



West Grove United Methodist Church

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***Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2020***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

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

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

*Call to Worship

Sue Curtis

One: Gather together, and hear the promises of God. God told Abraham to lift his eyes and see the multitude of stars as a sign of God's promise.

Many: We lift our eyes to the hill. Our help comes from the Lord.

One: Jesus told Nicodemus to lift his eyes to the cross as he was born from above. He is entering God's reign as one born of water and the Spirit.

Many: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

One: God's reign is the fullness of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus teaches us how to be a part of ushering in God's way.

Many: God sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that we might have abundant life. Lift high the cross!

*Processional Hymn

"Lift High The Cross"

UMH No. 159

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sue Curtis

**God of grace and glory, you call us to proclaim your mighty acts
to the ends of the earth!**

**As we proclaim your acts, we find the we are invited to participate
in the ushering in of Christ's reign here on earth.**

**Grant us grace and strength, endurance and willing hearts
to take up the cross of Christ, that is new life and hope to us.**

In the name of the God of hope, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Sue Curtis

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

KidSing

"A Smile Is A Flower"

Joan Leaman, Director

Moment For All Ages

Pastor Monica

*Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Sue Curtis

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Matthew 6:9-10 (CEB)

Sue Curtis

***Response to the Lesson**

Sue Curtis

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Let Your Kingdom Come"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Are We There Yet?"

Pastor Monica

SERVE

***Hymn of Response**

"Seek Ye First"

UMH No. 405

Moment of Impact

General Board of Global Ministries

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)**

Pastor Monica

Generous and Giving God, you do not ask that we satisfy you with tribute, but that we care for one another. In feeding the poor, clothing the naked, befriending the lonely, caring for the ill, and visiting the incarcerated, we usher in your kingdom here on earth. Receive the tithes and gifts we bring with our thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Pastor Monica

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

"We've A Story To Tell The Nations"

UMH No. 569

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"In The Shadow Of The Cross"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

** Rise in body or spirit* **Bold Print = Unison**



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
Celebration of Linda's and Linda's Birthdays
With best wishes from Linda



Gospel Lesson: *John 3:1-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 6:9-10 (CEB)*

Pray like this:
Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.
Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

General Board of Global Ministries

One of our thirteen councils, boards, and agencies, the General Board of Global Ministries oversees missionaries, global health, disaster relief, migration, sustainable development, and much more. Global Ministries partners with connections across 60 countries for education, health, and community development.

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.

Our Welcome Center, in the lobby, is a place to find information about our church.

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

Please remember to silence 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!



THE ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA is on Sunday, April 5th from 3:00-5:00 pm. Mark the date on your calendars and get those Easter baskets ready for the big hunt, as well as games and other activities! If you are interested in helping out, please see Melanie Hartley or Joan Leaman.

JOURNEY TO JESUS, JOURNEY TO LOVE: New Class during the Sunday School Hour
Come – take the Journey to Jesus, Journey to Love beginning **Sunday, March 1st at 9:45-10:45 in room #3** and learn how to better connect your heart with the heart of Jesus.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER– Buy your Tees and Totes Today! Tees and Totes are on sale in the lobby after each service today through March 29th. Melanie and the youth will be manning a table and are ready to sell you these top quality items for just **\$15 each!**

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 20-24, 2020 VBS is only five months away and we are busy planning all the fun the children will have learning about the Armour of God with “Knights of North Castle”! If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to let Melanie Hartley know! Save the dates for VBS and look for registration information to open in the beginning of March. Check our website at www.westgroveumc.org

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 5th. **You can fill out an order form** that can be found in your weekly bulletin, in the lobby literature material, or you can email the church office: office@westgroveumc.org to place your order. 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.

LANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING: Monday, March 23rd at 6:45 p.m.
The meeting will be **hosted by West Grove UMC**. If you have questions about the meeting, please see Dick Price 443-945-2539. If you would like to help with preparing and serving the meal, please contact Nancy Duvall at 605-975-5244.

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from March 1, 2020

Combined Worship Attendance: 143

General Offering : \$ 8,834

Building Maintenance Fund: \$375

Emergency Groceries YTD: 36 bags

Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,528.73

Holy Week at West Grove UMC



Palm Sunday, April 5th

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
11:00 a.m. Service features the Cantata
"Our Father"

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

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

Noon and 7:00 p.m.

For all who have been disappointed and denied, join us at the communion table with Jesus denied by his friend on his way to the cross.



Maundy Thursday

Good Friday, April 10th

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 or pray from home for the needs of our church family and for the needs of our community. Prayer requests and materials provided.



Prayer Stations, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Come to the church and visit the prayer stations that the youth set up for us.

Community Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

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

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Wiggly Giggly Easter Vigil Service ~ 5 p.m.

Do you wiggle and giggle? Bring your children to sing and experience the good news of Easter!



Easter Sunday, April 12th

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

On this triumphant Easter morning, join us at our Sunrise Service outside in the Prayer Garden to proclaim Christ is alive!



Contemporary Celebration Service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Celebration Service at 11:00 a.m.

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.

Nursery and Children's Worship provided at all services.



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Please fill out this order form and place it with your check in the offering plate or inn 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 offered flowers in memory, honor or celebration of a loved one.

Please contact Donna Fackler in the church office with questions.

	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Daffodils	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Easter Lilies	\$9.50	_____	\$ _____

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 \$ _____

UMM Breakfast, Saturday, March 14th, 7:30 a.m.

Join the men of the church for a time of fellowship and light Bible study.

Juliets Breakfast, Saturday, March 14th, 9 a.m.

The ladies of the church gather the second Saturday of each month to enjoy a great breakfast and conversation! Join them!

RAP, Friday, March 13th at noon.

This active group will meet for a program presented by Matthew Genereux from the Longwood Funeral Home. Bring your brown bag lunch and friend! Beverages and desserts are provided.

Christiana UMC hosts Wilmington HUB, Saturday, April 25th at 10 a.m.

In need of donations (monetary gratefully accepted) so we can complete the kits and provide supplies. Checks should be made out to the Wilmington HUB at Christiana and mail them to Christiana UMC

Cardio-Drumming, Tuesday, March 10th, 7-8 p.m.

The class is designed to meet all ages and exercise levels, so come and check it out. We meet in the sanctuary. The cost is \$8 per class.

Children's Consignment Sale

Spring/Summer Children's clothes,
shoes, coats, toys, baby items and
equipment.

Friday, March 20th

9am – 4:00pm

Saturday, March 21st

9am – 11:30 am



This is a great chance to buy

quality used children's items that you need at great prices! If you are interested in consigning, you can pick up an instruction packet at the church. For additional details, please call the Tracy McLaughlin at 610-869-9334 or email her at cmo@westgoveumc.org Thank you!

THIS WEEK: March 8th through March 15th, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~~

Second Sunday in Lent ~ KidSing at Both Services

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (Allison Theater)
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Class (#5)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4070 (#12)
	Youth return from Retreat	
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	CMO Music Enrichment (#8, 10)
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool-Extended (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	BOOM Meeting (West Lawn UMC)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #498 (#12)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Prayer Gathering (Sanc., Prayer Room)
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cardio-Drumming Class (Sanc.)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Book Fair (Lobby)
	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 (#12, Sanc.)
	12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	CMO Soccer Shots (Outdoors)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (#1)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #427 (#8, 10)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Book Fair (Lobby)
	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool -Extended (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Lobby, Kitchen)
	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #49900 (#12)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4251 (#8, 10)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Class (#3)
	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.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	R.A.P. (Sanc., Lobby)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Dodgeball
Saturday:	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	UMM Breakfast (Perkins on Rt. 41)
	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.s (Creekside Diner)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
	12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanc., Lobby. Kit.)
	Third Sunday in Lent	
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Class (#5)
	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)
	5:30 -7:00 p.m.	Youth Group

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 Alleger (Guepet)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Helen Carlin
Marilyn Churchhill
Joann Coates
Florence Combs (Combs)
Dee Crawford
Ian & Cindy Currie (Lytle)
Jen Donnelly (Simmons)
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
John Gorman (McGinley)
Family of Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Scott Helsel (Stewart)
Baby Evelyn Herrera
Laura and Max Herrera
Nathaniel Howard
Family of Muff Hurst
Peg Kent
Suzanne Krebel (Hurst)



Gordon Maule (Phillips)
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Laura Minnick
Peggy Mowrer
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Vivian Paisley
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Joan Saller
Doug & Joan Smead (Wolff)
Charlie Smith (B. Smith)
Reed & Joyce Smith
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Abigail Stephenson
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Nathaniel Howard,
Norway
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)
Chris Weidman—Japan (Miller)
Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine Corps
Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, March 8th

Ushers—8:30 Fred Sullivan
Greeters—8:30 TBD
Ushers—11:00 Christy Robinson
Greeters—11:00 TBD
Acolyte 8:30/11 Lizzy Bohnsack / Abby Herman
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11 M. Rubincan/K. Hendrickson/P. Fulton
C. Worship—8:30/11 Amy Castaldi/ Amy Simmonds
Lay Reader—8:30 Judy Gambill
Liturgist—11:00 Sue Curtis
Moment All Ages Pastor Monica
Roamers Heather McCummings
Hospitality 8:30 Reed & Joyce Smith
Hospitality 11:00 Nancy Duvall
Counters V. Kapp-Benner & J. Kilmartin
Sound Booth K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, March 15th

John Gambill
John McGinley
Daisey Ingiosi
TBD
TBD / Owen Jones
C. Bruno / E. Mullen / K. Rinehimer
Amy Simmonds/Amy Simmonds
Fred Sullivan
Margee Michaels
Eileen Bushnell
Maryanne Covington
The Covingtons
Scott Steele
Dick and Caryl Stuhrke
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 8 ~ Saturday, March 14, 2020

Sunday: *“Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name.”* Matthew 6:9. God is holy and you, made in the image of God, are as well. What will you do today to re-discover your truest nature?

Monday: *“Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.”* Matthew 6:10. The God of all is asking for your hands and heart and back and gifts in ushering in the kingdom, not because God can not do it by God’s self, but because God wants you to be a part of God’s work.

Tuesday: *“Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’”* John 3:4. Nicodemus had a lot of questions for Jesus. This was not a problem. In fact, Jesus knew he would. Bring your questions and doubts, hope and fears to Jesus.

Wednesday: *“Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’”* John 3:5. Pray for the abundance of opportunities to live as those who share the kingdom of God with others.

Thursday: *“Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’”* John 3:7. Jesus cared about Nicodemus, even his heart, and looked on him with compassion. Consider that Jesus calls us to do likewise as we work together to usher in God’s reign of compassion.

Friday: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”* John 3: 16. Give thanks to God!

Saturday: *“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* John 3: 17. Where is Jesus inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone to share this good news?

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

Opening Song "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever" PraiseWorks Band

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Gathered Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

PraiseWorks & Congregation

*Closing Song

"We Are The Kingdom"

PraiseWorks Band

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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