



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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

# Pray Like Jesus

## Pray with Questions



***April 2, 2017***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

**Prelude** "Hymn and Kum Bah Yah" AGIS Flute Ensemble

**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 (Responsive)** (based on Psalm 130:7, Ezekiel 37:3) TBA  
One: Out of the depths, we cry to you. Like Ezekiel, we ask "Can these bones live?"  
**Many: Through the Lord, we can know life in lifeless bones and hope in hopeless states.**  
One: With the Lord, there is steadfast love and power to redeem each and every one!  
**Many: Let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!**

**\*Processional Hymn** "O Worship The King" UMH No. 73, Vv. 1-3, 5

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** TBA  
**Our Redeemer and Friend, we pray this day as we wait for you. Sometimes we pray, how long as we cry out for the needs of our world and our hearts. Sometimes, we lift our voices in praise as we see the miracles of life coming out of death. Sometimes, we beg just to hear and see you. As your people gather to seek you and not just to fulfill an obligation, let us be unbound to offer our full lives to you. Show us who and whose we are, bearers of good news, messengers of the resurrection, and children of God, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace** TBA  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

**Moment for All Ages** Jamie Lindtner

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 130 TBA

**Gospel Lesson** John 11:1-45 TBA

**Response to the Lessons** TBA

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem** "What Deep And Wondrous Love" Chancel Choir

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** "Pray Like Jesus: Pray With Questions" Pastor Monica

# SERVE

- \*Hymn of Response** “Sing With All The Saints In Glory” UMH No. 702, Vv. 1,3,4
- Moment of Impact** GSR Food Pantry Pastor Monica
- Offering** “Jesus Loves Me” AGIS Flute Ensemble
- \*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  
Giver of Life, we praise you for giving us life out of death. All around us, we see signs of new life. As we offer these commitments of tithes, gifts, and offerings, may we be agents of new life. May new life flow through these offerings and the offering of our lives. Dedicate and use us for signs of your kingdom here on earth, we pray, Amen.
- Invitation** Pastor Monica
- Prayer of Confession** Pastor Monica  
Weeping God, like Martha and Mary, we often find ourselves with more questions than answers. We find that we offered platitudes and pleasantries, instead of presence and compassion. We shy away from the foul smelling moments of life, hoping that it will just go away. Forgive us, we pray, when we forget your power and your presence. Forgive us, we pray, when we listen to the voices of crowds and culture instead of you. Holy God, we confess we hear you calling in the midst of our questions and quandaries. Embolden us, we pray, to bring our doubts and needs, our bafflement and disappointments to you.  
(Moment of Silence)
- Words of Assurance** Pastor Monica
- The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *The ushers will guide us. 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.*
- Communion Hymn** “Come To The Table Of Grace” WS No. 3168
- 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 in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- \*Hymn of Sending Forth** “How Firm A Foundation” UMH No. 529, Vv.1,2,5
- \*Benediction** Pastor Monica
- \*Choral Benediction** “Here In The Shadow Of The Cross” Chancel Choir
- \*Postlude**

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

## Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

## Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

# 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 to this gathering of God's people. 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.  
Thank you.***

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.

**INVITATION FOR RAP AND FRIENDS:** The Avon Grove Seniors will be traveling by Duvall's bus to the Rainbow Comedy Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, April 26th, for their buffet and show RUNNING MATES. The bus will load at WGUMC at 10 a.m. The total cost for bus travel, buffet, and show (including the bus driver tip and all taxes and gratuities) is \$68 payable to the Avon Grove Seniors. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be July 10th-14th, 2017:** Get ready for an action-packed 5-day super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God! *Hero Central 2017 VBS* from Cokesbury prepares kids to *Do good! Seek peace and go after it!* Ps. 31:14B (CEB). Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby in the near future!

**ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: Set-Up on Thursday, May 4, 12:00 p.m.; Sale, Friday, May 5: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sale, Saturday, May 6: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** So, start cleaning and sorting and we will see you at the sale! Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning Sunday, April 30 through Thursday, May 4. The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

**BIKE RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS to Support Family Promise So. Chester County Sponsored by West Grove UMC: Save the Date! May 20th, 2017 :** 8:00 am start for 50 miles; 9:00 am start for 35 miles; \$40 Entry Fee. Contact Lonnie Lusavage for more information: [llusavage@gmail.com](mailto:llusavage@gmail.com) This event begins and ends at WGUMC. If you are interested in riding, visit our registration site at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bike-southern-chester-county-tickets-32002680880> We need volunteers for assistance at the church and two rest stops. Contact Janice Bowers, Lonnie Lusavage or the church office if you would like to help out!

**RAP at Noon on Friday, April 21st: "A Birding Photographic Journey: FL, MS, AL, TX"** is the presentation to be given by **Bob Phillips**. The variety of beautiful and unusual birds in our Southern states is fascinating. Are you aware of all the eagles present during the fall and winter at nearby Conowingo Dam? Invite your friends to join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. Please bring your lunch--desserts and beverages are provided.



## LENT

### Lent Wednesday Night Fun!

6-8pm

Join us for potluck dinner and activities to prepare for Lent. Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for a potluck dinner of whatever assortment of dishes show up. All

beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, it will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

Join in us one week or all of the weeks!

**April 5—Give Back Day**—An experience of global missions—HERE! Come learn about a Ugandan village.

**April 12—Care-Ware**—You can provide dignity and care for each man, woman, boy and girl this Easter season by providing gifts of underwear, t-shirts, bras and shower shoes. Help us pack up the boxes!



## EASTER "EGGS"TRAVAGANZA

**Sunday, April 9, 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

Come one, come all! Families, friends, relatives, neighbors and guests...you are all invited to the annual "Eggs"travaganza! At West Grove United Methodist Church. There will be crafts, games, a giant inflatable, candy and prizes, refreshments and, of course, an egg hunt! Activities will occur continuously from 3-5 p.m., so come as time allows. Toddlers through fourth graders will find fun things to do.

**Our event is "rain or shine"! We are looking forward to another wonderful community-wide Easter celebration this year!**



**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 contact Joan Leaman at 6484-643-2181 or [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report March 26, 2017**

**General Offering: \$ 10,411.84**

**Anniversary Giving: \$82.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$315.00**

**Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$109.00**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 175**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 22**

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

## Moment of Impact

### **GSR Food Pantry**

At West Grove, we feed those in need. We feed people spiritually and physically. Our food pantry serves families in the moment of needs. Those who have ongoing needs we direct to ongoing sustainable food pantry organizations. It is through your generosity that we serve those in emergency situations: a job loss, a broken water heater, a car accident, an unexpected hospitalization. Be the hands of Christ to serve those in urgent need.



# Coming up! March 1-April 16, 2017

## WHAT IS GSR?



**Give | Serve | Restore is an annual project** that gathers churches of Southern Chester County to bring hope and healing to our community during the season of Lent.

**WHY DO GIVE | SERVE | RESTORE?** The goal of Give | Serve | Restore (GSR) is for people to work together to bless our community!

**West Grove UMC is again participating in GSR this year as follows:**

**1 Service / Good Works:** The wall in the lobby is set up for everyone to be encouraged to do small or large acts of kindness and service to others during Lent. Please fill-out a post it note with your kind gestures noted and place on the wall.



**2 Pounds of Food:** We encourage all to bring in 2 pounds of non-perishable food to help stock our Emergency Food Cupboard. We have a goal of collecting 200 pounds. You can watch our progress on the goal board in the lobby.



**\$3 (Kids) / \$30 (Adults):** We encourage you to use that \$30 to help our community thrive!



This year, donations will benefit Casa Youth Advocates -a local non-profit organization working for the restoration of our community. Casa Youth Advocates believes that every child needs an advocate. They aim to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the family courts, and do so by mobilizing and supporting quality volunteers to serve as advocates for the children they serve. Casa serves Delaware County and is expanding their service into Chester County. **Please write your check out to West Grove UMC (with memo: GSR, CASA).**

## HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday ~  
Sunday, April 9**

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services

11:00 worship will feature the cantata:  
"Footprints in the Sand"



**Good Friday~  
Friday, April 14**

24 hour Prayer Vigil - 9:00 a.m.  
through Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Stations 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday ~ Saturday, April 15**

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil 5p.m.



**Maundy Thursday ~  
Thursday, April 13**

Noon and 7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Holy  
Communion



**Easter Sunday ~ Sunday,  
April 16**

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.

*Please take time to thank the Flute Ensemble from the Avon Grove Intermediate School and their Instructor, Mr. Ron Evans, for their wonderful performance today. They have truly enhanced our worship experience.*



**Flute Ensemble Members**  
**Ronald S. Evans, Director**

Corinne Cavanagh  
 Paige Clark  
 Reagan Gray  
 Katie Czajka  
 Emma Mills  
 Amelia Shearon  
 Brooke Emery  
 Aileen Mulle  
 Melanie Garcia



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, April 9.**

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

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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_



## THIS WEEK: April 2 through April 9, 2017

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

### Sunday:

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (#8, 10)

***Pastor Jim will be away through April 25 on a world cruise with Betty.***

### Monday:

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bi-monthly staff meeting  
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#6)

### Tuesday:

**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SE District Clergy Breakfast with the D.S.**  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) & Book Fair  
 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Family Literacy (#2)  
 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop 447 (#8, 10)  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 4138 (#12)  
 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:

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Ministerium  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16) & Book Fair  
 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lenten Wednesday Night Fun (Sanc.)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

### Thursday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Music Practice (#6)  
 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Brownie Troop 4567 (#8, 10)  
 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.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)  
 8:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

### Friday:

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)  
 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Soundbooth Training (Sanc.)

### Afternoon

### Confirmands Retreat to Gretna Glen

### Saturday:

### All Day

### Confirmands Retreat to Gretna Glen

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**JULIET Breakfast- Sunrise Café, Kennett Square**

### Sunday:

### PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir featuring  
                     Cantata "Footprints in the Sand"  
 11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Palm Sunday Worship Service with  
                     Karen Hruz  
**3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. "EGG"STRAVAGANZA**  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)

# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334. After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger** at [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto: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: Trustees Mission Prayer Focus in April: Ronald McDonald House

Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
Fran Bryan  
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)  
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
Reginald Cooper and the Bond  
Family (Beauchamp)  
Dee Crawford  
Family of Ervin Fackler  
Tom Fagan  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Family of Sandra Goodwin (Fackler)  
Family of Charles Wesley Haley  
(Haley)  
Jim Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
Peg Kent  
Ruth Kuch  
Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Townsend MacCoun  
Dave McClain



Edie Mears  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Family of Ed O'Brien  
Family of Kim Osborne  
Family of Ellen Palmer (B. Smith)  
Warren Payton (Hruz)  
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
Roann Schneider  
Family of Karen Schneider  
Lorrie Steele  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Fernando Tena and family  
Edith Tideman (Hughes)  
Pat Testerman and family (Kr. Boyd)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson  
Pete Zinner (Mullen)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)  
Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)  
Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ  
(Lynne Strawhecker)  
Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
Chris Weizman - Jordan  
(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**  
**SS Worship—8:30/11**  
**SS Workshops**  
**SS Roamers**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Hospitality 8:30/11**  
**Counters**  
**Soundbooth**

### This Sunday, April 2

Rob and Rain Catoia  
The Lindtner Family  
Fran Miller  
TBA  
M. LeStourgeon/J. Yarbrough  
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
Amy Simonds / Amy Simonds  
Amy Castaldi / Kathy Wiwel  
Joan Leaman  
John McGinley  
Sue Curtis  
Jamie Lindtner  
Rain Catoia / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke  
Denise Byers & Dave Talley  
Various/K. Schneider

### Next Sunday, April 9

Rob and Rain Catoia  
Mike and Cindy Haley  
TBA  
Esther Culbertson  
Anna Castaldi/Parker Featherston  
J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman  
Amy Castaldi / Jessi Timm  
Judy Gambill / Heather McCummings  
Amy Castaldi  
Joan Leaman  
Karen Boyd  
Pastor Monica  
Steve May/ Dick & Caryl Stuhrke  
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke  
Various/K. Schneider

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 2 ~ Saturday, April 8



**Sunday:** *"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!" Psalm 130: 1-2.* God is always more ready to hear your questions than we are to ask them. Find moments today to cry out to God your questions and then wait for God to answer you fully!

**Monday:** *"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered." Psalm 130: 3-4.* Sometimes our questions include ways in which we were wronged or ways in which we have done questionable things. In God, there is overflowing forgiveness. Today, turn to God for forgiveness and start a new chapter!

**Tuesday:** *"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." Psalm 130: 5-6.* Anytime you have awoken in the middle of the night and cannot go back to sleep, you know the desire for the morning to come. Take time today to wait for the Lord with that same desire.

**Wednesday:** *"So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'" John 11: 3-4.* Mary and Martha turned to Jesus. Jesus did not ignore them, but rather knew an even better time. Where is God pointing you to wait for the even better timing?

**Thursday:** *"Jesus began to weep." John 11: 35* Jesus weeps with us in the midst of the most difficult moments. Turn to Jesus today and know his love for you.

**Friday:** *"I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." John 11: 32.* Jesus prayed for Lazarus out loud and let God use the difficult circumstance to show the larger crowd the power of God for redemption and new life.

**Saturday:** *"When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him." John 11: 34-45.* Jesus calls each of us out of the pain, suffering, addiction, and negative behaviors that lead us to death. Jesus calls us to be unbound and go into new life!

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** "God of All" PraiseWorks Band

**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!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)" PraiseWorks Band  
"On My Knees"

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Jamie Lindtner

**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalms 130* John McGinley

**Gospel Lesson** *John 11:1-45* John McGinley

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** "Pray Like Jesus: Pray With Questions" Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**Moment of Impact** *GSR Food Pantry* Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Thy Will" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Invitation** Pastor Shirley

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Shirley

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley

**The Great Thanksgiving** ~ *The ushers will guide us. 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** "Our Father" PraiseWorks Band

**Communion Song** "The Greatest Thing" PraiseWorks Band

**Prayer After Receiving** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "Where Do I Go?" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**