



WEST GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Our Community to be
followers of Christ**

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SUNDAY, October 4th 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

“Come Down, O Love Devine”

Memory Bells
Arranged by Michael Ryan

*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH No. 159

WELCOME

Pastor DongJin Choi

ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DongJin Choi

*PEACE

Together

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Shirley Daddario

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Shirley Daddario

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Memory Bells
Arranged by Linda Scholes

*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Pastor Shirley Daddario
UMH No. 95/ Together

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:16-32

Paulette Bryan

ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Based on Hanson Place by Robert Lowry (1864) and Deep River, traditional setting by John Carter.

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“Tough Questions to Answer”

Pastor DongJin Choi

“My Grandfather Did Not Believe in Jesus, Can He go to Heaven?”

HOLY COMMUNION

*PRAISE

“I’ll Fly Away”

The Faith We Sing No. 2282

*MISSION

Pastor DongJin Choi

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Lead Me, Lord”

Chancel Choir
Words and music by Maribeth Alkema Johnson, arranged by Hal Wright

POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 17: 16-32

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.'" ²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this."

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

October 6 th	Yoga Class/ Tuesday Bible Study	October 7 th	Divorce Group
October 9 th	RAP/Stephen Ministry	October 12 th	Just Sing
October 13 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study	October 14 th	Word & Prayer
October 15 th	Thursday Night Bible Study	October 16 th	Hooks, Needles,/Stephen Ministry
October 18 th	Crafts and Chat Circle	October 19 th	Just Sing
October 20 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Bible Study	October 21 st	Word & Prayer
October 22 nd	Thursday Night Bible Study	October 23 rd	Stephen Ministry
October 24 th	United Methodist Men Breakfast	October 26 th	Just Sing
October 27 th	Yoga Class/Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study		
October 28 th	Word & Prayer	October 29 th	Thursday Night Bible Study

LET'S SHOW PASTOR JIM HOW MUCH WE CARE:

It gets lonely and it's easy to get discouraged when you have been in the hospital and rehab as long as our Pastor Jim has been.

Let's not let that happen! Go by yourself or sign up to go with a group on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Jim's new residence is: Cadia Health Care, 3540 Three Little Bakers Blvd., Room 144A, Wilmington, Del. 19808

PS: Pastor Jim also really likes to receive mail!!!



PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS:

We are restarting intercessory prayer after the service. This has been a good tradition of WGUMC's that had been suspended for a while. We hope to have one or two people take turns each week. It would be wonderful if you could serve about once a month. I will be joining in as well. If you would like to join us, please let me know. DJ

LADIES AT LONGWOOD: WGUMC is sponsoring a "Ladies at Longwood Day" on October 17th. If you are a member of Longwood Gardens, would you be willing to share your membership guest privileges with someone who does not. Please sign up by October 11th whether you are a member or not? Contact Sharon Nesbitt at: sharon.nesbitt@comcast.net Paulette Bryan at: gigibryan16@gmail.com for more details.

THE JOYFULLY NOISY SINGERS: The Joyfully Noisy Singers will be lifting their "self-proclaimed off key" voices on **October 12th** in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. for fun and with much enthusiasm. Join in for some coffee and let's sing to our own notes. Contact Shirley Daddario for details at: shirleydad@verizon.net

HOOKS, NEEDLES AND KNOTS, OH MY! It is never too late to join the UWF Knitting and Crocheting Circle which meets every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 9:30 am. in the conference room. Join us on **October 16th**. Contact Shirley Daddario for details. shirleydad@verizon.net

UPDATE ON OLIVIA (The little one we sponsored an ice cream social for): Olivia is recovering well now! She recently had a blood test that was clear of any leukemia cells. She is really looking forward to coming back to CMO but can not until she is revaccinated for MMR and a few other vaccinations. (We really hope so and please keep her in your prayers and in your hearts.)

FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: - CAT & DOG FOOD



Donations of Cat and Dog Food are being accepted during the Month of October 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. Contact Joan Leaman for details: jmleaman@comcast.net

PASTORS APPRECIATION MONTH: October is Pastors Appreciation Month! Let's show Pastor DJ our appreciation. Cards, baked items, a surprise call or visit are just some of the ways we can show him our appreciation.

HUNGER WALK IN HONOR OF ROGER BATES:

Honor our dear friend Roger Bates by joining us on **Sunday, October 11th at 1:00 pm.** for a 1 to 3 mile walk at the Glen Roy Preserve, 50 West Christine Road, Nottingham, Pa. To walk or to sponsor a walker sign up in the narthex and contact Roann Schneider at schneiderroann@gmail.com or 302-540-4434, for more details..

BINGO AT TWIN PINES: Join us on **Tuesday, October 27th** at 2:00 PM. when we play bingo with the residents of Twin Pines. They have a ball and you will too. Sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Contact Pastor DJ for details: pastor@westgroveumc.org

RAP OCTOBER PROGRAM: Please join us on **Friday, October 9th at 12:00 noon** as we welcome the Avon Grove Charter School Dance Team. Bring your brown-bag lunch and a friend for this entertaining and engaging afternoon! All are welcome. Coffee, iced tea, and water are provided. Please RSVP to Sandy Pardoe at sandytrul@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

WORD & PRAYER MEETING: **Wednesday, October 14th, at 2:00 pm.** Join us as we set aside time for a new 4 week gathering called "WORD & PRAYER." Everyone is invited and welcomed. Come connect to the heart of Jesus, experience his love, peace and joy and see beyond our own eyes so that we see with our hearts. Contact Pastor DJ for more information at: pastor@westgroveumc.org or Carol McGinley at: cmcginley@zoominternet.net

YOGA CLASS: Join us for our ongoing chair Yoga Class, next class will be on **Tuesday, October 6th at 1:30.** Contact Shirley Daddario with questions at: shirleydad@verizon.net

COAT/JACKET DRIVE

This year, we again, will be conducting a Winter Outerwear Collection from **October 18th through November 24th.** We ask for donations of new or gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and mittens in all sizes. A rack and box will be set-up in the lobby to receive your donations. The clothing will be made available to the families that are registered with our food pantry. If you have items that you'd like to donate but aren't able to bring them to the church, we have a member who would be happy to arrange to pick them up from your home.



EXTRA CALENDARS FOR TWIN PINES: We have a terrific place for you to put all those calendars you receive at the end of the year. The residents at Twin Pines love those calendars. So drop your unwanted calendars at the church office or in April's mailbox. Contact Paulette Bryan for more details: gigibryan16@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

October 4th through October 11th, 2026

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<u>SUNDAY:</u> October 4 th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
<u>MONDAY:</u> October 5 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16) Girl Scout Troop #41043 (Rooms 8 & 10)
<u>TUESDAY:</u> October 6 th	9:00 am. till Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:30 - 2:15 pm. 2:15 - 3:30 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extend Day (9,13,14,15,16) Yoga Class (Sanctuary) Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (Library) Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Rooms 8 & 10)
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> October 7 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16) CMO Lunch Bunch (9,13,14,15,16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Girl Scout Troop #427 (Rooms 8 & 10) Divorce Care (Library)
<u>THURSDAY:</u> October 8 th	9:00 am. - Noon Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:15 - 6:15 pm. 6:45 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day (9,13,14,15,16) Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Memory Bells (Sanctuary) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<u>FRIDAY:</u> October 9 th	9:00 - Noon Noon—2:00 pm. 1:00- 3:30 pm.	CMO (9,13,14,15,16,) RAP Stephen Ministry, (Conference Room #1)
<u>SATURDAY:</u> October 10 th	10:00 -11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8 & 10)

October 11th

<u>SUNDAY:</u> October 11 th	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
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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: Sandi Hampton, Pam Howard.



God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings,
and gifts that impact and
change lives for Christ!*

Report from September 27th 2026

General Offering September 27th \$2,602.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$110.00

Attendance: 9/27- 9:30: 64

120 Food Pantry families on 9/30 & 10/1 food
donations are always appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Today: 10/4/26

Next Sunday: 10/11/26

Officiating: Pastor DongJin Choi / Pastor Shirley Daddario

Music Director: Betsy Smith

Audio/Visual: Bill Pardoe

Scripture Reader: Paulette Bryan

Dick Stuhrke

Greeters: Cindy & Tom Hoover

Esther Culbertson & Sharon Nesbitt

Counters: Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

October Communion Servers: Peter & Edel Mullen

*** * 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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4. Plug in your amount. Hit Continue.
5. Set up an account or skip and donate as a guest.
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