



# West Grove United Methodist Church

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A bright sunburst with rays emanating from the center, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sunburst is the central focus of the image.

*He is Risen*

*March 31, 2024*  
*Easter Sunday*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Prelude** - Please quiet and center yourselves for worship during this time- Betsy Smith

**Welcome and Greeting** Pastor Janice

**Ministry Opportunities** Karen Hruz

**\*Call to Worship** (Bold in unison) Susan Paisley

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

**People: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside

**People: The one you are looking for is alive!**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH No. 302 (vs 1-4)  
With Memory Bells

**\*Passing the Peace** Pastor Janice

Christ is risen! Share this great news with one another as we offer signs of joy and love by passing the peace of Christ.

**Morning Prayer** (In Unison) Susan Paisley

**O God, we thank you for sending Jesus to proclaim your peace, and that you are God of all. We give you thanks that the forces of evil could destroy neither him nor your peace. We gather to worship you and to proclaim that we are your Easter people. By your Holy Spirit help us preach your peace by the way we live, in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

**Moments for All Ages** Xavier Feliciano

(The children may exit the service with Xavier to continue on to Children's Worship in Room 12)

**First Scripture Reading** (pg. 4) Acts 10:34-43 Susan Paisley

**Song** "Alive" PraiseWorks

**Second Scripture Lesson** (pg. 4) 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Susan Paisley

**\*Gospel Lesson** (pg. 5) John 20:1-18 Pastor Janice

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Empty Now" Chancel Choir  
Words and music by Joseph M. Martin

<b>Message:</b>	“You Are Looking for Jesus”	Pastor Janice
<b>Celebrations and Concerns</b> (Open to all)		
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
	Moment of Silence for those things on our hearts and not spoken.	
<b>Lord’s Prayer</b> (pg. 5)		Pastor Jim
<b>Invitation to the Offerings</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offertory</b>	“Worthy is the Lamb”	PraiseWorks
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Thine Be the Glory”	UMH No. 308 With Memory Bells
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Janice
<b>*Postlude</b>		Betsy Smith

**\* Stand as you are able.**

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

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

## First Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## Second Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

<sup>15</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they will be done, On earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, And the glory forever.  
AMEN

## Gospel Lesson: John 20: 1-18

<sup>20</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene <sup>1</sup>

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## 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 God's name.*

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### WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!

*Faith, hope and love are gifts from God. May you find them here. 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. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again. For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.*

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Remember to take your Easter flower(s) with you after the service.

**WGUMC OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed on Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, April 2nd.

### **WGUMC IS ECSTATIC TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW PASTOR:**

Rev. Choi was appointed as WGUMC's new pastor and will take over the position beginning July 1st, 2024. Pastor Janice L. Bowers will be serving as WGUMC's pastor until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**PASTOR JIM'S NEW BIBLE STUDY:** April 1st at 6:30 pm. in the sanctuary, Pastor Jim Mundell will be launching a new bible study from the book of Hebrews. The study will delve into Jesus and his duty as High Priest after his resurrection.

**SPRING CLEAN UP:** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am. To 4:00 pm. Join us as we "Spring Clean" West Grove UMC. Inside and out, volunteer to help in anyway you feel led. Contact Kim O'Neill at [tim-kimOneill@verizon.net](mailto:tim-kimOneill@verizon.net) to sign up as a volunteer. Or just show up on Saturday and join in.

**RAP MEETING:** Friday, April 12th at noon. Bring your lunch, desert and beverage provided. We are excited to welcome Charles Shattuck of Wild Birds Unlimited in Hockessen, who usually talks about birds and their habitats. However, as we know, squirrels can be quite aggressive at getting to our bird feeders, so we will hear about different squirrels and ways to deter their hungry behaviors with baffles, squirrel proof feeders, hot pepper bird feed, etc.

**CMO ART SHOW:** April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 7:30 pm. In the narthex and sanctuary. Come and enjoy the artwork of the kiddo's who attend our CMO' (Children's Morning Out). This is a fund raiser for CMO, purchases or donations are truly appreciated.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN:** Join our UMM for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to dive into the fun from July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Call Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, or email him at [Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org), or call the church office at 610-869-9334, or email us at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## NEED PRAYER?

**Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email April Spencer** at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or **Email Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-529-8699. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Bob Beck, Linda Shiplet  
Renee Bergstrom  
Linda Sue Black (Hruz)  
Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)  
Sandee C (Jim Mundell)  
Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)



Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)  
Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)  
Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)  
Joann Coates  
Dante Danilshenko (Grace Kennedy)  
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)  
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Donna Fackler  
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)  
Richard Heacock  
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)  
Karen Hruz  
Lynn Jackson  
Michele Johnson (Spencer)  
Maria Kanno (Mullen)  
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)  
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)  
Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)  
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

The Family of Len Marten (K. Smith)  
Jim May (Mullen)  
Jill and Jay, Fran Miller  
Richard Minnick  
Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen  
The Family of Linda Myers, Betsy Smith  
Doug Paine (Jackson)  
Vivian Paisley  
Family of Dan DePaul (Jackson)  
Don Nixon (Mullen)  
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)  
Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)  
Roann Schneider (P. Mullen)  
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)  
Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)  
Connie & Jobe Simcox  
David Shaver (Hruz)  
Connie & Jobe Simcox  
Linda Shiplet  
Ian Smedley (Heist)  
Reed Smith  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Heidi Streibel, (Edel Mullen)  
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Josephine Tena  
Maira Tena  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Jill Williams (Miller)  
Hazel Winters & family  
(Joan Saller)  
Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,  
Philippines  
(Wayne & Pam)  
Brian Kubo—Washington  
(Mullen)  
Chris Weidman—Idaho  
(Miller)  
Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine  
Corps  
Drew Zumpino—USA  
(Beauchamp)

### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

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

### **Report from March 24, 2024**

**General Offering: \$1,925.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$225.00**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**11:00: 78 You Tube 7**

**Food Pantry: 110 families on 03/27 &  
03/28 Food donations are appreciated.**

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream & Audio: Sound Booth Rotating:	Michael Duvall Reed Smith, Aiden Steltzer, Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke
Officiating:	Rev. Janice Bowers & Rev. Jim Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director	Xavier Feliciano
Acolyte:	Olivia Rinehimer

#### **Today: 03/31/24**

#### **Next Week: 04/07/24**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Paulette Bryan	Priscilla Barkman
Counters:	Janice Bowers & Joan Leaman	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Reader:	Susan Paisley	Paulette Bryan
Ushers:	Paulette Bryan & Nancy DuVall	Tom Hoover & Paulette Bryan
Greeter:	Dick Stuhrke	Priscilla Barkmen

#### ***Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant?***

***We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher.***

***If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***