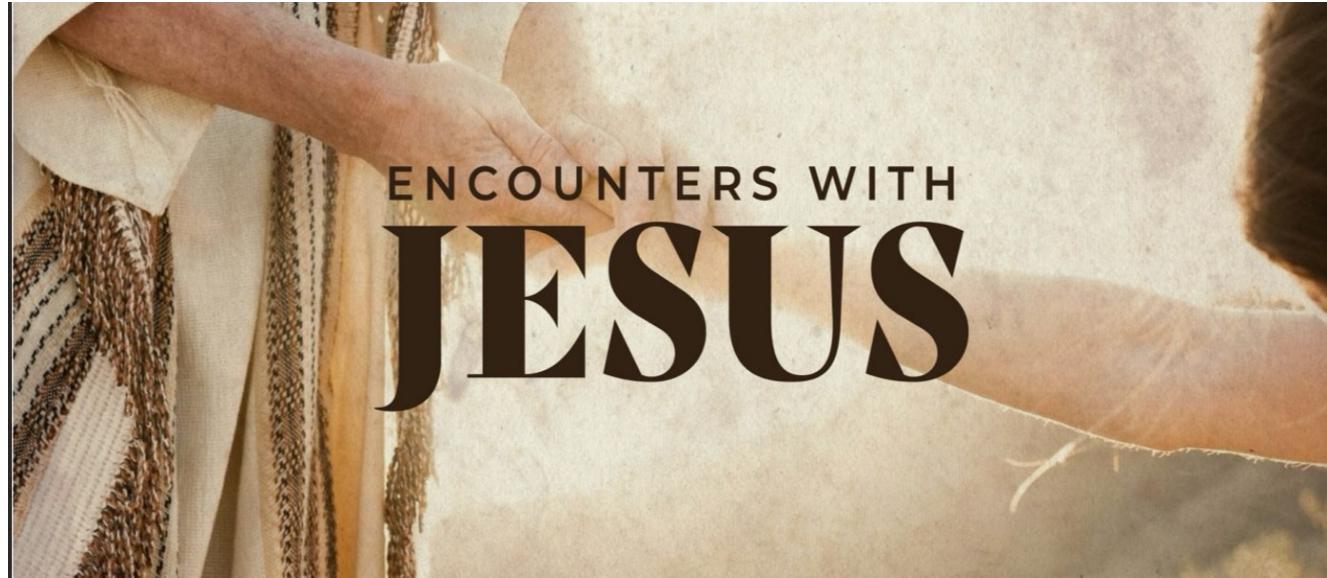




West Grove United Methodist Church

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 11th 2026

SUNDAY, January 11th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

***PROCESSIONAL PRAISE** “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” (Vs. 1,2,4) UMH No. 371/ Together

WELCOME

Pastor DJ

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dan Elliott

*PEACE

Together

PRAISE

“Grace Like Rain”

PraiseWorks

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Mel

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Mel

OFFERTORY

“All Who Are Thirsty”

PraiseWorks

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Pastor Mel/Together

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Mel

SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

John 3:1-7, 4:7-14

Judy Gambill

ANTHEM

“Satisfied”

Chancel Choir

Words and music by Clara T. Williams and Tom Matsumura

MESSAGE

Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life’s Biggest Questions Pastor DJ
“The Insider and the Outcast”

PRAISE

“Let the River Flow”

PraiseWorks

*MISSION

Pastor Jim

*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.



Altar Flowers: The beautiful flowers on the altar today are in memory of: Samuel Schetrompf, Priscilla Barkman’s brother.



SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-7 - John 4:7-14

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?"

Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE Memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be provided. Below is this weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is Ephesians 1:7**

"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"

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

<u>January 11th</u> - United Women of Faith/Sanctuary	<u>January 12th</u> - Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<u>January 13th</u> - Yoga Class // Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	
<u>January 19th</u> - Pastor Jim's Bible Study	<u>January 20th</u> - Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
	Yoga Class
<u>January 24th</u> - United Methodist Men Breakfast	

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.



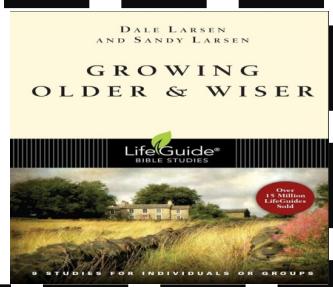
TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 13th at 2:15 PM. in the church library,
Join Carol McGinley and Debbie Scheider for a new

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study:

“Growing Older & Wiser”

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.



UWF GATHERING TODAY

1:30 pm. in the sanctuary

We have news for United Women in Faith! Two small groups have been created within the UWF and another to follow, come hear more. Alone with refreshments and a devotional titled "A Diamond Necklace"



**United
Women
in Faith**

Claim Your Cooler

The Food Pantry has one navy blue and white cooler which remains unclaimed. If this is your cooler you may pick it up in the Food Pantry room.

CMO BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

One of the lucky winners of the CMO Basket Raffle was our own Esther Culbertson and another was a woman who donates her time as a volunteer to the Food Pantry. Congratulations. The raffle was a huge success for raising monies for the CMO.



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 11th Thru January 18th

<u>SUNDAY:</u> Jan. 11 th	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am. 1:30 - 3:00 pm.	Sunday School Worship Service United Women of Faith Gathering
<u>MONDAY:</u> Jan. 12 th	9:00 am. - 12 pm. Noon - 1:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY:</u> Jan. 13 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. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Yoga Class (Sanctuary) Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (Library) Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Room 8 & 10) Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Jan. 14 th	9:00 - 10:30 am. 9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Missions Team Meeting (Conference Room) CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15.16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Finance Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>THURSDAY:</u> Jan. 15 th	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 5:45 - 7:45 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 Girl Scout Troop #4251 & 4567 (Rooms 8 & 10) Choir Practice
<u>FRIDAY:</u> Jan. 16 th	9:00 am.- 12:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
<u>SATURDAY:</u> Jan. 17 th	8:00 - 11:00 am. 10:00 - 11:30 am.	4H Meeting (Library) Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

January 18th

<u>SUNDAY:</u> Jan. 18 th	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Sunday School Worship Service
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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 4th 2026

General Offering January 4th: \$4,642.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00

Attendance: 1/4 - 9:30: 56

97 Food Pantry families: on 1/7 & 1/8 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. Shirley Daddario
Music Director:	Betsy Smith

Today: 1/11/26

Counters: Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

Lay Reader: Judy Gambill

Ushers: Cindy & Jeff Weyant

Greeters: Esther Culbertson & Paulette Bryan Priscilla Barkman & April Spencer

February's Communion Servers: Carol & John McGinley

Next Sunday: 1/18/26

Len & Ruth Kuch

Jace Helper

Tom & Cindy Hoover

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.

