WEST GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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SUNDAY, November 15th 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Betsy Smith

***PROCESSIONAL PRAISE** "This is My Father's World" UMH No. 144

WELCOME Pastor DongJin Choi

ENGAGE MINISTRY Pastor DongJin Choi

PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER The Lord's Prayer Pastor DongJin Choi

INVITATION TO OFFERING Pastor DongJin Choi

OFFERTORY

***PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING** Pastor DongJin Choir
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH No. 95/ Together

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 4:1-11 Dave Talley

ANTHEM "What Love Demands" Chancel Choir
Words and music by Mark Hayes

MESSAGE "The Things that Free Us, the More We Let Them Go" Pastor DongJin Choi
"Distorted Views of the 'Others' "

***PRAISE** "The Church is One Foundation" (Vs. 1,2,3,5) UMH No. 545

***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: JONAH 4: 1-11

5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

PASTOR JIM MOVES TO JENNERS POND: **Praise God, Pastor Jim has finally been able to be moved to Jenner's Pond. He is now at Preston and his room number is 313. He is now more accessible for visits and he would LOVE to see you. Especially after just celebrating his 90th birthday. Welcome home Pastor Jim!!!**

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

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**
December 1st	**Yoga Class**	December 2nd	**Word & Prayer/Divorce Group**
December 3rd	**Thursday Night Bible Studey**	December 4th	**Hooks, Needles & Knots/Stephen Ministry**
December 6th	**Christmas Music Celebration**	December 7th	**Just Sing**

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.** Sign up in the lobby. Contact Andrew Herman for details at: HermanAndrew@yahoo.com

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: A 6-week Bible study for Advent began 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**

CALENDARS FOR TWIN PINES: Have a bunch of extra calendars? 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.

ADVENT WORD AND PRAYER: "This Advent, our Word and Prayer group will meet for four weeks beginning November 25th to listen for the Lord's voice through meditation on Scripture, under the theme "How Light Came into the World." If you are interested, please contact the pastor Dong Jin Choi or Carol McGinley."

THE JOYFULLY NOISY SINGERS: The Joyfully Noisy Singers will be lifting their "self-proclaimed off key" voices on **November 23rd** 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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th: Join us on Sunday, November 29th as we sign up to commitment ourselves to supporting WGUMC once again. Bring your completed "My Estimate of Giving 2027" form with you, which is an insert in this bulletin, and place it in the offering box.

2027 BUDGET PLANNING

As we begin preparing the church budget for 2027, ministry leaders are asked to submit their budget requests by the first week of December. Receiving budget information by this deadline will help us plan responsibly for the resources needed to support our ministries and mission in the coming year. Please also include a brief description of your ministry's highlights, accomplishments, and plans for 2027. These summaries will help us prepare a budget narrative that gives the congregation a clearer understanding of the impact and activities of each ministry. Thank you for your partnership, thoughtful planning, and faithful stewardship.

YOGA CLASS: Join us for our ongoing chair Yoga Class, next class will be on **Tuesday, November 17th at 1:30.** Contact Shirley Daddario with questions at: shirleydad@verizon.net

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

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 15th through November 15th, 2026

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SUNDAY:	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
November 15th	1:30 - 3:00 pm.	Crafts and Chat Circle (Narthex, Kitchen)
MONDAY:	8:00 am.-1:00 pm.	CMO Picture Day (Sanctuary)
November 16th	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)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #41043 (Rooms 8 & 10)
TUESDAY:	8:00 am.-1:00 pm.	CMO Picture Day (Sanctuary)
November 17th	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)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Rooms 8 & 10)
WEDNESDAY:	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16)
November 18th	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16)
	5:00 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #427 (Room 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:15pm.	Vision Team Meeting (Conference Room)
THURSDAY:	9:00 am. - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,)
November 19th	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)
	5:45 - 7:45 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4251 & 4567 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Thursday Night Bible Study (Conference Room)
	6:45 - 8:00 pm.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
FRIDAY:	9:00 - Noon	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,)
November 20th	9:30 - 11:30 pm.	Hook, Needles & Knots (Conference Room)
	1:00 - 3:30 pm.	Stephen Ministry, (Conference Room #1)
	6:30 - 8:30 pm.	Potluck/Game Night (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Lobby)
SATURDAY:	8:00 am. -1:30 pm.	Creating Spaces (Sanctuary, Narthex)
November 21st	10:00 - 11:00 am	Daily Reflections

November 22nd

SUNDAY:	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
November 22nd		

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 8th 2026

General Offering November 8th $6,682.00
Building Maintenance Fund: $110.00
Attendance: 11/8- 9:30: 62
126 Food Pantry families: *on 11/11 & 11/12food donations are always appreciated.*

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	Today: 11/15/26	***Next Sunday: 11/22/26***
Officiating:	Pastor DongJin Choi/Pastor Shirley Daddario	
Music Director:	Betsy Smith	
Audio/Visual:	Bill Pardoe	
Scripture Reader:	Dave Talley	Jace Hepler
Greeters:	Andrew Strode & Paulette Bryan	Joyce Lewis & Laura Minnick
Counters:	Dick & Caryle Stuhrke	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
November Communion Servers:	TBD	

* * ***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.