



## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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Preaching today: Rev. Jim Mundell  
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*March 03, 2024*  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Prelude

Memory Bells  
"Were You There" Arr. Lloyd Larson

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

### \*Call to Worship

Carol McGinley

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### \*Opening Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH No. 298

## Moments for All Ages

Xavier Feliciano

### Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Pastor Jim

"Heavenly Father, May our Lenten journey deepen our relationship with you and lead us closer to the joy of Easter. As we gather on this third Sunday of Lent, a day of communion with You and one another, we come before Your presence with reverence and gratitude. We thank You for the opportunity to partake in the sacred sacrament of communion, where we remember the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and renew our covenant with You. Bless our worship today and fill us with your grace, that we may be transformed by your love and share it abundantly with all those around us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen"

**Silent Prayer**     A time for a one-on-One, together with God.

## The Lord's Prayer

### \*Scripture Reading

Mark 14:12-26

Carol McGinley

### Chancel Choir Anthem

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Chancel Choir

Words by Joseph M. Martin & Douglas Nolan, Music by Joesph M. Martin, David Angerman, & Douglas Nolan

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:3, 5-8, 11-14, 21-23, 29-30

Pastor Jim

### Sermon

"From Seder to Holy Communion"

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion     Pastors Jim and Mel

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament. **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word, and we shall be healed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, you made us in your image to love and to be loved. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son, Jesus Christ, you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. **By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Jim

## Memory Bells

"Jesus Loves Me" Composer William B. Bradbury, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pastor Jim

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Pastor Jim

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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Betsy Smith

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**\*Hymn of Response**

"Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast"

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<b>Holy Communion</b> (Pg. 3) <b>(Bold in Unison)</b>	The Sacrament of Holy Communion	Pastor Jim
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offertory</b>		Betsy Smith
<b>Dedication of Offering:</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>*Closing Hymn:</b>	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"	UMH No. 297
<b>Benediction:</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Postlude:</b>		Betsy Smith

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## **Scripture Lesson: Mark 14:12-26 THE LAST SUPPER**

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Pass-over lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." <sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. <sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup> While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?" <sup>20</sup> "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." <sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> "This is my blood of the [a] covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. <sup>25</sup> "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## **Scripture Lesson: Exodus 12:3, 5-8, 11-14, 21-23, 29-30**

<sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. <sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. <sup>23</sup> When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. <sup>29</sup> At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. <sup>30</sup> Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

## OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*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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### 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:** Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman and Rev. James Mundell will be leading worship on the following schedule: March 3—Pastor Jim (8:30 & 11:00), March 10—Pastor Mel (8:30 & 11:00). Our newly appointed interim, Janice Bowers, will be preaching beginning March 17th, (11:00). Further information on Janice's participation with WGUMC to follow.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Pastor Jim and Pastor Mel will be available for those who may need to see or speak to a pastor during the final week of 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: (Until March 13th)

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

**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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org). You can also email or call Susan directly @ [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> Call or email Xavier for all the details at 610-612-7377, [Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org), or the church office at 610-869-9334, [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).

**UMW COLLECTION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS:** During the month of March, we will be collecting feminine hygiene products for our food pantry families. A tote will be located in the lobby for this collection. Please consider how you may help with these donations.

**MEMORY BELLS DIRECTOR:** WGUMC welcomes Lavenia Civitella, our new handbell director. Lavenia has rung handbells with the Quarter Ringers at Oxford UMC and has directed several community handbell choirs. Lavenia brings ringing and directing experience to our church, she also brings her contagious joy and exuberant passion for ministry and worship through handbell music. Welcome to West Grove UMC, Lavenia! May your leadership and ministry be **bell-essed!**

**EASTER FLOWERS:** *Order your Easter Lilies, tulips or daffodils to adorn the sanctuary during our Easter Services. Take them home to beautify your house after the Easter Sunday Service. Lilies are \$10.50, Tulips and Daffodils are \$6.95. Drop your check in the offering plate marked "flowers" choice of flower and number you wish to order. Or drop in the church office mailbox.*

## **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

#### **Today: 03/03/24** **8:30 / 11:00**

#### **Next Week: 03/10/24** **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Roamers	Maryann Covington	Maryann Covington
Counters:	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	Kim O'Neil	TBA
Lay Reader: 11:00	Carol McGinley	Dave Talley
Ushers: 8:30	Gene & Alison Aucott	Mark & Amy Simmonds
Ushers: 11:00	Virgil & Linda Brown	Joyce Lewis & Priscilla Barkman
Greeter: 8:30	Fred Sullivan	Kim O'Neil
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Cindy Haley

***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](mailto: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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334 or **Email Susan Paisley** at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto:sbrintonpais1@verizon.net) or call 610-529-8699. 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)

Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)

Flora Spiegel  
(Strewjewski)

Heidi Streibel, (Edel  
Mullen)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Hazel Winters & family  
(Joan Saller)

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 25, 2024

**General Offering: \$3107.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**8:30: 41 11:00: 64**

**Food Pantry: 125 families on 02/28 &  
02/29 Food donations are appreciated.**