11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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 quest or member, let us know you were here!

*Call to Worship (Responsive) (based on Matthew 21)

Karen Boyd

One: When they came to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples to secure a donkey. He rode through the streets of Jerusalem. The crowds cried out:

Many: Hosanna! We lift our voices and praises!

One: Laying down their coats and holding their palms, they quoted the promises of scripture:

Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Processional Hymn (with palms)

UMH No. 278

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Karen Boyd

Glorious God, we praise you and sing our hosannas! Thank you God for calling us as Jesus called the disciples of years ago. You have walked with us in valleys of shadow and doubt, carried us in times of trials and desperation, and celebrated with us in joy. Let us hold together the tension of blessing and passion in this holy week, we pray. Amen.

Cantata Anthems

"Footprints in the Sand" "The Master has Come" "Lift High Your Songs of Praise"

The Chancel Choir

*Passing of the Peace

Karen Boyd

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages "With Jesus in the Garden of Gethsamene" Joan Leaman Hannah McCummings, Alisabeth Guepet

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Sermon

"Pray Like Jesus: Pray In Footprints"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

Offering Pastor Shirley

*Offertory Response

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

UMH, No. 298, V. 4

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Shirley

God of strength and mercy, you have walked with us and carried us when we need you most. We offer our praises and offerings out of the gratitude of our hearts. May our offerings be used to show others your faithfulness and power. Multiply your presence and grace on this earth that it may be on earth as in heaven. In your holy name, we pray, Amen.

Cantata Anthem

"Come to the Table" "The Garden Path"

The Chancel Choir

Gathered Prayers

Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Shirley

*Hymn of Sending Forth "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH 298, Vv. 1-3

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Cantata Anthem

"Pathway of Hope"

The 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 In Celebration of Felicity Guepet's 6th Birthday! With love from her family.



Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26: 1-3

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 'You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified. Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship Report April 2, 2017

General Offering: \$ 6939.50
Anniversary Giving: \$415.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 535.00
Endowment Fund Contributions YTD: \$ 109.00
Combined Worship Attendance: 258
Emergency Groceries YTD: 22

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

Moment of Impact Twin Pines

Four times a year, we lead worship at Twin Pines. This opportunity to serve and worship together builds relationships between our congregation and the community. Join us on April 30th at 2pm as the Memory Bells accompany us in worship at Twin Pines.

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.

Hosanna! As the crowds gathered to praise Jesus today, we too gather to give praise to Jesus. If you have come as a guest, we hope you will join in praising God with us and calling on Christ to save us. 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



N 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.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil - Friday, April 14, 9 a.m. through Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. Sign up for a one-hour time slot to come into the church sanctuary and pray for individual needs of our church family, as well as for needs of our community. If you have never prayed for an hour, that's okay! We will provide materials to guide you through. You'll be surprised how quickly the time goes by and how refreshed and energized you feel! Pink prayer request slips will be available in the weekly bulletin, as well as in the lobby, for you to submit a prayer request for the vigil. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the lobby to sign up to pray.

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 <u>RUNNING MATES</u>. 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.

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 Luscavage for more information: lluscavage@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 Luscavage 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.



Holy Week At West Grove UMC



Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 9 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

11:00 a.m. Service features the Cantata "Footprints in the Sand" Palm Sunday is full of news! The excitement of Jesus parading into Jerusalem and the calculating distrust of schemers clash as we head towards the cross. Join us as we learn to pray when our world clashes

with joy and challenge.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 13 Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

As Jesus gathers with his disciples for the Last Supper, he prepares them for what comes next. Join us for Holy Communion as we pray for one another and what comes next.





Good Friday, April 14 24 Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, 9 a.m.—Saturday, 9 a.m.

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Prayer Stations, Noon—1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Prayer stations walk us through this Holy Week and invite us into prayer for our times of intercession, confession, and calls to engagement.

Good Friday Worship Service ~ 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Good Friday as we lament the pain and suffering of Jesus and our world. Let us look towards Jesus who suffers with us.

Holy Saturday, APRIL 15

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.

On this Easter Vigil, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. For children, those with special needs, and the young at heart, as we worship in interactive and hands-on ways!

Easter Sunday, April 16 Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

On this triumphant Easter morning, join us as we celebrate Jsus as the answer to all our prayers in his resurrection.

Contemporary Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m. Traditional Celebration Service at 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ this day with Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Christ's resurrection answers all our prayers. Rejoice in his victorious resurrection for you!

Nursery provided at all services.

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).**



Annual Spring Rummage Sale

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through Friday. Thank you!



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! <u>Candy donations</u> 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





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.

Price each		Quantity	<u>Total</u>
Tulips	\$5.00		\$
Daffodils	\$5.00		\$
Easter Lilies	\$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 9 through April 16, 2017

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

Sunday: SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT/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 Chancel Choir and Cantata

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Easter Eggstravaganza 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #461 (#16)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10)

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

Monday: 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. #453 (#12) 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

Tuesday: 10:00 a..m.-3:00 p.m. BOOM Meeting @ West Lawn UMC

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Family Literacy (#2)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4H Robotics Club (#8, 10)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#4)

Wednesday: 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.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)

Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Music Practice (#6)

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

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. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

8:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)

Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
24 Hour Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
Prayer Stations (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Easter Eve Wiggly Giggly Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday: EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Outside)

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 a.m -12:00 p.m Traditional Service with The Memory Bells
4:00 p.m. Hosting of Family Promise begins (16th-23rd)

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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: Trustees Mission Prayer Focus in April: Ronald McDonald House

Cory Beattie (Shaub) 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

(Halev) Kimmy Falcone (Brown)

Peg Kent Ruth Kuch

Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)

Rosemary MacCoun Townsend MacCoun Dave McClain

Edie Mears Margee Michaels Chain 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

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 Acolvte 8:30/11 Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 SS Workshops

SS Roamers Lav Reader—8:30 Liturgist—11:00 **Moment All Ages** Hospitality 8:30/11

Counters Soundbooth

This Sunday, April 9 Rob and Rain Catoia Mike and Cindy Haley

G. Anderson/L. Featherston

Esther Culbertson

J. Lindtner/K. Smith/J. Leaman C. Worship—8:30/11 Amy Castaldi / Jessi Timm Judy Gambill / Heather Ditzel

> Amv Castaldi Joan Leaman Karen Boyd Joan Leaman

Steve May/ Dick & Caryl Stuhrke Dick and Carvl Stuhrke Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, April 16

David and Barbara Delanev Pat Heist & Margaret Rubincan

Fran Miller/TBA Esther Culbertson

Anna Castaldi/Parker Featherston Cecelia Figueroa/Joshua Robinson H.McCummings/R.Catoia/K.Rinehimer

> NO CW/NO CW No Class/No Class Maryanne Covington

Rain Catoia Dave Talley Pastor Monica

Covington Family/Scott Steele

The Rambergers Various/K. Schneider

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 9 ~ Saturday, April 16



- **Sunday:** "The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21: 9. Sing out Jesus' praises! Sing out loud hymns and songs! Let God's praises be on your lips!
- **Monday:** "He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22: 37-40. Even in the holiest weeks, Jesus calls us love one another. Where are you acting out your love?
- **Tuesday:** "When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 'You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Matthew 26: 1-2. Jesus prepared his disciples for what was coming, even when they could not put together all the pieces. Prayerfully listen to what Jesus is preparing you for.
- **Wednesday:** "By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." Matthew 26: 12-13. Where is Jesus inviting you to have your life proclaim the good news of resurrection?
- **Thursday:** "Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.'" Matthew 26: 36. As we gather to remember Jesus' Last Supper on this Holy Thursday, let us pray with Jesus for all those who face their own holy weeks.
- **Friday:** "Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split." Matthew 27: 50-51. Jesus' death changes everything. Give thanks to Jesus today.
- **Saturday:** "So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb." Matthew 27: 59-61. Wait today on Jesus.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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*Opening Song "Exalted" PraiseWorks Band

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"Shout to the Lord"

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 21: 1-11 Joan Leaman

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*Closing Song "When I Remember" PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction Pastor Monica

*Postlude