciples and apostles, sinners and tax collectors, children and lepers, Romans and Samaritans to use their gifts for the care of others and the Kingdom of God. Jesus built beloved community with others by encouraging the sharing of gifts and resources.

On the night his community gathered to celebrate Passover, Jesus gathered the full body together. He took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave a portion to everyone present saying: "Take, eat; This is my body given for you. Do this in remember me."

When the supper was over, in a similar way, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave to all present and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink this, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the bread and cup of heaven of Christ that we for the world the body of Christ sustained by him.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry with all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at Christ's heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

One: Let us join our voices and gifts as we pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.

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!



KNOW I AM GOD: OUR FUTURE WITH HOPEA short-term class, beginning Sunday, February 2 through February 16th, taught by 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 meet on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 5. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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 through **February 2nd** in the collection box in the lobby.

J.U.L.I.E.T.S WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The Juliets, a group of women who just like eating together, will meet at the Creekside Diner, 717 W. Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square on **Saturday, February 8th** at 9:00 a.m. They meet monthly on the 2nd Saturday and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship and laughter! Contact Chris Curtiss or Margee Michaels with your questions. Join us!

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!** Please contact Dick Price at grprice@comcast.net with any questions.

KIDSING will participate in worship on Mar. 8. They will sing at both services. **Rehearsals will be Feb. 16, 23 and Mar. 1 at 10:45 in Room 4.** please let Joan Leaman know if your child(ren) will be singing.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from January 26, 2020

Combined Worship Attendance: 144

General Offering: \$ 6,073

Building Maintenance Fund: \$770 Emergency Groceries YTD: 14 bags Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$528.27



WHEN: Thursday, MARCH 5th **WHERE:** Willowdale Chapel at 675 Unionville Rd. in Kennett Square, Pa.

WHAT TIME: 9am-12:30pm. **PLEASE RSVP** to Kate Daneker (kdaneker@ksqroots.com) or 484-678-3889

The Bridges Out of Poverty model is a comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to the system level. Bridges

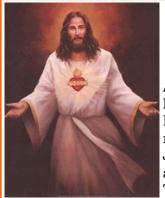
Out of Poverty uses concrete tools, strategies, and concepts to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty and build a healthy, sustainable community. Bridges Out of Poverty brings people from ALL sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty.

It's all about collective impact.

Leah M. Reynolds, M.S.P.L.,

Executive DirectorKennett Area Community Service (K.A.C.S.), Cell: 412-915-5308

"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life."
(Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa)



Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love New Class during the Sunday School Hour beginning March 1, 2020

Are you saddened by the hate, violence, and disregard for life in our world?

Now, imagine a world where love and respect for everyone reigned. Imagine a world where everyone actually obeyed Jesus' one commandment: love as you wish to be loved and forgive as you wish to be forgiven.

The only way to combat evil and hatred in our world is for us to better fulfill the example and commandment that

Jesus gave to us: love. LOVE, PURE AND SIMPLE.

Come – take the Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love beginning Sunday, March 1st at 9:45-10:45 and learn how to better connect your heart with the heart of Jesus.

Sign-up sheets will be in the church lobby

THIS WEEK: February 2nd through February 9th, 2020

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

12:00 p.m. Counters (#2) 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Disciple Class (#5)

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship Service (Twin Pines)

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)

NO Youth Group—SuperBowl!

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

9:15 a.m. CMO Registration (Current Families)

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Knit Wits (#1) 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Making Sense Of The Bible (#3)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CMO Preschool-Extended (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. GS Troop #447 (#8,10) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1) 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. GS Troop #41377 (#12)

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Cardio-Drumming Class (Sanc.)

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.)

9:15 a.m. CMO Registration (Alumni Families)

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #447 (#8, 10)

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.)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #4099 (#12)

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #4567 (#8, 10)

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)

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PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday: All Day BOOM Interview Retreat (West Lawn)

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

Saturday: All Day BOOM Interview Retreat (West Lawn)

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
UMM Breakfast (Perkins on Rt. 41)
J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Creekside Diner)
Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

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Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany Scout Sunday

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5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #4070 (#Kitchen) 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth Group (# 8, 10)

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THE COMMUNITY PRAYERS O F

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 February: Emergency Aid and Food Cupboard Mission Prayer Focus for February: The Garage-West Grove



Jen Donnelly (Simmons)

Michael Fackler (Fackler)

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

John Gorman (McGinley)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Family of Mike Haley

Scott Helsel (Stewart)

Linda Herb (Shiplet)

Baby Evelyn Herrera

Nathaniel Howard

Laura and Max Herrera

Ellen Haves

Muff Hurst

Peg Kent

Mary Finn (Mullen)

Suzanne Krebel (Hurst) hain (Combs) Laura Minnick

Gordon Maule (Phillips) Joel & Heaven McCree

Peggy Mowrer Betty Mundell Tim Mullen Lola Nadolny (Hruz) Vivian Paislev Brian Radcliffe (Hruz) 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 Bruce Varney (Shiplet) Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub) Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz) Nathaniel Howard,

Norway 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 Sunaay, February 2	<u>Next Sunaay, February 9</u>
Ushers—8:30	Gene and Alison Aucott	Fred Sullivan
Greeters—8:30	TBA	TBA
Ushers—11:00 Greeters—11:00	Linda Peirson & Fran Miller TBA	Christy Robinson TBA
Acolyte 8:30/11 Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	Hannah McCummings/Owen Jones M. Rubincan/K. Smith/J. Leaman	Charlie Bohnsack/Clarissa Robinson A. Castaldi/C. Bratton/P. Fulton
C. Worship—8:30/11 Lay Reader—8:30	All Worship Sunday Cindy Haley	TBA/Joan Leaman John McGinley
Communion -Feb. 2	5 5	, Melanie Hartley, Carol McGinley, Alisa-

beth Guepet 11:00 a.m. Pastor Monica, Janice Bowers, Melanie Hartley, Doris Liturgist—11:00 Caryl Stuhrke Christy Robinson Moment All Ages Pastor Monica Pastor Monica

Roamers Heather McCummings Amy Castaldi Hospitality 8:30 L. Shiplet/K. Smith/K. Underwood Reed and Joyce Smith

Hospitality 11:00 Dick and Caryl Stuhrke Nancy Duvall

Counters George Anderson and Donna Shaub Kapp-Benner & Bowers & Kilmartin K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others Page 10 Sound Booth K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, February 2 ~ Saturday, February 8, 2020

- **Sunday:** "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the will of God, and our brother, Sosthenes." 1 Corinthians 1:1. Pray for the Holy Spirit who is calling new followers of Jesus. Paul followed Jesus, by the will of God. May God's way be known.
- **Monday:** "To the church of God that is in Corinth to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus to be saints, together with all those in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours." 1 Corinthians 1: 2. Pray for our local church, our community of churches, as well as churches around the world. May we each together, be sanctified, made holy as we call upon the name of Jesus.
- **Tuesday:** "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1: 3. Pray for grace and peace for those who feel disconnected from God's very presence. May they know grace and peace.
- **Wednesday:** "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been give you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4. Pray for our governmental officials, not because of who they are, but because of who God is. Pray that they will experience that grace of God that has been given in Christ Jesus.
- **Thursday:** "For in every way, you have been enriched in him in speech and knowledge of every kind, just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you." 1 Corinthians 1:5-6. Consider that God is already enriching and preparing you for what comes next. Pray for patience to be present in this chapter, even as you await the giving of the testimony in the next chapter.
- **Friday:** "So that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1: 7. Where do you feel you are lacking? Who are you partnering with as you wait for coming of the kingdom? Together, God gives you all that you need.
- **Saturday:** "God will strength you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by God you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" 1 Corinthians 1: 8-9. God's work through us is good. Pray for Holy Spirit and a tender heart to follow.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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"Found In You"
"Enough"

PraiseWorks Band

*Passing of the Peace

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New Testament Lesson

Acts 3:11-16

Cindy Haley

New Testament Lesson

1Corinthians 1:1-9

Cindy Haley

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

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Communion Song

"Nothing"

PraiseWorks Band

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*Closing Song

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*Benediction

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*Postlude

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