



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

**Our Vision :**

**ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE**

***Our community to be followers of Christ.***

# MAX LUCADO

BECAUSE OF

*Bethlehem*



Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi  
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*November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025*

# SUNDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

## \*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH No. 196 / Together

## WELCOME

Pastor DJ

## ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

John & Judy Gambill

## \*PEACE

Together

## PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jim

## OFFERTORY

Betsy Smith

## \*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Together  
UMH No. 95

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Jim

## SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

Isaiah 7:14, John 1:14,18

Paulette Bryan

## ANTHEM

“The Image of God” Chancel Choir  
Lyrics by Susan Bentall Boersma, Music by Craig Courtney

## MESSAGE

“Because of Bethlehem”  
“God Has a Face”

Pastor DJ

## \*PRAISE

“What Child is This” UMH # 219 / Together

## \*MISSION

Pastor DJ

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Christmas Peace” Chancel Choir  
Words and Music by R. Blank and J. Schrader

## 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.

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**First Reader:** The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

**All:** Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

**Second Reader:** We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

*(Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.)*

## SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 7:14, JOHN 1:14, 18

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<sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**\* \* \* ATTENTION TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ATTENDEES! \* \* \***

**Starting this Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, The class will meet at 2:15 to 3:15 pm.**

## **CHURCH HIKE - DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM.**

Enjoy a morning of hiking along the White Clay Creek with your church friends and family. Meet us at the park office at: White Clay Preserve, 405 Sharpless Road, Landenberg, Pa. 19350.

Contact Andrew Herman for details: [hermanandrew@yahoo.com](mailto:hermanandrew@yahoo.com)

**2025 HOLIDAY TOY, GIFT & GIFT CARD DRIVE SPONSORED BY METHODIST SERVICES**  
**YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES HOLIDAY WISHES COME TRUE**

Information sheets on what will be collected and for whom listed by age and grade is available at the welcome center. Look for the Christmas Box in the Narthex to place your donations in. **December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for donation.**

# WANTED

**West Grove UMC is seeking a Director of Youth Ministry**—a dedicated follower of Christ with a heart for young people. This role includes facilitating youth programs, leading weekly youth group gatherings, guiding spiritual growth, and helping students discover their identity in Christ. It is a part time position, 15—20 hours a week. Come be part of a loving church family that grows together in faith and service. Please contact the pastor thru the church office [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) // 610-869-9334

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 1 <sup>st</sup> -	<b>Pastor Jim's Bible Study</b>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	<b>Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study</b>
December 7 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Christmas Music Celebration</b>	December 8 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Twin Pines Caroling</b>
December 9 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study</b>	December 12 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>RAP</b>
December 13 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Church Hike/White Clay</b>	December 16 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Yoga/Tuesday Bible Study</b>
December 18 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Stephen Ministry Meets</b>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	<b>Yoga Class</b>
December 24 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Christmas Eve Services: 6:30 pm. Family Candlelight Service 9:00 pm. Candlelight Service</b>		



## WGUMC COAT COLLECTION

Donate that coat that is just hanging in your closet and share it with a person in need.

There is a coat rack in the narthex for your donations.  
Gloves, hats and scarfs are also appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT TWIN PINES HEALTH CARE CENTER.

Join us on Monday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. at Twin Pines 315 E. London-Grove Rd., Chatham, PA, to bring Christmas cheer to the resident. Meet at the church at 5:40 pm. if you want to carpool/or meet at Twin Pines at 5:55 pm. We'll be singing after dinner in the dining room. There is a piano if you would care to play. Feel free to bring any musical instruments that could add to our musical selections. Lyric sheets with chords, available. We plan to sing and mingle with the residents for 30 minutes. Please sign the sheet in the church lobby to let us know who to expect.

## Christmas Music Celebration - Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

If you sing, play an instrument, dance or have a story to tell, contact Betsy Smith at [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com), deadline Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope you plan to attend this evening of Christmas music with special musical presentations by the Chancel Choir, PraiseWorks, and Memory Bells. There will also be many other special musical presentations and an opportunity for all to sing several of your favorite Christmas carols. There will be a time of fellowship with cookies and cider after the program.

## **WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE**

Join us in memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be listed in the bulletin as well as Saturday's Constant Contact. Below is this weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is Galatians 4:4-5**

**"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."**

**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?

## **LUTHER HOUSE COOKIE DROP**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** Collect and bag the cookies in the kitchen after Sunday's service.

- Leave for Luther House at 1:00 pm. where we will knock on doors and deliver the goodies.
- Sign up sheet in the narthex. (Bring your packed lunch) Contact Joan Leaman @ [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net) or Shirley Daddario @ [shirleydad@verizon.net](mailto:shirleydad@verizon.net)



## **November's Food Pantry Item of the Month: DOG AND CAT FOOD**

Cans or bags are fine. If we receive a large bag of dog food we will open it and bag it into smaller quantities.

## **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**

Julissa Sanchez, a certified yoga instructor, is holding a yoga class on Tuesdays at 1:30 to 2:15, in the Sanctuary. Don Comfortable clothes and bring your water. Donations (\$5.00 minimum) appreciated. Contact Shirley Daddario /484-268-0497.

## **TWIN PINES CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION**

Look for the Christmas Tree decorated with gift tags  
for residents of Twin Pines, in the narthex.  
Gifts should be brought to the church by Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.



## **MIGHTY WRITERS TREE RAFFLE**

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6-8 pm. Must be 21 or older. Free admission, free drinks and refreshments.  
See the flyer on the ENGAGE bulletin board for QR code and more information.

## **NEW YEARS POT LUCK BRUNCH**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**After the 9:30 Worship Service**

**Sign up sheet in the narthex - Coming soon.**



# 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 November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025**

General Offering November 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$1645.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$205.00

Attendance: 11/23 - 9:30: 78

**No Food Pantry:** on 11/26 & 11/27 food  
donations are appreciated.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

## November 30<sup>th</sup> Thru December 7<sup>th</sup>

<b><u>SUNDAY:</u></b>	8:30 - 9:15 am.	Sunday School
Nov.30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
<b><u>MONDAY:</u></b>	9:00 am. - 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Noon - 1:00 pm.	Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	6:00 - 7:00 pm.	Girl Scouts Troop #41043
<b><u>TUESDAY:</u></b>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
Dec.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day
	1:30 - 2:15 pm.	Yoga Class (Sanctuary)
	2:30 - 3:30 pm.	Tuesday Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Room 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Prayer Ministry (Prayer Room)
<b><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></b>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noon - 1:30 pm.	Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Full Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:00 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scouts Troop #427 (Room 8 & 10)
	7:00 - 9:00 pm.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting (Library)
<b><u>THURSDAY:</u></b>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
	3:00 - 4:00 pm.	Stephen Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
	4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
	6:15 - 8:15 pm.	Girl Scouts Troop #4251 & 4567 (Room 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Choir Practice
<b><u>FRIDAY:</u></b>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>		
<b><u>SATURDAY:</u></b>	8:00 - 11:00 am.	4H Meeting (Library)
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

## December 7<sup>th</sup>

<b><u>SUNDAY:</u></b>	8:30 - 9:15 am	Sunday School
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Christmas Music Celebration (Narthex, Sanctuary)

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

**6:30 pm. Family Candlelight Service // 9:00 pm. Candlelight Service**



## **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
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella

### **Today: 11/30/25**

<b><u>Counters:</u></b>	John Gambill & Janice Bowers
<b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b>	Paulette Bryan
<b><u>Advent Readers:</u></b>	John and Judy Gambill
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	Fran Miller & Joan Saller
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Joyce Lewis & Paulette Bryan

### **Next Sunday: 12/7/25**

John Gambill & Janice Bowers
Dave Talley
The Castaldi Family
Tom & Charlotte Adams
Fran Miller & Esther Culbertson

### **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](mailto: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.

