WEST GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision:
ENCOUNTER,
EMPOWER,
ENGAGE
Our Community to be followers of Christ

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SUNDAY, November 8th 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE		Betsy Smith
***PROCESSIONAL PRAISE**	"Take My Life and Let it Be"	UMH No. 399
WELCOME		Pastor DongJin Choi
ENGAGE MINISTRY		Pastor DongJin Choi
***PEACE**		Together
PRAISE	"Let the Praises Ring"	PraiseWorks
PASTORAL PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer	Pastor DongJin Choi
INVITATION TO OFFERING		Pastor DongJin Choi
OFFERTORY	"Father of Lights"	PraiseWorks
***PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING**		Pastor DongJin Choir
	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH No. 95/ Together
SCRIPTURE READING	Amos 2:6-16	Joan Leaman
ANTHEM	"Simple Gifts"	Chancel Choir
		American Shaker Song, Arranged by Jay Althouse
MESSAGE	"The Things that Free Us, the More We Let Them Go" "The Unfillable Bowl of Greed"	Pastor DongJin Choi
***PRAISE**	"Overwhelmed"	PraiseWorks
***MISSION**		Pastor DongJin Choi
***CHORAL BENEDICTION**	"Go Now in Peace"	Chancel Choir
		Words and music by Natalie Sleeth
POSTLUDE		Betsy Smith

*** "Your offering is the presentation of your life as a holy, living sacrifice. At our church, giving is the responsibility of our members, but we also gratefully welcome gifts from our visitors. You may place your offering in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary, or use the QR code in the back of the bulletin. The offertory music is a time to reflect on how our lives can best be offered to the Lord. As the music plays, may it be a time to look back on our week and offer our hearts to Him."

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING: AMOS 2:6-16

Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals—7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; 8 they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. 9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath. 10 Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. 11 And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?" declares the Lord. 12 "But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and commanded the prophets, saying, 'You shall not prophesy.' 13 "Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down. 14 Flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not retain his strength, nor shall the mighty save his life; 15 he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life; 16 and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day," declares the Lord.

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

November 9th	**Just Sing**	November 10th	**Yoga Class**
November 12th	**Thursday Night Bible Study**	November 13th	**RAP/Stephen Ministry**
November 15th	**Craft & Chat Circle**	November 17th	**Yoga Class**
November 19th	**Thursday Night Bible Study**	November 20th	**Stephen Ministry/Potluck Game Night**
November 23rd	**Just Sing**	November 24th	**Yoga Class**
November 25th	**Word & Prayer Advent**	November 28th	**United Methodist Men Breakfast**

HELP SHARE THE JOY OF ADVENT! The United Women of Faith are preparing special Advent bags for church family and friends who are unable to attend worship in person. Help us share the joy, hope, peace, and love of Advent by sponsoring an item! Visit our Sign-Up Genius page to select an item and sign up to donate. Please bring all wrapped gifts to church by **November 15th.** Questions? Contact Cindy Weyant at cweyant1@gmail.com. Thank you for helping make Advent meaningful and special for others!

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: A 6-week Bible study for Advent begins on Tuesday, **November 10th at 2:15 pm.** We meet in the library and follow a discussion centered format around the study booklet, "Advent of the Savior," by Cindy Bunch. Meetings are led by Carol McGinley and Debbie & Jake Schneider. Contact Jake & Debbie at tbones7@comcast.net or Carol at cmcginley@zoominternet.net. Please come join us! All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP: We could use a few new people to help lighten the load for our current list of volunteers who count and record our Sunday giving. Contact Dick Stuhrke for more details or to volunteer: rstuhrke@verizon.net

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 20th**. Contact Shirley Daddario for details. **shirley-dad@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 needed to help on Wednesday mornings when the Chester County Food Bank delivers the Food Pantry's supplies for the week. Volunteers must be able to lift 40 lbs. Contact Joan Leaman to volunteer at: jmleaman@comcast.net. **Donations of toothpaste, tooth brushes and mouthwash** are being accepted during the Month of November for the food pantry. Donations go in the labeled bin in the lobby, the table in the food pantry, or on the blue rack outside the front door.

RAP NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Join us for a Medicare Information Session! Please join us on **Friday, November 13th, at 12:00 noon** as we welcome the Chester County Office of Aging for an informative presentation on Medicare options and changes, explained in an easy-to-understand way. Bring your brown bag lunch and a friend! Everyone is welcome. Coffee, iced tea, and water will be provided. Please RSVP to Sandy Pardoe at sandytrul@yahoo.com.
We hope to see you there.

THE JOYFULLY NOISY SINGERS: The Joyfully Noisy Singers will be lifting their "self-proclaimed off key" voices on **November 9th** in the conference room 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

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION: SAVE THE DATE! The annual Christmas Music Event will be held on Sunday evening, **December 6th at 6:30 pm**. Join the fun and participate by singing, playing an instrument, dancing, or telling a story, etc. To sign up or for more details contact Betsy Smith: musicmomva@aol.com

United Women in Faith! It's not too late to register for the UWF South District Annual Meeting that is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, at 9am at Downingtown UMC. Rev. Jill Laufenberg from the Church of the Loving Shepherd in West Chester is the guest speaker, and her presentation is titled "Dream Bigger" The deadline is this Monday, Nov. 9th. See the flyer in the narthex for more information. Let me know if you planning on attending and if you need a ride. Shirley Daddario, President of UWF

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



YOGA CLASS: Join us for our ongoing chair Yoga Class, next class will be on **Tuesday, November 10th at 1:30.** Contact Shirley Daddario with questions at: shirleydad@verizon.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
November 8th through November 15th, 2026

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SUNDAY: November 8th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
MONDAY: November 9th	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO/Teachers in service day (9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16)
	10:00 - Noon	Just Sing (Conference Room)
TUESDAY: November 10th	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day (9,13,14,15,16)
	1:30 - 2:15 pm.	Yoga Class (Sanctuary)
	5:45 - 7:15 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Rooms 8 & 10)
WEDNESDAY: November 11th	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16)
	9:00 - 10:30 am.	Missions Team Meeting
	5:00 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
	7:00 - 8:30 pm.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (Room #10)
THURSDAY: November 12th	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day (9,13,14,15,16)
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
	4:15 - 6:15 pm.	Memory Bells (Sanctuary)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Thursday Night Bible Study (Conference Room)
	6:45 - 8:00 pm.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
FRIDAY: November 13th	9:00 - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,)
	NOON - 2:00 pm.	RAP (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Narthex)
	1:00 - 3:30 pm.	Stephen Ministry, (Conference Room #1)
SATURDAY: November 14th	8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.	Mears Celebration of Life (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Lobby)
	10:00 - 11:00 am	Daily Reflections

November 15th

SUNDAY: November 15th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
	1:30 - 3:00 pm.	Crafts & Chat Circle (Lobby, Sanctuary, Kitchen)

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 November 1st 2026

General Offering November 1st $5,739.00
Building Maintenance Fund: $180.00
Attendance: 11/1- 9:30: 84
123 Food Pantry families: *on 11/4 & 11/5food donations are always appreciated.*

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	Today: 11/8/26	***Next Sunday: 11/15/26***
Officiating:	Pastor DongJin Choi/Pastor Shirley Daddario	
Music Director:	Betsy Smith	
Audio/Visual:	Bill Pardoe	
Scripture Reader:	Joan Leaman	Dave Talley
Greeters:	Joan Saller & Fran Miller	Andrew Strode & Paulette Bryan
Counters:	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan	Dick & Caryle Stuhrke

November Communion Servers: Carol & John McGinley

* * ***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 members.

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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.