

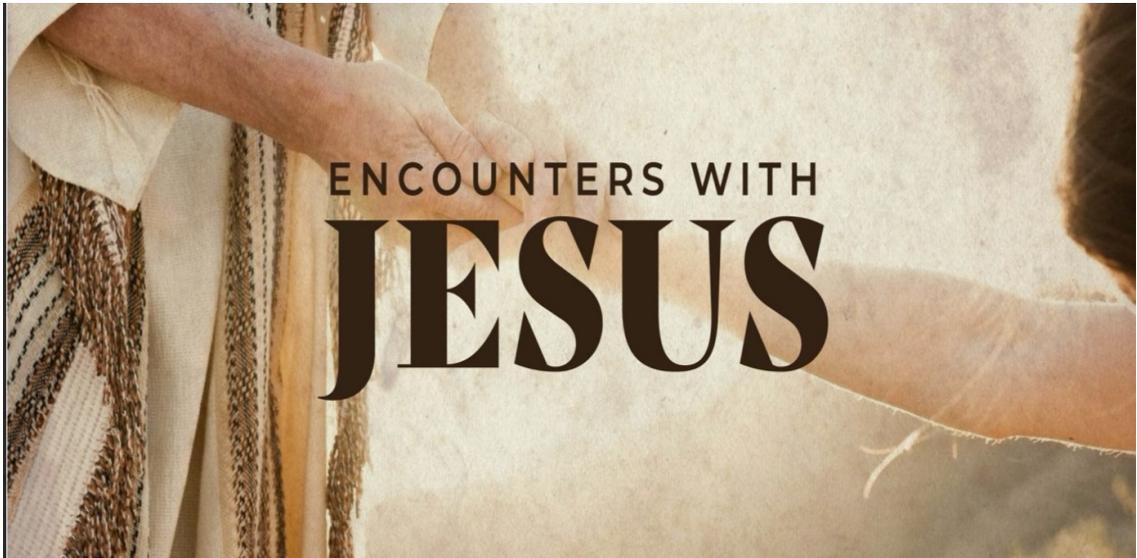


# West Grove United Methodist Church

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION



**Our Vision :** ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE  
*Our community to be followers of Christ.*



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# SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<b><u>PRELUDE</u></b>		Betsy Smith
<b>*<u>PROCESSIONAL PRAISE</u></b>	“To God be the Glory”	UMH No. 98 Together
<b><u>WELCOME</u></b>		Pastor DJ
<b><u>ENGAGE MINISTRY</u></b>		Pastor DJ
<b>*<u>PEACE</u></b>		Together
<b><u>PRAISE</u></b>	“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)”	PraiseWorks
<b><u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u></b>	The Lord’s Prayer	Shirley Daddario
<b><u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u></b>		Shirley Daddario
<b><u>OFFERTORY</u></b>	“Trust in God”	PraiseWorks
<b>*<u>PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING</u></b>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Shirley Daddario/ Together UMH No. 95
<b><u>SCRIPTURE READING</u></b> (Pg. 3)	Luke 1:26-38	Sheila D’Antonio
<b><u>ANTHEM</u></b>	“Song of Mary”	Chancel Choir/Violin- Diane Persons Words and music by Faye Lopez and Patricia Mock
<b><u>MESSAGE</u></b>	Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life’s Biggest Questions “The Courage of Mary”	Pastor DJ
<b><u>PRAISE</u></b>	“Everyday”	PraiseWorks
<b>*<u>MISSION</u></b>		Pastor DJ
<b>*<u>CHORAL BENEDICTION</u></b>	“In the Shadow of the Cross”	Chancel Choir Words by Barbara Furman, music by David Angerman
<b><u>POSTLUDE</u></b>		Betsy Smith
Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.		

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

## SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### Youth Ministry News:

Sunday Youth ministry has begun: At 11:00 the youth will meet to discuss the day's sermon and have a time of bible study. **On Sunday evenings we will have a youth group meeting at 5:00 pm.** The event/meeting is a time for fellowship and fun. Come out to one or all of the events on Sundays. Bring a friend, or two! **Contact Mark Rome, youth director at: [youthdirector@westgroveumc.org](mailto:youthdirector@westgroveumc.org)**

**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 Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

Questions on the scripture:

1. Where do you see God in this passage?
2. Where do you see yourself in this passage?

### HOOKS, NEEDLES AND KNOTS, OH MY!

Join our new UWF knitting/Crocheting Group. The group meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 9:30 in room #4. Next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun. Contact Shirley Daddario for more information. [shirleydad@verizon.net](mailto:shirleydad@verizon.net)

### NEW GATHERING - DIVORCE GROUP MEETING

WGUMC is starting a new group for those divorced or separated. "Divorce Care" will meet in the church library the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. **Please contact MaryAlice Miller at [maryalicekmiller@gmail.com](mailto:maryalicekmiller@gmail.com),** for further information.

# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

(SEE PAGE 6 FOR TIME AND LOCATION)

March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Daylight Savings Time	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Jim's Bible Study
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga Class	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor DJ's Bible Study
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	RAP	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Jim's Bible Study
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga Class	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor DJ's Bible Study
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hook, Needles & Knots, Oh My	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	United Women of Faith Craft Group
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pastor Jim's Bible Study	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga Class
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor DJ's Bible Study	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	United Methodist Men's Breakfast
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Cantata	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Jim's Bible Study
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Yoga Class		

## **March's Food Pantry Item of the Month:**

For the month of March, we are asking for donations of dish detergent. Thank you for putting your donations in the labeled bin in the lobby, on the table in the food pantry room or in the grocery cart outside the front door. Your generosity never goes unnoticed!



## **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).

**WANTED - FINANCE SECRETARY** WGUMC is still looking for an individual interested in becoming our Finance Secretary. Interested? Get the details from either: Dan Elliott: [danelliott766@gmail.com](mailto:danelliott766@gmail.com) or Pastor DJ: [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org)



**We are looking to create a new logo for WGUM Church. We invite those with a background or expertise in graphic design to join us in this project.**

**If you are interested, please contact Pastor DJ at:**  
[pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org)

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Order your Easter lilies, daffodils or tulips to adorn the Sanctuary until after our 9:30 Easter Service. Order forms are now available at the Welcome Center.



## **HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

The staff at WGUMC would like to **THANK ALL OF YOU** for your generous gift during the holidays. Pastor DJ, Pastor Jim, Betsy Smith, April Spencer, Bill Pardoe, Abbie Gruscavage and Maira Tena are truly appreciative of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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

Project Cure volunteers; please keep any eye out for an email from Paulette. It will be a link you **MUST** use to sign in as a volunteer prior to March 21<sup>st</sup>. See Paulette for questions! Or contact Paulette at [gigibryan16@gmail.com](mailto:gigibryan16@gmail.com) with questions. (See the link below).

<https://projectcure.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PHIWestGroveMethodist#>

## **UWF CRAFT GROUP**

Our newly created “Craft Group” will meet for the first time on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We would love to have you join us. If you haven’t already signed up, the sign up sheet is located on the magnetic boards next to the front entry doors.

## **WINTER MUSIC JAM**

Christian music at it’s best! Come enjoy today’s popular Christian musicians.

Event is on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Penn State’s Bryce Jordan Center.

Doors open at 5:00 pm and the event begins at 6:00 pm.

A \$15.00 donation gets you in the door. No tickets involved.

## **Help Us Create Our New Church Logo!**

We are looking for a new face for our church—a new logo! To help us capture our identity, please write down keywords that describe the image and character our church strives for.

Please post your keywords on the board with a “Post-It” note, in the lobby, on the board provided or share them with Pastor DJ via email. ([pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org))

Your input will be a great help in designing our new logo!

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

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

### **SUNDAY: DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

March 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15 - 9:15 am. Confirmation Class (Youth Room)  
8:30 - 9:15 am. Sunday School  
9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service

**MONDAY:** 9:00 am.- 12 pm. CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:30 pm. CMO Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
6:30 - 8:00 pm. Pastor Jim's Bible Study

**TUESDAY:** 9:00 am.- 12 pm. CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
March 10<sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:30 pm. CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day  
1:30 - 2:15 pm. Yoga Class (Sanctuary)  
6:00 - 7:30 pm. Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Room 8 & 10)

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00 am.- 12 pm. CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
March 11<sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:30 pm. CMO Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
9:30 - 10:30 pm. Mission Team Meeting/Zoom  
5:00 - 6:00 pm. Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)  
6:30 - 8:00 pm. Finance Meeting (Conference Room)

**THURSDAY:** 9:00 am.- 12 pm. CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
March 12<sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:30 pm. CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day  
1:00 - 2:00 pm. Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)  
4:30 - 6:00 pm. Memory Bells Rehearsal  
6:00 - 8:00 pm. Pastor DJ's Ephesians Bible Study (Library)  
6:30 - 8:00 pm. Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY:** 9:00 am.- 12 pm. CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Noon - 3:00 pm. RAP (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Lobby)

**SATURDAY:** 10:00 - 11:30 am. Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)  
March 14<sup>th</sup>

## March 15<sup>th</sup>

**SUNDAY:**  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 9:15 am. Sunday School  
9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service

# 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 March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

General Offering March 1<sup>st</sup>: \$7,855.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$230.00

Attendance: 3/1 - 9:30: 79

**124 Food Pantry families:** on 3/5 & 3/6  
food donations are appreciated.

**NEXT RAP EVENT:** March 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**NEXT UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING:** March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

**NEXT DIVORCE CARE MEETING:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm.

**NEXT UWF KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP MEETING:** March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

**FIRST UWF CRAFT GROUP MEETING:** March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm.

# **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. Jim Mundell/Rev. Shirley Daddario  
Music Director: Betsy Smith

**Today: 3/8/26**

**Next Sunday: 3/15/26**

**Counters:** Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

Len & Ruth Kuch

**Lay Reader:** Sheila D'Antonio

Judy Gambill

**Ushers/Greeters:** Tom & Charlotte Adams

Cindy & Jeff Weyant  
& Priscilla Barkman

**April Communion Servers:** 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](mailto: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.

