



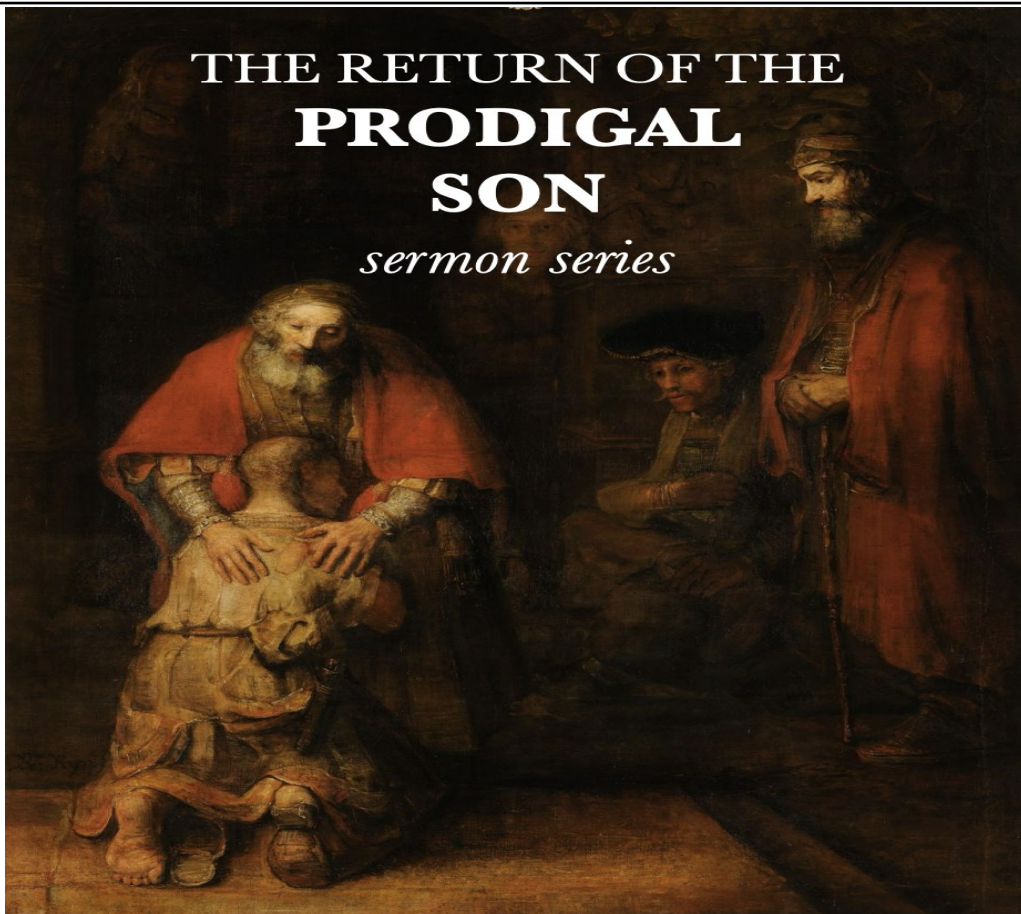
West Grove United Methodist Church

Our Vision :

ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE

Our community to be followers of Christ.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON *sermon series*



**The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming
“The Elder Son Leaves”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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August 24, 2025

SUNDAY, August 24th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>PRELUDE</u>		Betsy Smith
<u>*PRAISE</u>	“Open the Eyes of My Heart”	PraiseWorks
<u>WELCOME</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>ENGAGE MINISTRY</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>HYMN SING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>PEACE</u>		
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>	The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	“Who You Say I Am”	PraiseWorks
<u>PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING</u>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Pastor Jim UMH No. 95
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	(Pg. 3) Luke 15:25-30	Paulette Bryan
<u>MESSAGE</u>	The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming “The Elder Son Leaves”	Pastor DJ
<u>*PRAISE</u>	“For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)”	PraiseWorks
<u>*MISSION</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>*POSTLUDE</u>		Betsy Smith

Xtra Mile Giving for the month of August was to benefit our sponsorship of a young man named Efra through Compassion Internation. Efra is a 17 year old who lives in Indonesia. \$342.85 was collected and will be sent to Efra and his family for Christmas.

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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: Luke 15:25-30

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’



A Christian Sports Ministry for Kids

**80% GAMES. 20% BIBLE.
100% FUN.**

Join us every other Sunday for a high-energy hour of games, teamwork, and faith-building! Each session is packed with exciting sports activities and a short Bible message to inspire and encourage young hearts.

Meets today Sunday, August 24th 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting on September 7th at West Grove United Methodist Church
(Ages 7-14) / Outdoor field

Bring a friend and.....Come ready to run, play, learn and grow in Christ! Contact: Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

Xtra mile Giving September 14th/Orphan Grain Train

Since 1992, Orphan Grain Train's 27 regional locations have delivered more than 60.3 million fortified-rice meals and 5,066 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 73 countries on 5 continents. Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

PASTOR JIM'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm., join Pastor Jim as he leads us in a study of 1 Corinthians—a powerful and practical letter from the Apostle Paul to a young church in a growing, immoral city. Though written nearly 2,000 years ago, its message speaks directly about the challenges we, as individuals, and the church, face today.



POTLUCK IN THE PAVILION



TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 6:00 PM.

Questions? Contact Andrew

Herman at: hermanandrew@yahoo.com

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 1st - **Labor Day-Office Closed**
- September 2nd - **CMO begins**
- September 4th - **Mid-Week Ministry begins, Memory Bells & Choir Rehearsals begin**
- September 8th - **Pastor Jim's Monday Night Bible Study**
- September 9th - **Fall Youth Group begins**
- September 12th - **RAP's first fall meeting.**
- September 14th - **Xtra Mile Giving-Orphan Grain Train**
- September 16th - **Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday afternoon bible study will resume on Tuesday, September 16th at 1:00 pm. in the library. The topic for this session will be "Forgiveness".

Leading the study will be Carol McGinley, Jake and Debbie Schneider.

Please contact the church office at office@westgroveumc.org with any questions.

Sign up sheet in the narthex.



MIDWEEK MINISTRY IS BACK!

Thursdays | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

September 4 – October 16, 2025

Ages 4–12 | West Grove United Methodist Church

Join us for 7 weeks of faith-filled fun, friendship, and growth!



Sing-Along Worship



Engaging Bible Lesson



Snack Time



**Fun, Active Faith
Activities**

Weekly Dates:

- September 4
- September 11
- September 18
- September 25
- October 2
- October 9
- October 16

It's FREE – all are welcome!

Let your child explore God's love midweek in a joyful and active environment.



CANNED CORN - FOOD PANTRY

During the month of August, we will be collecting canned corn to have available to our Food Pantry families. As we are serving over 100 families a month, Individual 15.25 cans of corn would be perfect.

We Need You!!!

Summer is nearing an end but our flowers look wonderful thanks to those who volunteered to water them. Let's see how long we can keep them beautiful.

Sign up sheet to water the flowers is located in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net).

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, Carolyn Bratton, 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 August 17th, 2025

General Offering August 17th: \$2,870.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$210.00
Attendance: 8/17 - 9:30: 56
Food Pantry: Over 100 families on 8/20 & /8/21
Food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Sound Booth:	Bill Pardoe - Aiden Steltzer
Projection:	Bill Pardoe - Aiden Steltzer
Officiating:	Rev. DJ Choi /Rev. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella
Youth Director:	Xavier Feliciano

Today: 08/24/25

Next Sunday: 08/31/25

Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	Janice Bowers & John Gambill
Lay Reader:	Susan Paisley	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Ushers:	Gene & Alison Aucott	Amy & Mark Simonds
Greeter:	Esther Culbertson & Priscilla Barkman	Caryl & Dick Stuhrke

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The office may be open before and after the posted times.

Call April with questions or concerns. (office@westgroveumc.org or **610-869-9334**)

August 24th Thru August 31st

SUNDAY: 9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service
9:30 - 10:30 am. Victory Sports Ministry (Outside & Kids Sanctuary)
10:30 - Noon Musicians Vision Team Meeting (Sanctuary)

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: 6:00 -8:00 pm. Pot Luck in the Pavillion (outside weather permitting)
6:00 - 7:00 pm. Youth Group (Kid's Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am. - 2:00 pm. SILO Meeting (Mel's meeting/Sanctuary/Narthex)
5:00 - 6:00 pm. Food Pantry
7:00 - 8:30 pm. Worship Team Meeting

THURSDAY: 1:30 - 12:30 pm. CMO Meet the Teacher (Rooms -12,13,14,15,16)
1:00 - 2:00 pm. Food Pantry
1:30 - 3:00 pm. Counseling (Room #8)
4:30 - 6:00 pm. Thursday Night Bible Study (Library)
4:30 - 6:00 pm. Memory Bells Rehearsal

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY: 10:00 - 11:30 am. Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

September 7th

SUNDAY: 9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service