

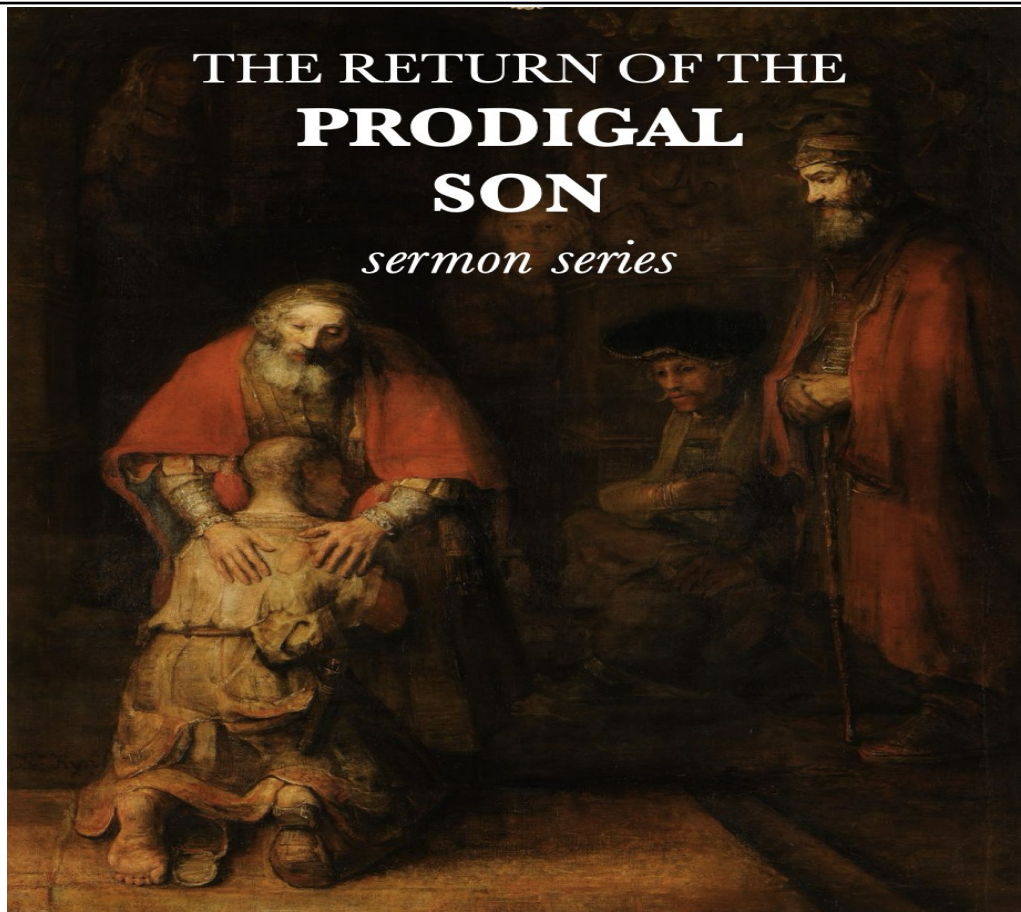


West Grove United Methodist Church

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 Younger Son Returns”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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August 17, 2025

SUNDAY, August 17th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>PRELUDE</u>		Betsy Smith
<u>WELCOME</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>ENGAGE MINISTRY</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>HYMN SING</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>PEACE</u>		
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>	The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Shirley
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Shirley
<u>OFFERTORY</u>		Betsy Smith
<u>PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING</u>	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Pastor Shirley UMH No. 95
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	(Pg. 3) Luke 15:14-20a	
<u>MESSAGE</u>	The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming “The Younger Son’s Return”	Pastor DJ
<u>*HYMN</u>	“Because He Lives”	UMH No. 364
<u>*MISSION</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>*POSTLUDE</u>		Betsy Smith

Xtra Mile Giving for the month of August was to benefit our sponsorship of a young man named Efra through Compassion Internation. Efra is a 17 year old who lives in Indonesia. \$342.85 was collected and will be sent to Efra and his family for Christmas.

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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 15:14-20a

¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father.



VICTORY SUNDAY

A Christian Sports Ministry for Kids

**80% GAMES. 20% BIBLE.
100% FUN.**

Join us every other Sunday for a high-energy hour of games, teamwork, and faith-building! Each session is packed with exciting sports activities and a short Bible message to inspire and encourage young hearts.

Meets next Sunday, August 24th 9:30—10:30 a.m.

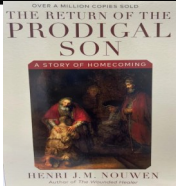
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(Ages 7-14) / Outdoor field

Bring a friend and.....Come ready to run, play, learn and grow in Christ! Contact: Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

Xtra mile Giving September 14th/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. Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.



Follow along with Pastor DJ

as he preaches on “The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

The series began August 10th. Books are available in the narthex for a \$10.00 donation. (Covers the price of the book.)

PASTOR JIM’S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, 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.



POTLUCK IN THE PAVILION



TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 6:00 PM.

Questions? Contact Andrew

Herman at: hermanandrew@yahoo.com

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.



MIDWEEK MINISTRY IS BACK!

Thursdays | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

September 4 – October 16, 2025

Ages 4–12 | West Grove United Methodist Church

Join us for 7 weeks of faith-filled fun, friendship, and growth!



Sing-Along Worship



Engaging Bible Lesson



Snack Time



**Fun, Active Faith
Activities**

Weekly Dates:

- September 4
- September 11
- September 18
- September 25
- October 2
- October 9
- October 16

It's FREE – all are welcome!

Let your child explore God's love midweek in a joyful and active environment.



CANNED CORN - FOOD PANTRY

During the month of August, we will be collecting canned corn to have available to our Food Pantry families. As we are serving over 100 families a month, Individual 15.25 cans of corn would be perfect.

We Need You?

Summer is nearing an end but our flowers look wonderful thanks to those who volunteered to water them. Let's see how long we can keep them beautiful.

Sign up sheet to water the flowers is located in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Joan Leaman (jmleaman@comcast.net).

Thanks!

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, 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 10th, 2025

General Offering August 10th: \$3653.00
Building Maintenance Fund: \$305.00
Attendance: 8/10 - 9:30: 60
Food Pantry: 113 families on 8/13 & /8/14
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**)

August 17th Thru August 24th

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9:30 - 10:30 am. 10:30 - Noon	Worship Service Empower Meeting (Vision) Sanctuary
<u>MONDAY:</u>		
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	6:30 -8:30 pm.	Staff Parish Meeting (Conference Room)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	5:00 - 6:00 pm. 5:30 - 6:30 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Food Pantry Finance Meeting (Conference Room) Ad Council Meeting
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	1:00 - 2:00 pm. 1:30 - 3:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry Counseling (Room #8) Thursday Night Bible Study (Library)
<u>FRIDAY:</u>		
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	8:00 - 9:30 am. 10:00 - 11:30 am.	United Methodist Men (Sanctuary/Kitchen) Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

August 24th

SUNDAY:	8:30 - 9:15 am. 9:30 - 10:30 am. 9:30 - 10:30 am. 10:30 - Noon	Adult Sunday School <u>(Sept. thru May)</u> Worship Service Victory Sport Ministry (Outfield/Kids Sanctuary) Vision Team WGUMC Musicians (Sanctuary)
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SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

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: 08/17/25

Next Sunday: 08/24/25

Counters:	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens
Lay Reader:	Shirley Daddario	Susan Paisley
Ushers:	Tom & Charlotte Adams	Gene & Alison Aucott
Greeter:	Fran Miller & Fred Sullivan	Esther Culbertson & Priscilla Barkman

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

Contact any **Team Member:** Susan Paisley, Carol McGinley, Pam Howard and 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.