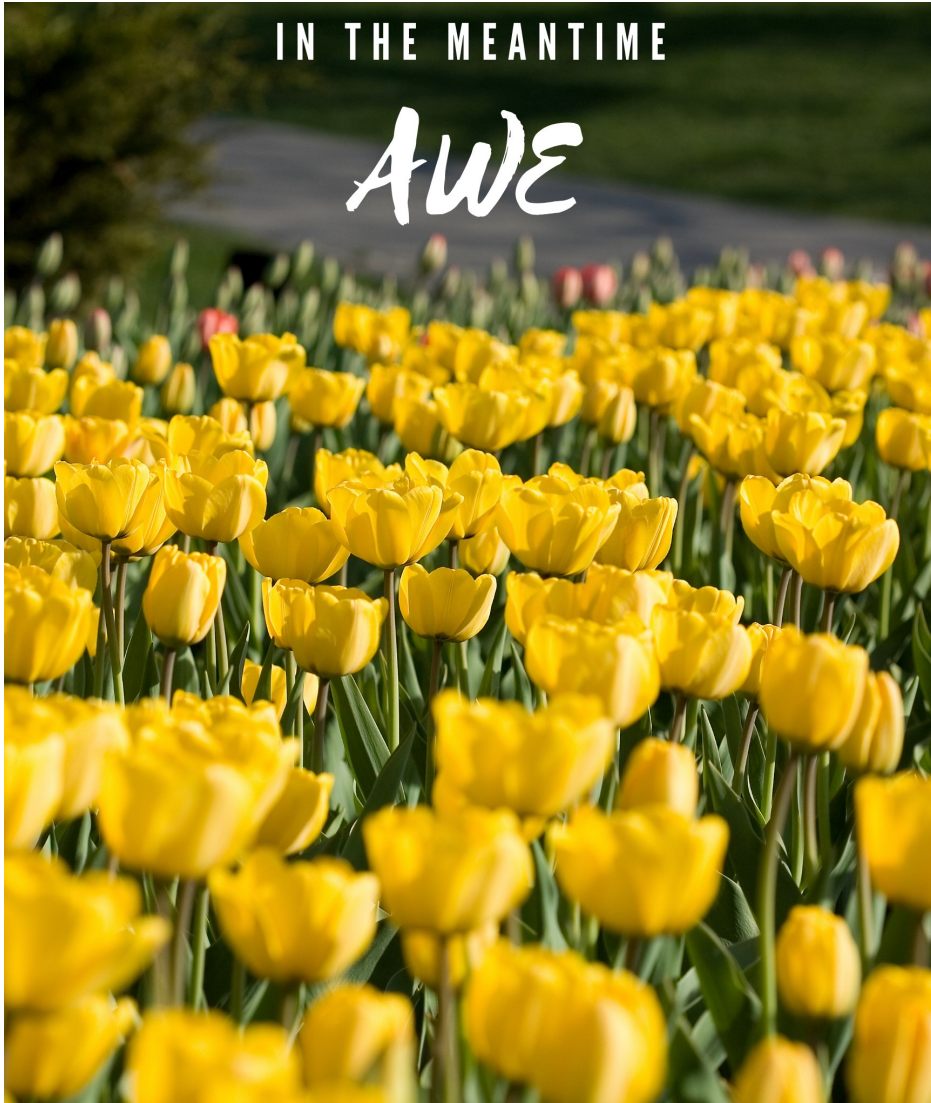




West Grove United Methodist Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

Opening Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

UMH No. 144, Vv. 1-3

* Unison Call to Worship (inspired by Acts 2:42-47)

Pastor Monica

Buds and blossoms, new life, and birth; God is all around us.

Signs and wonders show God’s presence in creation and all around us.

In awe and wonder, we share what we have with those in need.

Devoting ourselves to living out the gospel, God will take care of us.

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Monica

**Creating God, who twirls quarks into universes,
paints sunrises onto horizons, and designs lava into burgeoning islands,
we give you honor and praise.**

You alone are God.

You form our most inward parts and knit each of us into being.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

**You call us to see your face, O God,
in the lives of each and everyone around us.**

**You bestow each
of your beloved children with gifts as varied as the flora and fauna
that fills creation.**

**Every good and perfect gift comes from above
that all of creation and humanity may thrive together.
Praised be the God of us all, who gives abundantly! Amen.**

Praise Song

“Overwhelmed”

PraiseWorks Mini

GROW

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 66:8-20 (CEB)

Judy Gambill

UMH No. 101, Vv. 1-4

Valerie Kapp-Benner

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Bill Ditzel

Old Testament Lesson: *Psalm 66:8-20 (CEB)*

All you nations, bless our God!
Let the sound of his praise be heard!
God preserved us among the living;
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

But you, God, have tested us—
you've refined us like silver,
trapped us in a net,
laid burdens on our backs,
let other people run right over our
heads—

we've been through fire and water.

But you brought us out to freedom!

So I'll enter your house

with entirely burned offerings.

I'll keep the promises I made to you,
the ones my lips uttered,

the ones my mouth spoke when I
was in deep trouble.

I will offer the best burned offerings to
you

along with the smoke of sacrificed
rams.

I will offer both bulls and goats. Selah

Come close and listen,

all you who honor God;

I will tell you what God has done for
me:

My mouth cried out to him

with praise on my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart,

my Lord would not have listened.

But God definitely listened.

He heard the sound of my prayer.

Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer;

he didn't withhold his faithful love
from me.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:36-49*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Moment of Impact: *United Methodist Women*

Our UMW gives generously to local and church missions from their funds as received from the spring and fall rummage sale and other generous donations. As you know from the April newsletter, our spring rummage sale is canceled, and we will look forward to a huge fall sale the first weekend in October. So keep cleaning out the closets during this time at home for our fall rummage sale.

In the meantime, we will make several donations to local and church missions. Our generous UMW prayed about how we may best use our funds to be Christ's presence in our community and throughout the world. This was their discernment:

\$500 - CMO

\$400 - Camp Innabah

\$350 - The Garage

\$500 - WGUMC Emergency Fund

\$250 - UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund

Last year, CMO donated a very generous amount of funds to the church for their use of the building. With the unforeseen current situation, our funds would greatly help them in preparing for the next school year in addition to helping with their scholarship program in the new school year.

Camp Innabah, similarly, continues the upkeep of the camp and is preparing, hopefully, to welcome campers this summer, or when the social distancing is lifted, and it is safe to reopen the camp for various programs and events.

The Garage is currently supplying a kit, including much-needed cleaning items, paper products, and baby items to the community in need. Each kit costs approximately \$35.00, and our donation would provide for ten kits.

The WGUMC food pantry has been receiving very generous monetary donations, so the greater need, for now, would be for miscellaneous emergency funds to meet other financial concerns of community families.

UMCOR has been assisting here in the United States and around the world. If you remember, all funds donated go directly to the project selected, which in this case would be the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Thank you to UMW for connecting our funds with the greatest needs.

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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 God's name.

Welcome, one and all!

Church Office: 610-869-9334
Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org
Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

IN PRAYER The prayer ministry team has been praying at 7pm each night. We pray for protection and health and wellbeing for each other, for the church, for our community, our nation and our world that has been upended. We are inviting you to join us from the comfort of your home as we have been doing. Set an alarm for 7pm to pause for prayer.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER– Buy your Tees and Totes. These top quality items for just \$15 each! Email Melanie with your interest childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 20-24, 2020 If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Melanie Hartley know! Save the dates for VBS and look for registration information to open in March. Check our website at www.westgroveumc.org

WE NEED YOU HELP! Don't tell mom! Send a picture of your mother or someone who has been like a mother to you by May 7th to pastor@westgroveumc.org. Join us in worship on May 10th as we celebrate all those who have mothers, are mothers, and are serving in mothering roles. Want to send a special message to someone who has been like a mom to you or your mom? Take a picture of you holding a sign! Remembering your mom in heaven? Let's share those pictures and memories together as we give thanks to God. PS. We will do the same thing for dads and those who have been like fathers for June 21st.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: There is a new date for Annual Conference: October 13th—14th. Please let Pastor Monica know if you would like to be considered for a lay delegate to Annual Conference.

FOOD PANTRY: We give thanks to God for your generosity to the food pantry. We are serving more families every week. What is most needed? See below. You can drop off your items **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9– noon** in the shopping cart by the office. Also, if you could use help this season, please come on **Thursdays between 4-6pm** for food.

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| • Peanut Butter and Jelly | • Rice |
| • Soup | • Wipes (kids and disinfecting) |
| • Canned fruits and Vegetables | • Tissues |
| • Canned beans | • Paper Towels and toilet paper |
| • Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta needed) | • Cleaning products |

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from April 27, 2020 General
Offering & Easter: \$ 7,128.40 Building
Maintenance Fund: \$ 20.00 Emergency
Groceries YTD: 489 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,528.73
Family Promise Assistance : \$1,955.00

THIS WEEK: May3rd through May 10th, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am– 12:0pm~~
The church is open for essential business only. Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Communion and Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Facebook Live)
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (via Zoom)
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	5:30 p.m.	Tech Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (via Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Ad Council Meeting (via Zoom)
Thursday:	4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
	2:45 p.m.	Video & Bible Study for youth (via Zoom)
	4:00 p.m.	Chapel Time (Facebook Live: Preschool Group)
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Facebook Live)
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Faithlinks (via Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love (via Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (via Zoom)

Please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/westgroveumc for more information.

You can also call in to Sunday service: Please use this phone number:
1 (929) 436 2866 meeting id: 572-438-033 password: 30019390

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for April: Trustees Mission Prayer Focus for April: Family Promise

Family of Linda Alexis (Saller)
Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Helen Carlin
Marilyn Churchhill
Joann Coates
Florence Combs (Combs)
Dee Crawford
Ian & Cindy Currie (Lytle)
Family of Jen Donnelly (Simmons)
Family of Patricia Dean Duvall
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
John Gorman (McGinley)
Ellen Hayes
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Peg Kent
Suzanne Krebel (Hurst)
Gordon Maule (Phillips)
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Laura Minnick



Peggy Mowrer
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Vivian Paisley
Nancy Pearo (Heist)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Joan Saller
Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)
Charlie Smith (B. Smith)
Reed & Joyce Smith
Family of Ida Belle Snyder (Peirson)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Nathaniel Howard,
Norway
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)
Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine Corps
Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Sunday.

A/V Production Team:

PowerPoint, & Video Production: Keith Schneider

Audio: Matt Simmonds

Camera: Alisabeth Guepet

Music Director: (virtual) Betsy Smith

PraiseWorks Mini: (virtual) Joan and Mel Leaman , Bob Castaldi

Soloist: (virtual) Bill Ditzel

Moment for All Ages: (video) Melanie Hartley

Lay Reader: (video) Judy Gambill

Gospel Reader: (video) Valerie Kapp-Benner

Online Engagement Host: (virtual) Melanie Hartley

If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, liturgist, or other part of worship in a virtual way, please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org).

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, May 3 ~ Saturday, May 19, 2020

Sunday: *“God preserved us among the living; God didn’t let our feet slip a bit.”*

Psalms 66: 9. Give thanks to the Lord our God! Pray for God’s presence and providence.

Monday: *“Let other people run right over our heads; we’ve been through fire and water.*

But you brought us out to freedom! So, I’ll enter your house.” Psalms 66: 12-13a. The psalmist reminds us that there are fire and water, illness, and pandemic. God dwelt with the people of God then and will stay with us now. Pray for our neighbors who are sheltering in place alone, that they do not feel alone.

Tuesday: *“But God definitely listened. God heard the sound of my prayer.” Psalms*

66:19. Pray for those who are wearied by these days. May there be a steadying of a new normal for children, youth, young adults, adults, and elders. God, who has been with our foreparents in times of trials before, will be with us now.

Wednesday: *“While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among*

them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” Luke 24: 36b. Jesus brings peace amid confusion and befuddlement. Invite Jesus to walk with you.

Thursday: *“While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, Jesus*

said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” Luke 24: 41. God knows that we can be joyful and concerned, tentative, and faithful, filled with grief and faith. Pray today for a world in which everyone you encounter physically or virtually is carrying multiple realities. Pray for the peace that passes all understanding, as well as awe for God who can hold your fears and joys, disbelief and pain, boredom, and anger in love.

Friday: *“Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I*

was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.” Luke 24: 44-45. In this time of shelter at home, how has your Bible study grown? Where has God opened your mind to understand the scriptures?

Saturday: *“You are witnesses of these things.” Luke 24: 48. Consider that when*

you have seen God’s glory and God’s goodness, you stand in a line of witnesses that began with Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, Joanna, Peter, and the other disciples and continues to today. Write and tell. Draw and sing. Dance and code. Build and show. You are witnesses of God!