

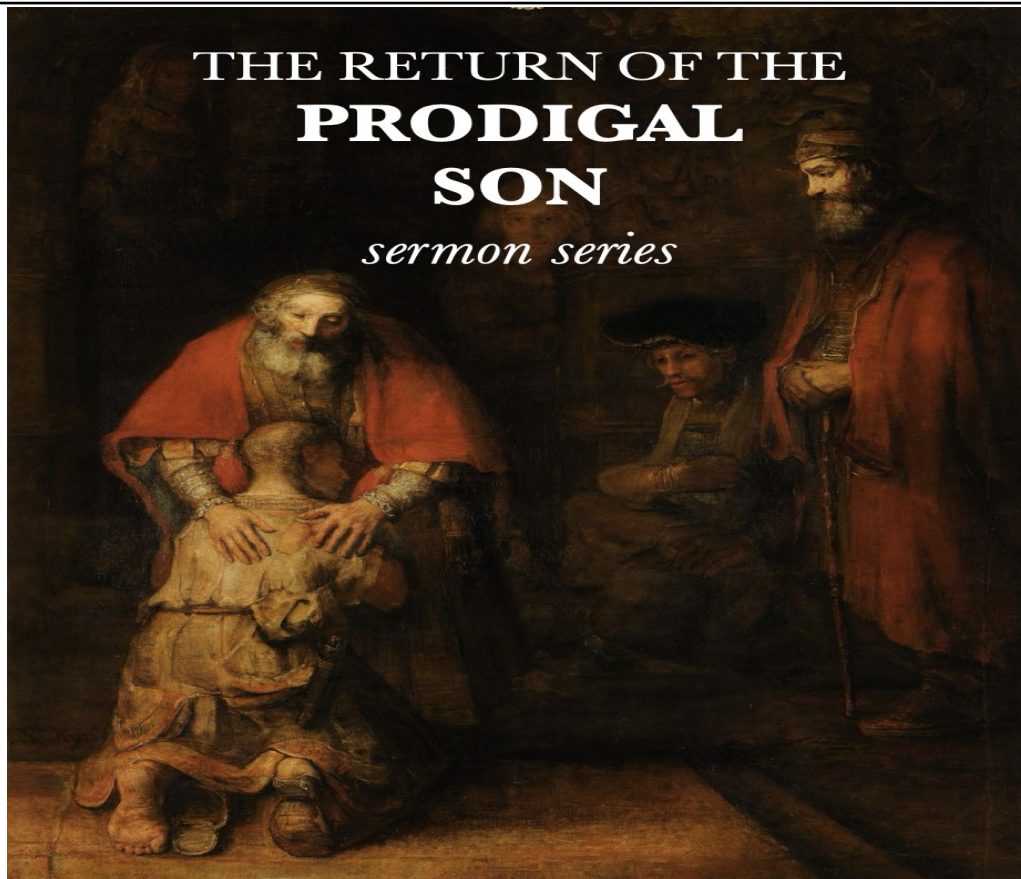


West Grove United Methodist Church

Our Vision :

ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE

Our community to be followers of Christ.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

sermon series

**The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming
“The Father Welcomes Home”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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September 7, 2025

SUNDAY, September 7th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

“Adagio Cantabile” from Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13, No. 8 music by Ludwig Beethoven

Memory Bells

*PROCESSION

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH No. 384

WELCOME

Pastor DJ

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Memory Bells
Arranged by Terry Osman

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Pastor Jim
UMH No. 95

SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

Luke 15:20b, 28b

Judy Gambill

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Words by John Newton, 1725-1807. Tune: New Britain from Virginia Harmony, 1831. Arr. By Robert Sterling

Choir

MESSAGE

The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming
“The Father Welcomes Home”

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*SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Father’s Son”

Mel Leaman

HOLY COMMUNION (See insert)

Pastor DJ/Pastor Jim

*MISSION

Pastor DJ

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“A Parting Prayer”

Choir

Xtra Mile Giving featured on September 14th will be for Orphan Grain Train.

Since 1992, Orphan Grain Train’s 27 regional locations have delivered more than 60.3 million fortified-rice meals and 5,066 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 73 countries on 5 continents.

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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: Luke 15:20b, 28b

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him...His father came out and entreated him,

VICTORY SUNDAY YOUTH SPORTS MINISTRY

Meets today Sunday, September 7th 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting on September 21st at West Grove United Methodist Church
(Ages 7-14) / Outdoor field**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are excited to announce that Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 14th and ends on Sunday May 24th, Confirmation Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth (and *anyone* who feels they want to confirm their faith) to deepen their understanding of faith and take the next step in their spiritual journey.

Sign-ups will be available in the Narthex.

Please contact Xavier with concerns or questions at: childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 21st after the 9:30 Worship Service

Join your fellow parishioners for a Congregation Meeting where the WGUMC Vision Team will present a strategy for implementing WGUMC's

PASTOR JIM'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Begins tomorrow Mon., September 8th at 6:30 pm.

Join Pastor Jim as he leads us in a study of 1 Corinthians—a powerful and practical letter from the Apostle Paul to a young church in a growing, immoral city. Though written nearly 2,000 years ago, its message speaks directly about the challenges we, as individuals, and the church, face today.



* * WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE * *

Join us each week for the next 52 weeks in memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be featured. It will be listed in the bulletin and put out on Constant Contact. Below is this coming weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

How to Study and Learn This Verse: **1.** Write out the verse each day. This repetition will help you commit the passage to memory and reflect more deeply on its meaning.

2. Set aside time during the week to meditate on the passage or work on memorizing it. Allow the words to shape your thoughts and guide your spirit throughout your daily life.

3. Consider what this verse reveals about God and Jesus, as well as themes of salvation, grace, mercy, love and peace.

4. REFLECT ON WHAT THE PASSAGE REVEALS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOUR RELATIONSHIPS



TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday afternoon bible study will resume on Tuesday, September 16th at 1:00 pm. in the library. The topic for this session will be "Forgiveness".

Leading the study will be Carol McGinley, Jake and Debbie Schneider. Please contact the church office at office@westgroveumc.org with any questions. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

We Need You!!! We are still in need of people to water the beautiful flowers in front of WGUMC! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net). With questions. Thanks!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 7th - **Victory Sunday, Youth Program**
- September 8th - **Pastor Jim's Monday Night Bible Study**
- September 9th - **Fall Youth Group begins**
- September 11th - **Midweek Ministry**
- September 12th - **RAP's first fall meeting.**
- September 14th - **Xtra Mile Giving-Orphan Grain Train**
- September 16th - **Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**
- September 27th - **United Methodist Men's Breakfast**
- September 28th - **United Women of Faith**
- September 28th - **Rummage Sale item collection and set up begins**
- October 3rd - **Rummage Sale doors open to the public**
- October 4th - **Rummage Sale doors open to the public**

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

SATURDAY 4th 9:00 to Noon.

Collect those items cluttering your basements and attics and bring them in starting on September 28th after 10:30. Volunteers are ALWAYS wanted and appreciated. Please contact Fran Miller (jmille8698@verizon.net) or Shirley Daddario (shirleydad@verizon.net) for more info. AND of course come and shop our wonderful sale.

Ladies! Join Us for a Unique Wellness Experience!

Join us, Sunday, September 28th, at 12:45 (sharp) in the sanctuary, featuring a special guest, Julissa Sanchez who is a certified yoga instructor! Julissa brings years of experience and a passion for helping people achieve balance, flexibility, and mindfulness. She will be focusing on a 30-40 minute chair yoga session. Contact Shirley Daddario for more



September's Food Pantry Item of the Month **Flour and Corn Tortillas**



Any size package of tortillas is fine as they can be re-bagged, if necessary. They can be placed in the labeled bin in the church lobby. Place in the designated bin in the Narthex

Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals for the new fall season have begun.
Thursday evenings,
6:45 pm. in the Choir Room.
Contact Betsy Smith at musicmomva@aol.com



MEMORY BELLS

Miss Lavenia would **LOVE** to have you join her and the other ringers to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord. Practices are on Thursday's, 4:30 to 6:00 pm. in the Sanctuary.

Contact Miss Lavenia with questions at:
misslavenia@verizon.net or 610-869-9088



PASTOR DJ'S EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm. and will meet in the library.

This is part one - a 8 week study on the book of Ephesians.

Part two of the study is 9 weeks and will begin on January 15th, at 6:30 pm.

Contact Pastor DJ with questions at pastor@westgroveumc.org



P R A Y E R S O F T H E C O M M U N I T Y

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, Carolyn Bratton, 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 August 31st, 2025

General Offering August 31st: \$2,380.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$100.00

Attendance: 8/31 - 9:30: 64

Food Pantry: 115 families on 9/3 & 9/4

Food donations are appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The office may be open before and after the posted times.

Call April with questions or concerns. (office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)

Thru September 7th thru September 14th

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| <u>SUNDAY:</u> | 9:30 - 10:30 am. 9:30 - 10:30 am. | Worship Service Victory Sunday Sport Ministry (Youth) |
| <u>MONDAY:</u> | 9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm. | CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day) Pastor Jim's Bible Study (Sanctuary) |
| <u>TUESDAY:</u> | 9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. 6:00 - 7:00 pm. | CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Smart Cookies (CMO Extended Day) Girl Scout Troop #4565 (Room #10) Youth Group (Library) |
| <u>WEDNESDAY:</u> | 9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:00 pm. 2:00 - 3:30 am. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. | CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day) Mission Team Meeting (Conference Room) Food Pantry |
| <u>THURSDAY:</u> | 1:30 - 12:30 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 1:30 - 3:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:05 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm. | CMO (Rooms -12,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Food Pantry Counseling (Room #10) Memory Bells Rehearsal Mid-Week Ministry (Room 10) Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (Rooms 10) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| <u>FRIDAY:</u> | 9:00 am.- 12 pm. 12:00 - 3:00 pm. | CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) RAP (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Narthex) |
| <u>SATURDAY:</u> | 10:00 - 11:30 am. | Daily Reflections (Rm. 8) |

September 14th

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| <u>SUNDAY:</u> | 8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am. | Sunday School Worship Service |
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SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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| Sound Booth: | Bill Pardoe - Aiden Steltzer |
| Projection: | Bill Pardoe - Aiden Steltzer |
| Officiating: | Rev. DJ Choi /Rev. James Mundell |
| Music Director: | Betsy Smith |
| Memory Bells Director: | Lavenia Civitella |
| Youth Director: | Xavier Feliciano |

Today: 09/7/25

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| Counters: | Dick & Caryl Stuhrke |
| Lay Reader: | Judy Gambill |
| Ushers: | Joyce Lewis & Paulette Bryan |
| Greeter: | Esther Culbertson & Priscilla Barkman |
| Communion Servers | Peggy & John Watkins |

Next Sunday: 09/14/25

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| Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan |
| Dick Stuhrke |
| Fran Miller & Karen Hruz |
| Andrew Strode & April Spencer |

Prayer Team members are always available to hear your prayer request.

Contact any **Team Member**: Susan Paisley, Carol McGinley, Pam Howard & Sandi Hampton.

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.

