



WEST GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Vision:
ENCOUNTER,
EMPOWER,
ENGAGE**

**Our Community to be
followers of Christ**

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SUNDAY, October 25th 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH No. 384

WELCOME

Pastor DongJin Choi

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DongJin Choi

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Dick Stuhrke

*PEACE

Together

PRAISE

“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)”

PraiseWorks

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor DongJin Choi

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor DongJin Choi

OFFERTORY

“Trust in God”

PraiseWorks

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Pastor DongJin Choir

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95/ Together

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

Judy Gambill

ANTHEM

“O Love Divine”

Chancel Choir

Although it was commissioned in memory of someone who felt she couldn't go on, the message of this song is for those surrounded by people, but not love. for those surrounded by love, but can't receive it for whatever reason. for those who walk life alone and for those who struggle with hope.

Words and music by Heather Sorenson

MESSAGE

Tough Questions to Answer

Pastor DonJin Choi

“How Should We View Christians Who Commit Suicide?”

*PRAISE

“Our God”

PraiseWorks

*MISSION

Pastor DongJin Choi

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Lead Me, Lord”

Chancel Choir

Words and music by Maribeth Alkema Johnson, arranged by Hal Wright

POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

*** * *** **WGUMC WILL HOLD IT’S ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH. THIS CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AT WGUMC.**

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

***STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE / BOLD PRINT = SAY IN UNISON.**

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER / (SEE PAGE 6 FOR TIME AND LOCATION)

<u>October 26th</u>	Just Sing	<u>October 27th</u>	Yoga Class/Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
<u>October 28th</u>	Word & Prayer	<u>October 29th</u>	Thursday Night Bible Study
<u>October 31st</u>	Narthex to be painted	<u>November 3rd</u>	Yoga Class
<u>November 4th</u>	Word & Prayer/Divorce Group	<u>November 5th</u>	Thursday Night Bible Study
<u>November 6th</u>	Stephen Ministry	<u>November 7th</u>	Charge Conference
<u>November 9th</u>	Just Sing	<u>November 10th</u>	Yoga Class
<u>November 11th</u>	Word & Prayer	<u>November 12th</u>	Thursday Night Bible Study
<u>November 13th</u>	RAP	<u>November 16th</u>	Craft & Chat Circle

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PAINT THE NARTHEX

If you find yourself with a little time on your hands on Saturday, October 31st we could put those hands to good use. Several WGUMC congregants are painting the narthex on that day beginning at 10:30. They would love all the help they can get. Contact Pastor DJ for details at: pastor@westgroveumc.org

WGUMC COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING POT LUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a meal with friends followed by group games, board games and jigsaw puzzles! There's even going to be Turkey!!! Join us as we celebrate our blessings on Friday, November 20th beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Andrew Herman for details at: HermanAndrew@yahoo.com

HUNGER WALK

Although the Oxford Help Hunger Walk which was to be held on October 11th in honor of Roger Bates was cancelled due to weather, WGUMC raised \$650.00 for community food needs and the opportunity to give is still open. Contact RoAnn Schneider at schneiderroann@gmail.com. Thank you WGUMC, Roger would have been pleased.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY JIM MUNDELL: Pastor Jim will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on November 6th. Help us put a smile on his face by stuffing his mailbox with Happy Birthday cards. Jim's address is: Cadia Health Care, 3540 Three Little Bakers Blvd., Room 144A, Wilmington, Del. 19808.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP: Do you have a little time to spare once a month after worship service to volunteer to help keep track of Sunday's giving? We could use a few new people to help lighten the load for our current list of volunteers. Contact Dick Stuhrke for more details or to volunteer: rstuhrke@verizon.net

BINGO AT TWIN PINES: Join us on **Tuesday, October 27th** at 2:00 PM. when we play bingo with the residents of Twin Pines. They have a ball and you will too. Sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Contact Pastor DJ for details: or@westgroveumc.org

HOOKS, NEEDLES AND KNOTS, OH MY! It is never too late to join the UWF Knitting and Crocheting Circle which meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 9:30 am. in the conference room. Join us on **November 6th**. Contact Shirley Daddario for details. shirleydad@verizon.net

EXTRA CALENDARS FOR TWIN PINES: We have a terrific place for you to put all those calendars you receive at the end of the year. The residents at Twin Pines love those calendars. So drop your unwanted calendars at the church office or in April's mailbox. Contact Paulette Bryan for more details: gigibryan16@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS: - Adult volunteers are need to help on Wednesday mornings when the Chester County Food Bank delivers the Food Pantry's supplies for the week. Volunteer must be able to lift 40 lbs. Contact Joan Leaman to volunteer at: jmleaman@comcast.net. Donations of Cat and Dog Food are being accepted during the Month of October for the food pantry. Donations go in the labeled bin in the lobby, on the table in the food pantry room or on the blue rack outside the front door.

PASTORS APPRECIATION MONTH: October is Pastors Appreciation Month! Let's show Pastor DJ our appreciation. Cards, baked items, a surprise call or visit are just some of the ways we can show him our appreciation.

THE JOYFULLY NOISY SINGERS: The Joyfully Noisy Singers will be lifting their "self-proclaimed off key" voices on **October 26th** in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. for fun and with much enthusiasm. Join in for some coffee and let's sing to our own notes. Contact Shirley Daddario for details at: shirleydad@verizon.net

WORD & PRAYER MEETING: **Wednesdays, at 2:00 pm.** Join us as we set aside time for a gathering called "WORD & PRAYER." Everyone is invited and welcomed. Come connect to the heart of Jesus, experience his love, peace and joy and see beyond our own eyes so that we see with our hearts. Contact Pastor DJ for more information at: pastor@westgroveumc.org or Carol McGinley at: cmcginley@zoominternet.net

YOGA CLASS: Join us for our ongoing chair Yoga Class, next class will be on **Tuesday, October 27th at 1:30.** Contact Shirley Daddario with questions at: shirleydad@verizon.net

COAT/JACKET DRIVE:

Winter Outerwear Collection runs until **November 24th.** Donations of new or gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and mittens in all sizes can be placed on the rack or box in the lobby. The clothing will be made available to the families that are registered with our food pantry. If you have items that you'd like to donate but aren't able to bring them to the church, we have a member who would be happy to arrange to pick them up from your home. Contact Joan Leaman at; leaman@comcast.net



COULD YOU USE SOMEONE TO WALK BESIDE YOU?

We all go through difficult seasons. Grief, illness, loneliness, family struggles, caregiving responsibilities, or simply feeling overwhelmed can leave us carrying more than we were meant to carry alone. It's not a question of if we will need help, but when. West Grove is training Stephen Ministers to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to those facing life's challenges. A Stephen Minister will listen, encourage, pray, and walk beside you through difficult times. Receiving care is not a sign of weakness. It is a reminder that God often provides comfort, hope, and strength through the caring presence of others. If you're hurting, facing a challenge, or simply need someone to talk with, we encourage you to consider Stephen Ministry care when the need arises. You don't have to walk this journey alone. For more information or to request a Stephen Minister, contact Dan Elliott: office@westgroveumc.org or Pastor DJ: pastor@westgroveumc.org

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

October 25th through November 1st, 2026

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<u>SUNDAY:</u> October 25 th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
<u>MONDAY:</u> October 26 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 10:30 - Noon	CMO/Teachers in service day (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16) Just Sing (Kitchen, Conference Room)
<u>TUESDAY:</u> October 27 th	9:00 am. till Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:30 - 2:15 pm. 2:15 - 3:30 pm. 5:45 - 7:15 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extend Day (9,13,14,15,16) Yoga Class (Sanctuary) Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (Library) Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Rooms 8 & 10)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> October 28 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 2:00 - 3:30 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:15 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16) Word & Prayer (Library) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Vision Team Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>THURSDAY:</u> October 29 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:15 - 6:15 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm. 6:45 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day (9,13,14,15,16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Memory Bells (Sanctuary) Thursday Night Bible Study (Library) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<u>FRIDAY:</u> October 30 th	9:00 - Noon NOON - 1:15 pm. 1:00 - 3:30 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,) CMO Mini Makers (9,13,14,15,16,) Stephen Ministry, (Conference Room #1)
<u>SATURDAY:</u> October 31 st	10:00 -11:30 am. 10:30 - ??	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8 & 10) Narthex being painted

November 1st

<u>SUNDAY:</u> November 1 st	<u>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</u> 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
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IN NEED OF PRAYER:

**The names of those in need of prayer
can be found in the bulletin given out
on Sunday mornings or by calling April Spencer
whose contact information
is listed below.**

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYER?

****A Pastor will be available in the Prayer Room for anyone desiring
prayer after the service. * ***

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave requests on the prayer chain email.
It is not monitored.

Email: April Spencer at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.
Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will
be noted in the bulletin Prayer List. Requests will remain on the prayer chain for
4 weeks unless otherwise requested or updated.

Prayer Team Members: Sandi Hampton, Pam Howard.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from October 18th 2026

General Offering October 18th \$3,765.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$20.00

Attendance: 10/18- 9:30: 59

115 Food Pantry families: *on 10/21 & 10/22 food
donations are always appreciated.*

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Today: 10/25/26

Next Sunday: 11/1/26

<u>Officiating:</u>	Pastor DongJin Choi	
<u>Music Director:</u>	Betsy Smith	
<u>Audio/Visual:</u>	Bill Pardoe	
<u>Scripture Reader:</u>	Judy Gambill	Valerie Kapp-Benner
<u>Greeters:</u>	Cindy & Jeff Weyant	Tom & Cindy Hoover
<u>Counters:</u>	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Caryl & Dick Stuhrke
<u>November Communion Servers:</u>	Jake & Debbie Schneider	

*** * Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? * ***

We welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, or Adult Sunday School teacher. If you are interested in serving in any capacity Sunday mornings, please contact the church office at 610-869-9334 or office@westgroveumc.org for more information.

Prayer Team members are always available to hear your prayer request.

Contact any **Team Member**: Pastor DJ Choi, Pam Howard & Sandi Hampton.

Our Prayer Team is always in need of volunteers, please contact Pastor DJ if you are interested :

pastor@westgroveumc.org

The Prayer ministry is always in need of and welcomes new team members.



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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION**



*** NEW WAY TO GIVE TO WGUMC AND OUR MINISTRIES ***

1. Click on QR code
2. Click ServantKeeper.com, choose one time gift or reoccurring.
3. Select building fund or Mission in Ministry.
4. Plug in your amount. Hit Continue.
5. Set up an account or skip and donate as a guest.
6. Follow prompts to finish.

