

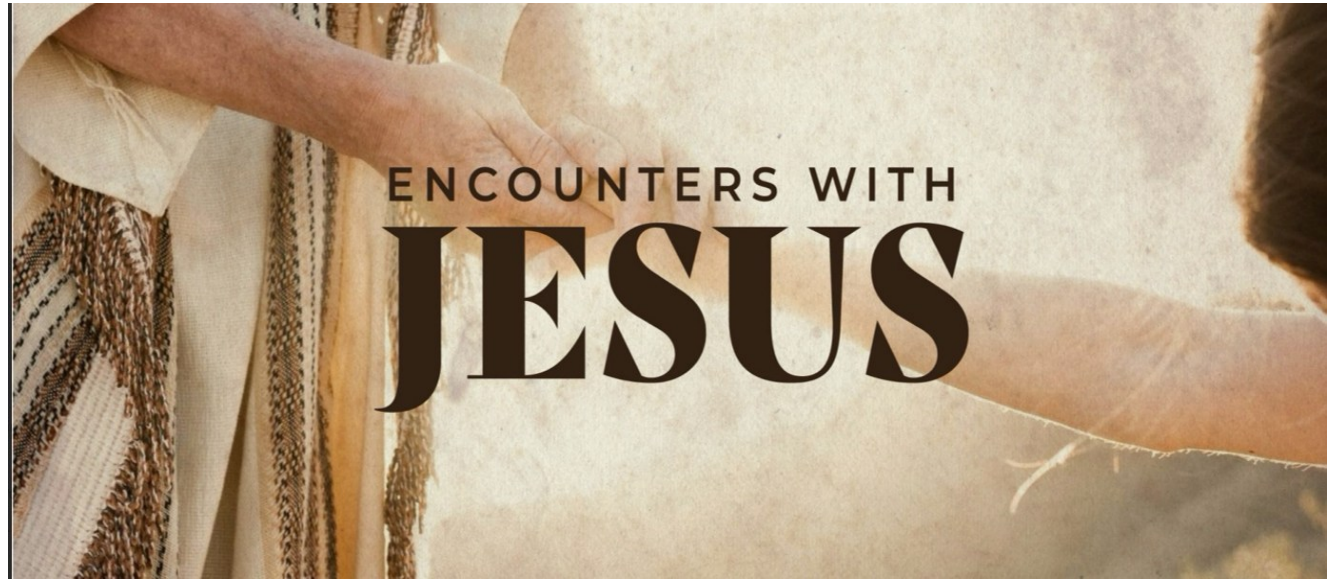


West Grove United Methodist Church

Our Vision :

ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE

Our community to be followers of Christ.



ENCOUNTERS WITH
JESUS

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi

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January 18th 2026

SUNDAY, January 18th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

"Great Is Their Faithfulness"

UMH No. 140/ Together

WELCOME

Pastor DJ

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jeff and Cindy Weyant

Pastor DJ

*PEACE

Together

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Together
UMH No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Jim

SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

John 11:17-27

Jace Hepler

ANTHEM

"Because He Lives"

Chancel Choir
Words and music by William and Gloria Gaither, Arranged by Mark Hayes

MESSAGE

Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life's Biggest Questions
"The Grieving Sisters"

Pastor DJ

PRAISE

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369/Together

*MISSION

Pastor DJ

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Amen"

Chancel Choir
By Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING: John 11:17-27

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE Memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be provided. Below is this week's scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is Psalm 103:11**
"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him"

Questions to be asked about the scripture: 1. Where do you see God in this passage?
2. Where do you see yourself in this passage?

* * **Pastor Jim's Monday Night Bible Study** * *

Are you ready to meet Jesus in a deeper, more personal way? Join us for a transformative Bible Study which started on Monday, January 5, 2026, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, as we walk together studying the Gospel of Luke.

* * * **NAME TAGS** * * *

To aid our new guests and members in putting names to faces, we have made a conscious effort to update our name tags. If you are missing a tag or know someone new who hasn't one, please tell April in the church office. office@westgroveumc.org.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

(SEE PAGE 8 FOR TIME AND LOCATION)

January 19th - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**
January 24th - **United Methodist Men Breakfast**
January 27th - **Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study**
February 2nd - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**
February 5th - **Pastor DJ's Bible Study**

January 20th - **Tuesday Bible Study/Yoga Class**
January 26th - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**
January 31th - **Church Hike (Goddard Park)**
February 3rd - **Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study**
February 8th - **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

PICK UP YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES

A plastic bin is located in the narthex that contains this year's numbered giving envelopes. Please remember to pick yours up.



CHURCH HIKE AT GODDARD PARK

JANUARY 31st at 10:00 am.

Look for more details to follow and the sign up sheet out in the narthex.

MISSING BIN

Custom made plastic Christmas Tree bin has gone missing after the Holidays. If you know where it is or know who has it, please contact the church office.
610-869-9334



WGUMC MOVIE NIGHT POTLUCK SUNDAY

Coming Soon ...February 15th at 5:00 pm., more details to follow along with a sign up sheet in the narthex.

January's Food Pantry Item of the Month:

Diapers size 5-6

In the month of January the food pantry will be collecting diapers for those children in need. Sizes 5—6 are the most popular. Place them in the black bin provided in the lobby.

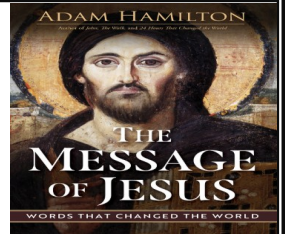


UWF KNITTING/CROCHET SMALL GROUP

Beginning February 20th at 9:30 am. WGUMC's United Women of Faith will hold a knitting/Crocheting small group get together. Contact Shirley Daddario for more details. shirleydad@verizon.net

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Beginning Sunday, February 1st, Caryl Stuhrke will return to lead the 8:30 am. Bible Study.
The topic is Adam Hamilton's book "The Message of Jesus".
We would love to see you there.



WANTED - FINANCE SECRETARY

WGUMC is looking for an individual interested in becoming our Finance Secretary.
Interested? Get the details from either: Dan Elliott: danelliott766@gmail.com
or Pastor DJ: pastor@westgroveumc.org



WGUMC CMO and Preschool Registration

-  Registration opens on **Wednesday, January 21st at 9:15** for **CURRENT Preschool and CHURCH Families**
-  Registration opens on **Friday, January 23rd at 9:30** for **ALUMNI**
-  Registration opens on **Monday, January 26th at 9:30** for **families NEW to our Preschool**

We would LOVE to have your child join us!

Please contact CMO@westgroveumc.org to set up a tour or for any questions.

Please visit our website www.westgroveumc.org for paperwork and more information.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

January 18th Thru January 25th

<u>SUNDAY:</u> Jan. 18 th	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Sunday School Worship Service
<u>MONDAY:</u> Jan 19 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No CMO 6:00 - 7:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Girl Scout Troops #41043 (Rooms 8 & 10) Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY:</u> Jan. 20 th	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:30 - 2:15 pm. 2:15 - 3:15 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Yoga Class (Sanctuary) Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (Library) Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Room 8 & 10)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Jan. 21 st	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Girl Scouts, Troop 427 (Rooms 8 & 10) Staff Parish Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>THURSDAY:</u> Jan. 22 nd	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Memory Bells Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<u>FRIDAY:</u> Jan. 23 rd	9:00 am.- 12:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
<u>SATURDAY:</u> Jan. 24 th	8:00 - 9:30 am. 10:00 - 11:30 am.	United Methodist Men (Sanctuary, Kitchen) Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

January 25th

<u>SUNDAY:</u> Jan. 25 th	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Sunday School Worship Service
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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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 member of the Prayer Ministry team 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: Susan Paisley, Sandi Hampton,
Pam Howard, Carol McGinley.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from January 11th 2026

General Offering January 11th: 18,285.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$80.00

Attendance: 1/11 - 9:30: 76

96 Food Pantry families: on 1/14 & 1/15
food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sound Booth: Bill Pardoe / Aiden Steltzer / Mike DuVall
Projection: Bill Pardoe / Aiden Steltzer / Mike DuVall
Officiating: Rev. DJ Choi/Rev. James Mundell /Rev. Mel Leaman
Music Director: Betsy Smith

Today: 1/18/26

Counters: Len & Ruth Kuch

Lay Reader: Jace Helper

Ushers: Tom & Cindy Hoover

Greeters: Priscilla Barkman & April Spencer

February's Communion Servers: Carol McGinley & Shirley Daddario

Next Sunday: 1/25/26

Dave Talley & Vicki Owens

Valerie Kapp-Benner

Fred Sullivan & Kim O'Neill

Joyce Lewis & Andrew Strode

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

Contact any **Team Member:** Susan Paisley, Carol McGinley, Pam Howard & Sandi Hampton.

Our Prayer Team is always in need of volunteers, please contact Susan Paisley if you are interested

sbrintonpais1@verizon.net

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

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

We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, or an Adult 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.

*** 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.

