

West Grove United Methodist Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed. First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

*Opening Song

"Let The Praises Ring""

PraiseWorks Mini

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 23)

One: Praise to our God who cares for us as shepherd cares for the sheep.

Many: God calls us to gather together, guiding and encouraging us to come away to green pastures and beside still waters.

One: Praise to God, who in the midst of challenge and chaos, restores our souls.

Many: God leads us through difficult times and while in tight spots.

One: Even when we are in the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil.

Many: Best of all, God is with us!

One: God gives us enough – laying out a table, anointing us, and blessing us.

Many: We know God's mercy and goodness will always be near, and we live as God's people.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy Creator, we gather in worship from our dens and kitchens, sanctuaries and prayer rooms, bedrooms and porches, all are one through Jesus the Christ. We are one people, created in your image from China to Italy, Australia to South Korea, and around the United States. We are made of your love and in need of your grace. Call us into mutuality with each other, denouncing our biases, prejudices, and racism. Bind us together as siblings in Christ, working for justice, and grounded in love. Gracious God, show us that we already have enough to follow - enough hope, enough faith, and enough love. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Hymn

"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

UMH No. 128

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Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:11

*Response to the Lesson

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music "Carry Me" PraiseWorks Mini

Sermon "Satisfied" Pastor Monica

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Song of Response "Enough" PraiseWorks Mini

Moment of Impact

Teaching Our Children In Faith Andrew Herman

Offering

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Faithful God, our praise continues as we lift our gifts to you. You have called us to live reflecting your faithfulness and sufficiency, care and compassion for our neighbors, near and far. Let these tithes, offerings, and gifts be bread and water, rooves and companionship to your people, we pray, in the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Gathered Prayer Pastor Monica

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending Forth "God will Take Care of You" UMH No. 130

*Benediction Pastor Monica

*Postlude

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

Gospel Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:11

Give us this day our daily bread.

MOMENT OF IMPACT

Teaching Our Children in Faith

Mr. Andrew (Herman) has been one of our Sunday School and VBS teachers for a number of years. He teaches science during VBS and a number of workshops during Sunday School including video, science, and games for our preschool and elementary children. He grew up in Sunday School; his mother is a Sunday School teacher; and he wants his daughter and other kids to grow up in the faith.

Together, we teach our children in faith.

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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 God's 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.

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

Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

YOUTH FUNDRAISER- Buy your Tees and Totes. These top quality items for just **\$15 each!** Email Melanie with your interest <u>childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org</u>.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: July 20-24, 2020 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 March. Check our website at www.westgroveumc.org

The following Events and Gatherings have been postponed at this time:

- Lanchester United Methodist Men Meeting (March 23)
- Children and Youth Parent Breakfast (March 29)
- Annual Eggstravagnza (April 5)
- Easter Flowers
- Choir Rehearsals
- PraiseBand Rehearsals
- KnitWit Gatherings

JOIN IN PRAYER The prayer ministry team has been praying at 7pm each night. We pray for protection and health and wellbeing for each other, for the church, for our community, our nation and our world that has been upended. We are inviting you to join us from the comfort of your home as we have been doing. Set an alarm for 7pm to pause for prayer.

For where two or three are together (in spirit) in my name, there I am with them.

Matthew 18:20

Report from March 15, 2020

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

General Offering: \$ 7512.50 Building Maintenance Fund: \$0 Emergency Groceries YTD: 40 bags Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,528.73

THIS WEEK: March 22nd through March 29th, 2020

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday—Thursday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm~~

The church is open for essential business only in compliance with the Center for Disease control guidelines.

Thank you for using phone calls, emails, FaceTime, letters, texts, direct messages, and other mediums for nonessential business.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Live Stream Blended Worship

5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Youth Group (via Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (via Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Live Stream Blended Worship

5:30 p.m. –7:00 p.m. Youth Group (via Zoom)

Please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. Please email her with your request and to learn how to use the technology. This is a simple method for us to continue to gather and meet while keeping our distance. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook/westgroveumc for more information. There will be more opportunities to connect and serve.

Please join us for worship at www.facebook/westgroveumc. You do not need Facebook to worship. Click on the link or type it into your web browser.

Best of all, God is with us!

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)

Ellen Hayes

Family of Scott Helsel (Stewart) Baby Evelyn Stewart Herrera

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

Family of Ida Belle Snyder (Peirson) Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski) 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

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship today:

A/V Production Team:

Sound and Video Production: Keith Schneider Powerpoint and Projection: Mike Duvall Camera: Alisabeth Guepet

Music Director: Betsy Smith PraiseBand Mini: Mel Leaman

Moment for All Ages: (video) Melanie Hartley Moment of Impact: (video) Andrew Herman

Online Engagement Host: (virtual) Melanie Hartley

If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, liturgist, or other part of worship in a virtual way, please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org).

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, March 22 ~ Saturday, March 28, 2020

- **Sunday:** "Give us this day our daily bread" Matthew 6:11. Sufficiency is having enough for right now. Pray for our siblings in our community and around the world who do not have enough, and then act! Is God calling you to share your bread?
- **Monday:** "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. Our attitude in giving to one another and God matters. Pray for openness to cheerfulness. Fast from that which keeps you from giving openly and with joy.
- **Tuesday:** "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8. God's blessings are not limited. If you share your blessings, you will not run out. Pray for God's sufficient blessings.
- **Wednesday:** "As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:9. The early church shared their resources so that all would have enough. The sufficiency of food, shelter, companionship, knowledge, and other resources was key to following the way of Christ.
- **Thursday:** "Now the One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9: 10. Pray for those who are hungry today. Work for just changes to legislative impacts on increasing access to nutrition to all people.
- **Friday:** "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11. Pray for those who are lacking health and immunity, healthcare and resources. May the resources of medicine and care be spread more equitably across those who need them most.
- **Saturday:** "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9: 12. How have you thanked God today for God's goodness? Let your thanksgiving be the answer to someone else's prayers.