

EASTER
SUNDAY

Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Monica

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

Choral Introit

“Christ is Alive”

Chancel Choir
& Brass Ensemble

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Sue Curtis

One: Christ the Lord is Risen

Many: He is Risen, Indeed!

*Processional Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

UMH No. 302, Vv. 1-4
with Memory Bells

*Opening Prayer

Sue Curtis

Resurrected Christ, on this day, we celebrate signs of resurrection.

You broke the power of death!

The empty tomb stands witness

and makes us as your church as bold testimony

if we live it to be bold signs of resurrection.

May we live resurrection.

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Sue Curtis

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Sue Curtis

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1-11

Sue Curtis

*Response to the Lesson

Sue Curtis

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Moment For All Ages

Pastor Monica

Anthem

“Awake! Arise! Go Forth!”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon "DO Pause for Resurrection" Pastor Monica
Hymn of Response "Up From the Grave He Arose" UMH No. 322
with Memory Bells

SERVE

Offering "I Know My Redeemer Lives" Brass Ensemble
***Offertory Response** "Christ Is Alive" UMH No. 318, V. 5
Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

***Offertory Prayer** Pastor Monica
**Almighty God, Alleluia our praises rise to you! Dying, you died our death,
rising, you give us life! May these tithes, gifts, and commitments of our lives
be used to share your good news here and always, we pray, Amen.**

***Invitation** Pastor Monica

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor Monica
**Redeeming God, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the saving work of Christ,
we are raised through the baptismal waters to the share in your glorious resurrection,
Yet, we have not lived as Easter people. We have been unsure of your promises,
rushed and turned away from your will and way. We have not responded to your
radical love with our whole hearts. We have hesitated and held back. We have been
indifferent to the cries of those most in need. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us to the
Risen One, who embraces us and urges us to tell everyone.**

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance Pastor Monica

The Great Thanksgiving ~ *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.*

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

Communion Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" UMH No. 308

Prayer After Receiving Pastor Monica
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given
yourself to us. Grant that strength of your Spirit we might see signs of the
resurrection in this life and look forward to everlasting resurrection.
In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-11

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

**First
Sunday**

Our Emergency Food Pantry serves our community and provides much needed food and

supplies to families in our area. Your donations are appreciated. An Emergency Aid donation envelope can be found in the lobby literature rack or on the welcome center on First Sundays. The funds collected help others in need with rent, utility bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK: April 22-29

***VOLUNTEERS and FOOD
DONATIONS are needed.***



Our families always enjoy a comfortable and hospitable week when they stay with us. Please come help us and enjoy serving in this fulfilling ministry. Look for the sign-up in the lobby with a list of food items needed, as well as volunteering our service during the week our guests are here.

Please contact Joan Leaman at jmleaman@comcast.net

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.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! A joyous welcome to all as we gather with Jesus' closest friends at his empty tomb. 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute 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!



**APRIL NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN LOBBY AT THE WELCOME DESK.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY TODAY!**

REMINDER: The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2. We will return to serve you on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 a.m. Blessings on your celebration.

PRAYER BEAD GARDEN PAVERS: The Prayer Bead Garden team is offering an opportunity to purchase a *Bead* (paver) in Honor or Memory of a loved one. The names of those Honored or Memorialized will be listed in a laminated book and displayed in the garden. **A full Bead (paver) is \$100.00 or you may purchase a quarter Bead for \$25.00.** Checks may be made out to West Grove United Methodist Church with Prayer Bead Garden in the memo. Envelopes in the lobby.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Some of you may want to get an early start before April 21 & beautify our church in time for Easter! Vernon Ramberger will be there to answer questions concerning locations of projects, jobs, materials and tools needed. Thank you, in advance, for helping to care for our church.

RAP AND FRIENDS are traveling to Bird-in Hand Smorgasbord and Theatre to see **THE HOME GAME on Wednesday, May 16th.** Reservations are possible until April 13th when \$51 payment is due (includes smorgasbord (11 a.m.-12:30), show (1-3:45 p.m.), all taxes and gratuities). Group is carpooling—transportation is available. Contact Sara Ann Ramberger for reservations ASAP.

DODGEBALL: The Youth Group is having a Dodgeball, Games and Pizza Night on Friday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game or get your Dodgeball ON people!

BAD MOVIE: We had a good time watching "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman" and making fun of it. The popcorn, candy, and iced tea was pretty good too! Let's see if we can get twenty-five people to come out for our next Bad Movie Night on Friday, April 27, featuring "Plan 9 From Outer Space."

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 71 bags of food so far this year. The need is great. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list.

VBS Volunteers are Needed: In order for us to have a successful and impactful week (July 9 -13) for the children of our church and community, we need lots of volunteers, both adults and youth. Please contact Joan Leaman jmleaman@comcast.net if you are able to commit to a volunteer position or for more information on what leadership is needed.

THIS WEEK: MARCH 18 through MARCH 25, 2018

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

Sunday:	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Service (Outside weather permitting) Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir Jenner's Pond Easter Service in the Allison Theater Counters (#1)
	~ Church Office is closed on Easter Monday, April 2, 2018 ~	
Monday:	9:00 A.M.-12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) SOS Ladies (#3) "Walking with Jesus" Group Meeting (#8, 10)
	(Note: Donna Fackler is on Vacation 4/3-4/6. The church office is Open)	
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1) Jr. Girl Scouts #447 (#8 & 10) Jr. Girl Scouts #498 (#12) Trustees Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ministerium CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.) Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) GS Leaders Meeting (#3) Lenten Wednesdays Potluck Dinner and After 40 Study (Sanc.) Venture Crew Youth meeting (#8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Music Practice (#6) CMO Interviews (#1) Jr. GS Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Daisy Toop #461 (#11) Choir Rehearsal (#6) Boy Scout Troop #12 (#5, 8, 9,10,11,12,13) PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Begin Girl Scout Overnight (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	End Girl Scout Overnight (Sanc.) Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir Counters (#1)

**God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship**

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

Give/Serve/Restore to date: \$538

Report March 25, 2018

General Offering: \$12,732.50
Building Maintenance Fund: \$735
Worship Attendance: 217
Emergency Groceries YTD: 71 bags
Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$11.31
Total amount received: \$10,941.31
Goal-\$13,000

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 for April: Trustees
Mission Prayer Focus for April: Family Promise

Cory Beattie (Shaub)
 Fran Bryan
 Helen Carlin
 Dee Crawford
 Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)
 Lena Douglas
 Ed Farrell (Babcock)
 Odella Farrell (Babcock)
 Laura Featherston
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Ruth Harvey (Kilmartin)
 Muff Hurst
 Peg Kent
 William Kirwin
 Rosemary MacCoun
 Townsend MacCoun
 Dave McClain



Lynn Morgan (McClain)
 Peggy Mowrer
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Pastor Monica
 Nancy Pearo (Heist)
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Roann Schneider
 Family of Richard "Butch" Shaub
 Linda Shiplet
 Joan Smead (Wolff)
 Rick Spencer (K. Smith)
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)
 Gisela Winkler (Mullen)
 Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
 Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)
 LTC Eric Maxwell,
 Chesapeake, VA
 (The Rambergers)
 Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ
 (Lynne Strawhecker)
 Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)
 Ed Tolmie

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, April 1

Ushers—8:30 Gene and Allison Aucott
Greeters—8:30 John and Carol McGinley
Ushers—11:00 Joan Saller
Greeters—11:00 Open
Acolyte 8:30/11 Open / Open
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Leaman
C. Worship—8:30/11 OPEN/OPEN
Lay Reader—8:30 Judy Gambill
Liturgist—11:00 Sue Curtis
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Prayer Room 8:30/11 Nancy Howard/Sandi Hampton
Roamers Fran Miller
Hospitality 8:30/11 Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
Counters George Anderson & Donna Shaub
Sound Booth Keith Schneider & various

Next Sunday, April 8

Tim and Eileen Bushnell
 Open
 Open
 Open
 Colton McCummings/Ian Ditzel
 H. McCummings/C. Bratton/K. Rinehimer
 Open / Open
 Mark Simonds
 Margee Michaels
 Pastor Monica
 Pam Howard/Susan Paisley
 Amy Castaldi
 The Stuhrkes / The Hoovers
 Dave Talley and Janice Bowers
 Keith Schneider & various

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "Alive" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome Pastor Monica

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***Celebration Set** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today
(He is Not Dead)"
"Jesus Messiah" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

GROW

Moment For All Ages Pastor Monica

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SERVE

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Communion Song "It's All About the Cross" Praise Works Band

Prayer After Receiving Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** "My Redeemer Lives" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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