

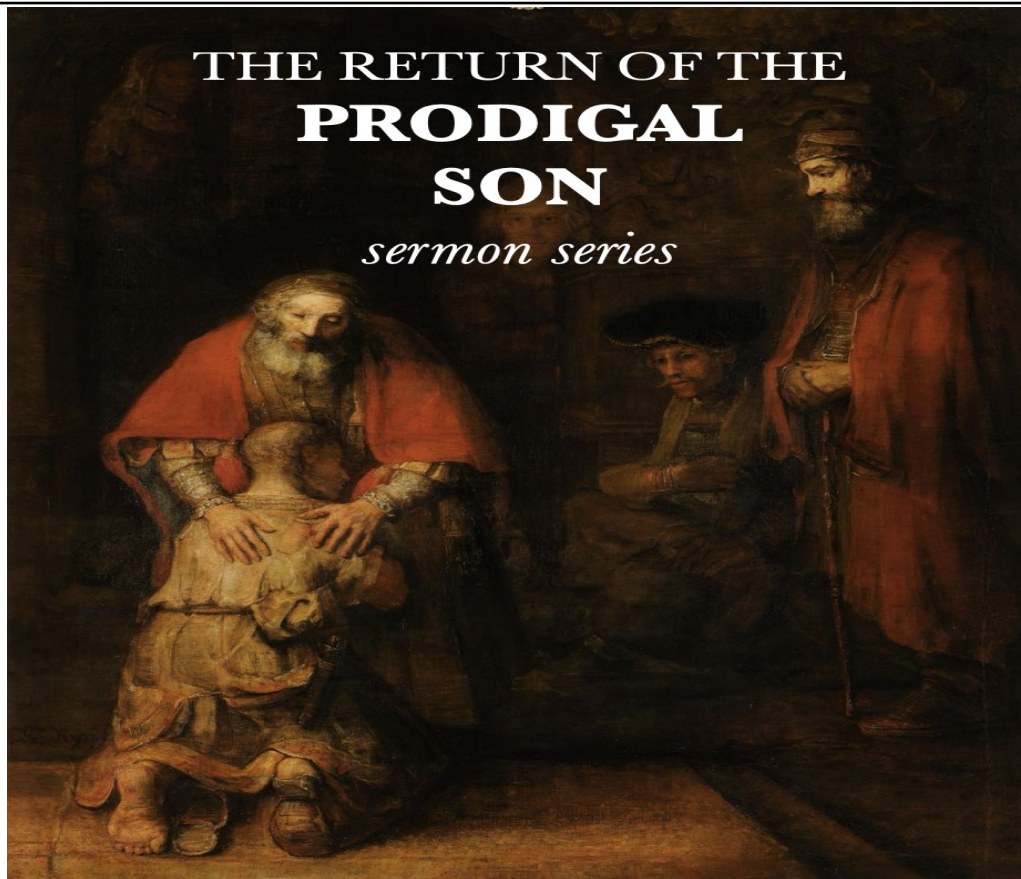


West Grove United Methodist Church

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 Father Calls For a Celebration”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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September 14, 2025

SUNDAY, September 14th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*PROCESSION

“How Great Thou Art”

(vs. 1,2,3) UMH No. 77

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

MISSION MOMENT

Orphan Grain Train

Rob Hall

PEACE

PRAISE

“Today is the Day”

PraiseWorks

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Shirley Daddario

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Shirley Daddario

OFFERTORY

“Rejoice, Rejoice!”

Jake and Debbie Schneider
By Steven Smith

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Shirley Daddario
UMH No. 95

SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

Luke 15:22-24

Dick Stuhrke

ANTHEM

“Joy Overflowing”

Chancel Choir
Words and Music by Cindy Berry

MESSAGE

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*PRAISE

“Joy”

PraiseWorks

*MISSION

Pastor DJ

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“A Parting Prayer”
Words and Music by Keith Wilkerson, Arranged by Jeff Lippencott

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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.

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SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:22-24

But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

VICTORY SUNDAY YOUTH SPORTS MINISTRY

Meets Sunday, September 21st 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting on October 5th at West Grove United Methodist Church
(Ages 7-14) / Outdoor field

Confirmation Class

We are excited to announce that Confirmation Classes began today Sunday, September 14th and ends on Sunday May 24th, Confirmation Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth (and anyone who feels they want to confirm their faith) to deepen their understanding of faith and take the next step in their spiritual journey.

Please contact Xavier with concerns or questions at: childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 21st after the 9:30 Worship Service

Join your fellow parishioners for a Congregation Meeting where the WGUMC Vision Team will present a strategy for implementing WGUMC's vision for the future.

PASTOR DJ'S EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm. and will meet in the library. This is part one - a 8 week study on the book of Ephesians.

Part two of the study is 9 weeks and will begin on January 15th, at 6:00 pm.

Contact Pastor DJ with questions at pastor@westgroveumc.org



* * WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE * *

Join us each week for the next **52 weeks** in memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be featured. It will be listed in the bulletin and put out on Saturday's Constant Contact. Below is this coming weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **This weeks verse is Galatians 2:20.**

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

How to Study and Learn This Verse:

1. Write out the verse each day. This repetition will help you commit the passage to memory and reflect more deeply on its meaning.
2. Set aside time during the week to meditate on the passage or work on memorizing it. Allow the words to shape your thoughts and guide your spirit throughout your daily life.
3. Consider what this verse reveals about God and Jesus, as well as themes of salvation, grace, mercy, love and peace.
4. **REFLECT ON WHAT THE PASSAGE REVEALS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS AND YOUR FAITH IN GOD.**



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.

We Need You!!! We are still in need of people to water the beautiful flowers in front of WGUMC! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net). With questions. Thanks!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 14th - **Xtra Mile Giving-Orphan Grain Train**
September 15th - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**
September 16th - **Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**
September 18th - **MidWeek Ministry**
September 21st - **Victory Sunday Sports Ministry**
September 27th - **United Methodist Men's Breakfast**
September 28th - **United Women of Faith**
September 28th - **Rummage Sale item collection and set up begins**

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.
SATURDAY 4th 9:00 to Noon.

Collect those items cluttering your basements and attics and bring them in starting on September 28th after 10:30. Volunteers are ALWAYS wanted and appreciated. Please contact Fran Miller (jmille8698@verizon.net) or Shirley Daddario (shirleydad@verizon.net) for more info. AND of course come and shop our wonderful sale.

United Women in Faith Gathering!

Our upcoming United Women in Faith gathering will not only be our regular meeting but will feature a special guest, Julissa Sanchez, who will be leading us in a chair yoga lesson. This class is for everyone, no matter one's physical abilities. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ladies and friends to come together for an afternoon of fellowship.

Bring a friend, all ladies are welcome!

Save the date! Sunday, September 28th at 12:45 in the sanctuary.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Meets for breakfast the 4th Saturday of the month. This month's meeting is on September 27th beginning at 8:00 am. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

September's Food Pantry Item of the Month **Flour and Corn Tortillas**



Any size package of tortillas is fine as they can be re-bagged, if necessary. They can be placed in the labeled bin in the church lobby.

Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals for the new fall season has begun Thursday evening, at 6:45 pm. in the Choir Room.

Contact Betsy Smith at musicmomva@aol.com

Come make a joyful noise with us!



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 September 7th, 2025

General Offering September 7th: \$7,180.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$405.00

Attendance: 9/7 - 9:30: 79

Food Pantry: 111 families on 9/10 & /9/11 food
donations are appreciated.

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)

Thru September 14th thru September 21st

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:15 - 9:15 am	Confirmation Class
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
<u>MONDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:00 pm.	Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day)
	6:00 - 7:00 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #41043 (Room 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Pastor Jim's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	Smart Cookies (CMO Extended Day)
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Room #10)
	6:30 - 8:30 pm.	Staff Parish Meeting (Conference Room))
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:00 pm.	Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day)
	5:00 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	5:30 - 6:30 pm.	Finance Meeting
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #427 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Ad Council Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	1:30 - 12:30 pm.	CMO (Rooms -12,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
	4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Mid-Week Ministry (Room 10)
	6:15 - 8:15 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4251 & 4567 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	8:00am. - 4:30 pm.	Wildcats overflow parking (Parking lot)
	10:00 - 11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

September 21st

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:30 - 9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Victory Sunday Sports Ministry (outside)
	10:30 - 11:30am.	Congregational Meeting

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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

Today: 09/14/25

Next Sunday: 09/21/25

Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Len & Ruth Kuch
Lay Reader:	Dick Stuhrke	Paulette Bryan
Ushers:	Fran Miller & Karen Hruz	Kim O'Neill & Fred Sullivan
Greeters:	Paulette Bryan & April Spencer	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.

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.

