



WEST GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our Vision:
ENCOUNTER,
EMPOWER,
ENGAGE**

**Our Community to be
followers of Christ**

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SUNDAY, August 23rd 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

WELCOME

Pastor DongJin Choi

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DongJin Choi

HYMN SING

Together

*PEACE

Together

*PRAISE

“It Really is Amazing Grace”

PraiseWorks

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor DongJin Choi

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor DongJin Choi

OFFERTORY

“Our Father”

PraiseWorks

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Pastor DongJin Choi
UMH No. 95/ Together

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-18

Judy Gambill

MESSAGE

“ The Sermon on the Mount 2026”
“Truly I say to you.....”

Pastor DongJin Choi

*PRAISE

“Holiness (Take My Life)”

PraiseWorks

*MISSION

Pastor DongJin Choi

POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

COLLECTION FOR UMCOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th.

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: MATTHEW 6:1-18

² “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ¹⁶ “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

CRAFT AND CHAT CIRCLE: Craft & Chat gathering will be held on Sunday, **September 20th** at 1:30, in the Narthex. Look for more details on the featured craft or contact Sandy Pardoe at sandytrul@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION YOGA STUDENTS! Julissa will be taking a short summer break. Classes will return on **September 1st**. Tuesdays 1:30 to 2:15 in the sanctuary.

AUGUST'S FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH: - Donations of **COOKING OIL** are now being accepted for the food pantry. Please put your donations in the labeled bin in the lobby, on the table in the food pantry room or on the blue rack outside the front door.

DIVORCE CARE **September. 2nd.** 630 pm. Please contact MaryAlice Miller at maryalicekmiller@gmail.com, for further information.

HOOKS, NEEDLES AND KNOTS, OH MY! It is never too late to join the UWF Knitting/Crocheting Circle which meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 9:30 am. in the conference room. Join us on **September 4th**. Contact Shirley Daddario for details. shirleydad@verizon.net

UWF WOMEN'S TEA: Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 pm Put the tea kettle on and mark your calendar. 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. Bring a friend. Our sign-up is in the lobby, (head count is very important) Contact Shirley D. if you have any questions. shirleydad@verizon.net

VOLUNTEER TO WATER WGUMC'S FLOWER BEDS It's turning out to be a long hot summer. Help us keep our flower beds looking lovely by signing up to keep them watered. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. contact Joan Leaman with questions, jmleaman@comcast.net

CALLING ALL SELF-PROCLAIMED "OFF-KEY" SINGERS Do you love to sing but have been lovingly described as "off-key"? Then this announcement is for you! Join us on **Monday, August 24th at 10:30 am.** in the lobby for a joyful gathering of singers who believe enthusiasm is more important than perfect notes. No auditions, no judgment! No need to know whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or just "loud and hopeful." Come make a joyful noise! Bring your friends, let's sing off-key!

WORD & PRAYER MEETING: COMING SEPTEMBER 8th Let's gather together, share the WORD of GOD and PRAY. **Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.,** beginning **September 8th.** contact Pastor DJ / pastor@westgroveumc.org for more details.

NEW 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. meetings will be led by Carol McGinley & Debbie & Jake Schneider. If you're interested, please sign the sheet on the wall in the lobby or contact Jake & Debbie at tbones7@comcast.net or Carol at cmcginley@zoominternet.net. Please come join us! All are welcome!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Begins Thursday, **September 10th** at 6:30 pm. in the library. The study will be led by Pastor DJ and center on the book of Genesis. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby and contact DJ with any questions at: pastor@westgroveumc.org

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

August 24 th	Just Sing	September 1 st	Yoga Class resumes
September 2 nd	Divorce Care Resumes	September 4 th	Hooks, Needles and Knot
September 8 th	Yoga Class / Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study / Word & Prayer Bible Study		
September 10 th	Thursday Evening Bible Study	September 11 th	RAP (Sanctuary, Kitchen)
September 13 th	UWF Tea (Sanctuary, Kitchen)		
September 15 th	Yoga Class / Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study / Word & Prayer Bible Study		

SUNDAY MORNING POT LUCK BRUNCH Join us on **Sunday, August 30th** after the worship service for a Pot Luck Brunch filled with fun, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish or dessert, or both, to share. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex and contact Andrew Herman for more details: hermanandrew@yahoo.com

HIKE AT RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK Saturday, **August 29th** at 9:00 am. Contact Pastor DJ at 215-776-9684 or pastor@westgroveumc.org for more details.

LAST HIKE AND ICE CREAM OF THE SEASON: Join us on **Monday, September 21st** at Goddard Park for our last Hike of the season followed by treating ourselves to an ice cream in West Grove. Hike begins at 6:30. Contact Andrew Herman for more details: hermanandrew@yahoo.com

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES: Tone up those vocal cords and come join us in joyful praise. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 6:45 beginning on **September 3rd**. Contact Betsy Smith for details at: musicmomva@aol.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

August 23 through August 30, 2026

August 23rd through August 30th

SUNDAY: 9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service
August 23rd

MONDAY: 10:30 - Noon Just Sing (Narthex, Kitchen)
August 24th

TUESDAY:
August 25th

WEDNESDAY: 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
August 26th 6:30 - 8:15 pm. Vision Team Meeting (Conference Room)

THURSDAY: 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Food Pantry (Admin. Wing)
August 27th

FRIDAY: 9:30 - 11:30 am.
August 28th

SATURDAY: 10:00 - 11:30 am. Daily Reflections (Rm. 8 & 10)
August 29th

August 30th

SUNDAY: 9:30 - 10:30 am. Worship Service
August 30th 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Sunday Morning Pot Luck Brunch

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 August 16th 2026

General Offering August 16th \$4085.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$30.00

Attendance: 8/16 - 9:30: 58

Over 100 Food Pantry families: on 8/19 & 8/20
food donations are appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Today: 8/23/26

Next Sunday: 8/30/26

Officiating: Pastor DongJin Choi

Music Director: Betsy Smith

Audio/Visual: Bill Pardoe

Scripture Reader: Judy Gambill

Greeters: Cindy & Jeff Weyant

Counters: Dave Talley & Vickie Owens

September Communion Servers: Jake & Debbie Schneider

Jace Hepler

Fran Miller & Andrew Strode

John Gambill & Dan Elliott

*** * 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:** 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.



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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.

