



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor  
300 North Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390

**“Love is the only  
thing that will turn an  
enemy into a friend”  
Martin Luther King,  
Jr.**



**Love Your Enemies**

***Second Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 17, 2019***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

*"How Great Thou Art / Majesty"*

Arranged by Joel Raney

Memory Bells

Accompanist, Betsy Smith

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.*

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

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

*(Based on Psalm 133)*

Mary Franciscus

One: Welcome one and all to the body of Christ!

**Many: How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!**

One: It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

**Many: God grants blessings and offers life abundant!**

### \*Processional Hymn

*"Lift High The Cross"*

UMH No. 159

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mary Franciscus

**Holy Christ, on this Lenten journey, we continue behind the cross. Bearing the seal of the cross, we seek to live as those who live in unity and fellowship with one another. We confess that there are those with whom we are disconnected and call our enemies. There are those who persecute us. Let us, like Jesus, love our enemies with accountability and reconciliation. Forgive us when we have been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions. Let us embody love that is just and gracious, we pray, in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

Mary Franciscus

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

### New Testament Lesson

*Philippians 1:1-11*

Mary Franciscus

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 5:43-48*

Mary Franciscus

### \*Response to the Lesson

Mary Franciscus

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

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Choral Anthem

*"Change The World With Love"*

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

**SERVE**

<b>*Hymn of Response</b>	<i>"Help Us Accept Each Other"</i>	UMH No. 560
<b>Moment of Impact</b>	<i>General Board of Church and Society</i>	Pastor Monica
<b>Offering</b>	<i>"Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed"</i> Arranged by Jason W. Krug	Memory Bells
<b>*Offertory Response</b>	<i>"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> <b>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.</b>	UMH No. 95
<b>*Offertory Prayer</b>	<i>(written by Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane)</i> <b>God of my enemy and God my friend, you call us to the work of reconciliation. Let us work together in you that we might find peace with those we have conflict. You reconcile us to yourself through grace. We are transformed from a limited perspective towards God's vision through grace. As we bring these gifts, tithes and offerings, may they bring witness to reconciliation in our lives with you and with others, we pray, Amen.</b>	Pastor Monica
<b>Gathered Prayers</b>		Pastor Monica
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		Pastor Monica
<b>*Hymn of Sending Forth</b>	<i>"Jesu, Jesu"</i>	UMH No. 432
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Monica
<b>*Choral Benediction</b>	<i>"Here In The Shadow Of The Cross"</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>* = Please stand as you are able    <b>Bold Print = Say in unison</b></i>	

**MOMENT OF IMPACT*****General Board of Church and Society***

The General Board of Church and Society is dedicated to the work of living faith, seeking justice, and pursuing peace. The board is called to seek the implementation of the Social Principles and other policy statements of the General Conference on Christian social concerns. Led by the General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, Church and Society works to fulfill the mandate of relating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Church, communities, and the world in which they live, bringing the whole of human life into conformity with the will of God, and showing that reconciliation involves personal, social and civic righteousness.

The General Board has headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. Addressing more than 30 social issues on which The United Methodist Church has claimed a position, Church and Society communicates with policymakers and leaders around the world with the mission of transforming the world.

## **New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:43-48**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

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

### **Report March 10, 2019**

*Sunday Combined Attendance: 140  
General Offering : \$ 3,932.50  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 280.00  
Emergency Groceries YTD: 48 bags  
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 100.00*

# 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 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](http://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!



**GIVE | SERVE | RESTORE COLLECTIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Please consider donating items to this important ministry. **Pick up a Give Serve Restore shopping bags in the shopping cart in the lobby** and return it full. Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the lobby. Thank you!

**A NEW WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Begins **Sunday, March 17 at 9:45** in the library. Women will gather to read the book - *"A Long Walk to Water"*. Please come and join us this Sunday (even if you do not have a book yet). Looking forward to seeing you there. Questions? Contact Carol Whelan at 484-868-4961.

**VBS 2019- TO MARS AND BEYOND!** Even in the midst of the winter and snow, summer is right around the corner and we are starting to think about VBS in July! We are looking for adults and youth who want to be a part of this super fun week! **The dates for VBS this year are July 15-19.** If you are interested in being a part of VBS this year, contact Melanie Hartley or Joan Leaman.

**RAP 2019-2020 SEASON PLANNING MEETING: March 26th at 1 p.m.:** Time to bring your suggestions and ideas to plan our programs. Mark your calendar to enjoy dessert while we plan and organize our second Friday meetings for RAP beginning in September through May.

**RAP AND FRIENDS FALL OUTING: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019** to see THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES at the DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE. Board the bus at 10 a.m. at WGUMC. Return to WGUMC at 5 p.m. \$70 (Includes bus, meal, show, all taxes and gratuities.) Questions and Reservations: Sara Ann Ramberger, RAP Coordinator. Reserve the date for a day of fun, food, and fellowship!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT "BE BRAVE":** Ladies, be sure to register for the "Be Brave" Women's Retreat being held **Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Registration is \$25. **The deadline for registration is March 31.** Registrations will not be accepted at the door. See our web site for more information.

**OPEN MARKET & CRAFT FAIR:** Save the date! **Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Vendors and food trucks wanted! Contact the church office for more information.

**GRANTS TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS:** The Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2019-2020 school year. The application is available on the Conference website— [www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships](http://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships). **All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) April 29 to May 13 will be considered for a grant.** Applications are in the lobby. See Pastor Monica for more information.

**SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE POVERTY SIMULATION: Saturday, May 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Sign up by sending an email to Janice Bowers ([janicesemail2@gmail.com](mailto:janicesemail2@gmail.com)). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The event will take place in the Parish Hall of Assumption BVM church at 300 State Rd. in West Grove.

# THIS WEEK: MARCH 17 DAY through MARCH 24, 2019

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

## *Second Sunday in Lent*

### *Coffee Fellowship Sunday—Hosted by the Trustees*

<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	<b>10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>KidsSing Rehearsal (#3)</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir &amp; Memory Bells</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Concert Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Group (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (#1)
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Stewardship / Capital Campaign Team (#1)
	12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Music Class (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #447 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #41377 (#8, 10)
	7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Ad Council (#1)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)
	12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Soccer Shots (Outside)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Meeting (#1)
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool with Firetrucks (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #4099 (#12)
	5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #4567 (#8, 10)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#1)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool with Firetrucks (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

## *Third Sunday in Lent*

### **Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band & KidSing**

<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	9:45 a.m.	Counters (#2)
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir &amp; KidSing</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	PraiseWorks Concert Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	<b>5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; More Concert &amp; Potluck (Sanc.)</b>

# 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 March: Church Staff Mission Prayer Focus for March: Constellation Network

Darlene Allegre (Guepet)  
Roger Bates  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Mike Bohn (Fackler)  
Linda Brady (K. Smith)  
Helen Carlin  
Roger Cason (Mundell)  
Joann Coates  
Dee Crawford  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
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Pastor Monica  
Liz Hadly  
Mike Haley  
Ellen Hayes  
Richard Heacock  
Bob Herb (Shiplet)  
Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet)  
Peg Kent  
Cindy Luttman (Miller)  
Dave McClain  
Margee Michaels  
Laura Minnick  
Peggy Mowrer



Tim Mullen  
Kendra Mushrush (Wills)  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Michael Raineri  
Wayne Reifler (Shiplet)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Vinny Rucinski  
Richard Saller  
Roann Schneider  
Jeannie Seehan (Bratton)  
Roxanne Shane  
Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Jeannette Stryjewski  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Mary Tharp (RAP)  
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Ron Wilson  
Ryan (Kilmartin)  
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
Nathaniel Howard,  
Quantico VA  
Brian Kubo—Qatar (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)  
Ed Tolmie  
Dalton Wolfe  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u><b>This Sunday, March 17</b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday, March 24</b></u>
<b>Ushers—8:30</b>	Fred Sullivan	The Chalmers
<b>Greeters—8:30</b>	TBD / TBD	TBD / TBD
<b>Ushers—11:00</b>	Ken Rinehimer	Linda Peirson / Laura Minnick
<b>Greeters—11:00</b>	TBD / TBD	Esther Culbertson
<b>Communion 8:30/11:00</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Acolyte 8:30/11:00</b>	Wesley Boyd / Matthew Rinehimer	Anna Castaldi / Ian Ditzel
<b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b>	M. Rubincan / M. Rubincan / K. Rinehimer	A. Castaldi /K. Hruz/TBD
<b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>	Amy Simonds / Amy Simonds	Maryanne Covington / Joan Leaman
<b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>	Mike Chalmers	Karen Hruz
<b>Liturgist—11:00</b>	Mary Franciscus	Susan Paisley
<b>Moment All Ages</b>	Joan Leaman	Eileen Bushnell
<b>Prayer Room 8:30/11</b>	TBD / TBD	Carolyn Bratton / TBD
<b>Roamers</b>	Maryanne Covington	Amy Castaldi
<b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>	The Covingtons/Scott Steele	The Chalmers/Linda Pierson
<b>Counters</b>	Stuhrke	Kapp-Benner / Bowers
<b>Sound Booth</b>	T. Curtis, M. Simonds, N. Robinson	Keith Schneider & various



## **WORSHIP AND BEYOND**

**Sunday, March 24**

A concert presented by  
West Grove United Methodist  
Church PraiseWorks Band

**Fun! Fellowship! Food!  
MUSIC!!!**

Bring your family and invite your  
friends for a pot-luck dinner followed  
by a concert by our  
PraiseWorks Band!

**5:30 p.m.—Pot Luck Dinner  
6:30 p.m.—Concert**

- Bring your favorite covered dish to share for dinner.
- Stay for an enjoyable evening of music with some favorite worship songs and music that goes BEYOND to many familiar and favorite secular songs as well!"
- Fellowship with dessert after the concert!

A love offering will be taken to support the PraiseWorks Band sound equipment needs.

Invite your friends and family to enjoy the food, fellowship, and great music!

We hope to see you all here!

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

**Dinner Meeting**

**Monday, March 25**

**6:30 p.m.**

**West Grove UMC**

WGUMC is the host group for the meeting of the Lan-Chester UMM this month.

The speaker is Terry Stone from Traveling Animal Doctors (TAD). Terry Stone will share how they got started, their purpose/mission, & also show pictures of remote places they have been to treat animals. TAD is like to "Doctors Without Borders", but with veterinarians.

Please RSVP to Vernon Ramberger as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, March 17. ( 610-869-3863 / [spartan57@verizon.net](mailto:spartan57@verizon.net))

## **Worship & Lenten Breakfast**

**Sunday, March 31**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Oxford UMC**

Oxford UMC will be hosting its 56th annual Men's Lenten Breakfast on Sunday, March 31. The worship service begins at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:00 a.m. As we worship together, we will hear a word from Billy Levensgood from Redemption Community Church. All men are invited. The church is located at the corner of Market and Addison Streets. If you have questions, please call the Oxford UMC church office at 610.932.9698.



**SPRING CLEAN-UP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**



Spring is around the corner; Easter is soon here. The Trustees are looking for help to spruce up the church grounds.

We need 10-12 teenagers and adults to spruce up our church for Easter. We want it to be an inviting place to visit and to worship. We hope you do also & will come out to help.

There is more information in the March newsletter and our web site. For questions and to sign-up, please contact Vernon Ramberger at 610-869-3863 / spartan57@verizon.net).



**ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

**Fri, March 29: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Sat, March 30: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

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 \$3.00

**Your gently used donations can be dropped off in the lobby coat closet beginning after worship services on Sunday March 24 through Thursday, March 28.** The church office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you!

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

*Pancake  
Breakfast*



**Saturday  
April 6  
8:00—10:00 a.m.**

**Pancakes  
Frank's Sausage  
Fresh Fruit Cup  
Orange Juice  
Coffee, Tea, Milk**

**\$7 per person  
Ages 3 &  
Under  
Eat Free!!**

*Laura Acuña*



*West Grove UMC  
"Be Brave"  
May 4, 2019 ~ 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Registration is open  
until March 31*

*Visit [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org) for more information. Additional information is also in the lobby.*

**Sponsored by The Prayer Ministry Team**

# Holy Week at West Grove UMC

## **Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 14**

**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, April 18, Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

We will recall Jesus' last supper with his disciples as we, too, celebrate Holy Communion. The evening continues into the Garden with Prayers.

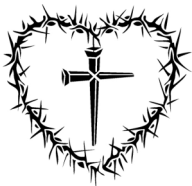
## **Good Friday, April 19**

**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.**

On this evening, join us for a service of reflection with other churches in our community.

## **Holy Saturday, April 20**

### **Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.**

A child friendly service full of music-making and storytelling as we wiggle and giggle proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is Alive

## **Easter Sunday April 21**

### **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 8:30 a.m.**

### **Traditional Celebration Service 11:00 a.m.**

### **Jenner's Pond Easter Service 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.*



**EASTER**

## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

## **EASTER "EGG"STRAVAGANZA**

**Sunday, April 14**

**3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

All children in the community are invited to bring their Easter baskets and take part in the Easter Eggstravaganza on April 14. 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"!**



# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 17 ~ Saturday, March 23

## PRAYER OF OUR HANDS TO PRAY DAILY

God of my friend and God of my enemy,  
you have called me to love my enemy and pray for those who persecute me.  
Bring to mind the name of one I have treated as “other”.  
Let me see Jesus in them as they might see Jesus in me.  
Open my heart to the path of love and reconciliation, I pray, Amen.

**Sunday:** *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor’ and ‘hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemy and” Matthew 5:43-44.* How can you teach others to love your neighbor, even without words?

**Monday:** *“Pray for those who persecute you” Matthew 5:53.* Pause to let the name of one who caused you pain come to your mind. Pray for their well-being. Pray for their wholeness in Christ. Pray for God’s way to be fully known through Christ. Pray for Christ to transform their life.

**Tuesday:** *“So that you may be like your Father in heaven, since he causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors” Matthew 5:54-56.* Where is God stretching you to offer love to those you have written off?

**Wednesday:** *“do the same, don’t they? And if you only greet your brothers, what more do you do? Even the Gentiles do the same, don’t they? So then, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:56-58.* God’s call to show mercy and reconcile is not pick and choose, but rather is inclusive. Prayerfully consider where you might be asked to widen your circle.

**Thursday:** *“I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6.* Consider that in the midst of this work of reconciliation and love of your enemy that God never leaves you. Stick with it!

**Friday:** *“It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:7-8.* **Pray the prayer of our hands compassionately.**

**Saturday:** *“And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:9-11.* Where is your love overflowing today for others?

## ACTION FOR OUR FEET

Give for Justice for Our Neighbors!

**Getting Ahead** is a key part of the Southern Chester Opportunity Network, a community-wide initiative addressing the roots of poverty both at a systemic and a personal level.

Recommended donation—\$30 for adults; \$3 for kids

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song**                      *"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"*                      PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities**                      Pastor Monica  
*Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here.*

**\*Celebration Set**                      *"Found In You"*                      PraiseWorks Band  
*"More Love, More Power"*

**\*Passing of the Peace**                      PraiseWorks Band  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages**                      Joan Leaman

**New Testament Lesson**                      *Philippians 1:1-11*                      Mike Chalmers

**\*Gospel Lesson**                      *Matthew 5:43-48*                      Mike Chalmers

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

**Sermon**                      *"Love Your Enemies"*                      Pastor Monica

## SERVE

**Moment of Impact**                      *General Board of Church and Society*                      Pastor Monica

**Offering**                      *"I Will Never Be"*                      PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison, p. 3)**                      Pastor Monica

**Gathered Prayers**                      Pastor Monica

**The Lord's Prayer**                      Pastor Monica

**\*Closing Song**                      *"In Jesus' Name"*                      PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction**                      Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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