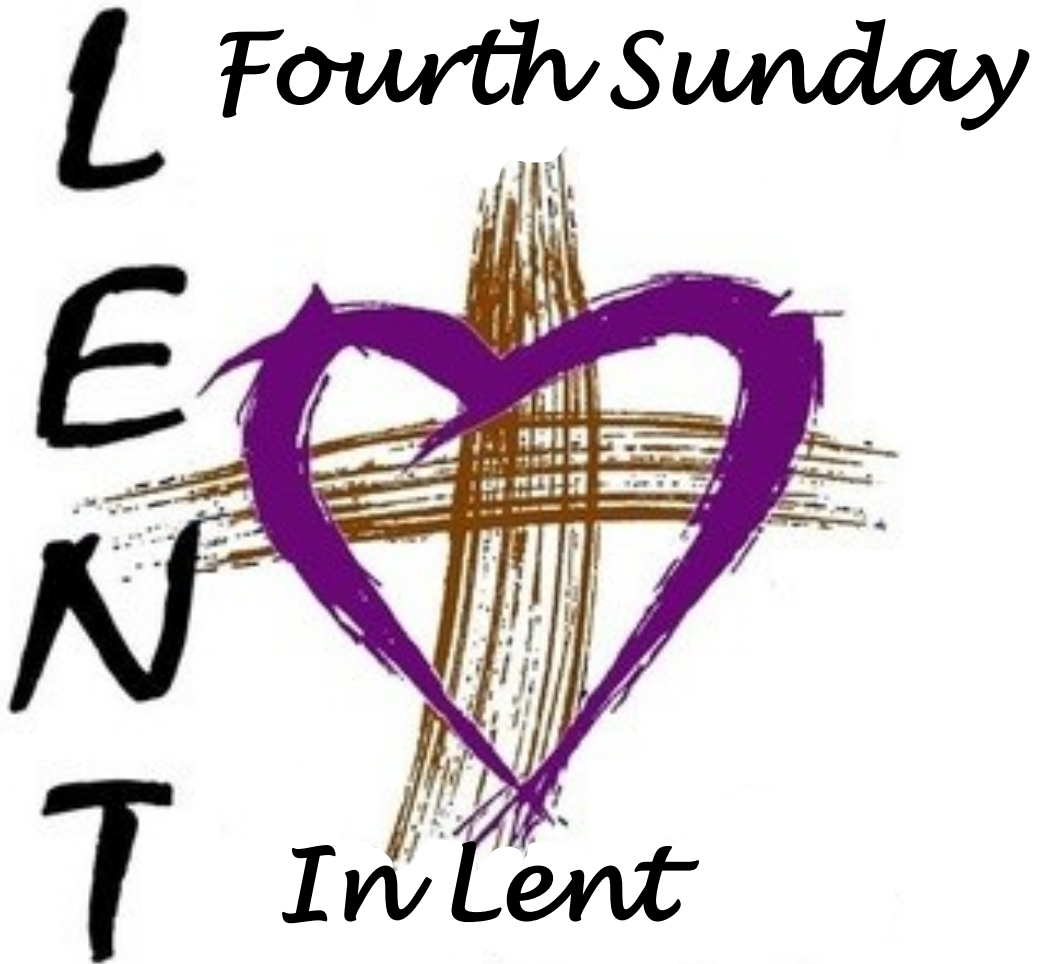




West Grove United Methodist Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 14, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Virtual Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

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

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 107:1-3, 5-6, 41-43)

Pastor Jim

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! For he has redeemed us from our troubles and gathered the faithful from all over the world!

Leader: Our souls faint from the troubles we face and so we cry to the Lord who delivers us and renews us!

People: So we thank God for his steadfast love for his wonderful works to humankind!

Leader: The Lord is turning the winter desert wasteland into a place of abundant life!

People: As he renews our land, he renews our hearts and souls, raising up the needy out of affliction!

Leader: So let us be upright and glad to see it; let us celebrate the generous grace of God!

People: Whoever is wise give heed to these things and live deeply by the steadfast love of the Lord!

Opening Hymn

“He Leadeth Me”

UMH No. 128

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

**God of grace and mercy, we have had a challenging year,
faced with much chaos, uncertainty, and turmoil.**

**We have often felt distant from you and our community,
and even from the people we love.**

**This season of Lent, it has been difficult at times
to think about what we need to give up in order to get closer to you,
because we had done without what seems most precious to us:
time together, hugs, handshakes, singing and laughter.**

**You have been through it with us, even when we didn’t notice.
Help us to be aware of your presence and receive it each day.**

Prepare us for the coming Easter feast

and we pray that it will strengthen our trust in you
as it empowers courage in us to move into new opportunities
to share fellowship and faith together.
We invite you to renew your covenant with us
to be our personal Lord and Savior.
Come to us as you did to Nicodemus,
to open up our minds and hearts to the joys and strength of salvation.
Prepare our minds for the incredible creativity that you freely share,
and may we allow your grace to run freely within our hearts,
throughout our lives.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons	<i>John 3:1-21</i>	Pastor Tim
Response to the Lesson		Pastor Tim
	One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.	
Sermon	"A Savior Who Listens"	Pastor Tim
Song	"Holy Spirit"	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Hymn	"Spirit Song"	UMH No. 347
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tim
Offertory	"God So Loved The World"	Chancel Choir
	Words from John 3:16-17 Music by John Stainer, Arranged by Hal Wright	
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
Closing Song	"God So Loved"	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Choral Benediction	"In The Shadow Of The Cross"	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		
	• = Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison	

Scripture Lesson: *John 3:1-21 (NRSV)*

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

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^[g] 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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



It's Easter Flower time! We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers in memory, honor or in celebration of a loved one, or for you and your family. Tulips and Daffodils are offered at \$6.00 each. **The last date to order flowers is Palm Sunday, March 28th.** Order forms can be found in your newsletter, or send or email the information to Donna in the church office. 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 or need help with your order, please contact Donna Fackler in the church office (610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org)

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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! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org



24 HOUR LENTEN PRAYER VIGIL 2021: Begins, Good Friday, April 2, 2021 at 9 am; ends Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 9 am. Prayer vigils are centuries old- "Vigil", indicates a time of watchfulness, an awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. It is based on the Scripture, 1 Thessalonians 5:17; pray without ceasing. Please sign up online on sign-up genius for 1 hour time slots so that we may have a 24 hour period of prayer without ceasing. [Click Here](#) Prayer requests and materials provided to aid you in your time of prayer will be sent via email and be available for pick up in the hall outside the office. They

may also be mailed if needed, please make Donna aware. We, at West Grove UMC will intercede for each other, to care for each others needs during our prayer vigil.

YOUTUBE: Starting March 28 We are moving our worship service live stream from Facebook to YouTube. Get Ready! Subscribe to our channel today by searching YouTube for "West Grove (PA) United Methodist Church". Click the "All" notifications bell to receive live notifications. Recordings of all services since March 2020 are already posted, and also to our website under Watch & Read – Weekly Sermons.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: During the 40 days of Lent we will be sending out a devotion every day through Constant Contact, our Facebook page and our website, written by our pastoral leaders at WGUMC. Mel Leaman, Jim Mundell, David Frame, Melanie Hartley, and Tim Anderman will share some reflections on scripture to empower our journey with Christ to Jerusalem during Lent. We are intentional about growing and maturing as disciples of Christ, and look forward to the ways God is calling us to prepare for the year ahead and Easter's celebrations.

THE GREAT EASTER BAG PICK-UP! SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 1:00-3:00 P.M. Easter is right around the corner! The Children's Ministry team is excited to bring you Easter Bags again this year! Bags for Pre-k children and children K-6 are filled with Easter eggs, small crafts, candy and more. We hope you hop over on March 28th!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE: Offered In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube. We begin worship celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and face towards the cross.

Children's Ministry—Holy Week take home bags, March 28, 2:00-3:15 p.m.: Holy Week is a time for special prayers and practices for children and adults. Holy Week bags have items to help children and their families engage with prayer, The Last Supper, and Good Friday. There will also be fun things for celebrating Easter Sunday! Bags will be available for pick up at the church office. Melanie will be there to greet you, so come and say hello! If you would like Sunday school information, lesson resources and links, and other children's ministry information, contact Melanie Hartley.

YOUR AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES DONATED \$47.83 TO WEST GROVE UMC in the last quarter of 2020. Tell your family and friends to purchase through Amazon Smile and choose West Grove UMC as their donation recipient.

THIS WEEK: March 14 through March 21, 2021

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other
mediums for nonessential business.**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	In-Person and Facebook Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship (televised)
	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Music Recording (Sanc.)
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study (Sanc.)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer Gathering at home
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Ad Council Meeting (via Zoom)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	WGUMC Food Pantry
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	In-Person and Facebook Worship
	11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Music Recording (Sanc.)
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)

Please contact Donna Fackler (office@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. 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.com/westgroveumc for more information.

Please join us for **In-Person and Virtual worship**. Add www.facebook.com/westgroveumc to your browser and join in the live streaming at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You do not need Facebook to worship. Call or email the church office to let us know you would like to attend in-person, so that we can ensure a seat for you!

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 and Mission Prayer Focus for March: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Joe Carberry
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Joyce Flowers
Cait Gardiner
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Family of Norma Herb
Baby Evelyn Herrera
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Karen Hruz
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)
Kathy Kase (Fackler)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)
Steve May
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
Laura Minnick



Family of Kristi Moore
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Darlene Murphy
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Linda Peirson
Marlene Potter (Rubincan)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Roxanne Shane
Linda Shiplet
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
Jeannie Sullivan
Fernando Tena
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)
Steve Williamson (Heist)
John Wills (Wills)
Jacob Yoder (Wills)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—USA (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

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)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from February 28, 2021

General Offering: \$ 4,541
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$10
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$410
Served 15 Families

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in
worship this Sunday.

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Christian Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Remote Video Editing:	Keith Schneider
Officiating:	(Live) Pastor Tim (Live) Pastor Jim
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Handbell Choir Director:	Sandy Deckard
PraiseWorks Band:	(Recorded) Bob Castaldi, Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Hymn Vocalists:	Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Chancel Choir:	Sandy Deckard, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Vicki Owens, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley