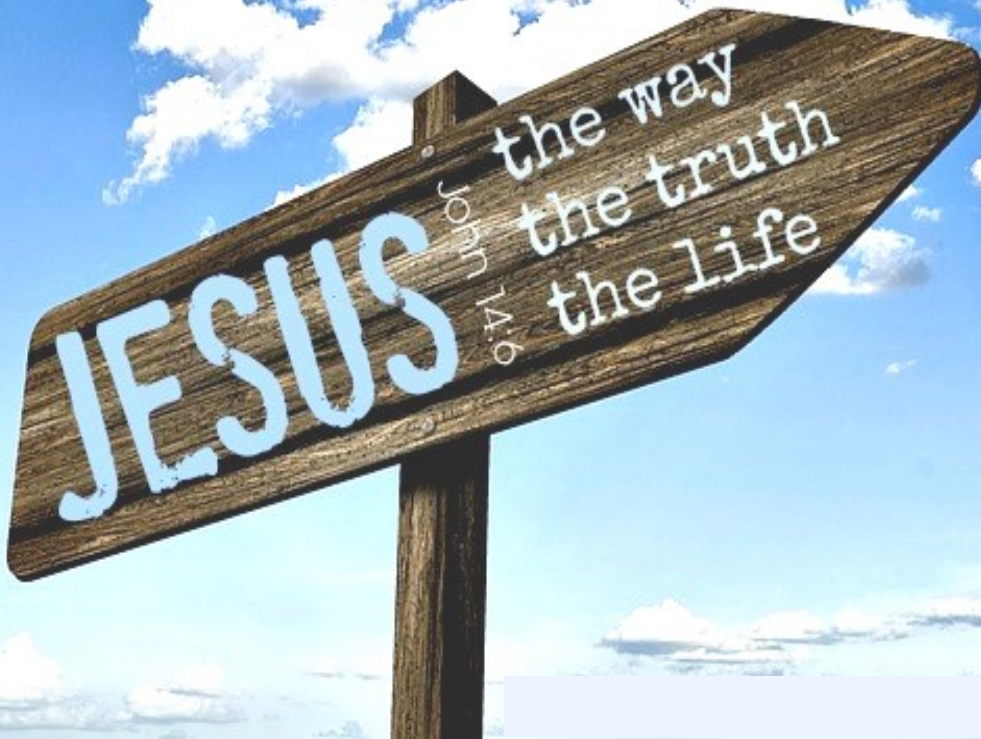




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



Devotional Motherhood.com

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
*April 3, 2016*

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Second Sunday of Easter

### OPEN

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.*

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

#### \*Call to Worship

Vernon Ramberger

One: Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

**Many: Celebrate God in all places under heaven!**

One: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

**Many: Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**Many: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**Many: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**Many: Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

#### \*Processional Hymn

"It Is Well With My Soul"

UMH, No. 377

#### Opening Prayer (Unison)

Vernon Ramberger

**Gracious God, you have made known the risen Christ  
in the taste of the bread he broke, the sound of his voice,  
the imprint of his wounds, the sight of his face,  
and the smell of breakfast cooking on the beach.**

**Show us through all our senses  
the new life Christ bring to us this day  
and lead us by your Spirit to welcome him with all our being,  
for the sake of the peace he came to give, Amen.**

#### \*Passing of the peace

Vernon Ramberger

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **Many: And also with you.**

### GROW

#### Moment for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

#### Old Testament Lesson

*Psalm 150*

Vernon Ramberger

#### \*Gospel Lesson

*John 20:19-31*

Vernon Ramberger

#### \*Response to the Lesson

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

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### Anthem

"Beyond The Cross"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.  
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**Sermon** "Experiencing Jesus" Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**\*Hymn of Response** "He Touched Me" UMH, No. 367

**Moment of Impact** **One Great Hour of Sharing** 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 Shirley  
**Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.**

**\*Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.**  
**When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley

**The Great Thanksgiving** *The ushers will guide us. All are welcome.*

**Communion Hymn** "I Come With Joy" UMH, No. 167

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Shirley  
**Eternal God of light and life, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, broken and full of darkness, to share your light! In the name of Jesus the Risen Christ, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** "Amazing Grace" UMH, No. 378

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Choral Benediction** "Lead Me, Lord" Chancel Choir

### Postlude

**\* Please stand as you are able**

## Old Testament Lesson: *Psalm 150*

### **Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

## Gospel Lesson: *John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report March 27, 2016**

**General Offering: \$8,908.<sup>40</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$365.<sup>00</sup>**

**Easter Weekend Attendance: 287**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 26 Bags**

**Give/Serve/Restore: \$902.<sup>00</sup>**

**and 748.6 pounds of food**

***It is your tithes, offerings,  
and gifts that impact***

***and change lives for Christ!***

## **Moment of Impact**

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today: When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through **One Great Hour of Sharing**. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

# 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 as we continue to celebrate Easter — not just a day but a season. Alleluia! If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. 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.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**

**Annual Spring Rummage Sale: Save the Date!** Set-Up on Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.; Sale, Friday, April 29: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sale, Saturday, April 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 \$2.00. **Start saving your treasures!** A sign-up sheet for various ways you can help will be posted in the lobby in the coming weeks.

**RAP will meet on April 8th at noon.** Please bring your lunch. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and desserts will be provided. **Ron Ritter, Master Gardener**, will be presenting a program. Our church family and our community friends are always invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

**RAP AND FRIENDS** will be carpooling to the **Sight and Sound Theatre** to attend the world premiere of **SAMSON on Wednesday, October 26th**. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations must be paid in full before best available seats may be chosen. Group rate price: **\$51 for Adults and \$21 for Children (3-12)**. The show begins at **11 a.m.** The suggested time of arrival is 10:15 a.m. **Contact Sara Ann Ramberger** for reservations and questions at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net). Reservations for those wanting a meal following the show will be arranged at a later date.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS!** The children will be singing **Sunday, April 24th**. We will **rehearse at 10:45 on the 3rd, 10th and 17th**. All children are invited to join us for rehearsals and to sing on the 24th at both services. Copies of the music are available for you to practice. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Leaman at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

**SE DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETING WITH OUR BISHOP, PEGGY JOHNSON:** Everyone is invited to attend this informational meeting on **Monday, April 4 at Elam UMC** (1073 Smithbridge Rd, Glen Mills, PA 19342) **at 7 p.m.** where Bishop Johnson will share information about potential changes to our conference and answer questions.

**THIS WEEK: April 3 through April 10, 2016**

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

**Sunday:**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

|                            |                                                        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band         |
| 9:45 a.m.                  | Christian Education for All Ages                       |
| 11:00 a.m.                 | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir             |
| <b>1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)</b> |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.      | Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)                          |

**Monday:**

|                            |                                                          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Mushroom Workers CPR Classes (Sanc., Kit., Lobby)</b> |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.     | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                      |
| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.     | Knit Wits (#1)                                           |
| 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.        | All Staff Meeting (#1)                                   |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.        | Daisy Troop #4383 (#14)                                  |
| 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.       | S.O.S. Ladies (#1)                                       |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.      | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)                           |

**Tuesday:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  |
| 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (#3)  |
| 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.    | Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)           |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  | Yoga (Sanc.)                         |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.    | Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10) |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  | Trustees Meeting (#1)                |

**Wednesday:**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.       | Ministerium Meeting                                 |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.     | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)                 |
| 11:15 a.m.+11:30 a.m.      | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)              |
| 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.       | CMO Soccer Shots (church grounds)                   |
| <b>1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>G/S/R Breakfast set-up (Sanc.)</b>               |
| 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.       | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                  |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.      | Caregivers Dinner Out Meeting (Mi Cocina Mexicana ) |
| 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.        | Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)                 |

**Thursday:**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>G/S/R Breakfast (Kit., Sanc.)</b>        |
| 9:00 a.m. - <b>1:30 p.m.</b> | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)         |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.          | Jr. Girl Scout Troop 04317 (#14)            |
| 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.          | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                        |
| 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.          | Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13) |
| 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.        | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                       |

**Friday:**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)               |
| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.      | UMW Faith Circle (#1)                             |
| <b>12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen</b> |
| 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.       | Youth Friday Fun Nite! (Sanctuary)                |

**Saturday:**

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| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10) |
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**Sunday:**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

|            |                                                |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Christian Education for All Ages               |
| 10:45 a.m. | Children's Choir Rehearsal (#4)                |
| 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir     |

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus April: The Trustees**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in April: The Ronald McDonald House**

Wayne Achuff  
 Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Jim Belay (K. Boyd)  
 Julie Bradley (Ramberger)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Danny (J. Hughes' brother)  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 Paul Dean and Family (Delaney)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Aaron Hairston (Hruz)  
 Chris Hecht (Mullen)  
 Anne Horn (Czerpak)  
 Ida Houston (Kr. Boyd)  
 Jimmy Hunt  
 Ken & Lois Levengood (Miller)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Pam McClain  
 Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)



Ellen McCahon (Hruz)  
 Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Kathie Myhre (Miller)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Rick Renzulli  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Angela Street (K. Smith)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
 Family of Dave Yale (Murphy)  
 Christina Yates (Stryjewski)

Tom Fagan - USA  
 (Whelan)



Allan Frost -  
 South Korea (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
 (Simonds)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
 Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weidman - Okinawa, Japan  
 Fran Miller

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Ushers—11:00**

**Greeters—11:00**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**Sunday School Roamers**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

**This Sunday, April 3**

Open and Open  
 Karen Hruz and Jeanette Stryjewski  
 Roger Bates and Kay Yates  
 Dick and Caryl Sturhke  
 Cecelia Figueroa/Nathan Robinson  
 H. McCummings/K. Smith/A. Castaldi  
 Jessi Timm/Open  
 Amy Castaldi  
 Cindy Haley  
 Vernon Ramberger  
 Jamie Lindtner  
 Rain Catoia/Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

**Next Sunday, April 10**

Rain Catoia and Family  
 Mike and Cindy Haley  
 George Armstrong & Open  
 Joan Saller & Open  
 Jonathan LeStourgeon & Ava Tolmie  
 C. Bruno / R. Catoia/ Open  
 Amy Simonds/Amy Simonds  
 Fran Miller  
 Carolyn Barrett  
 Chris Curtiss  
 Julie Hughes  
 Steve May/Dick & Caryl Sturhke  
 George Anderson & Donna Shaub  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "Let It Rise" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** "In Jesus' Name"  
"We Believe" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Jamie Lindtner

**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 150* Cindy Haley

**\*Gospel Lesson** *John 20:19-31* Cindy Haley

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**Sermon** "Experiencing Jesus" Pastor Monica

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** **One Great Hour of Sharing** Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Put Your Hand In The Hand" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Invitation**

**\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** Pastor Jim

**Great Thanksgiving** ~ *The ushers will guide us. All are welcome.*

**Communion Song** "We Are The Body of Christ" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Hope Is Alive" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**