

Fourth Sunday of Easter 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

GATHERING

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

*Call to Worship (Responsive) (Based on Psalm 89) Dave Talley

One: Your love, God, is my song, and I'll sing it! I'm forever telling everyone how faithful you are.

Many: I'll never quit telling the story of your love—how you built the cosmos and guaranteed everything in it.

One: Our feet are strong in righteousness and justice; love and truth are near. The foundation of the Lord is our strength.

Many: Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise, who shout on parade in the bright presence of God.

One: Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us— you've been so good to us! We're walking on air!

Many: All we are and have we owe to God, Holy God of Israel, our King!

*Processional Hymn "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way" PowerPoint

*Opening Prayer Dave Talley

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

LISTENING AND RECEIVING

Children's Choir "Trustin' God" Joan Leaman, Director

Moments for All Ages Jamie Lindtner

THE POWER AND THE GLORY

This June, after a five year absence, Hopewell UMC's Drama Ministry will present **THE POWER AND THE GLORY**--the modern language resetting of their original **Passion Play**. Our **RAP group and friends** will be traveling to Hopewell UMC on **June 12th**. The group will board a **DuVall bus** at WGUMC at **5 p.m.** The bus will return our group to WGUMC after the play. Light dinner choices, snacks, desserts, and beverages will be available for purchase at Hopewell UMC beginning at 6 p.m. The play will start at 8 p.m. Hopewell suggests that you bring bug spray for your comfort and also a pillow/blanket for your seating--we will be permitted to choose and "save" our seats before enjoying our meal.



The cost for **bus transportation** is **\$12.50 per person (includes the gratuity for the driver)**. Individual food choice purchases and freewill offering will be the responsibility of each attendee. **Please direct your questions and reserve your seat on the bus with Sara Ann Ramberger, RAP Outing Coordinator**, asap at 610-869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.



Handbell
Concert

7TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HANDBELL CONCERT: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015, Avondale Presbyterian Church, **3:30 P.M.** There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be collected.

This year's beneficiary is SHiNE, a Chester County Hospital-based, non-profit organization of volunteers who support cancer patients in our communities. The Memory Bells, as well as other area bell choirs, will be participating, and we hope you'll be there to hear us ring! Our Memory Bells have supported this community function since its inception and are proud to be a part of all

the good things that have happened as a result. JOIN US!

PARENTS NITE OUT!

Saturday, May 16, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents of little ones – are you in need of a break? A kid free dinner out? A nap?! Then bring your kids to the church on Saturday, May 16 from 4:30 – 7:30 and let the youth watch them. We will feed them pizza, play games, do crafts and watch a movie. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per child for the evening and all the money goes towards the youth group summer mission trip to Union Beach NJ! RSVP to JamieLindtner@gmail.com



New Testament Lesson: *Ephesians 6:13-20*

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 52:6-9*

Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.



Communion Stewards

Serving and preparing communion is a wonderful way to serve. Are you wondering how you might be involved? Join us on TODAY after both services for a 10 minute session on training and getting involved. No need to sign up, see you there.

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 April: Sunday School Program
Mission Prayer Focus in April: The Ronald McDonald House

Darlene Alleger

(Guepet)

Kory Arnold

Cory Beattie (Shaub)

Dan Bennett (Guepet)

Fran Bryan

Maura Carroll (Bates)

Family of Ruth Cocciolone

Colin Delaney (McGinley)

Leslie Dunn (Boyd)

Lil and Bill Fili (Bratton)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Adam Foltz (Russell)

Marcus Forst (Howard)

Rev. Kim Gilson (Hurst)

Grace Gurney (Wolff)

Family of Jason Haley (Haley)

Brielle & Ariana Hargreaves

Matt Helm (Laird)

Richard Kreutzfeldt

Bill Lilley

Kay Longnecker (Mullen)

Lopez family (Tena)

Neva Luttman (Miller)



Julia McDonnell

(Czerpak)

Gloria Miller

(Ramberger)

Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Tim Mullen

Ed O'Brien

Pastor Doug (May)

Family of Lawrence Ramberger

Tammy Ramberger

Lisa Reoli

Ron Ritter (Chalmers)

Dot Russell

Richard Saller

Roann Schneider

Christian & Luke Schneider

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Jonathan Tena

Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Dot Weeks

Megan Wittman (Lytle)

Baby Wynne (Dea)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - South Korea (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, April 26

Mike and Luke Chalmers

Fran Miller and Scott Steele

Mike and Cindy Haley

Joan Saller and Ruth Wells

Alisabeth Guepet/Madeline Jones

M. Rubincan/A. Castaldi/J. Williamson

Karen Reische / Joan Leaman

Joan Leaman

Mark Simonds

Dave Talley

Jamie Lindtner

The Chalmers / The Hursts

Margee Michaels and Scott Steele

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, May 3

TBA

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Matt Simonds / Sarah Reynolds

J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/E. Mullen

Amy Castaldi / OPEN

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Rain Catoia

Vernon Ramberger

Pastor Monica

TBA

Bill Jones and Tim Shaub

Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

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.

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5, NRSV). Welcome, then, to "the body of Christ, the family of God." 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.***

**New Prayer/Discussion Group. Beginning Sunday, April 19, 9:45 a.m.** in the Prayer Room off the left side of the Sanctuary. The theme for the group is based upon the scripture "Be still and know that I am God." We will meet in the prayer room and begin with a period of quiet and stillness in a candlelight setting as we get in touch with God's spirit within. We will slow down and listen. When we are still, we can feel God's holy spirit all around us. We will have a time for sharing; sharing personal stories of how God has touched our lives, in the past week, months, or years. How has God lifted us? How can we focus on hope, even when our world crashes in on us? Where can we find blessings in our everyday life? We will nurture an "attitude of gratitude". Do you have any special scriptures, songs, poetry, writings that touch you? Bring them to share with us. Any adult man or woman who wants to be still and focus on God's spirit, join us starting on Sunday, April 19 at 9:45. For more information or to share your ideas, call Julie Hughes at 610-547-7023 [julahug@verizon.net](mailto:julahug@verizon.net)

**R.O.M.E.O. Retired Older Men Eating Out, Thursday, April 30.** 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!

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ, TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 11:30-1:00:** This monthly free meal ministry needs your donations! A list of items needed can be found in the lobby. Cash donations are always welcomed! If you would like to volunteer your time, please see Linda Shiplet.

**Understanding the African American Experience and White Privilege** - We meet from **7:00 -9:00 p.m.** on the **fourth Sunday evening of each month** in the church conference room to discuss articles, videos, and special speakers. **On April 26th, author and guest speaker, Mr. Jerry Franklin Poe will be with us.** This Sunday, April 26 the participants have been encouraged to watch the PBS video "Slavery by Another Name" (You Tube) and read Martin Luther King's sermon entitled "Loving Our Enemies." Rev. Mel Leaman, a Religion professor at Lincoln University facilitates the class. Please join us. Contact Mel at [melleaman50@gmail.com](mailto:melleaman50@gmail.com)