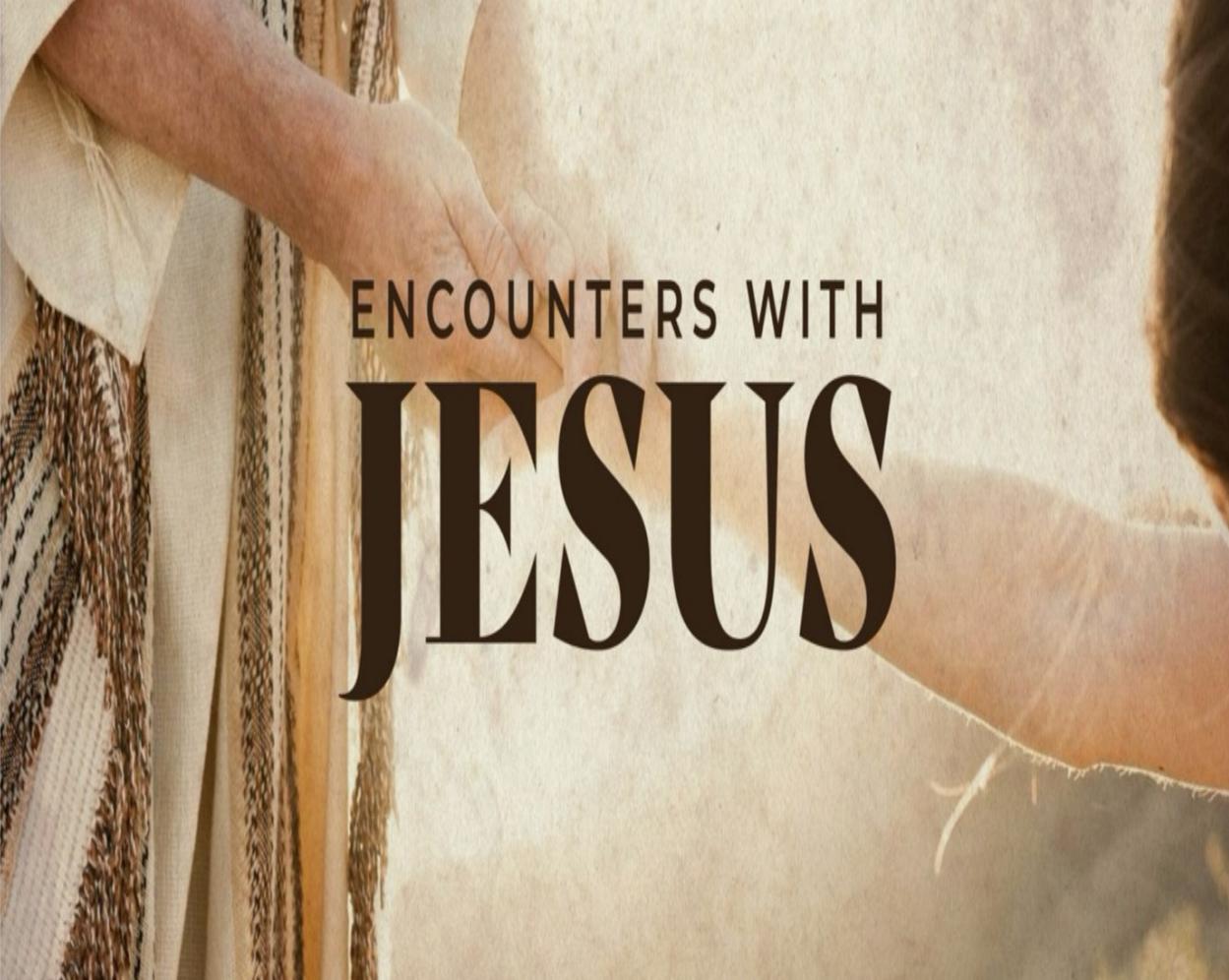




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

**Our Vision :**

**ENCOUNTER, EMPOWER AND ENGAGE**  
***Our community to be followers of Christ.***



# ENCOUNTERS WITH **JESUS**

Preaching today: Pastor DJ Choi  
300 North Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390  
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***January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026***

# SUNDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:27 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Betsy Smith

## \*PROCESSIONAL PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH No. 77/ Together

## WELCOME

Pastor DJ

## ENGAGE MINISTRY

Pastor DJ

## \*PEACE

Together

## PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Jim

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jim

## OFFERTORY

## \*PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Pastor Jim/Together

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH No. 95

## SCRIPTURE READING (Pg. 3)

John 1:43-51

Sheila D’Antonio

## ANTHEM

“Come, Follow Me”

Chancel Choir

By Elly and Steve Kupferschmid

## MESSAGE

Encounters with Jesus: Unexpected Answers to Life’s Biggest Questions Pastor DJ

“The Skeptical Student”

## HOLY COMMUNION (Pg. 3-4) The Great Thanksgiving

## RENEWAL OF OUR COVENANT

## PRAISE

“It is Well with My Soul”

UMH No. 377

## \*MISSION

Pastor Jim

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Seven-Fold Amen”

Chancel Choir

## POSTLUDE

Betsy Smith

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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.

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Holy Communion)**

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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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.

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.

In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners. 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.

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.

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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **John Wesley's Covenant Prayer**

“I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

    Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

    Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
        exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

    Let me be full, let me be empty.

    Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

    I freely and heartily yield all things  
        to thy pleasure and disposal.

    And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
        Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

        thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

    And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
        let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

## SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**WEEKLY MEDITATIVE SCRIPTURE** Memorizing and meditating on scripture. Each week a different scripture will be provided. Below is this weeks scripture and some suggestions on how to study and learn the verse. **Verse of the Week is John 3:16**

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

**Questions to be asked about the scripture:** 1. Where do you see God in this passage?  
2. Where do you see yourself in this passage?

### \* \* Pastor Jim's Monday Night Bible Study \* \*

Are you ready to meet Jesus in a deeper, more personal way? Join us for a transformative Bible Study beginning Monday, January 5, 2026, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, as we walk together studying the Gospel of Luke. In this study, we will explore how Luke presents Jesus as the Son of Man — a title Jesus used repeatedly to describe Himself.

### \* \* \* NAME TAGS \* \* \*

To aid our new quests and members in putting names to faces, we have made a conscious effort to update our name tags. If you are missing a tag or know someone new who hasn't one, please tell April in the church office.  
[office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org).



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

<u>January 4<sup>th</sup></u> -	Celebration of Ministries	
	Sunday New Years Pot Luck Brunch	
<u>January 5<sup>th</sup></u> -	Pastor Jim's Bible Study begins	<u>January 6<sup>th</sup></u> - Yoga Class
<u>January 9<sup>th</sup></u> -	RAP	
	Youth Dodge Ball Event	<u>January 12<sup>th</sup></u> - Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<u>January 13<sup>th</sup></u> -	Yoga Class	

### **January's Food Pantry Item of the Month:**

#### **Diapers size 5-6**

In the month of January the food pantry will be collecting diapers for those children in need. Sizes 5—6 are the most popular. Place them in the black bin provided in the lobby.



### **Claim Your Cooler**

The Food Pantry has one navy blue and white cooler which remains unclaimed. If this is your cooler you may pick it up in the Food Pantry room.

**WGUMC**  
**YOUTH GROUP**  
*Dodge Ball and Pizza Night*

**Come together for  
faith, friendship,  
and fun!**

**FRIDAY JAN  
9TH 2026  
6 TO 7:30 PM**

**Please bring \$5  
Per family for pizza.**

**All youth Welcome  
6th to 12th Grade**

**300 N. Guernsey Rd. West Grove PA 19390**

Any questions? Please contact Andrew Herman 610-470-9378 [hermanandrew@yahoo.com](mailto:hermanandrew@yahoo.com)



# NEW YEARS POT LUCK BRUNCH

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Bring your favorite brunch item to Church and  
celebrate the New Year with your church  
family after the worship service. Tables for  
food will be set up in the narthex before the  
service including power strips for crockpots.

SUNDAY JAN 4TH 2026  
AFTER WORSHIP

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR AT WGUMC

### January 4<sup>th</sup> Thru January 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY:</b> Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am. 10:30 - Noon	Sunday School Worship Service New Year's Pot Luck Brunch
<b>MONDAY:</b> Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am. - 12 pm. Noon - 1:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Girl Scout Troop #41043 (Room 8 & 10) Pastor Jim's Bible Study
<b>TUESDAY:</b> Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:30 - 2:15 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Yoga Class (Sanctuary) Girl Scout Troop #4189 (Room 8 & 10) Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 5:00 - 6:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Lunch Bunch (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) Full Staff Meeting Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Girl Scout Troop #427 (Room 8 & 10)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12 pm. Noon - 1:30 pm. 1:00 - 2:00 pm. 4:30 - 6:00 pm. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) CMO Smart Cookies Extended Day Food Pantry (Admin. Wing) Memory Bells Rehearsal Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY:</b> Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am.- 12:00 pm. Noon - 3:00 pm. 6:00 - 7:30 pm.	CMO (Rooms 9,13,14,15,16) RAP (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Lobby) Dodge Ball Movie Night (Sanctuary, Kitchen Youth Room)
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 11:30 am.	Daily Reflections (Rm. 8)

### January 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY:</b> Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 - 9:15 am 9:30 - 10:30 am. 1:30 - 3:00 pm.	Sunday School Worship Service Yoga Class Gathering (Sanctuary)
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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.**

**\*\*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](mailto: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 December 28<sup>th</sup> 2025***

*General Offering December 28<sup>th</sup>: \$12,570.00  
Building Maintenance Fund: \$450.00  
Attendance: 12/28 - 9:30: 46  
**No Food Pantry families:** on 12/31 & 1/1  
food donations are appreciated.*

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

Sound Booth:	Bill Pardoe / Aiden Steltzer / Mike DuVall
Projection:	Bill Pardoe / Aiden Steltzer / Mike DuVall
Officiating:	Rev. DJ Choi/Rev. James Mundell /Rev. Shirley Daddario
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Lavenia Civitella

**Today: 1/4/26**

**Counters:** Dick & Caryl Stuhrke

**Lay Reader:** Shelia D'Antonio

**Ushers:** Tom & Charlotte Adams

**Greeters:** Joyce Smith & Fran Miller

**January's Communion Servers:** Peter & Edel Mullen

**Next Sunday: 1/11/26**

Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan

Judy Gambill

Cindy & Jeff Weyant

Esther Culbertson & Paulette Bryan

**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](mailto:sbrintonpais1@verizon.net)

**The Prayer ministry is always in need of and welcomes new team members.**

**\* \* 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](mailto: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.

