



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390
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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Betsy Smith

Opportunities for Ministry

Pastor Mel

Words of Welcome

Pastor Mel

***Call to Worship**

Paulette Bryan

L: Come to this hour to share precious moments of peace

P: To find deep pools of love for all who swim in these waters

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L: Come to this hour to be carried

P: Wherever love and justice may unexpectedly lead

L: And may grace

P: Lead us home!

***Opening Song**

“Your Grace is Enough”

PraiseWorks

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Pastor Mel

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Paulette Bryan

Our God, we want to open our hearts to Your desires for us. We long to follow you. We acknowledge that sometimes our thoughts, words, and deeds do not reflect Your best intentions for the relationships we share. We confess that for the sake of our own bounty and over consumption we fail to be servants of care for creation. We lament our complicity in national interests that conflict with Your hopes for humanity. We recognize that part in us that can be so self-protective that we push others away. Forgive us, O God, free us from the fears that resist Your desires for all of Your creation. Amen.

Moments for All Ages

Joan Leaman

***Hymn**

“This is the Day of New Beginnings”

UMH No. 383 (vs 1-2)

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 19:1-6 (New International Version)

Pastor Mel

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

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Meditation	“Salvation Stories: Atonement Theories”	Pastor Mel
Choral Anthem	“Amazing Grace”	Chancel Choir
	John Newton, 1725-1807, Verse 4, John Rees, 19 th Century	
	New Britain from Virginia Harmony, 1831, Arranged by Robert Sterling	
Sharing our Joys and Concerns	(All are invited to share)	Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“I Will Never Be”	PraiseWorks
*Closing Song	“Made New”	PraiseWorks
*Benediction		Pastor Mel
*Postlude		Betsy Smith

*** Standing as able.**

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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***Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH No. 400 (vs 1-3)

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Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory

Betsy Smith

***Closing Hymn**

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

UMN No. #671

***Benediction**

Pastor Mel

***Postlude**

Betsy Smith

*** Standing as able.**

Join us in the Lobby for a time of fellowship.

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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 from 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. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again. For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH: WGUMC is honored to have two pastors volunteering to serve as we wait upon the announcement of an interim pastor, who would serve until our new pastor is appointed in July. Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman and Rev. James Mundell will be leading worship on the following schedule: March 3—Pastor Jim, March 10—Pastor Mel.

PASTORAL CARE: Along with preaching for the next few months, Pastor Jim and Pastor Mel will be available for those who may need to see or speak to a pastor during our transitioning. Please feel free to call or stop in during the hours they have designated to be at the church. See the schedule below:

Mon. thru Wed. from 10:00-Noon /Thurs. 3:30-5:30 pm. /Friday by appointment only.

Pastor Jim: Monday & Wednesday / Pastor Mel: Tuesday and Thursday

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU: STEVE AND MELANIE MAY: This morning we recognize and thank Steve and Melanie May for many years of fellowship together. They will soon be moving from this area and we wish them all the best as they move on to another chapter in their lives, one that begins with thru-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. During their time at WGUMC, they have freely shared their immense talents and time with us. They began as scout leaders for our church's Boy Scout charter and quickly moved into other aspects of our church life, including playing the handbells, serving in the worship services in many capacities and doing a lot of heavy lifting and moving of chairs, tables, etc. One the greatest gifts Steve was able to share with us, has been his technological abilities. We are forever grateful for the countless hours he invested into the church's virtual presence and troubleshooting computer issues. We hope you can stay after the 8:30 service for a time of food and fellowship to send Melanie and Steve off with our gratitude and love. God speed!

PRAYER CHAIN: Susan Paisley is our contact for the WGUMC Prayer Chain. You can call or email the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org. You can also email or call Susan directly @ sbrintonpais1@verizon.net., 610-529-8699.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to Dive into the fun from July 15th—19th Call or email Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org, or the church office at 610-869-9334, office@westgroveumc.org.

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
Officiating:	Rev. James Mundell /Rev. Mel Leaman
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Moment For All Ages/Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano (Joan Leaman in Xavier's absence)

	<u>Today: 02/25/24</u> 8:30 / 11:00	<u>Next Week: 03/03/24</u> 8:30 / 11:00
Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Cindy Haley	Maryann Covington
Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Reader: 8:30	TBA	TBA
Lay Reader: 11:00	Paulette Bryan	Carol McGinley
Ushers: 8:30	Kim O'Neill & Fred Sullivan	Gene & Alison Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Fran Miller & Joyce Lewis	Virgil & Linda Brown
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Fred Sullivan
Greeter: 11:00	Dick Sturhke	Esther Culbertson

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.

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
Linda Sue Black
(Hruz)

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)

Sandee C (Jim
Mundell)

Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)

Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)

Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)

Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)

Joann Coates

Dante Danilshenko (Grace
Kennedy)

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)

Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)



Tom Kuch (Kuchs)

Lenny Marten (K.
Smith)

Jim May (Mullen)

Jill and Jay, Fran

Miller

Richard Minnick

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Doug Paine (Jackson)

Family of Dan DePaul
(Jackson)

Don Nixon (Mullen)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)

Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)

Roann Schneider (P. Mullen)

Levi Schrum (Carmichael)

Mark Sharrat (P. Mullen)

Connie & Jobe Simcox

David Shaver (Hruz)

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Linda Shiplet

Ian Smedley (Heist)

Reed Smith

)Rick Spencer (Kim
Smith)

Flora Spiegel
(Strewjewski)

Heidi Streibel, (Edel
Mullen)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)

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 February 18, 2024

General Offering: \$1,325.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$70.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 19 11:00: 45

**Food Pantry: 121 families on 02/21 &
02/22 Food donations are appreciated.**