




West Grove United Methodist Church

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SERMON

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

MARK 8:27-38

"Are You Sure You're Up For This?"

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday After The Epiphany

11:00 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities: Thanks for reading these listings in the bulletin.

Prelude

Betsy Smith

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman

***Call to Worship (*Bold to be read in unison)**

Cindy Hoover

L: Our God, Love has found us

P: Forgiveness has freed us

L: Spirit empowers us

P: Fellowship encourages us

L: Gratitude envelopes us

ALL: But then, it's not all about us, is it?

***Song of Praise**

"Come, Christians, Join and Sing"

UMH No. #158 (v. 1-3)

***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Mel

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Cindy Hoover

Our God of Love we open our hearts to the Good News. If there be some aspect of how Your Goodness can comfort, confront, challenge, or change us this day, let it filter through anything within us that blocks the Spirit's flow (*pause*). We come praising Your Love, confessing our need, pondering questions, grieving loss, seeking personal peace, and working for reconciliation and true Shalom in our world (*pause*). If there be perspectives of self, others, and Your creation that hold us captive, please break the chains of pride and fear and set us free. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1:1-3 (The Message)

Xavier Feliciano

One day long ago, GOD's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer."³ But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from GOD. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from GOD as he could get.

Moments for All Ages

Xavier Feliciano

***PraiseWorks**

"Overwhelmed"

PraiseWorks

New Testament Lesson (See pg. 5)

Mark 8:27-38

John McGinley

Song for Reflection	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”	TFWS #2129 (v. 1-2)
Morning Meditation	“Are You Sure You’re Up for This?”	Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman
Prayers for Cross-bearers		
Chancel Choir Anthem:	“Come, Follow Me”	Chancel Choir
	Words and Music by Ely and Steve Kupferschmid	
Following with Our Gifts and Service:	Offertory	Betsy Smith
*Sending Song	“I Will Follow”	PraiseWorks
Benediction		Pastor Mel
Postlude		Betsy Smith

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.
Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Prelude

Debbie Schneider

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Pastor Mel

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Mark 8:27-38

Morning Meditation

"Are You Sure You're Up for This?"

Pastor Mel

Prayers for Cross-bearers

Song of Response

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS #2129 (v. 1-3)

Following with Our Gifts and Service: Offertory "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Jake and Debbie Schneider

Sending Song

"Christ for the World We Sing"

UMH No. 568 (v.1-3)

Benediction

Postlude

Debbie Schneider

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Scripture Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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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.

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

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad. **For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.**

GAME NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA: Fun and Games for our youth of all ages! **January 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** Let's bond over indoor Mini golf, scavenger hunts and ice cream sundaes. RSVP to Xavier at 610-612-7377 or xavierfeliciano5@gmail.com

WGUMC YEARLY GIVING ENVELOPES: Our giving envelopes have arrived and are located in the narthex. Stop by and pick yours up. If you don't receive envelopes and would like to have a booklet **OR** if you no longer need giving envelopes because you give electronically, please contact Janice Bowers. **Text or call Janice Bowers at 484-888-6821 or email her at pastorjaniceb@gmail.com.**

NEW FAITHLINKS BIBLE STUDY: Beginning **January 21st during the Sunday school hour (9:45—10:45)** for a new bible study by Adam Hamilton: "Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Profit." Contact Caryl Stuhrke for more information: 302-239-1743 or at spikoe@aol.com.

OPEN HOUSE/SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY: **Join us on Sunday, January 21st during the Sunday School Hour, 9:45—10:45,** as we have invited the families who regularly participate in our food pantry to tour the church and have an opportunity to meet staff and church members. We would love to have them join our Sunday school and worship opportunities. You can support this outreach with your attendance and by welcoming people with your warm heart in Christ. We are asking for **donations of cooking oil, corn tortillas, fresh tomatoes and bags of dry pinto beans,** for the food pantry that morning. . Those donations can be brought to the church anytime before the 21st.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Please join us on **Sunday, January 14th at 3:00 p.m.** in the church lobby as we gather for tea and cookies. Carol McGinley will bring us a gathering devotion and prayer. We welcome your input for upcoming programs and mission projects. **Mark your calendar for our Spring Rummage Sale scheduled for (Please note the date change) May 4th and 5th.**

CMO PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Hurry space is limited. Offering Two year old classes, Three year old classes, and Pre-K (must be 4 years old and meet Kindergarten requirements for the following school year) NEW PRE-K choice featuring extended stay on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00 am to 1:30 pm.) Currently enrolled families enroll on Jan. 31, at 9:15; Alumni enroll on Feb 2, at 9:30 and the community can enroll on Feb. 5, at 9:30. Email Abbie Gruscavage at cmo@westgroveumc.org for all the details.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT BIBLE STUDY: Began January 8th at 6:30 pm., led by Pastor Jim Mundell, in the sanctuary. It's not too late to join us in delving into Jesus's teachings on the "Sermon on the Mount".

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email **April Spencer** at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email **Susan Paisley** at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Renee Bergstrom
Family of Murphy
Berkheimer (Kapp-
Benner)

Linda Sue Black
(Hruz)

Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)

Joann Coates

Dante Danilshenko (Grace
Kennedy)

Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

Irma Devom (Stryjewski)

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Joyce Flowers (Mullen)

Richard Heacock

Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)

Karen Hruz

Lynn Jackson

Michele Johnson (Spencer)

Maria Kanno (Mullen)

Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)



Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Jill and Jay, Fran Miller

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Peter Mullen

Tim Mullen

Doug Paine (Jackson)
Family of Dan DePaul
(Jackson)

Don Nixon (Mullen)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

David Shaver (Hruz)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena
Maira Tena
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Jill Williams (Miller)
Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from January 7, 2024

General Offering: \$12,200.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 27 11:00: 51

**Food Pantry: 85 families on 01/03 &
01/04 Food donations are appreciated.**

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30	Aiden Steltzer
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Sound Booth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	
Officiating:	Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 01/14/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 01/21/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Fran Miller	Maryanne Covington
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader: 8:30	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Lay Reader: 11:00	John McGinley	Joyce Lewis
Ushers: 8:30	Alison & Gene Aucott	Fred Sullivan & Kim O'Neill
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Linda & Virgil Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Kim O'Neill	Karen Hruz
Greeter: 11:00	Fran Miller	Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise

Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.