

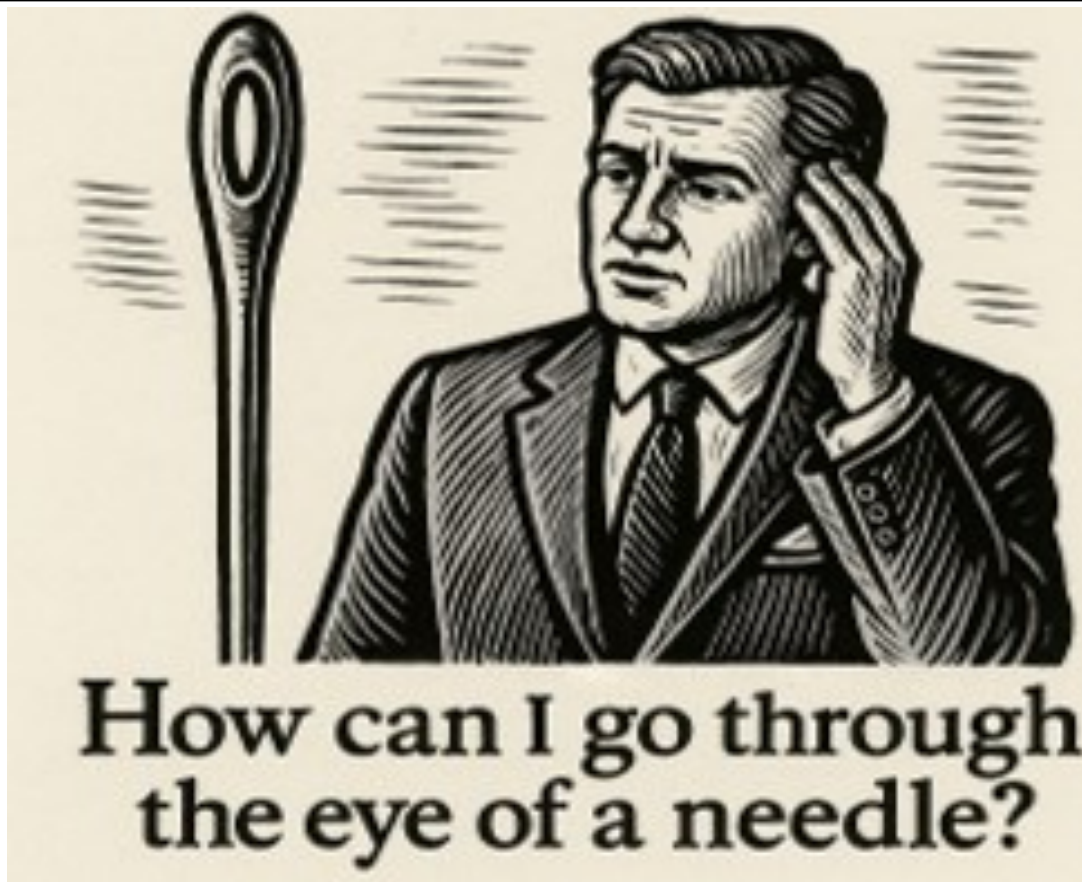


West Grove United Methodist Church

Our Vision :

ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE

Our community to be followers of Christ.



**Clean Rich Christians: How Can I go through the eye of a needle?
“The Life in Freedom From Desire”**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi
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October 5th 2025

SUNDAY, October 5th, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

<u>PRELUDE</u>	“What a Friend We have in Jesus”	Memory Bells
*<u>PROCESSION</u>	“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”	UMH No. 64
<u>WELCOME</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>ENGAGE MINISTRY</u>		Pastor DJ
<u>PEACE</u>		
<u>PASTORAL PRAYER</u>	The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
<u>INVITATION TO OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”	Memory Bells
<u>PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING</u>		Pastor Jim
	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH No. 95
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u> (Pg. 3)	Galatians 5:16-24	Judy Gambill
<u>MESSAGE</u>	Clean Rich Christians: How Can I Go Through the Eye of a Needle? “The Life in Freedom from Desire”	Pastor DJ
<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u> (See pgs. 3,4)	“Just as I Am”	Chancel Choir
*<u>PRAISE</u>	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH No. 451
*<u>MISSION</u>		Pastor DJ
*<u>CHORAL BENEDICTION</u>	“A Parting Prayer” Words and Music by Keith Wilkerson, Arranged by Jeff Lippencott	Chancel Choir

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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.

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SCRIPTURE READING: DEUTERONOMY 15:4-5, 11

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, trife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Great Thanksgiving

DJ: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Jim: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

DJ: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

TRUNK OR TREAT Please note the time change for our Trunk or Treat: It will be held between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. , Friday, October 24th. Games and activities for kids of all ages Candy and treats from creatively decorated car trunks (one of which could be yours?!?) Sign up in the narthex or email childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org



RAP NEEDS YOUR HELP We need 2 people to set up/take down tables on the 2nd Thursday for meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month. September thru May! Contact Paulette Bryan if you can help RAP out. gigibryan16@gmail.com



**October's Food Pantry Item of the Month:
BOXED CRACKERS**



Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 5 th -	Victory Sports Ministry	October 5 th -	New Members Class
October 6 th -	Pastor Jim's Bible Study	October 7 th -	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study/ Yoga Class
October 8 th -	Prayer Team Meeting	October 9 th -	Pastor DJ's Bible Study
October 10 th -	RAP (Retired Active People)	October 12 th -	Confirmation Class
October 13 th -	Pastor Jim's Bible Study	October 14 th -	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study /Yoga Class
October 16 th -	Pastor DJ's Bible Study	October 19 th -	Victory Sports Ministry
October 20 th -	Pastor Jim's Bible Study	October 21 st -	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study/Yoga Class
October 23 rd -	Pastor DJ's Bible Study	October 25 th -	United Methodist Men Breakfast
October 26 th -	Confirmation Class	October 27 th -	Pastor Jim's Bible Study
October 28 th -	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study/Yoga Class		
October 30 th -	Pastor DJ's Bible Study on Ephesians		

VICTORY SUNDAY YOUTH SPORTS MINISTRY

Next Meeting will be Sunday, October 19th.

THE MAKING OF A DREAM:

Join us in a conference-wide book study sponsored by CORR partnering with Latino Ministries. This study explores the book "The Making of a Dream: How a Group of Young Undocumented Immigrants Helped Change What It Means to be American" by Laura Wides-Muñoz. Meets Weds., in October at 11am. The first 25 to register will receive a free e-copy of the book, Register now!
<https://www.amazon.com/Making-Dream-undocumented-immigrants-American/dp/1538499657>

CHURCH HIKE Saturday, October 11th beginning at 11:00 am. Come out for an hour long walk with Pastor DJ and your church friends. Bring a packed lunch and a chair as we will enjoy lunch in the park after the hike. Ridley Creek State Park 1023 Sycamore Mills Rd., Media, Pa. 19063 Contact Andrew Herman 610-470-9378 hermanandrew@yahoo.com

WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE Join us in memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be listed in the bulletin as well as Saturday's Constant Contact. Below is this weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is Ephesians 3:20: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."**

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 WITH OTHERS AND YOUR FAITH IN GOD.**

PASTOR DJ'S EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thursday, October 9th at 6:00 pm. and meets in the library. This is part one - an 8 week study on the book of Ephesians. Part two begins on January 15th at 6:00 pm. and runs 9 weeks. Contact Pastor DJ with questions at pastor@westgroveumc.org

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH Introduction to chair yoga by Julissa Sanchez, a certified yoga instructor. Tuesdays beginning October 7 at 1:30. Don Comfortable clothes and bring your water. Donations (\$5.00 minimum) appreciated. Contact Shirley Daddario /484-268-0497.

PRAYER TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm in the Prayer Room

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 September 28th, 2025

General Offering September 28th: \$3851.00

Building Maintenance Fund: \$50.00

Attendance: 9/28 - 9:30: 76

Food Pantry: 109 families on 10/1 & 10/2 food
donations are appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

October 5th Thru October 12th

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:30 - 9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Victory Sunday Sport Ministry (Outside)
	10:45 - 12:15pm.	New Member Class
<u>MONDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:00 pm.	Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day)
	6:00 - 7:00 pm.	Girl Scouts Troop #41043 (Room 8)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Pastor Jim's Bible Study (Sanctuary)
<u>TUESDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	Smart Cookies (CMO Extended Day)
	1:00 -3:00 pm.	Tuesday Bible Study (Library)
	1:30 - 2:30 pm.	Yoga Class (Sanctuary)
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Room 8)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:00 pm.	Lunch Bunch (CMO Extended Day)
	2:00 - 3:30 pm.	Missions Team Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:00 - 6:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	6:00 - 7:30 pm.	Prayer Team Meeting (Prayer Room)
<u>THURSDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	Noon - 1:30 pm.	CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day
	1:00 - 2:00 pm.	Food Pantry
	4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Memory Bells Rehearsal
	6:00- 8:00 pm.	Pastor DJ's Bible Study
	6:15 - 8:15 pm.	Girl Scout Troops #4251 & 4567 (Rooms 8 & 10)
	6:30 - 8:00 pm.	Choir Practice
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	9:00 am.- 12 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16)
	9:00 am.-Noon	RAP (Narthex, Kitchen, Sanctuary)
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	8:00 - 11:00 am.	4H Meeting (Room 8)
	10:00 - 11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

October 12th

<u>SUNDAY:</u>	8:30 - 9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Worship Service
	8:15 - 9:15 am.	Confirmation Class

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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: 10/5/25

Counters: Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

Lay Reader: Judy Gambill

Ushers: Gene & Alison Aucott

Greeters: Paulette Bryan & Fran Miller

Communion

Servers: Peter & Edel Mullen

Next Sunday: 10/12/25

Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

Joan Leaman

Amy & Mark Simonds

Priscilla Barkman & 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.

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4. Plug in your amount. Hit Continue.
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