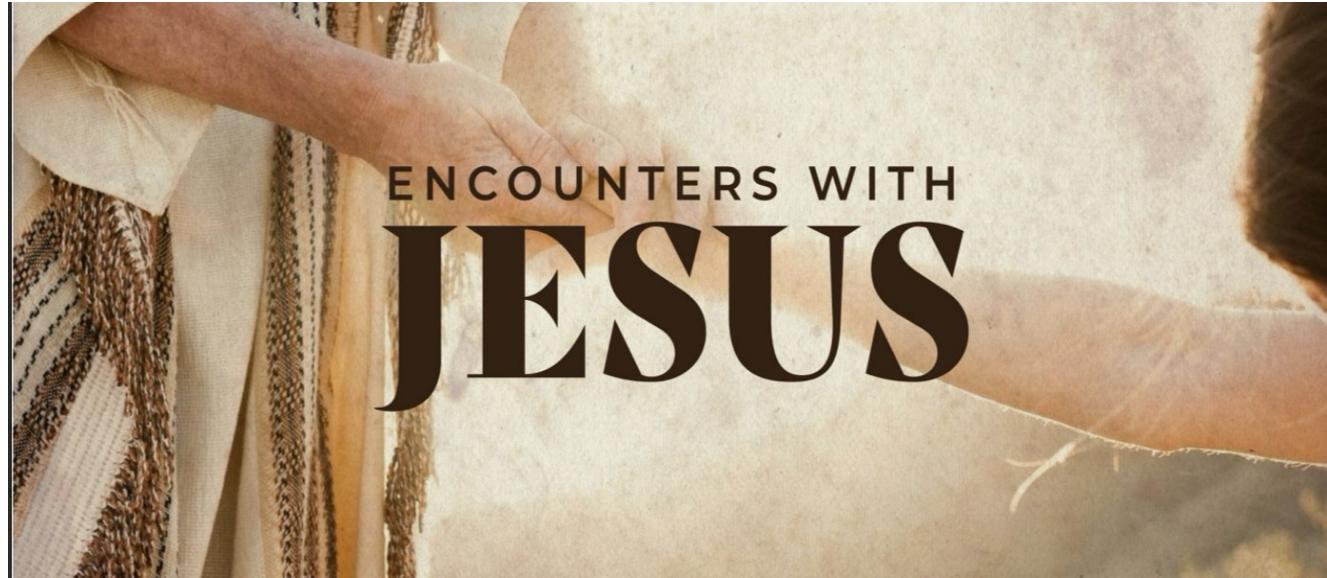




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

**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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***February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026***

# SUNDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>PRELUDE</u>	“Praise for the Morning”	Memory Bells Michael Akers
<u>*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE</u>	“In the Garden”	UMH No. 314/ Together
<u>WELCOME</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>ENGAGE MINISTRY</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>*PEACE</u>		Together
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>	The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	“Be Still My Soul”	Memory Bells Arranged by Judy Endean
<u>*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING</u>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Together UMH No. 95
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> (Pg. 3)	John 20:1-18	Paulette Bryan
<u>ANTHEM</u>	“We Walk By Faith” Based on John 20:19-29, Words and music by Lloyd Larson	Chancel Choir
<u>MESSAGE</u>	Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life’s Biggest Questions “The First Christian”	Pastor DJ
<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>		Pastors DJ & Jim
<u>PRAISE</u>	“He Lives”	UMH No. 310/Together
<u>*MISSION</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>*CHORAL BENEDICTION</u>	“Love Round”	Chancel Choir
<u>POSTLUDE</u>		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: John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her

**WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE** Below is this week's scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is Genesis 15:5-6**

He took him outside and said “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

**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?

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### CHECK OUT OUR “ENGAGE” & “EMPOWER” BULLETIN BOARDS

Take a long look at our “ENGAGE” and “Empower” bulletin boards in the narthex. Peruse the many ways to get involved at WGUMC.

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### OUTREACH “ENGAGE” MEETING

Do you want to join a group, mission or outreach opportunity? Do you have an idea to start a group of some kind or want to help in some way? Come discuss it with us on Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> after worship. Contact Andrew Herman with questions or information. 610-470-9378 or [hermanandrew@yahoo.com](mailto:hermanandrew@yahoo.com)

# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

(SEE PAGE 8 FOR TIME AND LOCATION)

<u>February 2<sup>nd</sup></u> -	<b>Pastor Jim's Bible Study</b>	<u>February 3<sup>rd</sup></u> - <b>Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study</b>
<u>February 5<sup>th</sup></u> -	<b>Pastor DJ's Bible Study</b>	<u>February 8<sup>th</sup></u> - <b>Outreach Informational</b>
<u>February 10<sup>th</sup></u> -	<b>Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study</b>	<u>February 12<sup>th</sup></u> - <b>Pastor DJ's Bible Study</b>
<u>February 13<sup>th</sup></u> -	<b>RAP Meeting</b>	<u>February 15<sup>th</sup></u> - <b>Movie Night/Pot Luck</b>
<u>February 16<sup>th</sup></u> -	<b>Pastor Jim's Bible Study</b>	<u>February 17<sup>th</sup></u> - <b>Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study</b>
<u>February 19<sup>th</sup></u> -	<b>Pastor DJ's Bible Study</b>	<u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u> - <b>UWF Knitting/Crochet Group</b>

## PICK UP YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES

A plastic bin is located in the narthex that contains this year's numbered giving envelopes. Please remember to pick yours up.



## USHER-GREETER MEETING

If you have volunteered as an usher or greeter, please meet with us on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the conference room after the worship service for a training update on the responsibilities of that position.



## XTRA MILE GIVING

On Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, come hear about Efra, an Indonesian Child Sponsored by WGUMC through Compassion International. Our Xtra Mile Giving for February will be in Efra's name for his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## WGUMC MOVIE NIGHT POTLUCK SUNDAY

Coming Soon ...February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm., more details to follow along with a sign up sheet in the narthex.

## February's Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Corn

For the month of February, we are asking for donations of canned corn. Thank you for putting your cans in the labeled bin in the lobby or you could just put them on the table in the food pantry room. Thanks.



## UWF KNITTING/CROCHET SMALL GROUP

Beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. WGUMC's United Women of Faith will hold a knitting/Crocheting small group get together. Contact Shirley Daddario for more details. [shirleydad@verizon.net](mailto:shirleydad@verizon.net)

## **WELCOME WGUMC'S NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR—MARK ROME**

Today, Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> during our worship service, WGUMC will welcome our new Youth Director into the flock. Help us welcome Mark and find out the great plans he has for growing WGUMC'S Youth Programs.

Mark grew up in Baltimore, MD., in a Methodist church and has a strong faith in Jesus. His life-long dream is to own his own farm one day. He enjoys staying active by hiking, camping, and working out. He is excited to work with our youth and grow our youth program. A place where youth can learn about God, have fun and grow deeper in their faith.

## **EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY PART II**

Join Pastor DJ as he begins a 9 week study of Ephesians. Begins February 5th at 6:00 pm. in the library. This study is also offered in zoom. Contact Pastor DJ with questions at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) and sign up at the welcome center.

## **CHURCH KEYS**

Do you own a WGUMC Church key that you no longer use nor need?

Or do you know someone who does? Our church keys are old and can no longer be made so we are actively seeking old unused keys to be returned to the church office.



## **WANTED - FINANCE SECRETARY** WGUMC is looking for an individual

interested in becoming our Finance Secretary. Interested? Get the details from either:

Dan Elliott: [daneliott766@gmail.com](mailto:daneliott766@gmail.com) or Pastor DJ: [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - FOOD PANTRY - FOOD PICKUP**

The food pantry has been offered rescued food from the Giant grocery store in Longwood. They will have about 4 large boxes full of deli and frozen items for us each Thursday morning. I am looking for a team of 4 or 5 volunteers who would each be willing to pick-up once a month. A car the size of a regular SUV would be sufficient. They have asked us to pick-up around 9:30. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Joan Leaman (484-643-2181).

## **RECRUITING PROJECT C.U.R.E. VOLUNTEERS**

Join us as WGUMC offers its services to Project C.U.R.E. on February 21<sup>st</sup> between 10:30 and 1:00. Give 1 hour or all afternoon, the time you donate is up to you. Look for more details on the ENGAGE bulletin board and sign up at the welcome center.

Contact Paulette Bryan at [gigibryan16@gmail.com](mailto:gigibryan16@gmail.com) with questions.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

## February 1<sup>st</sup> Thru February 8<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY:</b> Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>MONDAY:</b> Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 6:00 - 7:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Girl Scouts Troop #41043 (Rooms 8 & 10) Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<b>TUESDAY:</b> Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. 7:15 - 8:30 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Girl Scout Troop #427 (Rooms 8 & 10) Worship Team/Full Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 5:45 - 7:45 pm. 6:00 - 8:00 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 Scouts Troop #4251 & 4567 (Rooms 8 & 10) Pastor DJ's Ephesians Bible Study (Library) Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY:</b> Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 - 11:00 am. 10:00 - 11:30 am.	4H Meeting (Library) Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)
<b><u>February 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>		
<b>SUNDAY:</b> Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am.	Sunday School Worship Service

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:



Tom and Charlotte Adams  
Roger Bates  
Renee Bergstrom  
Virgil Brown  
Dawn Briscoe, (Joan Saller)  
Chris Bruno  
David Civitella (Lavenia Civitella)  
Victoria Elafiaoui (Linda Shiple)  
Tracy & Sean Grimes (P. Mullen)  
Tammy Hughes  
John McGinley  
The Family of Dottie Kaiser, (Jim Mundell)  
Jay Miller  
Joe Miller (Tom Miller)  
Lynn Miller (Joan Saller)

Tim Mullen  
Paige (Joanne Frost)  
Debbie Purdy, (April Spencer)  
The Family of Samuel Schetrompf (Priscilla Barkman)  
RoAnn (Bates) Schneider  
Linda Shiple  
Jeanette Stryjewski  
Jack Sullivan (Fred Sullivan)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Gary Spencer, Sr.  
Joe & Marsha Swift (S. Nesbitt)  
Fernando Tena (Maira)  
Kay Warfel  
Hazel Winter's Aunt Sandy (Saller)

Nathaniel Howard, Marines (Wayne & Pam)  
Brian Kubo—Washington (Mullen)  
Chris Weidman—Idaho (Miller)  
Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine Corps  
Drew Zumpino—USA (Beauchamp)  
Christian Schneider—Navy Seattle (RoAnn Schneider)

## 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:** Susan Paisley at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto:sbrintonpais1@verizon.net) or call 610-529-8699.

Or email: April Spencer at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

General Offering January 25<sup>th</sup>: (No Count-weather)  
Building Maintenance Fund: (No Count)  
Attendance: 1/25 - 9:30: On Line Worship Only  
**109 Food Pantry families:** on 1/28 & 1/29 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. Mel Leaman
Music Director:	Betsy Smith

**Today: 2/1/26**

**Counters:** Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

**Lay Reader:** Paulette Bryan

**Ushers:** Kim O'Neill & Fran Miller

**Greeters:** Joyce Smith & Sheila D'Antonio Esther Culbertson & Priscilla Barkman

**February's Communion Servers:** Fran Miller and Chris Bruno

**Next Sunday: 2/8/26**

Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

Dick Stuhrke

Fran Miller & 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.**

**\* NEW WAY TO GIVE TO WGUMC AND OUR MINISTRIES \***

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5. Set up an account or skip and donate as a guest.
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