



# Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday**

Grove UMC at 6:30 pm

**Good Friday**

6:30 pm Service at Grove UMC



## Easter Services

**6:30 Sunrise Service at  
Boot Road Park**

**9:00 Traditional Service at Grove**  
**11:15 Rooted Service at Grove**

**It's time for the Rise Against Hunger (RAH)  
event at Grove!  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM.**

**Please sign up to help at the event.**

Thanks so much for your support for RAH so far! We will gather in Asbury Hall from 6-8 pm on April 6 for the RAH meal-packing event. It's a fun night together, filled with music, work, and fellowship, and a great way for our Grove family to serve the world community. We need all of your helping hands to fill, weigh, seal, and box-up packages of nutritious freeze-dried ingredients to provide meals for the Hungry. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members – all are welcome to help! There are jobs for everyone of all ages and stages (standing and seated) at the event and even “runner/running” jobs for the younger kids! For those under 6 years of age, childcare services will also be available.



On April 6, your help is needed in these ways:

- strong hands from 4:30-6 pm to unload the RAH truck
- all ages to help from 6-8 pm to package the meals + younger kids to be our “runners”! (we need approx. 80 helpers that night)
- cleanup of Asbury Hall after the event @8 pm
- donations to the Grove Church RAH Fund continue and are always appreciated!

Please sign up for any or all of these tasks for this magical evening at Grove. Signup lists are available in the main hall near the elevator, or send an email to [riseagainsthunger@grovechurch.org](mailto:riseagainsthunger@grovechurch.org) or [click here to sign up online](#)

Contact Linda Schneider or Cindy George, Grove RAH team with questions at [riseagainsthunger@grovechurch.org](mailto:riseagainsthunger@grovechurch.org). Hope to see you there!



# COMMUNITY DINNER

**Thursday, April 10th**

**4:30-6:30 pm**

**We will be serving Ham,  
and all the goodies!**

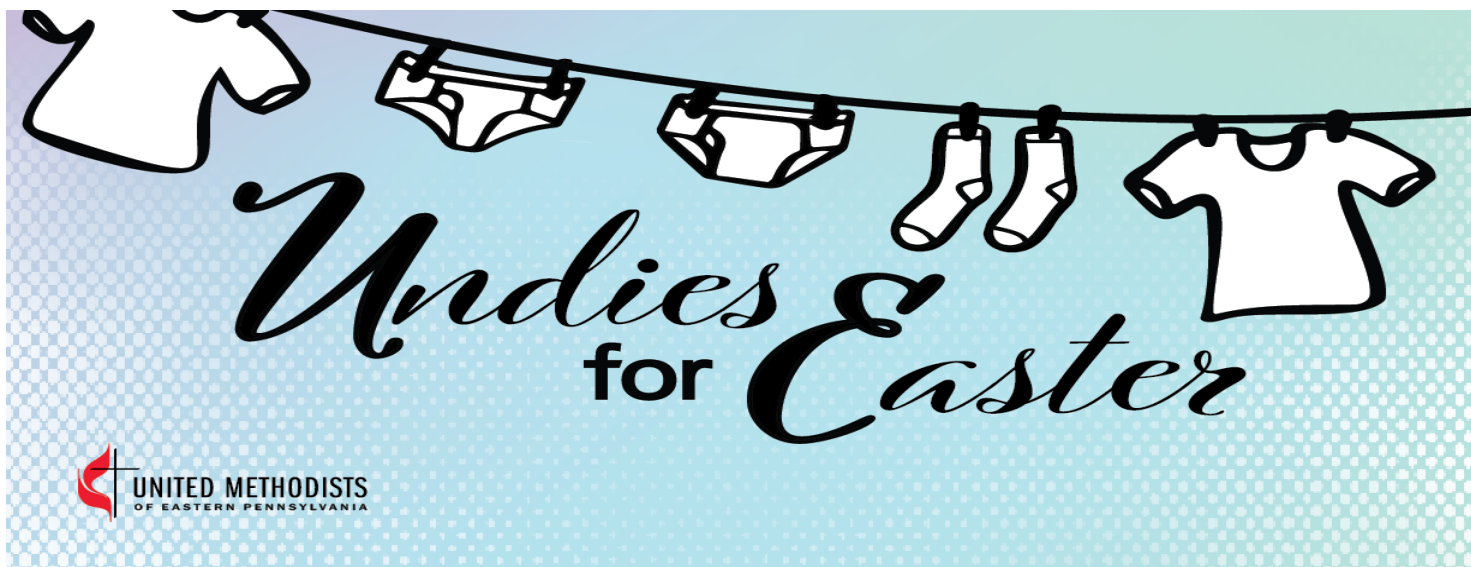
**Are you missing a jacket? There are a few jackets in the Coatroom, please check to see if one might be yours—also a Crockpot cover.**

## Grove Sports



"Did you know that Grove Church is one of several churches that are members of DACSL (Downingtown Area Christian Sports League)? Our church members are eligible to participate in organized softball, volleyball, and basketball games, which provide competition and fellowship with other churches."

For more information, [click here to email Krista Carstens](#)



***Donate much-needed men's underwear to  
Philadelphia prison inmates for Easter***

Each inmate arriving into the Philadelphia Prison System is given ONE pair of underpants and no undershirts or socks. Can you imagine living with only one pair of underpants?

Last year, the Undies for Easter campaign was able to deliver over 2000 men's briefs and over 2000 men's undershirts to the Head Chaplain for the Philadelphia prison system. The Chaplain, Carmelo Urena is now again in need of assistance for the over 4000 incarcerated individuals in his care as he aims to provide at least one additional pair of briefs, an undershirt, and socks to each individual entering incarceration.

We have set up a new Undies for Easter Gift Registry on Amazon.com.\*\*

Use this link <https://bit.ly/3ESTHLK> to Purchase items, and choose the delivery address for EPAUMC Prison Ministry.

We hope to collect and deliver at least 2,000 pairs of briefs, undershirts, and socks through this campaign to support the chaplain's efforts. This campaign will end on Palm Sunday, April 13; and all purchased underwear will be delivered to the chaplain before Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those who are incarcerated!  
The EPA UMC Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice Team

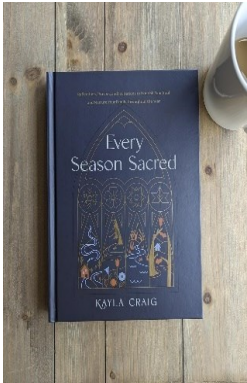
\*\*All donations must be made online via Amazon.com and delivered to the Eastern PA Conference Office P.O. Box before Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. All men's undergarments must be identical to those specific items on our Amazon gift list.

Contact Deacon Marilyn at [DeaconMarilyn@GroveChurch.org](mailto:DeaconMarilyn@GroveChurch.org) with any questions or concerns.

## Children and Family Ministries

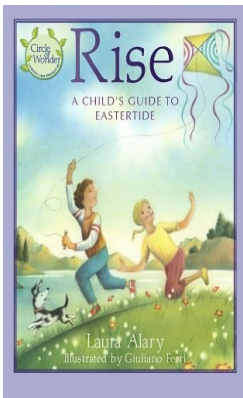


### Book Recommendation for Families with Children



*Every Season Sacred* is an invitation to ask big questions, embrace faithful rhythms, and experience God's mysterious, loving presence together. You don't have to have all the answers—and if we're honest, many answers aren't ours to have. This is the beauty of faith.

List Price: \$22.99    On Amazon -50% \$11.49



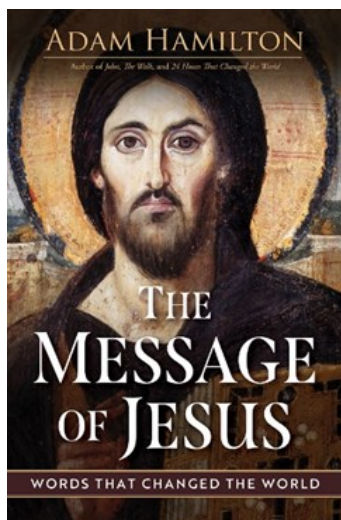
*Rise: A Child's Guide to Eastertide* follows a child through the fifty days of Easter, as she shares in family and community celebrations, hears stories of the Risen Jesus, notices how the world around her is coming alive again, and ponders how growth and new beginnings are part of her own life. *Rise* is the fourth book in the "*Circle of Wonder: Liturgical Year Resource Set*."

List Price \$17.99    available on Amazon

Parents – Don't forget to grab your **Lenten Take-out** Kits following worship through Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>!

Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Children are invited to take an Easter Celebration Goodie Bag as you leave either worship service.

## Adult Faith Formation



### A fresh encounter with the words of Jesus.

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said.?

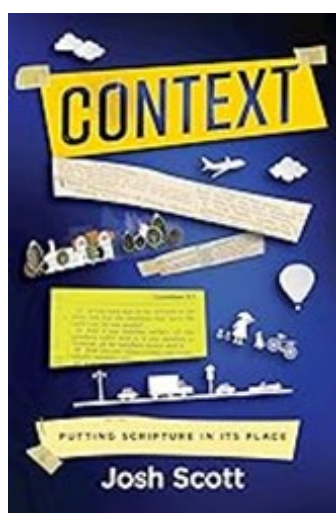
In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing.

Study begins on Sunday, April 27, 10:10 AM Faith Formation in Room 108.

Indicate your interest in participating at <https://bit.ly/3Y2THQj> or scan



## Women's Bible Study on Zoom



Context looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Josh Scott delves into these well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context.

See sample copy and sign up sheet on the welcome desk in the church lobby.



## Catching up with Nurture Team

One of our team members had an intriguing suggestion to expand our greeting card ministry to fellow Grovers by making cards available for any of us to use. As a result, look for the Card Station that Nurture Team has placed on the shelf across from the kitchen. Choose from birthday, get well/cheer, sympathy or blank note cards. If you don't know the recipient's address, just put their name on the envelope, place it in the labeled basket and someone in the church office will address and mail the card for you. What a wonderful way to brighten someone's day!



The Nurture Team is also looking for new ways to connect with our Homebound Grovers on a monthly basis either by visitation or by phone. It would be a wonderful outreach to spend some time with people who would enjoy a visit – just knowing Grove Church continues to show love and concern for those who are no longer able to worship at church. Be thinking about how you could participate and watch for further details.



**Join us for Rummikub meets  
every 2nd and 4th  
Thursday at 12:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall.**



## Spring Clothing Ministry – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

**Our Spring Clothing Ministry is approaching, and we need your help!**

**For over 40 years, Grove Church has hosted this semi-annual event, providing free clothing to those in need and affordable options for the community. Many individuals and agencies rely on this ministry, and we need people power to make it happen!**

### **How You Can Help:**

💙 **Clothing Drop-Off Assistance** (Direct donations, keep lights on in Asbury—come alone or bring a buddy!)

**Monday, April 28 – Thursday, May 1 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

### 💙 **Set-Up & Sorting**

- **Saturday, May 3 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Set up tables & racks, move, unpack, & sort donations**

**Sunday, May 4 | 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Continue unpacking & sorting donations**

### 💙 **Sale & Last-Minute Organization**

- **Monday, May 5 | 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Organizing & assisting during the sale (cashiers, refolders, baggers, general help)**

**Tuesday, May 6 | 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Sale (cashiers, refolders, baggers, general help)**

### 💙 **Pack-Up Help**

- **Wednesday, May 7 | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Pack clothing for pickup, put away tables & racks**

**Bring the whole family and a friend ~ there's a role for everyone use the link or scan the QR code to help. <https://bit.ly/4lbIFC5>**

**Gently used clothing donations are also needed to support this outreach. See the image below for details. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!**



**Questions? Contact Rachel Byerly: [ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org](mailto:ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org)**



Grove Church Invites you to our Spring Clothing Ministry!

490 W Boot Rd. West Chester

Shopping is Open to the Public:

Monday, May 5: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 6: 3:00pm-7:30pm



### Donations Accepted at Grove ~ Asbury Hall

- Mon 4/28, Tues 4/29, Wed 4/30 & Thurs 5/1 (6pm-8pm)
- Saturday 5/3 (9am-4pm)
- Sunday 5/4 (8:30am-4pm)



Donations of gently used clothing & shoes are appreciated.  
(from babies to grandparents, all shapes and sizes)

We are not in need of hangers, thank you.

Questions? Contact: [ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org](mailto:ClothingMinistry@GroveChurch.org)

THE PROCEEDS OF  
THIS SALE BENEFIT  
THE LOVE FUND



*You're INVITED* to GROVE'S

# FREE Flea Market

**When:** Sat. June 7 9am to noon

**Where:** Grove church parking lot

**How:** Gather your unwanted and no longer needed household items

**RESERVE** your parking space And Give them *away to a new home!*

**RSVP by APRIL 25**

To reserve your parking space, use the QR code or email your name and address to: [Communityengagement@grovechurch.org](mailto:Communityengagement@grovechurch.org)



**Additional Info:**

All items are free!

No haggling or pricing!

Item too large? Have a picture available

**It's as easy as 1,2,3!**

**Register to reserve your spot**

**Set up your your items in the parking lot**

**Take away any leftover items at the end of the Giveaway**



*Nothing to give away? Please come and take away  
whatever you like!*

Invite your friends and neighbors! This is open to the public

## Mission & Outreach Update

There are numerous outreach ministries at Grove that share a common goal of serving needs of those in our community. Some of them also focus on engaging with members of the community both inside and outside the walls of Grove Church.

**I challenge everyone at Grove to try at least one outreach activity in 2025.**

Participate in one event. Volunteer just one time with one of our ongoing ministries. When everyone tries something, just think of all the good we can accomplish in our community.

Keep your eye on Grove's weekly announcements to learn about our outreach activities and events including the ones listed below. Find something that interests you and then ask how to support or participate in it. We want this to be the year where "everyone tries something". Don't put it off.

Contact Betty at [missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@grovechurch.org) for information.

- Support the *Undies for Easter* challenge sponsored by the Prison Ministry during April. Or if eye-opening, thought-provoking books are your passion, find out what the Prison Ministry book group is currently reading.
- Sign up for the Rise Against Hunger event on April 6 to help package 22,000 meals and help fight hunger around the world. This is a great event for all ages.
- Declutter your home and give away the things you don't need at Grove's free Flea Market event in June. Register now to participate. Or volunteer to help during the event.
- Repair homes for deserving low-income homeowners with the Good Works Ministry. Spring is one of the best times to try one of our monthly workdays.
- Come to a Community Dinner. Enjoy good food and fellowship with members of the church and the community. Or volunteer to set up or help prepare and serve the meal.
- Volunteer with the Grove team at CYWA. This food distribution program operates 2 days each week to provide nutritious food to community residents.
- Help in the Community Garden growing food for the West Chester Food Cupboard. During the spring and summer volunteers help plant, water, and harvest the produce.

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- Sign up for an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup event. Help keep the roadways around Grove free of litter and other debris.
- Prepare and serve meals at the Salvation Army of West Chester. Volunteers join Grove teams to serve meals on assigned days. Or sign up to be a substitute.
- Serve coffee to parents on the first day of preschool. A smile and a kind word can ease stress and show the welcoming and caring nature of our Grove Church family.
- Participate in the CROP Hunger Walk. Sign up sponsors to support you as you walk to help end hunger one step at a time.
- Trunk or Treat is a thrill for kids of all ages. Decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the costumed kiddies. Or volunteer to help with the event.
- Be a Salvation Army Bell Ringer at Christmas time. This is a great family opportunity.
- Donate gift cards for families needing food or presents for their children at Christmas. A limited number of children of incarcerated parents may be available to purchase gifts for.
- Donate food, books and other products to any of our year-round ministries including the Free Little Pantry and Library, The Laundromat Library League, Circle of Giving, and Paper for People.



## **Grove's Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up**

**Saturday, April 26th**

**8:30 am**

**Church parking lot**

**Join us!**

**Bring a friend or two – all are welcome!**



# Auditions for The Wizard of Oz

Performances:  
September 19 - 7pm  
September 20 & 21 - 2pm

May 17 & 18, 2025

Grove Drama Ministry  
490 W. Boot Road  
West Chester, PA 19380

[Click to Register & Schedule an Audition Time](#)

Email: [GroveDramaMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:GroveDramaMinistry@gmail.com)

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## **Grove Youth Choir & Ministry Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 6th**

**Youth Choir shares an anthem at the Rooted Service**

**12:45-2:15 pm Youth Choir rehearsal**

**2:15-4:00 pm Youth Group**

**Rise Against Hunger Event**

### **Sunday, April 20th**

**Youth Choir shares an anthem at the Rooted Service**



### **Sunday, April 13th**

**Youth Choir joins the other choirs to share an anthem at both services**

**12:45-3:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal**

**3:00-4:00 pm Youth Group**

### **Sunday, April 27th**

**12:45-2:15 pm Youth Choir rehearsal**

**2:15-4:00 pm Youth Group**

**(combines with KCC 3-4)**

## **Kids Connection Choir & Crew Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 6th**

**2:15-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal**

**3:00-4:00 pm Kid Connection Crew meets**



### **Sunday, April 13th**

**KC Choir joins the other choirs to share an anthem at both services**

### **Sunday, April 27th**

**2:15-3:00 pm Kid Connection Choir rehearsal**

**3:00-4:00 pm K.C. Crew & Youth Combine**

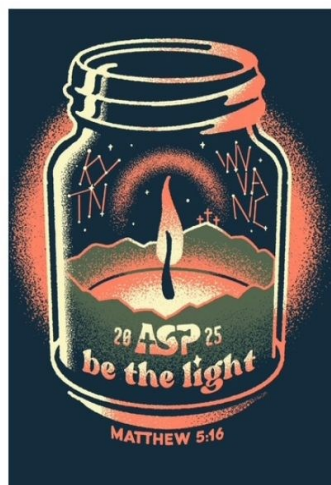


## ASP 2025

The theme is “be the light”.

Grove will be volunteering the week of  
July 5th-12th.

If interested in joining us see Mike Hardie  
or email [youth@grovechurch.org](mailto:youth@grovechurch.org)



**Next ASP meeting May 4th  
at 12:30 pm**

## Youth Music and Missions Week

Sunday, June 15th-Saturday, June 21st

for those youth completing  
6th grade to 12th grade.



If interested in participating in a week of  
service in our community please email  
[youth@grovechurch.org](mailto:youth@grovechurch.org)



**Save the date for the  
Youth Choir Concert on  
Saturday, June 14th at 7:00 pm**



*Thank you to all for  
supporting our  
Missions Auction*



# Youth Group and Kid Connection Groups

