



**West Grove United Methodist Church**

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

*New Life*



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*March 15, 2015*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Memory Bells Choir

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities**

Pastor Monica

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

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

**\*Call to Worship (Responsive)** (based on Psalm 107)

Tom Hoover

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**Many: All of the time, God is good.**

One: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

**Many: Let the redeemed say, God has redeemed us.**

One: Give thanks to God, who saves us from our distresses.

**Many: God’s steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*Processional Hymn**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymnal No. 155

**\*Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Tom Hoover

**Ever-loving God, the light of the world has come, but we admit that we love the shadows all around us. From the dark, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy, as we silently offer our hearts to you.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

# LISTENING AND RECEIVING

## Moments for All Ages

Jamie Lindtner

## New Testament Lesson

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

Tom Hoover

## \*Gospel Lesson

*John 3:14-21*

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

“Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary”

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

## Sermon

“*New Life?*”

Pastor Monica

# RESPONDING

\***Hymn of Response** “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

Hymn No. 121

## Offering

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Memory Bells Choir

\***Offertory Response** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn 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**

## Gathered Prayers of the People

### The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal No. 895

### \*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Amazing Grace”

Hymnal No. 378

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction

“Here in the Shadow of the Cross”

Chancel Choir

### \*Postlude

• = *Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In Memory of Ruth Radcliffe, loving mother and grandmother,  
With love from her family



## **New Testament Lesson:** *Ephesians 2:1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *John 3:14-21*

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

**Report for March 8, 2015**

**General Fund: Offering: \$6,207.00 Offerings Received YTD: \$57,844.84**

**Building Maintenance Fund: Offering: \$80.00 Year-to-Date: \$1,870.00**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30—72 + 11:00—111 = Total: 183 Sunday School: 51**

**Emergency Food Bags distributed year-to-date: 8**

# 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! God has promised to be our God and to let us be God's people. May we focus confidently on the blessing of such a loving relationship as we worship God today. 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.***

**EASTER "EGG" STRAVAGANZA COMING SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 3-5 P.M..** Your help is needed! Candy donations to fill the hundreds of eggs are requested, and you can place your donation in the bin designated in the lobby. If you would like to donate your time and assistance, please see Bill Jones. **Details of the event can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.**

**SCOUT SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.** We invite you to join us as we celebrate our Scouts! West Grove UMC hosts numerous Girl Scout, Brownie, Daisy, Boy Scout, and Venture Crew scouting programs each week. We are delighted to be a part of their journey in service.

**RAP and UMW Hosting Marie Monville**, Author of "One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting" on **Friday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so please plan to arrive early.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DODGE BALL, March 27** - Bring \$2, a friend or two and come play some dodgeball and eat all the pizza you can! It's awesome!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will start on **April 19, 2015**. We will meet on Sunday mornings for 3 weeks in Pastor Monica's office. On May 10th, we will welcome new members into our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Monica or Melissa Jones.

**CMO SPRING Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale.** This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at good prices! There will be a large selection of Spring and Summer children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, books, baby items and equipment. Shopping hours are on **Friday, March 20 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.** Come on Friday for the best selection. On Saturday, many items will be half price. This sale benefits the early childhood and scholarship programs at West Grove United Methodist Church.

**MARCH SOUP SALE ON MARCH 28TH:** Be sure to sign up on the form in lobby for your **Ham and Bean Soup and Cream of Mushroom Soup!** They are still only \$5.00 per Quart. Orders are due by March 25th and pick-up is on Saturday, March 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the Lobby or you can call the church office to place your order.

**R.O.M.E.O. Retired Older Men Eating Out: Thursday, March 26.** Remember, if you are retired, then you could be a ROMEO. We get together to eat at Perkins on the **last Thursday of each month.** Call Roger Bates at 610-869-7638 if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends!

**THIS WEEK: March 15 through March 22, 2015**

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

**Sunday:**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir and Memory Bells  
7:00p.m.-8:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)

**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER ARE DUE!**

**Monday:**

9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3,4,5,6)  
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. CMO Lunch Bunch  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Daisy Troop 4383 (#9)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Crown Financial (#1)

**Tuesday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 453(#9)  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Meeting (#8, 10)

**Thursday:**

**All Day CMO Consignment Sale Set-up**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
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)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. SPRC (#1)  
8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)

**Saturday:**

**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Consignment Sale (Sanc., Lobby)**  
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (#8, 10)

**Sunday:**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SCOUT SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. J.A.M. and Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir  
7:00p.m.-8:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. African American Experience (#11, 13)



The missions team of West Grove UMC in conjunction with Family Promise of Southern Chester County is evaluating the possibility of being a host church for homeless families in Southern Chester County.

A host church provides overnight accommodations for up to five families /

14 people for a one week period (Sunday evening to the following Sunday morning) every 3 months. These carefully screened families are provided shelter, meals, and support services to help them get back into housing with a goal period of 30 days.

Family Promise has a day center that is located in downtown West Grove where the families are able to shower and receive support services for getting back on their feet.

A host church provides:

- Sleeping accommodations ;A living area / hospitality room
- A Dining area; Evening Meals; Simple Breakfasts; Bag lunches
- Compassion and hospitality

For a church to effectively run this program, a crew of 40 volunteers is needed for the following roles:

- Coordinators (2-4); Meal Preparers / Food providers (14)
- Overnight Volunteers (14); Set-up / Take-Down (2-4)
- Linen Laundry (2); Activities (2); Supplies (many)

If you would like to see WGUMC be a host church please sign up in the lobby. If you have a particular area of interest, indicate such beside your name.

Please call Janice Bowers with any questions: 484-888-6821 days 610-444-8470 evenings or email [janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com).



## OPERATION HOPE TOTES.

It's time for our annual participation in Operation Hope Tote. Look for Operation Hope Tote envelopes in the lobby .**They will be collected during March and all items should be returned to the church by Sunday, March 29, 2014.** Operation Hope Tote is a simple but powerful way to help homeless people and to express

Christ's love and the spirit of renewal that is such an important part of Easter. Thank you for your help in this very worthwhile project.

# Meditations For Your Week



*March 15—March 21*

**Sunday:** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16. This scripture is one of the most memorized verses. How is God calling you to hear it fresh today?

**Monday:** “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3: 17. Through Jesus, we are saved. Have you spent time with the Christ who saved you, today?

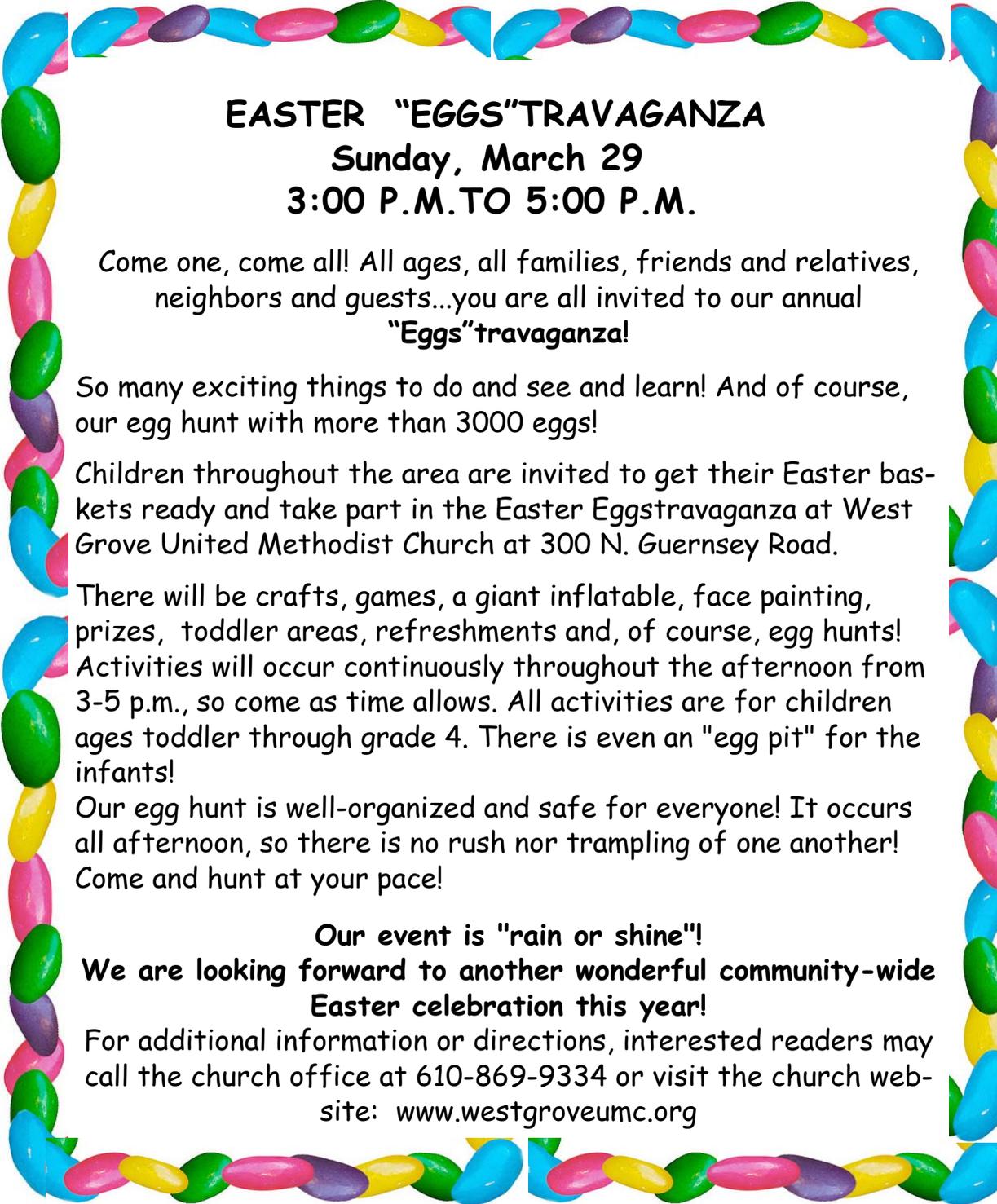
**Tuesday:** “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.” John 3: 19. People love the darkness. Where is God calling you to notice that you are in the dark, and then to turn the light of God into that corner of your life?

**Wednesday:** “But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” John 3:21. Take some time in quiet prayer today. Ask God to show you today how you can serve in the light.

**Thursday:** “But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us,” Ephesians 2:4. The love of God comes not from what we do, but comes from the mercy of God. God’s love reaches beyond, through, and around our brokenness

**Friday:** “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9. God’s gift is not just to you; it is a gift to ALL! Share that gift with someone new today.

**Saturday:** “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life,” Ephesians 2:10. God prepared you for good works. How are you living that out?



## EASTER "EGGS" TRAVAGANZA

Sunday, March 29

3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Come one, come all! All ages, all families, friends and relatives, neighbors and guests...you are all invited to our annual "Eggs" travaganza!

So many exciting things to do and see and learn! And of course, our egg hunt with more than 3000 eggs!

Children throughout the area are invited to get their Easter baskets ready and take part in the Easter Eggstravaganza at West Grove United Methodist Church at 300 N. Guernsey Road.

There will be crafts, games, a giant inflatable, face painting, prizes, toddler areas, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon from 3-5 p.m., so come as time allows. All activities are for children ages toddler through grade 4. There is even an "egg pit" for the infants!

Our egg hunt is well-organized and safe for everyone! It occurs all afternoon, so there is no rush nor trampling of one another! Come and hunt at your pace!

**Our event is "rain or shine"!**

**We are looking forward to another wonderful community-wide Easter celebration this year!**

For additional information or directions, interested readers may call the church office at 610-869-9334 or visit the church website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)



Easter Flowers

It's Easter Flower time and you may order yours by placing a check or cash in the "Easter Flower" envelope and dropping it in the collection plate or the church office. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center or from the Sunday Ushers.

We offer Tulips or Daffodils in 6" pots for \$5.00 each. Lilies with 4-5 blooms in 6" pots are \$9.50 each. **Last date to order flowers is Sunday, March 29.**

|                          | <u>Price each</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total</u>    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Tulips</b>            | <b>\$5.00</b>     | _____           | \$ _____        |
| <b>Daffodils</b>         | <b>\$5.00</b>     | _____           | \$ _____        |
| <b>Easter Lilies</b>     | <b>\$9.50</b>     | _____           | \$ _____        |
| <b>Total Amount Due:</b> |                   |                 | <b>\$ _____</b> |

Please designate below how you wish to offer these flowers, so it can be recognized in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Contact the church office with questions or concerns .

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name(s) for dedication:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 in March: Children's Morning Out Preschool**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in March: Family Promise**

Darlene Alleger  
(Guepet)

Dennis Baldwin (Boyd)

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Carolyn Bratton

Fran Bryan

Maura Carroll (Bates)

Sandy Deckard

David Dickens (Hoover)

Leslie Dunn (Boyd)

Donna Fackler

Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Grace Gurney (Wolff)

Matt Helm (Laird)

Tonya Howell (Boyd)

Kim Kurz (Ramberger)

Family of Rev. Fred Landis

Amy Lengel & family (May)

Bill Lilley

Kay Longnecker (Mullen)

Neva Luttmann (Miller)

Dave McClain

Gloria Miller (Ramberger)



Lisa Montgomery  
(Russell)

Lynn Morgan (McClain)

Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Tim Mullen

Ami Murray and Family (May)

Ed O'Brien

Tammy Ramberger

Lisa Reoli

The Rinehimer Family

Shirley Rosazza (Ramberger)

Dot Russell

Richard Saller

Roann Schneider

Family of Ellie Streibel (Mullen)

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Reston Turn & Family (May)

Dot Weeks

Megan Wittman (Lytle)

Chris Wolfe (Bauer)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - Guam (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, U.S. Embassy,  
Mexico City (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
(Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
(Lynne Strawhecker)

Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force  
Base,  
Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Ushers—8:30**

**Ushers—11**

**Greeters—8:30**

**Greeters—11**

**Acolyte 8:30/11**

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

**C. Worship—8:30/11**

**S. S. Roamers**

**Lay Reader—8:30**

**Liturgist—11:00**

**Moment All Ages**

**Hospitality 8:30/11**

**Counters**

**Sound Booth**

### **This Sunday, March 15**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell

Ralph Curtiss and Kay Yates

John and Judy Gambill

Ed and Becky Tolmie

W. Boyd / S. Reynolds

H. McCummings/K. Smith/K. Boyd

OPEN / Heather Ditzel

Maryanne Covington

Rain Catoia

Tom Hoover

Jamie Lindtner

The Covingtons / Scott Steele

Dave Talley and Denise Byers

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, March 22**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell

Ralph Curtiss and Kay Yates

John and Judy Gambill

Ed and Becky Tolmie

J. Lestourgeon / Sydney Curtiss

C. Bruno/R. Catoia/J. Leaman

Amy Castaldi / OPEN

Amy Castaldi

Karen Hruz

Janis Schrader

Pastor Monica

Melissa Dea / Scott Steele

Vernon and Sara Ann Ramberger

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## **8:30 Contemporary Worship Service**

### **Opening Song**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

### **Welcome and Ministry Opportunities and Opening Prayer**

Pastor Monica

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

### **Celebration Set**

“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing) ”  
“Mighty to Save”

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Moment For All Ages**

Jamie Lindtner

### **Scripture**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

*John 3:14-21*

Rain Catoia

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children’s Worship. At 9:30, the children staying for JAM will be taken to the youth room (#8 & 10) and those who are not staying will be brought back to the Sanctuary.

### **Sermon**

“*New Life?*”

Pastor Monica

### **Offering**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) ”

### **Gathered Prayers of the People**

The Lord’s Prayer

### **Closing Song**

“Our God”

### **Benediction**

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