

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "It's All For You" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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

***Celebration Set** "Evidence of God"
"Open My Eyes, Lord" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Moment For All Ages Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Joan Leaman

***Gospel Lesson** Mark 2:23-28 Joan Leaman

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Sermon "DO Pause to See" Pastor Monica

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Moment of Impact Knit Wits Pastor Monica

Offering "How Beautiful" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Unison) Pastor Shirley

Gathered Prayers Pastor Shirley

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Shirley

***Closing Song** "Overwhelmed" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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



West Grove United Methodist Church

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West Grove, PA 19390



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 11, 2018**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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*Call to Worship (Responsive) Matthew Rinehimer

One: In this place we are reminded, God's love endures forever.

Many: Even when we first are attracted to shadows, Christ's light shines in us.

One: When we think our hands are empty, the Holy Spirit fills us with glad songs.

Many: Let us look together for God, who is faithful.

*Processional Hymn

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

UMH No. 96

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Matthew Rinehimer

**Good and Gracious God,
you reach deep into your pockets stuffed with mercy
and fill our empty souls.
Rebuilding our shaky foundations with your everlasting love,
you hear of cries when we know loneliness and lament,
Lord. Reach down to lift us into your presence.
May we see your presence even in our impatience.
May we pause. Teach us joy's anthems;
so, we may overflow with love, we pray,
Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Matthew Rinehimer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Matthew Rinehimer

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23-28

Matthew Rinehimer

*Response to the Lesson

Matthew Rinehimer

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 11 ~ Saturday, March 17



Sunday: *"For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Monday: *"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." 2 Corinthians 4:7-10*

Tuesday: *"For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you." 2 Corinthians 4:11-12*

Wednesday: *"One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" Mark 2:23-24*

Thursday: *"And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Mark 2:25-26*

Friday: *"Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; Mark 2:27*

Saturday: *"so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Mark 2:28*



**West Grove United Methodist Church
Invites the all children in the community to an
EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA
Sunday, March 25
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

There will be crafts, games, a bounce house, prizes, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon, so come as time allows. Our activities are geared for toddlers through elementary school age children. The event is "rain or shine"! We need donations of wrapped candies that will fit inside plastic eggs. Please place you bags of candy in the seasonal bin in the church lobby by Sunday, March 18th. Thanks!



**24 Hour Prayer Vigil
Friday, March 30, 9 a.m. through
Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m.**

Please sign up for a **one-hour time slot** to come to the Prayer Room located in the rear of the Sanctuary, or from your home, to pray for individual needs of our church family, as well as for the needs of our community.

If you have never prayed for an hour, that's okay! We have plenty of materials to guide you through. You'll be surprised how quickly the time goes by and how refreshed and energized you feel! **Pink prayer request slips** will be available in the weekly bulletin, as well as in the lobby, for you to submit a prayer request for the vigil. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Information to sign-up online will be shared soon.

Anthem "I Will Keep My Eyes On You" Chancel Choir
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Sermon "DO Pause to See" Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" UMH No. 258
Verses 1, 2, 5

Moment of Impact *Knit Wits* 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
All around us O God, we see evidence of you. Touches of your creation, and we give you thanks. Touches of your goodness, and we give you thanks. May these gifts show others your creative goodness and offer life lines of hope, we pray, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Gathered Prayers Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" UMH No. 384

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction** "In the Shadow of the Cross" Chancel Choir

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



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in Celebration of Linda Peirson's Birthday!
With love from Linda Shiplet, Kim Smith and Karen Underwood

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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MOMENT OF IMPACT

Knit Wits

We are blessed by knitters and crocheters of our church and community who put their hands to work. They make hats, scarfs, prayer shawls, and other items. They create for others. Hats and scarves have been given to others to keep warm. Blankets have been given to those baptized. Prayer shawls given to those in our congregation, community, and beyond after being blessed. Thanks be to God for our Knit Wits who are indeed a blessing!



Join us as we *pause* at the cross.

On Good Friday, March 30th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., our community will gather with churches in the area to *pause*. West Grove United Methodist Church will host the evening service.

Thought-provoking preaching, touching music and tender prayer will have us *pause* at the cross, pausing with those who suffer, and pausing to wait in anticipation of the resurrection.

The offering will support the GSR 2018 multi-church effort towards "Getting Ahead."

Our entire community is welcome as we pause at the cross with Jesus.

CMO Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

CONSIGN Thursday, March 15-3:30-6:00 p.m.

SHOP Friday, March 16 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and

Saturday, March 17- 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.



Profit Sharing: Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out program will receive the remaining one-third.

Items to be consigned: Spring/Summer children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**

Volunteers are needed! Consignors are asked to sign up to volunteer at least two hours during the sale. Setting up and cleaning up are always the jobs that need extra hands. Please see sign up sheets and sign up when you pick up your packet.

**Consignors who are signed up to volunteer at least two hours will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday evening once all items have been distributed.

Any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at [\(610\) 869-9334](tel:6108699334).

Holy Week at West Grove UMC



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

11:00 a.m. Service features the Cantata

“Come To The Cross and Remember”

We begin worship celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and face towards the cross.

Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)

We will recall Jesus' last supper with his disciples as we, too, celebrate Holy Communion.

The evening continues into the Garden with Prayers.



Good Friday, March 30

24 Hour Prayer Vigil, Friday, 9 a.m.—Saturday, 9 a.m.

Sign up for a one-hour time slot to come into the church sanctuary and pray for the individual needs of our church family, as well as for needs of our community. Prayer requests and materials provided.

Prayer Stations, 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

All are invited to come to the church and visit the prayer stations that the youth set up for us.

Community Good Friday Worship Service ~ 7:00 p.m. (Live Stream)

On this evening, join us for a service of reflection with the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene

Holy Saturday, March 31

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.

A child friendly service full of music making, storytelling as we wiggle and giggle

proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is Alive!



EASTER

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

On this triumphant Easter morning, join us at our Sunrise Service to proclaim Christ is alive!

Contemporary Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Celebration Service at 11:00 a.m.

(Live Stream)

Jenner's Pond Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ this day with Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christ's resurrection is for you and all humanity is celebrated this Easter morning. The joke is on death!

Nursery and Children's Worship provided at all services.

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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.

Welcome, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! 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.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



EGGSTRAVAGANZA—We are looking for donations of small, individually wrapped candies that will fit in plastic eggs for our Eggstravaganza. Able to help? Please place all donations placed in the seasonal bin in the lobby **by Sunday March 18**. Thank you!

VIEW & CHEW: Date change—We will be meeting on **Sunday, March 18** (not the 25th as previously scheduled)- What is your visceral response when you hear the term “white privilege?” Can you put your finger on what it is about this topic that generates those feelings? What is the first thought that pops into your mind when you hear the term? Let's talk about it during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) in room 4. If you are interested email Mel Leaman for the list of videos and questions to watch to enhance the discussion: jmleaman@comcast.net

AMAZON SMILE—From **March 12-31**, Amazon is **tripling** the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2243445 and Amazon will donate 1.5% of your purchase to West Grove United Methodist Church. Shop and smile!

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. A bus has been reserved for anyone interested in going. Spaces is limited to 55 seats and may be reserved with a \$50 donation. The bus will leave on March 24 at 6:30 a.m. and return at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Cuthbertson at actnow@oxgrovedems.org or 610.212.1983.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry continues to need your donations! We have given away 59 bags of food in just 7 weeks. The need is great. **An updated Shopping List** is out on the shopping cart. Please consider picking one up and donating a few items from the list.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 8 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Some of you may want to get an early start & Beautify our church in time for Easter! Vernon Ramberber will be there to answer questions concerning locations of projects, jobs, materials and tools needed. Thank you, in advance, for helping to care for our church.

PB&J CLUB: Thank you to everyone who made our first PB&J Club yesterday a success! Mark Your Calendars! Our next PB&J Club is Sunday, May 6th!

