



West Grove United Methodist Church

Our Vision :

ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE

Our community to be followers of Christ.

HABAKKUK

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLED TIMES

**Habakkuk: Trusting God in Troubled Times
“From Mourning to Dancing”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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Commitment Sunday - November 23rd 2025

SUNDAY, November 23rd, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH No. 369/ Together

WELCOME

Pastor DJ

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

COMMITMENT STORIES

“Why Do I Give.....”

United Methodist Men - Mike DuVall

CMO - Cindy Hoover

Memory Bells - Dick Stuhrke

*PEACE

Together

*PRAISE

“It’s All For You”

PraiseWorks

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

INVITATION TO MY ESTIMATE OF GIVING 2026

Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY

“I Give You Me”

PraiseWorks

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Together

UMH No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Jim

SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

Habakkuk 3: 8-18

Valerie Kapp-Benner

ANTHEM

“A Call to Thanksgiving”

Chancel Choir

Words by Jonathan Martin and Joseph M. Martin. Music by Joel Raney.

MESSAGE

“Habakkuk: Trusting God in Troubled Times”

Pastor DJ

“From Mourning to Dancing”

*PRAISE

“So, So Good”

PraiseWorks

*MISSION

Pastor DJ

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go Now in Peace”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth

POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

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

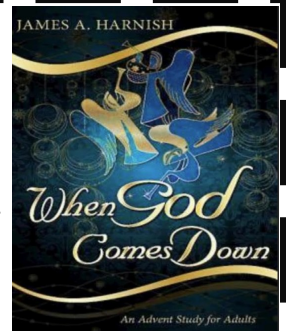
Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

SCRIPTURE READING: HABAKKUK 3: 8-18

⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. Selah. You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. ¹² You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah ¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. ¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. ¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will start an Advent Study on Tuesday, Nov. 18th in the church library and will use the booklet, "When God Comes Down" by James Harnish. It is a five week study, meeting November 18th, 25th, December 2nd, 9th and 16th. The group has changed the meeting time and will meet from 2:30-3:30 instead of the earlier time. Our sessions will no longer conflict with the yoga class. Please see Carol McGinley or Debbie Schneider for a book if you would like to participate in this Advent study.



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.
Coming soon: Look for the Christmas Box in the Narthex to place your donations in.



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 // 610-869-9334

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 23rd - **Stewardship Sunday, Confirmation Class**

November 24th - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**

November 25th - **Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study**

November 27th - **Thanksgiving Day**

December 1st - **Pastor Jim's Bible Study**

December 2nd - **Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study**

December 7th - **Christmas Music Celebration**

December 8th - **Twin Pines Caroling**

December 9th - **Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study**

December 12th - **RAP**

December 13th - **Church Hike/White Clay**

December 16th - **Yoga/Tuesday Bible Study**

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA STARTING TODAY!

Forms are out on the narthex welcome center for you to order your poinsettia in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one. Plants are \$7.00 a piece. They will adorn the sanctuary until December 28th at which time you may take your plant home if you wish.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING WITH AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TWIN PINES HEALTH CARE CENTER.

Join us on Monday Dec. 8th 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 would like to carpool or meet us at Twin Pines at 5:55 pm. We will be singing, after dinner in the dining room. There is a piano if anyone would care to play. Please feel free to bring any musical instruments that could add to our musical selections. Lyric sheets, with chords, will be available. We plan to sing and mingle with the residents for about 30 minutes. Please sign the sheet in the church lobby to let us know who to expect.



*Sounds
of The
Season*

Christmas Music Celebration

Sunday, December 7th at 6:30 pm.

If you sing, play an instrument, dance or have a story to tell, contact Betsy Smith at musicmomva@aol.com

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 2 Corinthians 5:17**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here."

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 14th 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 or Shirley Daddario @ 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. 16th.



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 4th 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 16th 2025

General Offering November 16th: \$3,545.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$1,080.00
Attendance: 11/16 - 9:30: 69
Food Pantry: 144 on 11/19 & 11/20 food
donations are appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

November 23rd Thru November 30th

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:15 - 9:15 pm.	Confirmation Class
Nov. 23 rd	8:30 - 9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
<u>MONDAY:</u>	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Pastor Jim's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Nov. 24 th		
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	1:30 - 2:15 pm.	Yoga Class (Sanctuary)
Nov. 25 th	2:30 - 3:30 pm.	Tuesday Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Room 8 & 10)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>		
Nov. 26 th		
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	THANKSGIVING DAY - CHURCH CLOSED	
Nov. 27 th		
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 2:00 pm.	Creating Spaces Setting up for Christmas
Nov. 28 th		
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	10:00 - 11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)
Nov. 29 th		

November 30th

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:30 - 9:15 am	Sunday School
Nov. 30 th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service

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: 11/23/25

Counters: Dave Talley & Vicki Owens

Lay Reader: Val Kapp-Benner

Advent Readers:

Ushers: Joyce Lewis and Paulette Bryan

Greeters: Andrew Strode & Joan Saller

Next Sunday: 11/30/25

John Gambill & Janice Bowers

Paulette Bryan

John and Judy Gambill

Fran Miller

Joyce Lewis & Paulette Bryan

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

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.

