



# The Wesleyan Star

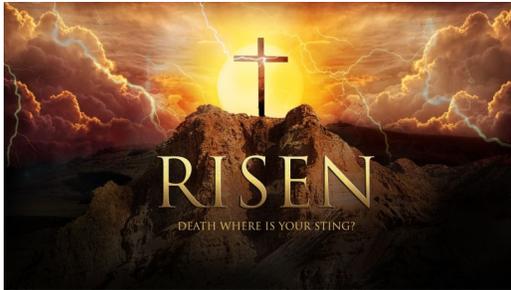
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## April 2022



*“Oh shame is a prison as cruel as the grave! Shame is a robber and he has come to take my name! Oh, love is my redeemer, lifting me up from the ground! Love is the power when my freedom song is found! There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down! (No!) There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down!” (From the song, “Ain’t No Grave Gonna Hold My Body Down,” by Bethel Music & Molly Skaggs)*

The Bible tells us we are never to add or take away one little stroke of letters, one little jot and tittle of the writing that is within the Bible.

Many of us try to take this command seriously, although we are all

challenged to wisely hear the whole of God’s Word in the midst of our sins and limitations. And while we are committed to not add or take way from the Bible entrusted to us by God, we also know there have been much written and shared in the last two thousand years that is scripture-like in its power to share the Gospel of God’s grace, mercy, and love. These expressions of faith keep our faith and relationship with God in Christ relevant and growing, maturing. For me, it is as if in addition to carrying the Bible, I also need to carry other resources, including a great hymnal of hymns and songs that express faith and the love God has for us all.

The song up above would be one of those songs that expresses faith in a dynamic way for me. It is near scripture for me, as so many other songs and hymns are, like “Amazing Grace”, or “I Know Whom I Have Believed”, or “I’m Not Tired Yet.” I hear them and I hear the encouragement and empowerment that our personal relationship with God provides for us. Our faith has its foundations in trust in God. God’s creativity in the Holy Spirit keeps the relationship open and free, which also means it is free to soar and rise, or fall, a dynamic that is essential to our journey with Christ together.

*“Oh fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue. Fear is a tyrant, he’s always telling me to run! Oh, love is a resurrection and love is a trumpet sound! Love is my weapon, I’m gonna take my giants down! There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down!”*

Oh, if the disciples would have had a song like that one to sing at the last supper, maybe they all wouldn’t have run away from Jesus, they would have stood by him, as we must do today. As we cast off the graves or narrow thinking and emotions we’ve been living in because of the virus, may we be brought to the promises of Jesus Christ more fully together. May our lives be blessed to be a blessing.

Like the weather that changes dramatically in unexpected ways, our journey of faith can lead us through many ups and downs, and it is vital we know where our sources of real strength are. Hold on to the songs, the scripture verses, and especially the people who have inspired and empowered us to share faith, always allowing Christ to hold us.

*“Oh, there was a battle, a war between death and life, and there on a tree, the Lamb of God was crucified! And he went down to hell, He took back every key! He rose up as a lion and he set all captives free! There ain’t no grave could hold his body down! Oh, if You walked out of that grave, I know I’m walking too!”* Join us as we prepare our hearts for receiving Easter’s promises anew this spring. It is a great joy, the greatest, to be in Christ together. – Tim



## Worship in April at West Grove UMC

Join us as we worship together by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing in God's way, and serving God's world.



9:30 a.m Fully Open Worship. Live Streaming on You Tube.



### April 3 – Communion

We will look at John 12:1-8, Jesus is anointed with strong, expensive oil, the scent filled the air. The only reasons to anoint and use

such an oil is to either prepare for death and burial, or to anoint for a coronation. So, as Christians, we often focus on how the two fit together, for the Kingdom of God that Jesus is anointed to rule over is about to lead him to sacrifice his life. Today we live in the world of extravagance and privilege. We have so much at our disposal. Many people ask as their first priority, what is in it for me? We examine the woman who anoints him and the process of sharing such expensive oil. Judas proclaims it is a waste. To which Jesus replies, "The poor will always be with you!" What was the meaning of his words? As Christians, are we to always keep the poor with us, and who are they, really?

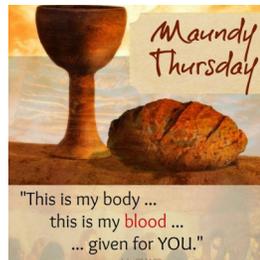


### April 10 – Palm Sunday

We will look at Luke 19:28-40 when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was received in a huge welcome and parade by the common people. They perceive he has come to rule, and cast away all the problems of their day. What kind of a ruler is he, and what is it that he truly sets as a priority to rule over? How might we be his loyal subjects today? God has a vision of life for us to fulfill, it is essential we keep it in our hearts and weave throughout life.

### April 14 Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM

In John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus, our Lord and Savior, gives us his most important command as he prepares us in mind and heart to choose for ourselves what our discipleship will be, and how we will live it. He provides the example of washing feet as an act of service in love to others. Those of us who have



been Christians for many years are called upon on this holy night to self-examination of our lives, our minds, and hearts and how we have or have not lived our faithfulness to the friendship that Christ has offered us. We will share communion, just as Jesus and his disciples did as we seek the mercy God provides.

### Easter – April 17 – 6 AM Sunrise, & 9:30 Blended Worship Services



**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

On Easter Sunday, we will host two services, a sunrise service at 6AM, with brass music, and our blended service at 9:30. Our scripture will focus on the traditional passages of Luke

24:1-12 or John 20:1-18. Who would you entrust with important news about your life? Who would you entrust with the most important news the world has known? How we answer shapes how we include other people into our lives and faith and fellowship. We need to understand what the resurrection means for our lives today, every day.



### April 24 – Relevant Fellowship

We will look at the traditional scripture of John 20:19-31, and the reaction of Thomas to the witness and proclamation of the disciples that Jesus is resurrected, risen from the dead. Thomas responds with a natural reaction, especially at such a time after having seen his Lord, Jesus suffer such a cruel death of humiliation and torture. How well he helps us come to terms with our doubts and our own need for assurance and fellowship together. Where and when do we have challenges accepting good news, and especially that God is at work in our lives and the world? Is it just another conspiracy theory?

# Pastor's Desk

## Holy Week

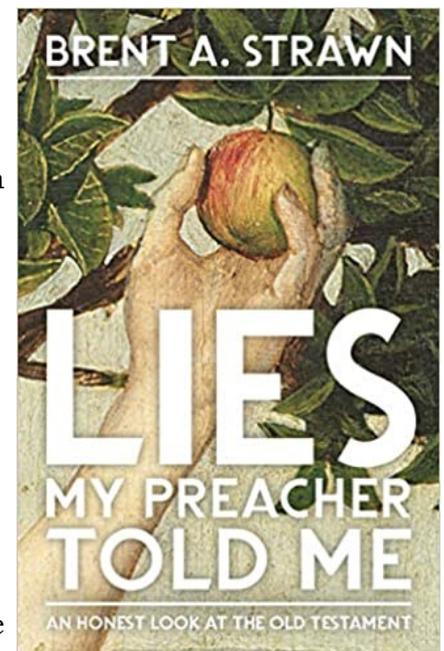


## Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week is right before us and we look forward to having you join us for worship. **We are offering in person worship with communion on Holy Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. with communion**, and then an **outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:00 A.M. Easter Sunday morning**. We are hopeful for clear skies and warm temperatures. We never know what to expect this time of year. We encourage you to wear layers of clothes to stay comfortable. **Our Resurrection Easter Service will be at 9:30 a.m.** as we have for our weekly Sunday morning services. We continue to live stream our services on You Tube.

## Short-term Course on the Value of the Old Testament

Several months ago, Dr. David Frame preached a sermon at West Grove UMC on the importance of the Old Testament for the Christian church. In his sermon he mentioned a study book written by Brent Strawn, Old Testament Professor at Duke Divinity School, entitled *Lies My Preacher Told Me*. The book tries to dispel a number of misconceptions about the Old Testament that are often spread from the pulpit and learned by laypeople from their pastors. In the post-Easter season we will offer a **6-week course** during the Sunday School hour (10:45 - 11:45 a.m.) based on Dr. Strawn's book. All attendees will receive a copy of the book. The class will be led by Dr. Frame. The **first session will be on Sunday, April 26** with the last session on Sunday, May 29. You do not have to come every week in order to be part of the class. All who want to get a better understanding of the place of the Old Testament in Christian thought are welcome to attend. Please direct any questions about the course to Dr. Frame.





## **CHURCH CLEAN-UP!**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022**

The Trustees need your help between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., to spruce up our church so it remains an inviting place to visit and to worship. There are jobs for all ages, so bring those kids along to help!

**OUTSIDE:** Trim bushes in flowerbeds and along parking lots.

Weed flowerbeds and remove dead foliage.

Remove unused garden plots.

Cleanup dirt along parking lot curbs.

Remove weeds in drainage basin.

Wash and dry all exterior doors.

Brush and apply sealant to Harmony Road stairs.

Remove weeds on bank sides to Harmony Road stairs.

Slate pavers at trash area.

**INTERIOR:** Wash windows.

Wipe woodwork in sanctuary.

Wipe woodwork in rooms.

Wipe and wax cabinets in North Wing classrooms and administrative offices.

Wipe and wax cabinets in Narthex.

If you are unable to help, a donation for the purchase of flowers or cleaning supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please pray for good weather and for many volunteers to get the jobs done so our church will continue to be a welcoming place in our community.

A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. It will list the specific tasks--including tools and supplies necessary to complete the job. **If you prefer to do a job before or after April 9th, please contact Kim Smith (610) 593-5358.**

## Retired Active People



## Retired Active People (RAP)

**Friday, April 8, 2022, 12:00 PM**

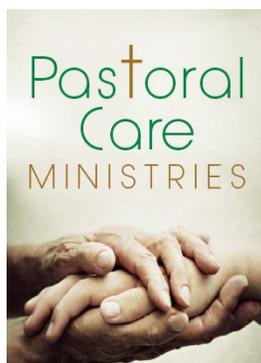
Our next gathering is **Friday, April 8, 2022 at noon**. We meet in the church sanctuary for lunch and a special program. Michael Duvall, WGUMC and RAP member, will share his experiences from his recent mission trip to Africa. Bring your bagged lunch and enjoy provided beverages and delicious desserts as we hear from Michael.

We wish to thank everyone who helped with our March meeting set up and clean up and the many delicious desserts provided. If you are able to help in April or provide a dessert, please let Sara Ann Ramberger know of your interest. You may contact her at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

We greatly appreciate the presence of Mighty Writers and their food distribution program held here at WGUMC each week. We hope you were able to join us last month when we welcomed Sara Dickens-Trillo, Coordinator of Mighty Writers El Futuro Kennett, as she shared the many programs provided to the families in our community, including the food distribution outreach. If you were not able to join us last month, but are interested in learning more about Mighty Writers please contact the church office to let us know of your interest.

We look forward to seeing you in April as we gather for an afternoon of fellowship and lunch. Remember to bring your lunch and invite your friends. Everyone is welcome!

RAP Committee: Paulette Bryan, Cindy Haley, Caryl Stuhrke, and Sara Ann Ramberger



Please let Pastor Tim, Pastor Jim, or the church office know if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a Pastor's visit or care.

We would love to support you and your family with a visit.

If you desire to receive communion and cannot come to the church, please call Pastor Tim (610-881-5105) or email him at [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org) and he will be happy to arrange a time to for you to receive communion.

## WGUMC Food Pantry

**Drive-Up  
Food  
Distribution**



We continue to be busy meeting the food needs of families in our community facing food insecurity. We generally provide food to **16-20 families each week**. The bulk of the food we distribute comes from the Chester County Food Bank. Donations from members of our church and the local community supply the rest of the food. Presently the **items most needed include**: canned fruit, corn tortillas, granola bars, rice, pasta, mac 'n cheese, cereal, crackers, soup. Food donations may be placed in the shopping cart outside the lobby doors. If you care to volunteer with the food pantry, in some capacity, please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net).) Thank you.

**PASTOR JIM'S  
CHRISTIAN LIVING COLUMN**  
helping us to live the Christian life  
March 2022

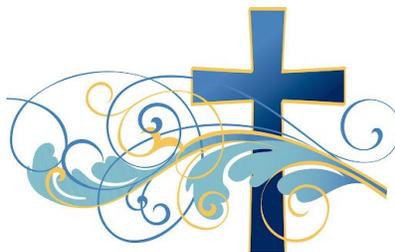
**LENT TO EASTER  
TO ETERNAL LIFE**

The verse that I have for you this month is one that you can add to your list and to your memory bank. John 10:11, ***"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*** We are His sheep, the loved one's of God and Jesus is our Shepherd, who gave His life for us.

April 2022, a new month in a year which has seen some challenges. First, we continue with the covid blanket that has put the world into a two year pause in one's life. And second, the recent attack on the Ukraine has also put the world on alert, disrupting what peace there may have been.

But along comes April and we can see a new horizon. Spring with new life is upon us and Lent is winding down and our journey to Jerusalem will reach its climax on Easter Sunday, when we can look to the future with new hope, joy, and love in our heart.

During the transition between Lent and Easter one piece of scripture stands out for me and is what I call the "True Lord's Prayer". I'm not speaking of the prayer Jesus taught us to use, but the prayer that Jesus offered to His Father



just before he went to the cross. I challenge you to read this prayer which is found in John 17.

It is the longest record prayer by Jesus in scripture and it has three parts that should encourage us. The first part, verses 1-5, Jesus prays for himself. He asks that His glory be given back to Him now that He has finished His mission here on earth. This should encourage us as we also should pray for our own self. Second, verses 6-19, Jesus prays for His disciples, those who shared His ministry as He made know His Father and our Heavenly Father to the world. And third, verses 20-26, Jesus prays for all who believes and trusts in Him as the Savior of the world and His power to give eternal life. In verse 24 of His prayer, Jesus says, ***"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the World"***.

Easter is what makes this verse come alive, for Jesus was returning to His Father and our God and waiting for the time when we all can be in His presence. May you find the joy of Easter in your heart knowing that Jesus, as our Shepherd, gave His life for us, that we may have everlasting life with Him in heaven.

Pastor Jim



**Jenner's Pond Residents:** Join us for worship on **April 10th at 11 a.m.** On your closed circuit TV and in-person in Alison Theater, Led by Pastor Jim

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



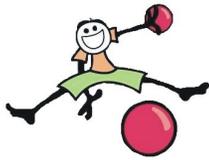
## Youth Group schedule for April: April 3 & 24

Middle school- 3:00-4:00 p.m.

High school- 4:00-5:15 p.m.

**April 10: Eggstravaganza, no youth groups**

**April 17: Easter Sunday, no youth groups**



## Dodgeball & Game Night: April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dodgeball nights are back! All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to come, friends are always invited as well! Students need \$3 for pizza and a health/permission waiver form. Contact Melanie Hartley for information or forms.

## High school Lock-In: April 1-2, 8:30 p.m.- 8:30 a.m.

A night of fun, games, and staying up late! We will play games, eat snacks before we turn in for some sleep (Boys and girls will be in designated sleeping areas). **The lock-in will start after dodgeball, at 8:30 p.m. Pick-up will be Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.**

Students & parents can **sign up with Melanie by Tuesday, March 29.** Contact Melanie with questions or for information!



**Children's Worship:** Sunday, April 3, 9:30 a.m. service

**Children's Sunday School:** Sunday mornings, 10:45-11:45 a.m. *In Sunday school, we*

*will be learning about different stories and passages in the bible. Each week we will have a bible lesson, some questions to think about, and an activity that connects us to the story.*

We have a take-home option for families who will not be present on Sunday mornings.

If you would like information about the Children's Ministry and Christian Education, contact Melanie Hartley.



**Children's Game Night**  
**Friday, April 22**  
**6:30-7:45 p.m.**

The "big kids" aren't the only ones allowed to have fun! We are planning a night of fun for our friends in grades 1-5. We'll play some games, share a snack and have a short devotion time.

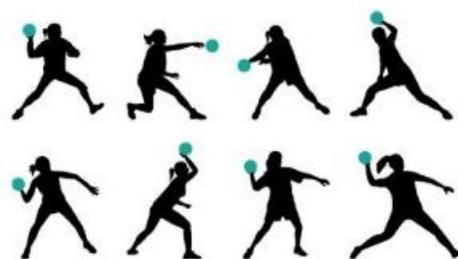
**Our theme is "My Hero"**, so wear something of your favorite Hero in a story! A t-shirt, socks, anything! **There will be prizes for games and wearing a theme item!**

More details to come, so keep an eye out for our Children's Ministry emails. Contact Melanie Hartley with any questions or for information!

## YOUTH DODGEBALL & GAME NIGHT

1ST Fridays

April 1st, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



We are restarting our monthly dodgeball/game nights!

On the first Friday of the month (February-May) We will meet for dodgeball and other group games. All students in middle school & high school are welcome as well as friends!

**What we need from students:** Health/permission waiver for each student (this includes any friends) and \$3 for pizza

Contact Melanie with any questions or if you are a parent who is able to help chaperone!



**Thank you to all who have spent time on Sunday mornings volunteering in the nursery!**

We continue to be blessed with wonderful little ones to spend time with on Sundays and watch them grow!

**We are in need of additional volunteers for the 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School hours.**

If you are interested in helping in the nursery (about once a month), please contact Amy Castaldi at [ahass17@hotmail.com](mailto:ahass17@hotmail.com) or at (610-468-4321).

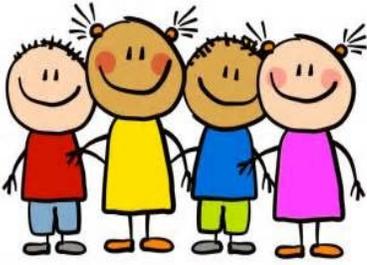


**Vacation Bible School 2022  
Save the dates!**

Vacation bible school will be  
July 11-15,  
9:00-12:00 p.m.

Contact Melanie Hartley if you would like to volunteer for a great week of VBS!

**We can't wait to see you there!**



## Children's Morning Out and Preschool

What an exciting month we have had at Preschool! We've had snowy days and beautiful sunny playground days this month. March has been full of rainbows, learning colors and color mixing, shamrocks, and silly little leprechaun shenanigans so far. We sure have had tons of fun here at school! And what amazing efforts our teachers put forth in making every day a special and wonderful experience for the children at preschool. We are learning about Community Helpers at the end of the month with visits from the West Grove Fire Company, Chester County Dentistry for Children, Police Officer Richards, a Duvall School Bus and Pastor Tim! We are so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful community with so many people to share their gifts and talents.

We had our Spring/ Summer Consignment Sale for the first time in a few years. It was wonderful to see many families shopping and finding great deals for items for their little ones. I am so thankful for the help of the teachers in organizing, setting up/cleaning up, and for all of our consignors and shoppers!!

*Heather Smalley, CMO & Preschool, Director*



**West Grove United Methodist Church**  
**EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA**  
**Sunday, April 10**  
**2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

Our annual tradition is back in full swing this year and the whole community is invited! There will be outdoor games, treats, and, of course, plenty of eggs to be found! All activities are geared for toddlers through elementary school age children.

**The event is "rain or shine"!**

**Would you like to help in making "Egg"stravagnza a blast??**

**You can donate:**

- Plastic easter eggs
- Candies that will fit inside plastic eggs
- Snack size Pretzel Stick packs
- Vanilla Wafers
- 2-3 total large boxes of Goldfish
- Fruity Lifesavers
- Marshmallows

You can volunteer to run a game, be a greeter and/or replenish our egg hunt!

**Donated items are needed by Sunday April 3.** Please place donated items in the seasonal bin in the church lobby, or contact Melanie Hartley for drop off.

## POPUP FUNDRAISER!

FAMILY TIME IS BETTER WITH TACOS

**\$39.99**

Feeds 4-6 and includes 12 tortilla shells, choice of up to 2 proteins, rice, beans, cheese, lettuce, pico de Gallo, sour cream, chips, salsa, and a bowl of Moe's Famous Queso!

**TAKE-HOME TACO KITS**  
FOR EACH KIT PURCHASED, MOE'S DONATES **\$5**



## Children's Morning Out Preschool Fundraiser

Attention friends, family, neighbors, and local Queso lovers! We are hosting a Moe's PopUp Fundraiser on Thursday, April 28th for West Grove United Methodist Preschool! This means you can take the night off from cooking while supporting a great organization!

**These Take-home Family Taco Kits are ready to eat when you get home, making your night easier, plus for every kit sold, \$5 will be donated to West Grove United Methodist Preschool!**

The Meal Kits feed 4-6, come with all the fixings to make up to 12 tacos, and are \$39.99(+tax).

Choose from chicken, ground beef, ½ chicken and ½ ground beef, or vegetarian. Check out the photo below for all that is included!

This is a fun, convenient, and safe way to have dinner ready to pick up while supporting your favorite organization. Take a much-deserved night off from cooking, order your family a night of tacos, and show your support!

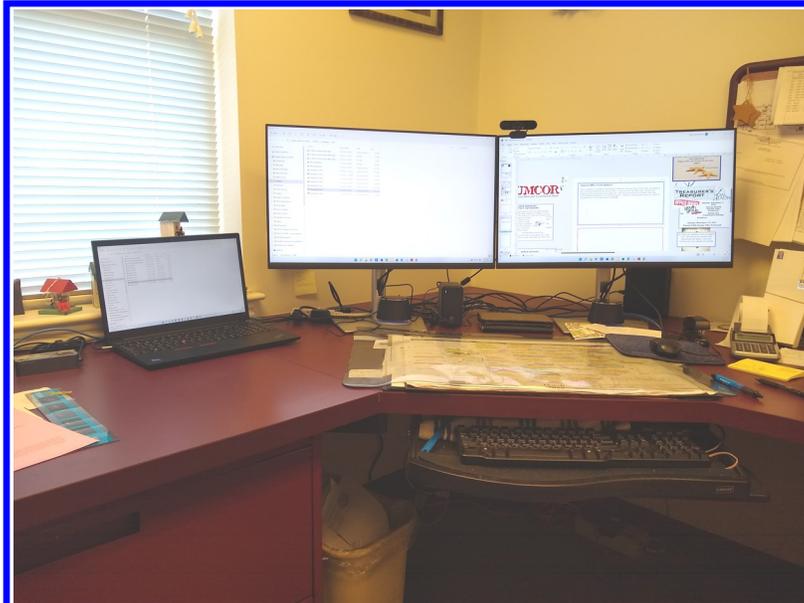
### How to Order:

**Please place your order by 1:00pm on Wednesday, April 27th. Fill out this form to submit your order: <https://form.jotform.com/213323076157148>**

**2. Pick up will be at West Grove UMC Preschool (300 N Guernsey Road, West Grove PA 19390) between 5:30-6:00pm on Thursday, April 28th.**

When picking up your order, please stay in your vehicle, tell us your name, we will bring your order right to you, and you'll be on your way!

See you on Thursday, April 28th, we're looking forward to it!



### Church Office Tech Update!!

Due to a generous donation from Michael Duvall, he, with the help of Steve May, purchased a new computer system for the church office. It ensures that the office stays current with programs and technology we use every day. The purchase and the installation were time consuming and required lots of volunteer hours. Thank you Michael and thank you Steve for the generosity of your time, talents and gifts.



Easter Flowers

**It's Easter Flower time!** We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers in Memory, Honor or in Celebration of a loved one, or just for you and your family.

**The last date to order flowers is Palm Sunday, April 10th.** Please fill out this order form and place it with your check in the offering plate or in Donna Fackler's mailbox. Checks can be made payable to "WGUMC" with memo line noting Easter Flowers. On Easter Sunday, we will include the list of those who purchased flowers in Memory, Honor or Celebration of a loved one.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office.

|                      | <u>Price each</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Tulips</b>        | <b>\$5.95</b>     | _____           | \$ _____     |
| <b>Daffodils</b>     | <b>\$5.95</b>     | _____           | \$ _____     |
| <b>Easter Lilies</b> | <b>\$9.50</b>     | _____           | \$ _____     |

Please designate below how you wish to offer these flowers, so it can be recognized in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Contact the church office with questions or concerns .

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_



## Wondering How You Can Help the People of Ukraine?

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Through West Grove UMC or any United Methodist Church
- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 **One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.**

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the Church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



**A MESSAGE FROM THE LES FAMILY:** From the bottom of our hearts we want to thank you for your financial support and prayers for our country and our family! We are living through a hard time now with the war in our country. We try to do a little something until this craziness is over...We try to help people who left everything behind trying to get to a safer place with food and a place to stay for a night or two... It's hard to see our countrymen suffer...

Thank you again for helping us and just for being in our lives!

May God bless you richly!

Sincerely, The Les Family

## West Grove UMC Calendar of Events



Be sure to check out the church calendar on our website. Many activities have resumed such as R.A.P., Bible studies, Zoom and in-person meetings, and Giving Envelopes to pick up to name a few.

**Sunday School** has classes for adults (Faithlinks and Men's Class) and children of all ages. Your church calendar is reviewed daily and updated with the latest events and meetings. Please refer to our website to get information, updates, calendar events, etc. [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

Our church has committed to partnering with Bridge of Hope to be a neighbor to a local family dealing with homelessness. This is a one-year commitment to be a support group for this family. We could still use a

few more volunteers. If you would like to know more about Bridge of Hope and how we are participating with them, please get in touch with Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcat.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcat.net).)



## 'Clothed in love': Undies for Easter

Many are donating Undies for Easter

Underwear purchase appeal expanded

**UPDATE:** Our Undies for Easter campaign is enroute to becoming a big success! The conference-wide effort to collect 2,000 pairs of men's briefs for persons incarcerated in the Philadelphia Prison System and

donate them to the head chaplain there before Easter is three-quarters of the way to its goal. So, now we want to do more.

"We now have 1,500 men's briefs purchased," reported the Rev. Marilyn Schneider Friday. "So we have added to the Amazon gift registry 2,000 men's undershirts and 600 women's briefs. We want to ensure there is opportunity for many to contribute."

Head Chaplain Carmelo Urena, who serves about 6,000, mostly male prisoners, tells us that each receives only one pair of underwear upon entering the system, His aim is to provide at least one additional pair of underwear to each new, incoming inmate.

Anyone can use the Undies for Easter Gift Registry on Amazon.com to purchase the underwear items for men and women. This will benefit the health and wellness of our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

**All purchases must be made online via Amazon before Palm Sunday, April 10. Select "EPAUMC's Prison Ministry Gift Registry Address" for direct shipping. Contact the Rev. Marilyn Schneider, of the EPA UMC Prison Ministries & Restorative Justice Team, at [prisonministries@epaumc.org](mailto:prisonministries@epaumc.org) with any questions.**





## **AMAZON SMILE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CHURCH**

Due to Covid, many of us have been depending on on-line shopping to limit our exposure. If you use Amazon for your shopping, would you please consider signing in under

Amazon Smile? It's the same stuff, same account, but you get to chose a charity and Amazon will donate (at no cost to you) a percentage of what you spend to the charity. Of course, we hope you chose **West Grove United Methodist Church** when you make your choice. It's painless and it helps the church. **Please ask your family and friends to chose us too!**

*I was amazed at how my Christmas shopping allowed donations to build up for the church. If everyone did it, it would be a wonderful gift to the church. Donna*

**Gift cards and store cards. SCRIP IS STILL GOING STRONG!** If you are ordering gift cards for the holidays to shop or give as gifts, grocery cards, gas cards, a selection of many store and restaurant cards, please place your order through the church! Restaurant cards can be used for Take-Out if you don't want to dine in! We get a percentage as a donation to the church, so every card you purchase, helps the church! **Please call Gene Aucott to place your order today! 610-869-7355**



### **Do you receive the weekly Constant Contact emails from the church?**

We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition and a Sunday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including a link to the week's bulletin. If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash?

**A lot of information is shared in these two weekly emails and we often publish special editions of timely information you may be interested in.** This monthly newsletter is also shared via CC. If you are missing out and would like to be on the list, **email Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator, at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or call the office at 610-869-9334.** I will be happy to add you to the list! Donna

# Open Grow Serve



## OUR MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS!

Winter is bringing many gifts to the church! We have had meetings, events, fellowship time and hosted groups. Here are a few people you might not have seen around the church, but work quietly behind the scenes. If you would like a “shout out” about someone/something you saw that should be recognized, email the office at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

### A Big Thank You to:

**Linda Shiplet, Caryl Stuhrke, Kim Smith, Joan Leaman , Joanne and others who helped to clean out Linda Pierson’s home.**

**Steve May and Michael Duvall who installed the new computer and monitors in the church admin office.**

**Heather Smaalley who sets up the tables for the Bell rehearsal each week so that Sandy Deckard won’t hurt herself.**

**The person who put down the slate slabs in front of the trash bins to help prevent getting covered in mud and slipping.**

**Fred Sullivan for taking the time to clean out our coffee maker over several days.**

## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

04/01 Joyce Bischoff

04/02 Alan Bratton

04/04 Sue Curtis

04/08 Payton Ingiosi

04/10 Patrick Wiwel

04/11 Mildred  
Chambers

04/14 Janet Phillips

04/15 Virgil Brown

04/16 Maggie Stuhrke

04/17 Charlie Bechtel

04/17 Bob Sweet



Your church family wishes  
all of you a very happy birth-  
day and a year filled with  
happiness and blessings!!

04/19 Roxanne  
Shane

04/23 Helen Carlin

04/26 Roger Bates

04/30 John McGinley

04/30 April Spencer

04/17 Kathy Wiwel

04/18 Thomas

Hoover

04/18 Sue Hutton



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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.*

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Melanie Hartley - Children's Ministry Team Contact

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