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ROUTINE 3. 3. 3 FOR THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**

Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37

Dear West Grove Church,

Across both the Old and New Testaments, these verses give us the great commandment God has entrusted to us. We understand the heart as our emotions, the soul as our spirit, and the mind as our reason. When we fail to balance these three, it becomes difficult to live a healthy Christian life — a life shaped by the principle of creation and by the salvation we have through Jesus.

What are you doing for each of these three dimensions? Scripture speaks again and again about how we can live a balanced life. I want to share with you the routines we need: building physical strength for the body, cultivating virtue for the soul, and growing in knowledge for the mind —our reason.

Starting September 13th, I will be leading a three-week sermon series called “Routine 3.3.3 for the New Life in Christ”; The idea is simple: 30 minutes of exercise for the body, 30 minutes of prayer and Scripture meditation for the soul, and 30 minutes of learning for the mind. Through this 3.3.3 routine, we will learn together how to have a healthy body, a deep spirituality, and a sharp mind.

Let’s build this new routine together. As we offer this 3.3.3 fully for the sake of our relationship with God, it will become a holy altar we offer every day.

Routine 3.3.3 for the New Life in Christ

Sep 13th: Intellectual Routine (Study of Word) Psalm 1:2-3

Sep 20th: Physical Routine (Act of Kindness) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Sep 27th: Spiritual Routine (Worship of God) Romans 12:1

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August Bible Verse – Giving

As printed in our Monthly Newsletter, the giving Bible verse for the month of August is found in Matthew, Chapter 25 verse 14 – 30. This is the familiar parable of the landowner, who upon going away, gives a considerable sum of money to each of three servants in his employ to hold in trust while he is away. Upon his return he asks each these servants in turn for an accounting of how they used the money.

Two of the three had invested wisely and, in fact, doubled their money. The third servant, in fear of what his master would do if he were to lose the money, simply buried it in the ground to be sure it would all be there when the master returned.

The lesson in the story is in the landowner's reaction. He is highly complimentary of the first two servants who had taken a risk in faith, put the money to good use and earned a nice return. He rewards them with promotions to positions of higher authority and greater responsibility.

To the servant who did nothing with the money, rather than thank him for keeping the money safe and making sure it was all there when he got back, he has some rather harsh words. Not only is he angry with him for doing nothing with the money, but he calls him lazy, useless, even despicable and then fires him on the spot.

One is left to wonder. What if the servant, instead of burying the money, had made an honest effort to use it in what he thought was a wise investment but lost it all and ended up with nothing to show for it. For sure he wouldn't have been promoted, but I don't think he would have been called lazy and then fired.

The implication is clear. God cares about how we use the resources He has put at our disposal - our time, our talent, our money. They are not ours to keep, to hide, to hoard or to otherwise squander. They are ours to use, to further develop, and to invest in the building up of His kingdom here on earth.

It's a matter of stewardship not ownership. Sitting idly by and doing nothing is not an option. Above all, He cares that we at least try, for as verse 23 would indicate, therein we can find real joy.

Looking ahead, the giving Bible verse for September will be taken from the book of Acts Chapter 4 verses 32 to 35 which provides an extraordinary example of giving that holds meaning for us today,

September Bible Verse - Giving

Our “Giving” Bible verse for the month of September is found in Acts

Chapter 4 verses 32 – 35.

“The host of believers were one in heart and soul; no one claimed his belongings just for himself, but everything was theirs in common.

And with great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection,

And grace rested liberally on all of them. Not one among them suffered need;

For those who owned fields or houses sold them And brought the proceeds of the sale-and deposited the money at the feet of the apostles.

Then it was distributed to each according to his need.

These verses speak of the time not too soon after Pentecost. The apostles are still actively in charge. The Holy Spirit is at work and the body of believers is beginning to grow and bond together as a community in common cause.

Among the believers are those in need of some financial assistance. It is not clear whether their need, either all or in part, is due to their decision to follow Christ. Also, among the believers are those who are willing to share their wealth to the point of selling their houses and fields to not only support the work of the apostles but to be given to those in the group who are in need.

The fact that people were willing to sell their homes as well as their land in support of the cause is indeed an extraordinary example of selfless giving. To me, however what is really remarkable is that it happened at all and that it worked. As verse 34 states “Not one among them suffered need”.

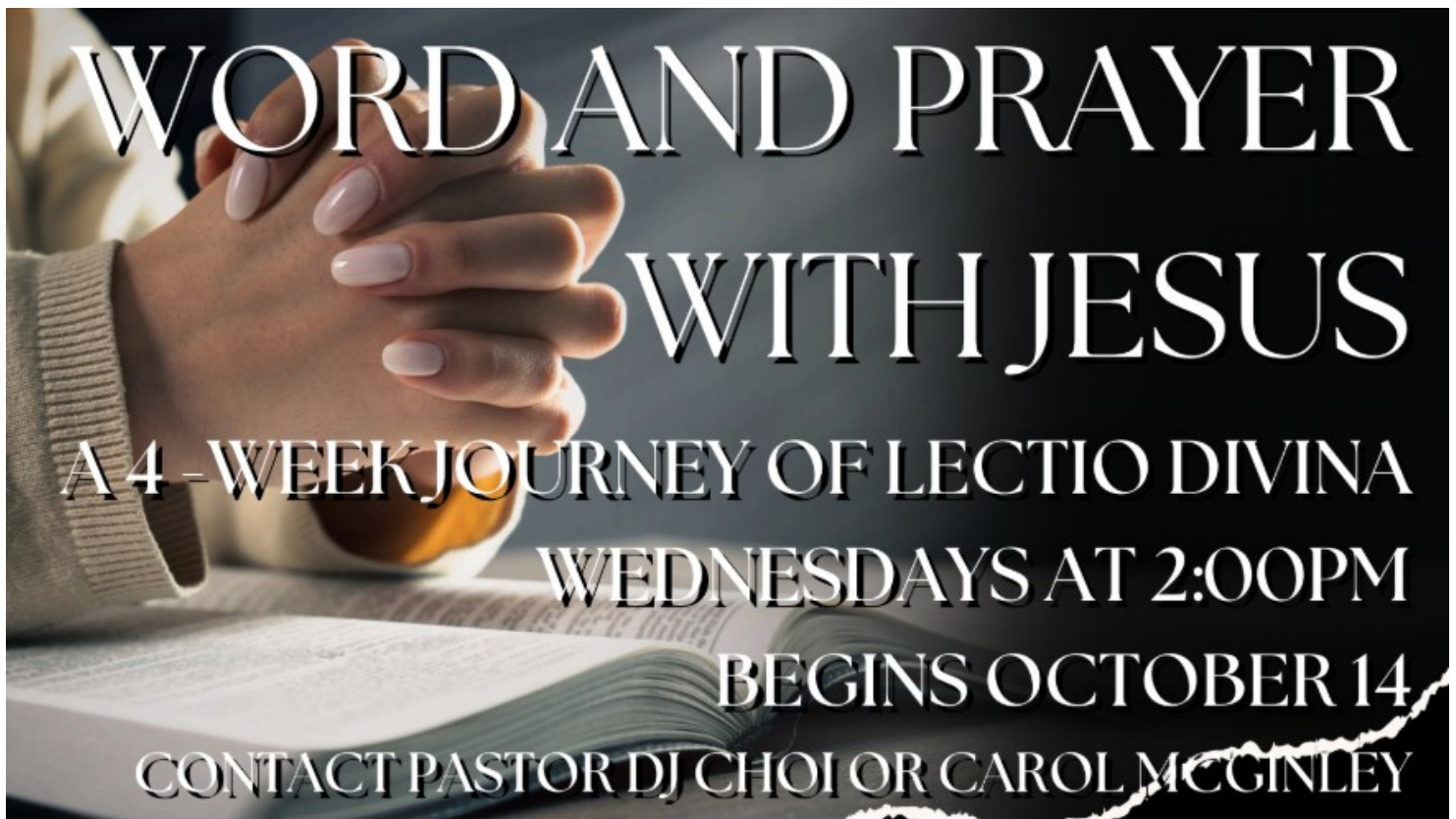
Take a step back in time and put yourself in their shoes. On your way to work one morning you over hear a rather animated conversation about this man Jesus, that gets your attention. Or a colleague at work corners you in the break room. Or during your lunch break you happen to hear one of the apostles preach in the town square. The Holy Spirit takes over and suddenly you are convinced to join up and become one of them.

The story doesn’t end there because you now have to go home and face the consequences of your decision. Imagine the reaction. The wife says “You did what? You’re going to sell what?” I’ll leave it to you to fill in the blanks as to what the mother-in-law, ever lurking in the background and never at a loss for words, might have said. And that would have been just the beginning.

We owe these first believers, who for the most part, were common folk with hopes, aspirations, cares and responsibilities perhaps not too different from ours, a huge debt of gratitude. One is left to wonder whether the Christian church as we know it today would ever have gotten off the ground without their courage, commitment, sacrifice and willingness to come together to ensure the spread of the Gospel.

Fast forward to today. The Church, indeed this church, has real needs that can only be met through the generosity of its members. We have bills to pay, committee positions to fill, young people to teach, missions to support, sick to visit, grieving to comfort, a world outside to witness too, just to name a few. May the example of these early believers inspire us in our giving, as together, we strive to meet these challenges and more going forward.

Looking ahead, the Bible verse for the month of October will be taken again from the Book of Acts, chapter 2 verses 44 – 45 which goes on to explain how the presence of God strengthened the unity of these early believers.



WORD AND PRAYER WITH JESUS

A 4-WEEK JOURNEY OF LECTIO DIVINA

WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00PM

BEGINS OCTOBER 14

CONTACT PASTOR DJ CHOI OR CAROL MCGINLEY

Connecting with Jesus through Lectio Divina

Join us as we intentionally set aside time and space for a new 4 week gathering called "WORD & PRAYER." Everyone is invited and warmly welcomed.

This gathering is neither grand nor formal. It is simply a humble space where we can quietly reflect on our lives before the Word and hold hands to pray for one another.

Within this shared time, we hope to experience these graces together:

- * To Connect people's hearts to the heart of Jesus so that they may grow in their intimacy with him.
- * To experience the love, peace and joy of Jesus.
- * To see beyond what we see with our physical eyes so that we see with our hearts.

During this four week journey, we will get together, quite down, get seated comfortably, breath in slowly then breath out and release anything blocking your presence with Jesus.

Then we will read the scripture passage and you will be asked what emotions you are feeling about that scripture.

We will read it a second time and you will be asked what word or words stand out to you and what you hear Jesus saying to you.

We will read the scripture a third time and ask you what Jesus is calling you to do or to be.

We do not gather because we have time to spare; rather, we gather by intentionally prioritizing precious time for intimacy with God and love for our fellow believers.

We invite you to join us in this step of faith. With a joyful heart, we are waiting for you in this place where your weary soul will be warmly embraced.

BRING NELSON

Nelson Contreras-Gelves is a legal asylum seeker from Venezuela. He and his wife, Ariel, a U.S. citizen, were beginning their new life together in Kennett Square, PA.

In June 2026, Nelson was detained by ICE - just one week after their wedding celebration.

Nelson is currently being held in **Moshannon**, and has remained **detained for over 50 days**, despite complying with all instructions from immigration officials since he arrived in the U.S in 2022.

Several attempts by his lawyers to secure his freedom have been **denied for no viable reason.**



Ariel and Nelson

Please join us to write letters and postcards of support for Nelson to elected officials!

Where: Kennett Library

(Pine Room - 2nd floor)
320 East State Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348

When: Saturday, August 29th

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

All materials provided. Drop in / Drop out.



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-nelson-and-ariel-through-ice-detention-crisis>

This is an opportunity to take action in response to Pastor DJ's call to care for the immigrants in our community. Our church has direct interactions with Nelson and his wife, Ariel, as they both have been working with Mighty Writers for many years. From the flyer, you can read what happened to Nelson when he was illegally detained at a routine asylum check-in back in June.

It would be wonderful to have a good contingency from WGUMC show up for the letter and postcard writing event that will take place at the Kennett Square Library tomorrow, Sat. Sept. 29th from 12:30-3:30. If you would like to carpool, let Joan Leaman (484-643-2181) know of your interest and we can meet at the church at noon.

Also, keep an eye out for a story on Nelson and Mighty Writers tonight on CBS 3.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

EVERY
THURSDAY

6:30 PM

**JOURNEY BEGINS
ON SEPTEMBER 10**

CONTACT PASTOR DONGJIN CHOI
EMAIL: PASTOR@WESTGROVEUMC.ORG

"I invite you all to Thursday Bible Study." This fall, we will be studying Genesis. Our journey begins on September 10th.

Pastor DJ Choi

**PRAYER
FOR
STUDENTS**



College Student Prayer Support

The West Grove United Women of Faith would like to keep your children and grandchildren in our thoughts and prayers throughout the upcoming school year. If you have a child or grandchild who will be attending college, please send their name and college mailing address to Cindy Weyant at: cweyant1@gmail.com. We want to keep UWF's tradition by sending them cards and letting them know that they are covered in prayer as they are on their college journey. We look forward to supporting and encouraging our college students throughout the year!

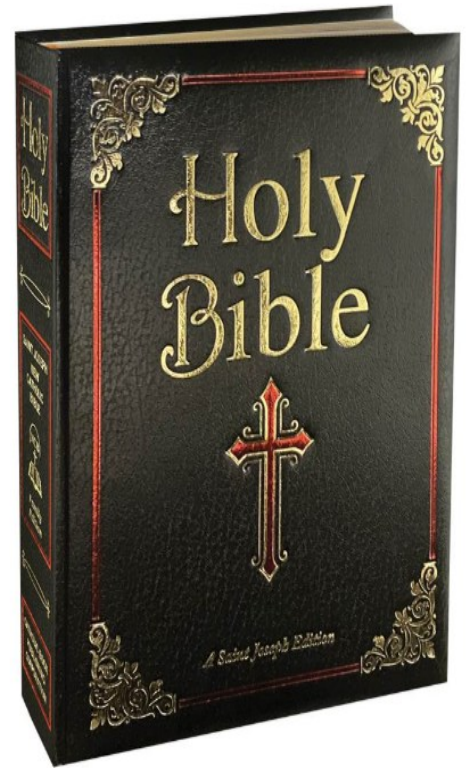
The story is told of a young man who was preparing for a long trip. He told his friend, “I am just about packed, I only have to put in.....

- A guide book
- A mirror
- A lamp
- A telescope
- A volume of fine poetry
- A package of old letters
- A few biographies
- A book of songs
- A sword
- A hammer

And a set of books I’ve been studying.

“But you can’t get all of that into your bag”, said his friend.

“Oh yes I can, it doesn’t take much room.” With that he placed his Bible in the suitcase and closed the lid!!!!



Children’s Morning Out —(CMO) - News



As summer winds down and the sunny days of break come to a close, our church and school community is filled with exciting anticipation for the season ahead. Our dedicated teachers and staff have spent the past several weeks eagerly preparing for the return of our students—refreshing lesson plans, organizing materials, and getting ready to welcome both new and returning families. There is a renewed energy in the air as we look forward to filling our halls once again with laughter, curiosity, and the joy of learning.

Inside the building, our classrooms have been thoughtfully arranged and beautifully decorated to create safe, inspiring spaces where children can grow spiritually, academically, and socially. Every detail has been set in place to ensure our students feel welcomed and supported from the moment they step through the door. We are expecting a wonderful school year filled with rich learning, meaningful friendships, and God’s grace, and we cannot wait to officially kick off the new school year on Tuesday, September 8!

Abbie

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

An 8-week Bible study will begin on **Tuesday, September 8th at 2:15 pm.**

The group will meet in the church library and will follow a discussion centered format around the study booklet, **"Following Jesus,"** by Douglas Connelly.

The meetings will be led by Carol McGinley and Debbie & Jake Schneider.

If you're interested in attending, please sign the sheet on the wall in the lobby or contact Jake & Debbie at tbones7@comcast.net or Carol at cmcginley@zoominternet.net.

All are welcome! Please come join us!



HOOKS NEEDLES AND KNOTS, OH MY



You are Invited! Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, and laughing? Then the knitting/crocheting group welcomes you!

Join us for a warm and friendly time of fellowship as we stitch, chat, and occasionally untangle yarn that has somehow made a knot. From experienced knitters to beginners bring your needles, hooks, questions, and a sense of humor. Our yarn has been donated!

Our group (or Circle) is part of the international United Women in Faith. Our mission is to reach out to the women, youth, and children with hats, gloves, scarfs, and much more. We create handmade items for comfort, care, and community outreach.

When: Every 1st and 3rd Friday. September meeting dates:

September 4th and September 18th!

Where: Conference Room

Questions? Contact: Shirley Daddario at: shirleydad@verizon.net

So, grab your yarn, bring a friend, and join us as we stitch together, have laughter, fellowship, and a few imperfect knots!

Shirley Daddario Pres. United Women in Faith

Cindy Hoover, Vice Pres.

Sharon Nesbit, Treasurer

Paulette Bryan, Secretary

HIKING & ICE CREAM

Friends, Fellowship and Treats



Third Monday of the Month
June thru September
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Goddard Park
568 Wickerton Rd.
West Grove, PA 19390

Questions contact Andrew Herman
at hermanandrew@yahoo.com

Come out for a
walk in Goddard
Park then go to
The Station in
West Grove for a
treat.

FINAL SUMMER HIKE DATE - SEPTEMBER 21st - Sign up in the narthex!

Hello Craft and Chat Circle!!

CALLING ALL LADIES!



If you enjoy spending an afternoon with friends, chatting, crafting, laughing, and just having a great time, you won't want to miss our September 20th gathering. We will meet in the narthex at 1:30.

The project for our September gathering will be a fall rope wreath. For a cost of \$7 you will receive all the supplies you will need to create a beautiful fall wreath! Join us for a great afternoon of fun.

See you there! Please let Sandy Pardoe know if you will be joining us, so she will have enough supplies. sandytrul@yahoo.com or text to 414-520-5217



Proof of the fun our group had at our last meeting!!!



West Grove UMC Food Pantry

Weekly Hours:

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Thursdays: 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

This past month we were blessed with produce from our own church garden, as well as vegetables from local gardeners. These vegetables, added to the produce we received from the Chester County Food Bank, were very much appreciated by our neighbors that come to our food pantry each week.

We have been coming up short with volunteers for Wednesday mornings when the truck arrives with four or five pallets of food to be unloaded, and processed. We could also use additional volunteers on Thursdays for our distribution from 1:00-2:00. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please have them contact Joan Leaman (484-643-2181).

Volunteers can be scheduled as often as it fits their schedules.

The food pantry collection for the month of September is canned corn.

Thanks for placing your donations in the black bin in the church lobby or in the table in the food pantry room.



Fall Rummage



UWF FALL 2026 RUMMAGE SALE

By the end of this month, the Rummage Sale will begin to fill the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, Sept. 27th, through Thursday, Oct. 1st for the sale, which takes place Friday, Oct. 2nd, from 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm. and Saturday, Oct. 3rd, from 9:00 am. to 12:00 noon. Some strong volunteers to remove most of the chairs from the Sanctuary and set up or bring tables from the closet get it all started.

We hope everyone will take part in this biannual event. The ways to help are numerous. First, there could be no sale without donations. If you have gently used home goods, clothing, patio/gardening items, or small pieces of furniture you no longer need, consider donating them to the Sale. Bring them to the church beginning Sunday after Worship (September 27th) and during office hours Monday through Thursday (9:00 am. - 3:30 pm.).

The second way to help is by greeting the folks bringing donations and helping to put them on tables in the Sanctuary and in the Narthex. We usually begin around 10 am. and stay until 3 or 4 in the afternoon. Any time helping is appreciated. Even an hour helps. You might get caught up in the fellowship and stay longer! A good thing for everyone!

Third is contributing to the Bake Table, our newest addition to the sale. Coffee and bake sale items are offered for sale on Friday and Saturday. Bring those items in by Thursday so we have time to price them for Friday.

We usually have a rush of shoppers Friday morning, so if you could come during that time to assist the folks at the check-out tables or answer questions for the shoppers, it would be greatly appreciated.

And when the sale ends Saturday, October 3rd, we need help collecting leftovers and boxing/bagging them to be removed. We donate the leftover items to various places, and it helps to have some stronger people, possibly with trucks, to make quick work of emptying the sanctuary, putting tables back, and setting up the chairs for Worship on Sunday.

This fundraiser allows the UWF (United Women of Faith) to contribute to many missions near and far. So the final way you can contribute is to come and shop! Encourage your friends and neighbors to shop. There are treasures for everyone.

Come one, come all to the Rummage Sale this fall.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP?



Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals for the new fall season
begin Thursday evening,
September 3rd, 6:45 pm.
in the Choir Room

Come make a joyful noise with us!



Reach out to Betsy Smith with any questions - (musicmomva@aol.com)

SIGN UP TO WATER OUR BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

Check out the sign up sheet in the narthex and sign up to help keep WGUMC beautiful! There are still plenty of dates in September available.

Sign up today!!!!



DIVORCE CARE

OUR DIVORCE CARE GROUP WILL NOT MEET IN AUGUST BUT WE WILL BEGIN OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AGAIN
ON SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 6:30 PM. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO
MARY ALICE MILLER AT MARYALICEKMILLER@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

Upcoming Dates to Remember For September

September 1 st	Yoga Class	September 2 nd	Divorce Care
September 3 rd	Choir Rehearsal Begins	September 4 th	Hooks, Needles & Knots,, Stephen Ministry
September 8 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study	September 10 th	Thursday Night Bible Study
September 11 th	Stephen Ministry/RAP	September 13 th	United Women of Faith /Tea
September 14 th	Just Sing	September 15 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study
September 17 th	Thursday Night Bible Study	September 18 th	Hooks, Needles & Knots, Stephen Ministry
September 20 th	Crafts & Chat Circle	September 21 st	Hike in Goddard Park/Ice Cream
September 22 nd	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study	September 24 th	Thursday Night Bible Study
September 25 th	Stephen Ministry	September 26 th	United Methodist Men Breakfast
September 28 th	Just Sing	September 29 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study



RAP September Program

(Retired Active People)

Are you retired? Do you like to have fun, learn new things, and spend time with others? Then join us on the second Friday of every month, September through May, at 12:00 noon for all this and more! Our committee has some exciting programs planned for the year, and our first program will be Friday, September 11th. We are pleased to welcome back Lancaster County storyteller Diane Albertson!

Do you think you know the story of Queen Esther? Join us as Diane shares her entertaining tale told from the perspective of the woman who came in second to Queen Esther in the Miss Persia Beauty Contest! Bring your brown-bag lunch and join us at noon for an entertaining afternoon. Coffee, iced tea, and water will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sandy Pardoe at sandytrul@yahoo.com so we have adequate seating. We hope to see you on the 11th!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any RAP Committee member: Sandy Pardoe (chairperson) • Joyce Lewis • Caryl Stuhrke • Paulette Bryan • Cindy Weyant



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WOMEN'S TEA

United Women in Faith Welcomes Ellen Endslow from Chester County History Center

Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 3:00pm.

Where: West Grove United Methodist Church

Who: All Women

RSVP: Sign-up in the narthex

Put the kettle on and mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th at 1:30 pm. United Women in Faith is delighted to welcome a special speaker from the Chester County History Center for a program on the history of tea—just in time to help us celebrate our country's 250th birthday.



Tea has brewed up quite a role in our country's history, from polite parlor tables to one soggy evening in Boston Harbor. Long before "spill the tea" meant sharing news, colonists were already making tea the center of a national conversation—one that steeped into the American Revolution and helped shape the country we know today.

Join us as we sip, smile, and learn how a humble cup became part of our larger American story. Whether you prefer yours strong, sweet, or with a splash of history, this promises to be an enjoyable and enlightening gathering. Guests are welcome—no taxation, no representation required! However, check out the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

“A House for His Glory: Encounter, Embrace, Empower”

West Grove UMC is initiating a capital improvement project that will create an environment that reflects the excellence, hospitality, and care that we seek to offer in Christ's name.

Our church building is more than a facility—it is a sacred gathering place where people encounter God, grow in faith, build community, and find hope. As we look toward the future, we have an opportunity to strengthen that ministry through three important improvements: upgrading the sanctuary, refreshing the foyer, and enhancing our church signage.

SANCTUARY UPGRADE: ENHANCING WORSHIP AND REVERENCE The sanctuary is the heart of our congregational life. It is where we gather to worship, pray, celebrate baptisms and weddings, mourn losses, and hear God's Word proclaimed. By improving the sanctuary, we are investing in a space that supports meaningful worship for generations to come.

A refreshed sanctuary can provide greater comfort, accessibility, visual beauty, and functionality. These improvements help remove distractions and allow worshippers to focus more fully on God's presence. Our goal is to create a welcoming, reverent, and inspiring environment that encourages spiritual growth and deepens our collective worship experience.

FOYER REFRESH: EXTENDING CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY The foyer serves as the front porch of our church. It is often the first impression visitors receive and the place where relationships begin and community is strengthened.

Refreshing and repainting the foyer will create a brighter, warmer, and more inviting atmosphere. Whether someone is entering for the first time, returning after many years, or attending every week, we want them to experience a sense of welcome and belonging from the moment they walk through the doors.

Hospitality is a vital ministry. A welcoming environment communicates that every person is valued, seen, and invited to become part of our church family.

IMPROVED SIGNAGE: CREATING CLARITY AND WELCOME For many visitors, the journey into our church begins long before they enter the building. Clear and attractive signage helps people find us, navigate our campus, and feel confident about where they belong.

New signage will improve visibility, accessibility, and wayfinding for members, guests, families with children, seniors, and those attending special events. Effective signage removes barriers, reduces confusion, and communicates that we have intentionally prepared a place for everyone who arrives.

A simple sign can become an invitation, helping newcomers feel comfortable enough to take the next step toward connection and faith.

THE MINISTRY IMPACT Together, these improvements support our mission in practical and spiritual ways:

- * Accessibility – Making it easier for all people to participate fully in worship and church life.
- * Beauty – Reflecting the glory of God through spaces that are well cared for and welcoming.
- * Reverence – Creating an atmosphere that encourages prayer, worship, and spiritual reflection.
- * Hospitality – Demonstrating Christ's love by making every person feel welcomed and valued.
- * Clarity – Helping visitors and members navigate our campus with confidence and ease.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE We are asking you to join us in this important effort. Your prayers, your involvement, and your financial gifts will make these improvements possible. Every contribution—large or small—helps create spaces where people can worship, connect, grow, and encounter God's love.

Now is the time to invest in the future of God's work here at West Grove UMC—through your prayers, your presence, and your generosity. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a place where all can encounter Christ, embrace His Lordship, and be empowered for ministry to the community around us.

As you prepare your offering, you may label the envelope “Investing in the Future.” Your gift becomes part of our Capital Improvements fund and helps sustain the future of God's work here at West Grove UMC.

May all be done to God's Glory,

Dan Elliott

Our friend Jeanette Stryjewski is moving!

As most of you probably know, Jeanette's family, Vikki her daughter and Glen her son, live in Florida. Jeanette lives here in Luther House. So the good news is that she is moving to Florida to be closer to them. That being said, things will be moving quickly this month. Many of you know her through her work here at the church and at Rap. I'm sure you have many fond memories of her and you know she loves to tell stories and chat with people and has that wonderful sense of humor. She is also the queen of Egyptian artifacts! This is your opportunity to take time out of your day and wish her safe travels and a happy life in Florida, stop in for a visit, phone her and/or send her a note. Please do so by the end of September!

Jeanette Stryjewski address and telephone number is below.

126 Jenners Pond Rd

Bldg 4 # 4115

West Grove, Pa, 19390

610-869-5676

Questions? See Paulette Bryan

Yoga Classes - We Would Love to See YOU!



Every Tuesday afternoon, our church welcomes all to participate in Chair Yoga,

a gentle form of exercise designed for all ages and abilities. Led by Julissa, a certified yoga instructor from the YMCA, these sessions offer a wonderful opportunity to relax, stretch, and connect with each other.



Chair Yoga is perfect for anyone seeking to improve flexibility, reduce stress, or simply enjoy a peaceful break during the week. Our final summer session is August 4th after which Julissa will be taking a short summer break. Sessions will begin again on **September 1st, from 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM.**

No prior experience or registration, just show up. Bring a friend along and experience the benefits of gentle movement and fellowship every Tuesday!



JOIN the JOYFULLY NOISY SINGERS

All women and men who are self-proclaimed "off-key singers" and **ONLY** "off-key singers," are invited to gather to just sing for the pure joy of it!

No pressure, no auditions, and absolutely no judgment. Just come and sing together because we don't believe there is such a thing as "off-key singers".

AND because singing together feels good, even if we miss those notes.

There will be back up music and lyrics to sing with. Come use your voice.

Mondays — at 10:30 am , next meeting is September 14th! Join us for coffee and just sing for the joy of it. Other dates will follow. **SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOBBY or no worries just come.**



September

BIRTHDAYS

Hannah McCumming	9/1
Phillip Howard	9/5
Fred Daddario	9/7
Tim Anderman	9/8
Fran Miller	9/9
Victoria Owens	9/10
Keith Schneider	9/11
Ruth Kuch	9/14
Kim Smith	9/18
Matt Simonds	9/19



DongJin (DJ) Choi	9/19
Bob Phillips	9/19
Shirley Daddario	9/21
Steve D'Antonio	9/21
Gary Spencer	9/24
John Carmichael	9/24
Heather Ditzel	9/26
Joyce Smith	9/28
Steve May	9/28

The United Methodist Men hold a monthly breakfast at the church. There is time for scripture, sharing, some speakers and lots of fellowship.

We meet on the

Fourth Saturday of each Month, 8:00 -9:30 am.

Next meeting is September 26th

There is no breakfast in the month of December.

More information will be shared as plans are made.

All men and boys are invited to attend. Contact Michael Duvall with your questions. (mwduvall@aol.com)



Have a question about the UMC, it's worship (what is Pentecost?), beliefs (what is repentance?), the sacraments (what do I need to know about baptism?), or the UMC in general (are all Methodist churches part of UMC)? <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/ask-the-umc-faqs>



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Encouraging our community to be followers of Christ.*



DO YOU RECEIVE WGUMC'S WEEKLY CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS?

We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition which features upcoming events or events that have popped up unexpectedly. Also a Saturday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including our newsletter, and a link to the current week's bulletin.

If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash.

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**Sunday Worship Service
9:27 am.**

Vision Team

Dick Stuhrke - Vision Team Chair (Ad. Council)
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Mark Simonds - Trustees Chair
John Gambill - Trustees Co-Chairperson
Cindy Hoover - SPRC Chair
Christine Bruno - SPRC Co-Chairperson
Paulette Bryan — Vision Team Recording Secretary
Peter Mullen - Member at large
Joan Leaman, Lay Leader (Ex-officio member)
DJ Choi - Lead Pastor (Ex-officio member)
(Ex-officio members do not vote.)

Other Committees

Dick and Caryl Stuhrke - Hospitality Committee Chair
Open -Delegate to Annual Conference
Pastor DJ Choi - Chair of Lay Leadership Committee
Shirley Daddario - U.W.F. President
Cindy Hoover - Vice President.
Sharon Nesbit -UWF Treasurer
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Susan Paisley - Prayer Ministry Coordinator
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