

# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

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

\*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Janis Schrader

One: Come to the Good Shepherd!

Many: Walk in the paths of righteousness.

One: Come to Jesus the Christ!

Many: Find your rest and guidance in him. One: Come to the Spirit who abides with us! Many: Feast at the table overflowing.

\*Processional Hymn

"God Leads Us Along"

WS No. 3031

\*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

Almighty God in Christ you show us the way, revel to us your truth, and offer us everlasting life.

Keep our eyes upon him, that we may more clearly see the path, know your truth, and receive abundant life, through Christ, our Shepherd, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

## **GROW**

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Psalm 23 Video

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23: 3

Janis Schrader

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18: 10-14

Janis Schrader

\*Response to the Lessons

Janis Schrader

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choir Anthem

"Lead Me on the Paths of Righteousness"

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

"Psalm 23: Guidance Shepherd"

Pastor Monica

### **SERVE**

\*Hymn of Response

"Gentle Shepherd"

WS No. 3096

**Moment of Impact** 

Tools for Ministry

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 (Unison) Written by Rev. Rosanna Anderson

Pastor Jim

Dear Lord, our God, you guide us as a loving shepherd. In your presence, our spirits are renewed. In your wisdom, we discover peace. In fellowship together, we find ways to share your good news with others. As we enjoy your blessings, help us to give from our abundance with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his flock. Amen

\*Invitation

Pastor Jim

**Prayer of Confession** 

Pastor Jim

Shepherding God, we confess that we hear many voices in our ears. We hear voices of tradition and temptation; we hear voices of fear and faith; we hear voices of anxiety and angst. Forgive us, we pray, when we do not listen for your voice, but cling to the first voice we hear. Forgive us, we pray, when we do follow where you are guiding, but insist on our way. Let us hear your voice and follow where you are guiding us.

(Moment of Silence)

## **Words of Assurance**

Pastor Jim

**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

Pastor Jim

Communion Hymn

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

WS No. 3093

## **Prayer After Receiving**

Shepherd of us all, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you give yourself for us and your care never ends. May the strength of your Spirit embolden our spirits to care well for other, giving ourselves compassionately and mercifully. Amen.

\*Hymn of Sending Forth

"He Leadeth Me"

**UMH No. 128** 

\*Benediction

Pastor Monica

\*Choral Benediction

" A Blessing"

Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

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### Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23: 3

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

# Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18: 10-14

Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

# \*EMERGENCY AID FUND on First Sundays\*

Our emergency aid fund serves those in our congregation and community in need. We support families and individuals with one time help for housing, utility, gas, and other needs as appropriate. The basket as you approach the Communion table is a second mile offering for us to serve in these ways.

# God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship April 30, 2017

General Offering: \$ 3106.51
Building Maintenance Fund: \$325.00
Worship Attendance: 179
Emergency Groceries YTD: 36 Bags
Endowment Fund Donations YTD: \$111
It is your tithes, offerings,
and gifts that impact
and change lives for Christ!

# Moment of Impact

Tools for Ministry

We have hosted Tools for Ministry for many years. Last Saturday, April 29th, we hosted leaders from our district in workshops and learning. Dr. Rod Smothers led us in becoming beloved community, and fourteen other workshops equipped church leaders. Thanks be to God for the hospitality and servant ministry of West Grove UMC to our district.

# **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

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 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!

**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

**RAP MEETS ON FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, for a Covered Dish Luncheon at noon. Richard Stuhrke** will be telling the group about the **USS Constitution**--its history and interesting facts. His small scale model of "Old Ironsides" will be on display and his talk will include a "Show and Tell"! Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

### THIS WEEK: May 7 through May 14, 2017

# ~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER EMERGENCY AID FUND SUNDAY COMMUNION SUNDAY

(Our bread is gluten free and nut free, so that all may receive. Our cup is grape juice, so that all may receive. Please come to receive the gifts of Christ.)

**Sunday:** 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)

**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)

5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Prayer Path Meeting (#2)

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

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Jr. #453 (#12) 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Monthly Staff 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 Program (#2) 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. BOOM Meeting (West Lawn UMC)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Reading Through The Bible (Hruz home)

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

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

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) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. House Blessing for Wanda Kruetzfeldt)

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting (#3)

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10) 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.)

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.-12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool (# 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. R.A.P. (Kitchen, Lobby, Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (Sanctuary)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. J.U.L.I.E.T. (Sunrise Café, Kennett Square)

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Daring Abundantly Class (#2) 10:00-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8,10)

Sunday: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

Thursday:

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

11:00 a.m. Jenner's Pond Worship Service 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Daisies #461 (#16)

#### COMMUNITY PRAYERS OF THE

Would vou 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 <u>four Sundays</u>. If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna**. Thank you.

### Community Prayer Focus May: United Methodist Women Mission Prayer Focus in May: Les Family-Ukraine

Cory Beattie (Shaub) Family of Leona Bogus (Shiplet) Fran Bryan

Anne Cantrell (Mullen)

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Jean Conklin (Pastor Jim) Lane Cornette (Rubincan)

Tom Fagan Laura Featherston Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton) Kimmy Falcone (Brown)

Kim Henry (Hampton) Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Peg Kent

Russell Ludwick (Ramberger)

Rosemary MacCoun Dave McClain

Edie Mears

Margee Michaels Lynn Morgan (McClain) Chain Bill Mowery (Shiplet)

Peggy Mowrer

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz) Warren Payton (Hruz)

Family of John Reck (Hruz) Kristina Roberts (Phillips)

Roann Schneider

Pinkie Shiplet (Shiplet)

Lorrie Steele

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Fernando Tena

Danny Tiderman (Hughes)

Zach Trexler (Lytle)

Family of Barry Trouper (J.

Jones)

This Sunday, May 7th

Ron and Marliss Wilson Pete Zinner (Mullen)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)

Allan Frost - S. C. (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)

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

### Tim and Eileen Bushnell The Lindtner Family Fran Miller and Kay Yates Joan Saller M. LeSourgeon/A. Guepet J. Lindtner/K. Smith/Joan Leaman C. Worship—8:30/11 A. Castaldi/J. Leaman Judy Gambill/Heather Ditzel Amv Castaldi Judy Gambill Janis Schrader Pastor Monica Rain Catoia/Dick and Caryl Stuhrke Steve May/The Stuhrkes Byers/Talley Various/K. Schneider

### The Catoias The Halevs TBA TBA Anna Castaldi/J.Yarborough McCummings/Catoia/Rinehimer TBA/TBA Judy Gambill/TBA Fran Miller Mark Simonds Janet Phillips Julie Hughes The Rambergers Various/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, May 14th

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

### **OPEN**

\*Opening Song "Here I am to Worship" PraiseWorks Band

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\*Celebration Set "Let the Praises Ring"

"Show Me Your Ways" PraiseWorksBand

Passing of the Peace

**GROW** 

Moment for All Ages Pastor Monica

Psalm 23 Video

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**Sermon** "Psalm 23: Guidance Shepherd" Pastor Monica

### **SERVE**

Moment of Impact Tools for Ministry Pastor Monica

Offering "Oceans" PraiseWorks Band

\*Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Shirley

\*Invitation Pastor Shirley

Prayer of Confession Pastor Shirley

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 Pastor Monica

**Communion Song** "Hungry" PraiseWorksBand

Prayer after Receiving Pastor Shirley

\*Closing Song "Holiness" PraiseWorks Band

\*Benediction Pastor Monica

\*Postlude

<sup>\* =</sup> Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison