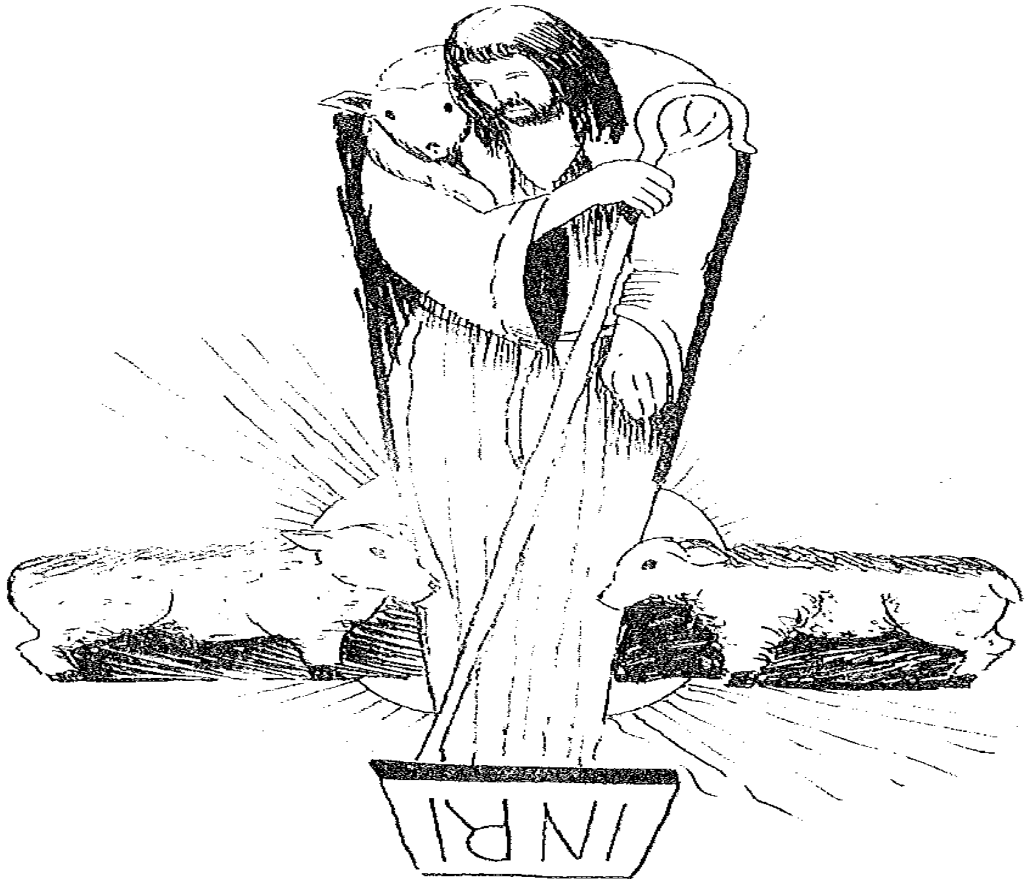




West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Sunday

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

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Susan Paisley

One: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: Jesus is risen and is loose in the world, shepherding people from danger
and towards abundant life.

Many: Let us follow the Shepherd!

*Processional Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381 vs. 1-4

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Susan Paisley

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice.

**Open the gate for us that we may come and go freely,
have life, and have it abundantly.**

We pray for all those who are in need, for those in want, those ill and dying.

We pray that they might hear your voice and find comfort in your care.

May we be those who bring others to your comforting presence.

In your holy name, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Susan Paisley

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 23:1

Susan Paisley

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-6

Susan Paisley

***Response to the Lessons**

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choir Anthem

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd”

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

“Because He Lives”

UMH No. 364

Moment of Impact

GSR Final Video

Pastor Monica

Offering

***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**

Pastor Monica

Jesus, our Shepherd King, on this day we give you thanks that there is nothing that we shall want. We offer our tithes, our gifts, our offerings to be used for the sheep of this fold and other flocks. May your voice be heard and echo throughout the world, so that all may come to you, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“It is Well”

UMH No. 377, Vv. 1-4

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“Blessing”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-6

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

April 16, 2017

General Offering: \$9,087.26

Building Maintenance Fund: \$195.00

Worship Attendance:

Emergency Groceries YTD: 26 Bags

Give/Serve/Restore: \$120.00

And—— 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.***

**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.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION:** **Sunday, April 30th** is the 5th Sunday of the month! Your loose change will help benefit MPASA Pediatric Clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Make a joyful noise with your giving!

**ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Set-Up on Thursday, May 4th, 9:00 a.m.; Sale, Friday, May 5th: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sale, Saturday, May 6th: 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.

**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!



### *Altar Flowers*

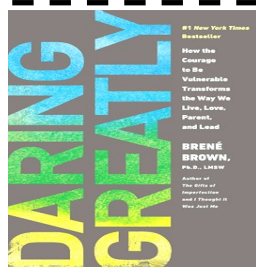
The flowers gracing our altar space today are in  
In Celebration of Dawn and Mike Chalmers'  
25th Wedding Anniversary!  
Given by The Chalmers





We will provide a worship  
experience with Memory Bells for  
the tenants at Twin Pines Nursing  
home on  
**Sunday, April 30th.**

If you would like to be a part of the  
group that goes to Twin Pines to pro-  
worship, please see Pastor Monica.



**NEW BIBLE STUDY**  
**“DARING ABUNDANTLY”**  
**STARTING SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD AND**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6TH.**

We are told by the Bible that adversity brings with it great blessings. The book Daring Greatly, by Brené Brown, explains to us how we can use our emotional vulnerability to “lean into discomfort” and begin to

understand the tensions which sometimes occur between ourselves and others –often based on shame, guilt, or blame, which often cause us to be afraid to live a wholehearted life. Brené encourages us to “show up, and be seen”.

With proper practice, we can build the courage to live fuller lives in connected -ness with others. Jesus taught us how to experience love, compassion, and belonging which can occur when we can be our authentic, unique selves. This can only be found when we are able to be vulnerable, resilient, and compassionate toward others.

We will be reading and exploring this in a 6 week Sunday School Class beginning April 23rd at 9:45 a.m. and Saturday mornings beginning on May 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us. Inquire or sign up at the table in the Narthex after services, or Call Peter Mullen at 610-299-8899.

Take a look at a Youtube of Brené: <https://youtu.be/qQiFfA7KfF0>



## **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!**

# CMO PRESCHOOL

Save the date for our  
preschool's

## 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.



***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 23 through April 30, 2017

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

## 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              |
| <b>12:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Sunday School Field Trip to Gambill's Sheep Farm</b> |
| 6:30 p.m.         | Middle School Youth Group                               |

## Monday:

|                      |                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  | CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Knit Wits (#1)                         |
| 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  | Girl Scout Jr. #453 (#12)              |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  | S.O.S. Ladies (#5)                     |
| 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  | Memory Bells (Sanct.)                  |
| 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  | Tech Team Meeting (#1)                 |

## Tuesday:

|                       |                                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  | CMO Preschool (# 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) |
| 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Family Literacy (#2)                    |
| 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.   | CMO Art Show (Sanct.)                   |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.   | Missions Meeting (#2)                   |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.   | Girl Scouts Jr. #41377 (#8,10)          |
| 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.   | Yoga (Sanc.)                            |

## Wednesday:

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.       | CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)                 |
| 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.       | RAP Outing (Rainbow Dinner Theater)                  |
| 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      | CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)                              |
| <b>1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Annual Conference Retiree Videotaping (Sanc.)</b> |
| 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.       | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)                   |
| 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.        | Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (# 8,10)                  |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.        | Girl Scout Jr. #498 (#12)                            |
| 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.        | Boy Scout Troup Committee Mtg. (#1)                  |

## 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 (Sanc.)                |
| 5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.   | Girl Scout 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.-8:00 p.m.   | Boy Scout Court of Honor (Sanc.)       |
| 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)          |

## 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)                   |
| 6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.   | Girl Scout Daisy Troop #461 (#16)    |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00p.m.   | Girl Scout Jr. #4070 (#12)           |

## Saturday:

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Tools For Ministry (All Church)</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|

## Sunday:

## THIRD 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         |
| 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.        | Girl Scout Tea (Kitchen, Hallway, Sanctuary)       |
| <b>2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Twin Pine Worship Service with Memory Bells</b> |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.        | Middle/High School Combined 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 weekends, 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)  
Family of Leona Bogus (Shiplet)  
Fran Bryan  
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)  
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
Reginald Cooper and the Bond Family (Beauchamp)  
Dee Crawford  
Tom Fagan  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Kimmy Falcone (Brown)  
Maria Kanno (Mullen)  
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  
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 Marliiss 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**  
**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 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

### **Next Sunday, April 30th**

The Chalmer Family  
The Boyd Family  
TBA  
TBA  
J. LeStourgeon/M. Rinehimer  
M. Rubincan/C. Bratton/J. Williamson  
M. Covington/Joan Leaman  
TBA/TBA  
Fran Miller  
Julie Hughes  
Janet Phillips  
Pastor Monica  
The Gambills/Don Hurst  
G. Anderson/Shaub  
Various/K. Schneider

# **Meditations For Your Week**

Sunday, April 23 ~ Saturday, April 30



**Sunday:** *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."* Psalm 23:1. This is a declaration and a prayer. Today, remind yourself each time you worry. There is nothing you need that God will not provide.

**Monday:** *"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem."* Matthew 2:1. The wise seek Jesus. Even though his path is different and sometimes seems so unusual. Jesus' way leads to life. Ask God to show you where you can walk to know abundant life.

**Tuesday:** *"[They were] asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"* Matthew 2:2. Pause today to pay homage, worship and adoration to the Shepherd King.

**Wednesday:** *"When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him."* Matthew 2:3. The unexpected can be frightening. But Herod was startled, because he had not studied God's word. Where do you need to study God's word, so you are better prepared for God's will?

**Thursday:** *"And calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born."* Matthew 2:4. Herod did not know the prophecies of the Messiah's birth. Spend time in the Bible today, so you know God's will and way.

**Friday:** *"They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.'"* Matthew 2:5. Prophets have foretold the way of Jesus. Even today, prophets point us back to God. Prayerfully ask God to show you prophets to whom you should listen.

**Saturday:** *"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."* Matthew 2:6. Jesus was always to be our shepherd. Shepherds know the needs of their sheep. Talk to you shepherd.

## *Looking Forward*

*We are prayerfully discerning vision for our church in future years. We invite the whole congregation to pray specifically:*

God will give us specific hearts for our community.

God will open us to move beyond comfortable to growing in our faith.

God will rise up leaders and servants to serve those in need and lead.

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Second Sunday in Easter

### OPEN

**Opening Song** "Awaken the Dawn" 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** "Hope is Alive"  
"You Are My All in All" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Eileen Bushnell

**Old Testament Lesson** *Psalms 23:1* Julie Hughes

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 2: 1-6* Julie Hughes

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**Sermon** "Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd" Pastor Monica

### SERVE

**Moment of Impact** GSR Video Pastor Monica

**Offering** "Shepherd" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Shirley

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** "I Will Follow" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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