




West Grove United Methodist Church

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

EASTER BRINGS
HOPE



Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Easter Sunday

OPEN

Prelude

“An Easter Celebration”
Trumpet Accompaniment-Debbie Schneider Memory Bells
(Arranged Robin Benton)

Welcome

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 are here!*

Choral Introit

“Christ is Alive”

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Tom Hoover

One: Christ the Lord is Risen

Many: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

*Processional Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Rise Today”

UMH No. 302, Vv. 1-4

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Tom Hoover

God, Giver of life, redemption, and resurrection,

you raised Jesus from the dead,

so that we, made like him, will rise like him!

We praise you for triumph over death and darkness,

pain and sorrow, suffering and anxieties.

May we, your church, make our praise into testimony.

May we go into all the world and right here at home,

sharing the bold proclamation that ‘Christ the Lord is Risen!’ Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Tom Hoover

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3: 1-4

Tom Hoover

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28: 1-10

Tom Hoover

*Response to the Lessons

Tom Hoover

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

Many: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“Easter Alleluia Canon”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

“Pray like Jesus: Answer to Our Prayers”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

- *Hymn of Response** “Up From the Grave He Arose” UMH No. 322
- Offering** “Easter Proclamation” Memory Bells
(Arranged Lloyd Larson)
- *Offertory Response** “Christ is Alive” UMH 318, V. 5
*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*
- *Offertory Prayer** Pastor Shirley
Almighty God, you have given us new life and redemption in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Embrace and bless these fruits of our labors and offerings of our lives for your service. In the name of the Risen One, we pray, Amen.
- *Invitation** Pastor Shirley
- Prayer of Confession** Pastor Shirley
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 and wondered about 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 embrace the Risen One, who tells us not to cling, but turn and tell everyone.
(Moment of Silence)
- Words of Assurance** Pastor Shirley
- 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**
- Communion Hymn** “Thine Be the Glory” UMH No. 308
- Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Shirley
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that you who raised Jesus from the dead bless us. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, raise us with him in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Hymn of Sending Forth** “He Lives” UMH No. 310
- *Benediction**
- *Choral Benediction** “Easter Alleluia Canon (Reprise)” Chancel Choir
- *Postlude**

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

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: Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

April 9, 2017

General Offering: \$6,114.25

Building Maintenance Fund: \$50.00

Worship Attendance: 199

Emergency Groceries YTD: 26 Bags

Give/Serve/Restore: \$305.00

And 265 pounds of food

It is your tithes, offerings,

and gifts that impact

and change lives for Christ!

Moment of Impact

Give/Serve/Restore

With 21 other area churches, we have collaborated to do common good and impact our community by doing service projects, giving food and raising funds for CASA. Let's together serve the Risen Christ!

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.

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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.***

**USHERS and GREETERS:** Serve your church family by greeting them and all guests as a greeter. Serve your church family in worship as an usher. It is a week to week commitment. Call the office to sign up or **please use the sign up sheet in the lobby**. Thank you.

**FAMILY PROMISE** will be here this week, Sunday April 16-Sunday 23rd. Additional evening hosts are needed. Please see Janice Bowers.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**

**Annual Spring Rummage Sale: Save the Date!** Set-Up on Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.; Sale, Friday, April 29: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sale, Saturday, April 30: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00. **Start saving your treasures!** A sign-up sheet for various ways you can help will be posted in the lobby in the coming weeks.

**RAP (Retired Active People)** will be meeting on Friday, April 21st at Noon. Please join in for fellowship, food, and fun!

**Fifth Sunday Coin Collection:** Sunday, April 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month! Your loose change will help benefit MPASA. Make a joyful noise with your giving!



## *Altar Flowers*

**The flowers gracing our altar space today are  
In Celebration of the Sullivan's 54th Wedding Anniversary  
With love from Fred**





# ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

**1/2 chicken served with a baked potato, coleslaw, and dessert!**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**Drive-Thru: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**All Tickets: \$10.00 per meal ~ PRE-SALE ONLY!**

**Tickets may be purchased in the Narthex and on-line at  
[www.westgroveumc.org/ChickenBBQ/OrderTickets.html](http://www.westgroveumc.org/ChickenBBQ/OrderTickets.html)**

## **A Special Note From The Trustees About Our Chicken BBQ!**

What does WGUMC mean to you? Is this just the place you come on Sunday for worship? Is this your home, God's house, and your extended church family? No matter how you answered, this is everyone's place to deepen their relationship to our Father and exemplify His work through our missions that reach to our community.

This is your opportunity to help us support this material house, all of our missions and community outreach, to touch the lives of all who enter our doors on Sunday and throughout the week. One significant way to help us to maintain the budget for building maintenance, food and shelter for families in the community, and a place to meet for all the groups that use our house is to purchase and sell tickets to our Chicken Barbeque to take place on April 22, 2017 with the support of Javelin Caterers. We need to reach our goal of 500 presale tickets and there are many ways you can help.

**Invite a family** of one of your children's friends and purchase BBQ for everyone. Turn it into a picnic and a time to spend with friends.

**Plan an extended family get together** to celebrate the spring weather and purchase the entire meal through us, dessert included.

**Purchase extra tickets and donate the meals** to someone in the community, at Luther House, Jenners Pond, or even a family in need.

WGUMC will be hosting **Family Promise** that week so **consider purchasing and donating the tickets** to feed one of our families staying in our house this week.

**If your child participates in one of the groups** that meets here during the week, reach out to those families to purchase tickets.

**Through a concerted effort by everyone, we can achieve this goal of 500 tickets sold in advance.**



## **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.**

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for \$2.00

### **How can you help?**

This is a biannual event pioneered by the United Methodist Women. It offers gently used clothing and household items to the community at record low prices. Many families in our community attend this event and the bargains are very helpful to them in these hard economic times. In order for the event to be held, many hands are needed for the physical labor of setting up the sanctuary and putting the items out on tables on the Thursday before the Friday sale. Then the reverse must happen on Saturday to get the sanctuary set up for Sunday worship. It is also helpful to have a half dozen people available during the busiest sale hours to help with check out on Friday and Saturday morning. Please consider lending an hour or two. The United Methodist Women use the proceeds of this event for various missions or additions to our church.

Also needed, of course, are donations of gently used clothing and household items. These can be brought to the church during office hours the week before the sale.

**Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in the lobby.**

**We will be setting up on Thursday, May 4 at 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!**

Save the date for our preschool's

**CMO PRESCHOOL**

## Second Annual Art Show!

On **April 25th** beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, all are welcome! Church members, preschool families, and friends, are invited to come and see the beautiful art work of our preschool children. Many different pieces of art will be on display as well as class projects that will be auctioned off. The class projects are truly amazing!! From **6:00-6:30 p.m.** all are welcome to bid on these class projects during a silent auction. Here is how it will work. There will be a bid sheet by each project and you simply write down your bid for that project. At the end of the time (6:30 p.m.) the **person with the highest bid on that project wins that beautiful piece of art work!** The money raised will come directly back to our CMO and Preschool program. We are saving for a new permanent playground set. I hope you will be able to join us for this event.  
Tracy McLaughlin, CMO Director



***Save the Dates:***

***HERO CENTRAL VBS***

***July 10-14, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.***

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). Kids at **VBS Hero Central** learn God's heroes have Heart (Samuel Anoints David), Courage (Abigail), Wisdom (Jesus Goes to the Temple), Hope (Beatitudes), and Power (Pentecost). Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories!

**Volunteers are needed, so please look for sign-ups on-line and in the lobby!!**

## THIS WEEK: April 16 through April 23, 2017

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

### Sunday:

### EASTER SUNDAY

**7:00 A.M.**

**Easter Sunrise Service**

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

**(No Class)** Christian Education for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and

**Memory Bells**

12:00 p.m.

Family Promise (April 16-23)

### Monday:

**Church Office is Closed for Easter Monday.**

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

S.O.S. Ladies (#5)

6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Prayer Path (#3)

### Tuesday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

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

Family Literacy (#2)

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bi Monthly Staff (#1)

4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Brownie Troop #447 (#8, 10)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Brownie Troop #4138 (#12)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Finance (#1)

7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Ad Council (#1)

### Wednesday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Chapel Time (Sanct.)

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Prayer Team (Prayer Room)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Venture Crew (#8, 10)

### Thursday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Music Practice (#6)

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Chapel Time Sanct.)

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)

8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanct.)

### Friday:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

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

UMW Faith (#8, 10)

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

RAP (Kit. Lobby, Sanct.)

### Saturday:

8:30a.m.-9:30 a.m.

SE District Committee on Ministry

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

Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Trustees Chicken Barbeque (Drive-Thru)

### Sunday:

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

Christian Education for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

12:30 p.m.

Sunday School trip to Gambills to see sheep and  
sheepdogs.

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?** 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 (Haley)  
Kimmy Falcone (Brown)  
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  
Pat Testerman and family (Kr. Boyd)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)



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**  
**C. 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 16th**

David and Barbara Delaney  
Pat Heist & Margaret Rubincan  
Fran Miller/Kenny Rinehimer  
Linda Peirson  
Cecelia Figueroa/Joshua Robinson  
H.McCummings/R.Catoia/K.Rinehimer  
**No CW/No CW**  
**No Class/No Class**  
Maryanne Covington  
Rain Catoia  
Tom Hoover  
Pastor Monica  
Covington Family/Scott Steele  
The Rambergers  
Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, April 23rd**

The Howard Family  
The Simonds Family  
Ralph Curtiss/C. Robinson  
Esther Culbertson  
Wesley Boyd/A. Guepet  
C. Bruno/E. Mullen/A. Castaldi  
Kristin Boyd/Joan Leaman  
TBA/TBA  
Joan Leaman  
Mike Chalmers  
Susan Paisley  
Eileen Bushnell  
Dawn Chalmers/Linda Peirson  
Michaels/Steele  
Various/K. Schneider

# **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, April 16 ~ Saturday, April 23



**Sunday:** *“After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.” Matthew 28: 1.* Christ is the Lord is Risen! The Marys who went in search of Jesus, found he had kept his promises. Praise God for keeping his promises to you!

**Monday:** *“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay.’” Matthew 28: 5-6.* On this Easter Monday, prayerfully consider where God is inviting you to see evidence of God’s promises kept.

**Tuesday:** *“Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.” Matthew 28: 7-8.* The good news of resurrection is never just for one or two. It is for the whole world. Who will you share it with?

**Wednesday:** *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’” Matthew 28: 10.* God is always reminding us not to be afraid. Where do you need to remember not to be afraid?

**Thursday:** *“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1.* Pray that Jesus will reveal to you the heart of God who loves all of God’s children.

**Friday:** *“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.” Colossians 3: 2-3.* Prayerfully consider the invitation to consider heavenly things, instead of earthly travails.

**Saturday:** *“When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” Colossians 3: 4.* Look around you today for signs of revelation and redemption. God is never far!

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Easter Sunday

### OPEN

|                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                      |                  |
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| <b>Opening Song</b>                                                                                                                                      | "Alive"                                                              | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                           |                                                                      | Pastor Monica    |
| <i>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!</i> |                                                                      |                  |
| <b>*Celebration Set</b>                                                                                                                                  | "Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)"<br>"Jesus Messiah" | PraiseWorks Band |

### \*Passing of the Peace

### GROW

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| <b>Moment For All Ages</b>                                                                                                                                 |                                          | Pastor Monica    |
| <b>New Testament Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                | Colossians 3: 1-4                        | Rain Catoia      |
| <b>*Gospel Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                      | Matthew 28: 1-10                         | Rain Catoia      |
| <b>Sermon</b>                                                                                                                                              | "Pray like Jesus: Answer to our Prayers" | Pastor Monica    |
| <b>Offering</b>                                                                                                                                            | "Worthy is the Lamb"                     | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Offertory Prayer</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                          | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>*Invitation</b>                                                                                                                                         |                                          | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>Prayer of Confession</b>                                                                                                                                |                                          | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>Words of Assurance</b>                                                                                                                                  |                                          | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>                                                                                                                              |                                          |                  |
| <i>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.</i> |                                          |                  |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer (sung)</b>                                                                                                                            | "Our Father"                             | PraiseWorksBand  |
| <b>Communion Song</b>                                                                                                                                      | "Be Forgiven"                            | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Prayer After Receiving (Unison)</b>                                                                                                                     |                                          | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>*Closing Song</b>                                                                                                                                       | "My Redeemer Lives"                      | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>*Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                        |                                          | Pastor Monica    |
| <b>*Postlude</b>                                                                                                                                           |                                          |                  |

**\*Please stand as you are able**