## West Grove United Methodist Church

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## Thanks!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship <br> Fifth Sunday in Lent 

## OPEN

## Prelude

Welcome and Ministry OpportunitiesPastor MonicaPlease fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!
*Call to WorshipTom Hoover
One: Spring is burgeoning with the sight of green shots and budding trees, thefeel of warm days and light breezes, the sounds of birds returning andspring peepers.
Many: Thank you God for your generous gifts.
One: People emerge from their winter hibernations to re-engage with oneanother. Relationships are rekindled.
Many: Thank you God for loving us.
One: New life unfolds arounds us in nature and reminds us of the new lifeChrist offers us.
Many: Thank you God for redeeming us.
*Processional Hymn "To God Be The Glory" ..... UMH, No. 98
Opening PrayerTom HooverWe praise you, O God.We join our voices with the voices of thosefrom every place and every age who have found that you are good.We join our voices in celebration of your grace and glory.
We praise your name.
May we praise you, not only in word, but in the very actions of our lives. May our thanksgiving flow into actions.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, whose life was lived as praise and sacrifice, Amen.
*Passing of the peace
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
Many: And also with you.
GROWMoment for All AgesEileen Bushnell
Old Testament LessonPsalm 126Tom Hoover

# *Response to the Lesson <br> One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen. 

## Anthem

"Hear Our Prayer"
Chancel Choir
Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room \#9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room \#9.

## Sermon

"Thanks!"
Pastor Monica

## SERVE

*Hymn of Response
Moment of Impact
"In Christ Alone"
Tools for Ministry

TFWS, No. 3105
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)
God of life, we thank you for sending Jesus to glorify your name. You ask us to always be with the poor; teach us to remember the needs of others. Remind us to give our gifts without counting the cost as we would give your son, Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## Gathered Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

| *Hymn of Sending Forth | "And Can It Be" | UMH No. 363 |
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| *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


When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

## Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.
There they gave a dinner for him.
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.
Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.
The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"
(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone.
She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.
You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

## OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

$\mathcal{A} t$ West Grove UMC, we fove God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.
Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of 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. 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.
PERKINS NIGHT FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 12. Please come out and support our Boy Scout Troop 12 by joining us at Perkins Restaurant, Route 41 Avondale, PA, on March 21, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. It's easy ~ come eat, let them know you are there to support our troop, we get $10 \%$ proceeds, and you are off the hook for cooking that night!!

## REJOICE! Spring Concert 2016 - Featuring the Lincoln University Concert Choir with Special Guest: Claflin University Concert Choir. The entire community is invited to join them on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Dod Brown Chapel on the campus of Lincoln University for this wonderful concert. Admission is free.

A New Sunday School Experience: Exploring Christian Perspectives in America. The Faith Links class is offering a four-week series that will stimulate thought and dialogue about the issues below. We provide an opportunity to hear all voices in a safe and caring environment. These topics are of particular import to discuss during this election year. We look forward to your participation each Sunday at 9:45 in the Conference Room adjacent to the main office. Tim Bushnell, Mel Leaman, and others will facilitate our time together. Add your name to the list in the lobby if you want to receive emails related to these sessions. March 20 - American Exceptionalism: Is America unique and exceptional with a God-given mission to be a "beacon on the hill" for the world? March 27 - Resurrection Day - Easter (no class) April 3 - Capitalism. April 10 - National Defense. April 17 - Immigration.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: On Friday, March 25, we will hold a 24 hour church-wide prayer vigil. It will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, and continue through the night until 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. You may sign up below for a 1 hour time slot. More than one person can sign up for an hour. 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! Vigil Prayer Requests can be found in your bulletin and in the lobby literature rack. You are encouraged to share your prayer requests and put them in our offering plate in the coming Sundays. Contact Lori McClain if you have questions. Let us continue our commitment to make this Lenten season, one of intentional prayer!
PRAYER STATIONS: On Friday, March 25, Noon-3 p.m our youth will once again offer Prayer Stations in our sanctuary. All are invited to come in for a time of prayer and reflection on this Holy Saturday.
WIGGLY GIGGLY EASTER VIGIL SERVICE: Saturday, March 26 ~ 5:00 p.m. Join us for an interactive service of celebration of our risen Lord. The Early church had a long tradition of celebrating Easter as soon as the sun went down, awaiting the resurrection and light of Christ. Music and messages, giggles and joy will fill the sanctuary as we await the resurrection of Christ!

Give | Serve | Restore is a collaborative way to show love to Southern Chester County through churches in our communities during the Lenten season [February 10th-March 27th, 2016]. The project consists of 3 easy ways to get involved:

Do one service project! It can be coordinated from a church participating in GSR, or, by taking action on your own to serve (such as making a meal for someone in need or helping a
neighbor with a house project).
Donate two pounds of food to our local food cupboards (bin in the lobby)
Give three dollars (for Kids) and thirty dollars (for adults) to our two partner organizationsGood Neighbors and Young Moms. Good Neighbors is an organization committed to making homes warmer, safer, drier and healthier for qualified homeowners as an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ. YoungMoms is an organization committed to equipping teen moms with the resources and support they need to reach their potential as women and mothers. Last year, three churches partnered and were overwhelmed with the response of those congregations. Three churches partnered together to focus on restoration in Southern Chester County. Over $\$ \mathbf{3 8 , 0 0 0}$ raised for Family Promise, to assist homeless families in Southern Chester County. Over 2.5 tons of food donated for local food cupboards. Numerous service projects completed from members of all three churches involved. This year, we're working together with 14 churches (and counting!).

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\text { God's Faithfulness ~ } \\
\text { Your Stewardship } \\
\text { Report March 6, } 2016 \\
\text { General Offering: } \$ 6,332.95 \\
\text { Building Maintenance Fund: } \$ 425.00 \\
\text { Worship Attendance: } 176 \\
\text { Emergency Groceries YTD: } 18 \text { Bags } \\
\text { Give/Serve/Restore: } \$ 226.00 \\
\text { and } 608 \text { pounds of food } \\
\text { It is your tithes, offerings, } \\
\text { and gifts that impact } \\
\text { and change lives for Christ! }
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# Moment of Impact 

For the last five years, we have had the privilege of hosting our district's training opportunity. Workshops from youth to Native American ministries, homelessness to cemetery management were shared this year. cemetery management were shared this year.
Over 215 people were equipped for ministry!

## Tools for Ministry

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.

What will your legacy be? Are you considering how to impact the world into the future? Consider planning for the future and remembering the church in your plans. The MidAtlantic Foundation can assist in donor-advised funds, bequests, and memorial gifts. Please see Pastor Monica for more information.

## Meditations For Your Week

## Sunday, March 13 ~ Saturday, March 19



Sunday: "Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him." John 12:1-2. Giving thanks to God for how God has moved in your life for Lazarus and Martha looked like throwing a dinner party. How do you give thanks to God?

Monday: "Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." John 12:3. Mary offered her thanks with her treasure. Is God calling you to share your treasure in order to give thanks to God?

Tuesday: "Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." John 12: 7. Mary acts prophetically. Open yourself to how the Holy Spirit might use you to act prophetically.

Wednesday: "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'" John 12:8 Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve.

Thursday: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced." Psalm 126:3. How are you rejoicing with what God has done for you?

Friday: "May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy." Psalm 126:5. Contemplate how God might still move in your tears and anxieties to bring shouts of joy.

Saturday: "Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves." Psalm 126:6. Where might you thank God for where your weeping has become joy?


## Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

## CONSIGN: Thursday, March 17th 3:30-6:00 p.m.

 SHOP: Friday, March 18-9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 19-9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)Profit Sharing: Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out and Preschool 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 and maternity clothes. 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.

## Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.

## ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

We Need Your Help!!! We can always use additional volunteers, to make this sale a success. Our most needed time is Saturday beginning at 12:00. Please think about volunteering during this time. All items need to be sorted, the church needs to be reset for Sunday services and consigners tags need to be added up. We really could use many volunteers to make clean up a much quicker process. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org or (610) 869-9334.

EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES: There are specific needs for both our own emergency food shelf and for the Bridge as we continue to serve those in our community who are in need. Please pick up a copy of the current shopping list that can be found hanging on the Shopping Cart in the lobby. Thank you!


Lent Wednesday Night Fun Join us for potluck dinner and activities to prepare for Lent. 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for a potluck dinner of whatever assortment of dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, it will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

March 16th - We will be making resurrection egg sets. Supplies will be provided. You will go home with a dozen plastic eggs that tell the story of Holy Week and Easter.
March 23rd - We will create interactive experiences of Holy Week to pray together.

## Join us one week or all the weeks!

Household goods, adult and children's clothing, toys, and lots of other "treasures" will be for sale. On Saturday, all shoppers may fill a bag for $\$ 2.00$
Start saving your treasures! A sign-up sheet for various ways you can help will be posted in the lobby in the coming weeks.


DUTCH APPLE THEATRE PRESENTS
THE MUSICAL "MENOPAUSE"!
I RAP and Friends are invited to travel with the Avon Grove Seniors to the Dutch Apple Din-
I ner Theatre on Thursday, April 7th, 2016. The bus will leave from the West Grove Presby-
I terian Church at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. and the musical Menopause |
| begins at $1: 15$ p.m. The price of $\$ 69$ includes bus transportation, the meal, and the I show. Checks should be made out to the Avon Grove Seniors. All tickets are on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to attend, please notify Sara Ann Ramberger asap, 610 I -869-3863 or sar57ver@verizon.net.

## THIS WEEK: March 13 through March 20, 2016

# ~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~ <br> Donna Fackler will be on vacation $3 / 15-3 / 21$. The church office will be OPEN and volunteers will be happy to help you! 

| Sunday: | FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 |
| Monday: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. } \\ & \text { 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. } \end{aligned}$ | CMO Preschool Classes (\#3, 4, 5, 6) w/ Firetrucks! Knit Wits (\#1) |
|  | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Jr. Girl Scout Troop \#453 (\#14) |
|  | 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. | S.O.S. Ladies (\#1) |
|  | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Finance Meeting (\#1) |
|  | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) |
|  | 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Ad Council (\#1) |
| Tuesday: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. } \\ & \text { 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. } \end{aligned}$ | CMO Preschool Classes (\#3, 4, 5, 6) w/ Firetrucks! Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.) |
|  | 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. | CMO Music Program (\#8, 10) |
|  | 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Brownie Troop 447 (\#8, 10) |
|  | 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Jr. Girl Scout Troop \#41377 (\#8, 10) |
|  | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Yoga (\#14) |
|  | 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Financial Peace University w/ Potluck (Sanc.) |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (\#3, 4, 5, 6) |
|  | 11:15 a.m. \&11:30 a.m. | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.) |
|  | 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1) |
|  | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Wednesdays in Lent (Sanc. \& Kitchen) |
|  | 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Venture Crew Committee Meeting (\#8, 10) |
|  | 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. | CMO Consignment Sale Set-Up (Sanc.) |
| Thursday: | 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | CMO Consignment Sale Set-Up (Sanc.) |
|  | 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (\#3, 4, 5, 6) |
|  | 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (\#6) |
|  | 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. | Daisy Troop \#4567 (\#8, 10) |
|  | 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Troop \#12 (\#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13) |
|  | 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | PraiseWorks Rehearsal |
| Friday: | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | CMO Consignment Sale (Lobby and Sanc.) |
|  | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (\#3, 4, 5, 6) |
|  | 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. | CMO Music Program (\#8, 10) |
| Saturday: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. } \\ & \text { 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. } \end{aligned}$ | CMO Consignment Sale (Lobby and Sanc.) <br> Daily Reflections Group (\#8 \& 10) |
| Sunday: | PALM 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 and |
|  |  | Cantata "Who Is This King?" |
|  | 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Easter "Egg"stravaganza |

## PRAYERSOFTHE COMMUNITY



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
C. Worship-8:30/11

Sunday School Roamers
Lay Reader-8:30
Liturgist-11:00
Moment All Ages
Hospitality 8:30/11
Counters
Sound Booth

This Sunday, March 13
Kathy Wiwel \& Scott Steele
David and Barbara Delaney
George Anderson \& Vemon Ramberger Joan Saller \& Roger Bates Michelle LeStourgeon / Sydney Curtis
H. McCummings/R. Catoia/OPEN

Jessi Timm / Joan Leaman
Joan Leaman
Cindy Haley
Tom Hoover
Eileen Bushnell
Steve May / Dick \& Caryl Stuhrke Dave Talley and Denise Byers
B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

Next Sunday, March 20
Rain Catoia
TBA
Tom and Charlotte Adams
Kay Yates and Roger Bates
Wesley Boyd and Alisabeth Guepet
M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Williamson

Amy Castaldi / OPEN
Maryanne Covington
John McGinley
Janis Schrader
Julie Hughes
Covington Family/Scott Steele
Margee Michaels \& Scott Steele
B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

## 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Open

*Opening Song "Haven't You Been Good" PraiseWorks Band
Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor MonicaPlease fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!
*Celebration Set
"Because of Your Love"
"Let My Words Be Few"
PraiseWorks Band
*Passing of the Peace

## Grow

Moment For All Ages
Old Testament Lesson
*Gospel Lesson
Psalm 126
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| Sermon | "Thanks!" | Pastor Monica |
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| Moment of Impact | Serve |  |
| Offering | Tools for Ministry | "Give Thanks" |
| *Offertory Prayer (Unison) |  | PraiseWorks Band |
| Gathered Prayer |  | Pastor Shirley |
| The Lord's Prayer (Sung) | "Our Father" | Congregation and PraiseWorks Band |
| *Closing Song | "Sing for Joy" | PraiseWorks Band |
| *Benediction |  | Pastor Monica |
| *Postlude |  |  |

* Please stand as you are able

