



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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)

Peter Mullen

One: Jesus invites all who are tired, weary, and heavy-laden to come.

Many: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Jesus invites those who are eager and excitable to come.

Many: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Jesus invites all to live in love and become a new creation in Christ.

Many: Jesus will restore our souls.

*ProceSSIONal Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH No. 384

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Peter Mullen

**Blessed are you, Great Shepherd,
who, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
gives us goodness and mercy, leads us down the right paths,
and restores our souls.**

We give you thanks and praise this morning.

Urge us to find pastures to rest and come to you to let you restore our souls.

**May our days find the rhythm of Sabbath
and service in following in your way, we pray, Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

5th Sunday Coin Collection benefits the Mpsa Pediatric Clinic

Psalm 23 Video

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23:2

Peter Mullen

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 11: 28-30

Peter Mullen

***Response to the Lessons**

Peter Mullen

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Restore My Soul”

Chancel Choir

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Sermon

“Psalm 23: Sabbath Shepherd”

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

TFWS No. 2128

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 (Unison)**

Pastor Shirley

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us, and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. We pray for the earth, for green pastures, and still waters, that we may restore them to the goodness and purity that they had at the time you created them. In the name of the Good Shepherd, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Shirley

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Only Trust Him”

UMH No. 337, Vv. 1,3,4

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

“A Blessing”

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23: 2

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 28-30

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’



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!

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship April 23, 2017

General Offering: \$7,803.04

Building Maintenance Fund: \$445.00

Worship Attendance: 216

Emergency Groceries YTD: 32 Bags

Give/Serve/Restore to-date: \$1,021.00

And 303 pounds of food

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

Moment of Impact

Mpasa Pediatric

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, we have built relationship through missionaries on the ground with the good people of Mpasa. Through this relationship, our district has helped to build a pediatric clinic, supply medical furniture needs, and now is looking to provide solar power. We give thanks to God for all that has been given to serve children as well as pray for what else God might do through us.

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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.**

**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!

**WANDA KREUTZFELT HOUSE BLESSING:** Join Wanda on May 10th at 2p.m. as her new apartment will be blessed. All are invited to come and take part in this special afternoon! (1163 Kensington Lane, Apt. 2108 Oxford, PA 19363) Please call Wanda at (610) 467-1936 if you have any questions!

**JULIET...Just us Ladies Interested in Eating Together: Saturday, May 13, 2017** Please join this group of ladies for a breakfast time of food, fun and fellowship. **We meet at Sunrise Café, 127 E. State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348** They have free parking in the parking garage on Saturdays. Questions? Chris Curtiss (610-345-0374)

**NEW BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!** We will be supporting Chester County Women's Services during May and June through a Baby Bottle campaign. Chester County Women's Services is a non-profit pregnancy care medical center in Chester County, offering help and hope to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. The baby bottle campaign for CCWS is a vital and essential program that supports the free services that we provide to those in unplanned pregnancy situations. Last year the Campaign brought in over \$31,000, with over 29 churches participating. We will distribute the bottles in May and collect them 4-5 weeks later. We invite everyone to take a bottle and fill it with your loose change during those several weeks. Please look for a display in the lobby in the coming weeks that will have additional information. Thank you! The Missions Team



We will provide a worship  
experience with Memory Bells for  
the residents 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 provide worship,  
please see Pastor Monica.



***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 Da-  
vid), 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!!**





## **Annual Spring Rummage Sale**

**Set-Up on Thursday, May 4, 9:00 a.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 9 a.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!**





## National Day of Prayer MAY 4, 2017

**On May 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Penn Township Park in West Grove (across from the YMCA), several churches from all faiths will be a part of National Day of Prayer.** West Grove United Methodist Church is one of the churches participating in this national event. We will be at the pavilion for prayer time and live music by the Community Choir from New London UMC.

National Day of Prayer calls on all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for the nation and its leaders. National Day of Prayer is a time for people of all faiths to pray together. It is held on the first Thursday of May each year. Through the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, more than 35,000 prayer gatherings will be conducted by about 40,000 volunteers across the United States. Several million people are expected to participate in this call to prayer.

### Did you know?

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. It went on to create the National Day of Prayer Task Force, with the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.



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# THIS WEEK: April 30 through May 7, 2017

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

## 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)  
 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Twin Pines Worship Service with Memory Bells (T.P. Rehab)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Middle/High School Combined Youth Group (#8, 10)  
**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.-8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#5)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Team Meeting (Prayer Room)  
 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells (Sanct.)

## Tuesday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (# 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bi Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)  
 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Family Literacy Program (#2)  
 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Jr #447 (#8, 10)  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie Troop 4138 (#1)  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Yoga (Sanc.)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Jr. #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)  
 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)  
 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#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 (Sanc.)

**12:00—?**

### Rummage Sale Set-Up (Sanc.)

5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie Troop #4567 (#8,10)  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer (Penn Township Park)  
 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 (Sanc.)

## Friday:

**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Rummage Sale (Sanctuary, Lobby, Kitchen)**  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. UMW Faith (#8, 10)

## Saturday:

**9:00-12:00 p.m. Rummage Sale (Sanctuary, Lobby, Kitchen)**  
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Daring Abundantly Class (#2)  
 10:00-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8,10)

## Sunday:

### FOURTH 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  
 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 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 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)  
Family of Leona Bogus (Shiplet)  
Fran Bryan  
Anne Cantrell (Mullen)  
Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim)  
Lane Cornette (Rubincan)  
Dee Crawford  
Tom Fagan  
Laura Featherston  
Jim Hunt (Boyd)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Kimmy Falcone (Brown)  
Maria Kanno (Mullen)  
Peg Kent  
Ruth Kuch  
Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)  
Rosemary MacCoun  
Dave McClain



Edie Mears  
Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Warren Payton (Hruz)  
Kristina Roberts (Phillips)  
Roann Schneider  
Pinkie Shiplet (Shiplet)  
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)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
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 30th**

The Chalmer Family  
The Boyd Family  
Christy and Josh Robinson  
Linda Peirson  
J. LeStourgeon/M. Rinehimer  
CM.Rubincan/C.Bratton/J.Williamson  
M. Covington/Joan Leaman  
Amy Castaldi/TBA  
Fran Miller  
Julie Hughes  
Peter Mullen  
Pastor Monica  
Rain Catoia/Don Hurst  
G. Anderson/Shaub  
Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, May 7th**

Tim and Eileen Bushnell  
The Lindtner Family  
TBA  
TBA  
M. LeSourgeon/A. Guepet  
J. Lindtnr/K. Smith/Joan Leaman  
TBA/TBA  
TBA/Judy Gambill  
Amy Castaldi  
Judy Gambill  
Janis Schrader  
Pastor Monica  
Rain Catoia/Dick and Caryl Stuhlrke  
Byers/Talley  
Various/K. Schneider

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, April 30 ~ Saturday, May 6



**Sunday:** “[God] makes me lie down in green pastures” Psalm 23: 2a. When are you pausing? Consider how God may invite you to take rest.

**Monday:** “[God] leads me beside still waters” Psalm 23: 2b. Still waters are secure places to drink and be refreshed. Where are you satiated and refreshed? Invite God to show you where you can turn to God for refreshment.

**Tuesday:** “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens.” Matthew 11:28a. God is gracious and compassionate. We, who carry the weight of the world and our burdens, can share those burdens with the God of us all.

**Wednesday:** “And I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28b. Give thanks to God for moments of rest in this day, if you have them. If you do not, take five minutes (even if it has to be in the bathroom) to ask God to show where rest will be.

**Thursday:** “My yoke upon you, and learn from me.” Matthew 11:29a. A yoke is a shared experience. It requires you walk with God. Prayerfully submit to God’s yoke today and walk with God.

**Friday:** “For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29b. Where have you known God’s gentleness and humility? Look there for invitations to rest.

**Saturday:** “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11: 30. May God bless you on this day with insight into the burdens you are carrying alongside God.

## *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

## Third Sunday in Easter

### OPEN

**Opening Song** "Better is One Day" PraiseWorks Band

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**\*Celebration Set** "Love the Lord"  
"Word of God Speak" PraiseWorks Band

**Passing of the Peace**

### GROW

**Moment for All Ages** Pastor Monica

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### SERVE

**Offering** "Here" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Monica

**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Monica

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Monica

**\*Closing Song** "Come to Me" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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