Meditations For Your Week
Sunday, March 29 ~ Saturday, April 4, 2020

**Sunday:** “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12. In this challenging time, pray that we might extend ourselves and each other extra grace as we navigate unchartered waters.

**Monday:** “So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” Colossians 3:1. May God of us all, grant you strength and hope for all that is before you on this day.

**Tuesday:** “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” Colossians 3:2. Where is God inviting you to focus on what really matters today? When your schedule changes and the expectations are different, who is God calling you to be?

**Wednesday:** “When Christ, who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” Colossians 3:4. Pray for glimpse of God’s goodness to be shown to those who most need to see God today. Pray for those who are on the front lines of caring for others – healthcare workers, emergency personnel, social service workers, leaders. Who else would you add?

**Thursday:** “But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.” It is easy to cast blame; it is hard to offer grace. Take the challenge today to offer grace, pausing before letting anger and slander slip through your lips or fingers.

**Friday:** “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self,” Colossians 3:9-10a. May God grant you the freshness of perspective to offer hope to one another in a weary season. Let your hearts prepare for a marathon of grace.

**Saturday:** “which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.” Colossians 3: 10b. You are the beloved of God. God’s image is innate within you. Thank you, child of God.

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**9:30 a.m. Blended Worship**

**OPEN**

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

*Hymn of Preparation* “We Gather Together” UMH 131

*Unison Call to Worship* (Inspired by Psalm 106)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s love endures forever.

Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord’s mighty acts or publicly recount all God’s praise?

Everyone has sinned and acted wrongly.

Because of God’s love, we are forgiven.

Praise Music “Because of your Love” PraiseWorks Mini

*Opening Prayer (Unison)* Pastor Monica

Creator God, you created the world out of chaos, and we confess that our world right now feels like it is in chaos. It is difficult for us right now to make sense out of what is happening. Illness and death have interrupted our lives.

The world we created has turned upside down. But You are our constant, O God. You are our compass, O Christ. You are the wind that moves us, O Spirit.

Guide us in this time, where we confess, we need You more than ever, to be our foundation, to guide our way, and to move us into compassion and love. In the name of Christ, who journeys with us now and always, we pray. Amen.

**GROW**

Moment for All Ages Melanie Hartley

New Testament Lesson Colossians 3:1-10 David Bohnsack

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**NEED PRAYER?**

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evening 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 Mower
- Betty Mundell
- Tim Mullen
- Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
- Vivian Paisley
- Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
- Michael Raineri
- Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
- Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
- Joan Saller
- Doug & Joan Smed (Wolff)
- Charlie Smith (B. Smith)
- Reed & Joyce Smith
- Family of Ida Belle Snyder (Peirson)
- Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
- Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
- Michael 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)

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).

**SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

- A/V Production Team:
  - Sound and Video Production: Keith Schneider
  - Powerpoint and Projection: Mike Duvall
  - Camera: Alisabeth Gupet
- Music Director: Betsy Smith
- PraiseBand Mini: Dave Talley
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THIS WEEK: March 29th through April 4th, 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.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday:**
- 9:30 a.m. Live Stream Blended Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Faithlinks (via Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Youth Group (via Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

**Monday:**
- 1:00 p.m. Oxford Mission Link (via Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)
- 7:00 p.m. CMO Advisory Board (via Zoom)

**Tuesday:**
- 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team (via Zoom)

**Wednesday:**
- 10:00 a.m. Full Staff Meeting (via Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Where you are)

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

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

**Palm Sunday**

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- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Faithlinks (via Zoom)
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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. 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 cannot 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.

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**Gospel Lesson**  
Matthew 6:12  
Pastor Jim

**Response to the Lesson**

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Sermon**

“Stay In Your Lane”  
Pastor Monica

**SERVE**

**Song of Response**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”  
PraiseWorks Mini

**Moment of Impact**

Food Pantry  
Pastor Monica

**Special Music**

“Some Things Never Change”  
Betsy Smith

**Offering**

**Video Greeting**

Pastor Jim

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Monica

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn of Sending Forth**

“Blessed be the Tie that Binds”  
UMH No. 557

**Benediction**

Pastor Monica

**Postlude**

• Please stand as you are able  
Bold Print = Say in unison
Gospel Lesson: Colossians 3:1-10

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Our Food Pantry serves our neighbors. We have been blessed by our congregation, our partners and our neighbors in sharing their resources by giving food donations and monetary donations to our food pantry. On Thursday, we saw the need in our community as we have all been affected by the COVID-19 virus. Our pantry usually serves 6-10 families on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We hand out 10-15 bags as an emergency response for our families. In these unprecedented times, we served 37 families with 74 bags last Thursday.

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During this time, we will open every Thursday 4-6pm to provide emergency assistance to our community families. Here are the most needed items:

- Cereal
- Pasta and Sauces
- Rice
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits
- Canned Proteins (Chicken, Tuna, and Beans)
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Toothpaste and Deodorants

You can drop them off in our shopping cart Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—1:00pm.

Thank you for caring for our neighbors.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER– Buy your Tees and Totes. These top quality items for just $15 each! Email Melanie with your interest childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org.

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:

- Children and Youth Parent Breakfast (March 29)
- Celebration of Life for Muff Hurst (April 4)
- Annual Eggstravaganza (April 5)
- General Conference Listening Sessions
- General Conference of the United Methodist Church (May 5th—15th)
- Easter Flowers
- 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

God’s Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from March 22, 2020

General Offering: $ 4676.00
Building Maintenance Fund: $200.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 114 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: $ 1,528.73