

WESTLAWN UMC

*you're welcome here*



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***FAITH IN THE SHADOWS***

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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, March 12 / 7PM  
Community Center / Conf Rm  
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551  
dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in March to discuss the book *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikrey* by Gabrielle Zevin. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.



## **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY**

**Correction:**  
Tuesdays, Mar 4-May 13 / 7PM  
Community Center / Conf Rm  
Sherry Ricketts / 610-858-0719

The Book by Book Bible Study will be participating in a 10 week study of the New Testament Book of Revelation this Spring. The study will begin on March 4th and will finish up on May 13th (including a break for Holy Week). **The first week (March 4) we will be meeting at an alternate location in the Education Bldg. in Room 110.** Please call or text Sherry, if you are interested in participating in this study.

## **WLW 2/26/2025**

Chicken Parmesan, Pasta,  
Vegetable / KIDS: Cheeseburger

## **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

Sunday's, March 16, 2025; and  
continuing on additional  
Sundays: 3/30-4/13-4/27-5/4

West Lawn will be offering  
Marriage

Enrichment classes

for couples. Vow

that 2025 will be the

year of improving

your relationship. For more

information or to register, go to

our website or app.



## **CARD SHOWER**

Eric Jentes is further recovering at a local Acute Rehabilitation Hospital. Please consider sending a card of encouragement and care to his home address: 3 States Ave, Reading, PA 19608.

**FLOWERS MAY BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OR MEMORY  
OF LOVED ONES BY PLACING AN ORDER.**

**(2 slots available per week)**

**To place an order for flowers, contact:**

**Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com**

## **PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN**

Elise Coakley, Director  
[preschool@westlawnumc.org](mailto:preschool@westlawnumc.org)

Enrollment is open for the 2025/2026 school year. Please register on our website or by filling out a registration form available in the main office. Interested in setting up a tour? Contact Elise.

## **NEW MINISTRY**

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141  
[kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.org)

WLUMC is setting up a children and teen clothing ministry in the 100 Woodside house for any families in need. Free clothing and shoes will be accessible once a month. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Kelly.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays / 6:30PM / CC Conf Rm

Having community is one of the crucial parts in our walks with Jesus - He himself did His ministry with 12 people always by His side! The Thursday night Women's Bible Study would love for you to join them to grow as a follower of Jesus.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 23 Kids Club / Tween Grp  
Feb 23 Serve Meal @ HRM  
Mar 5 Ash Wednesday Srvc  
Mar 7-8 FF Consignment Sale  
Mar 9 Baptism/Join Sunday  
Mar 16 Kids Club/Tween Grp  
Mar 16 Marriage Enrichment  
Mar 21 Wilson Area Food Shelf  
Mar 28 Lifeline Screening  
Mar 30 Coffee w/the Pastor  
Mar 30 Marriage Enrichment  
Apr 13 Marriage Enrichment  
Apr 27 Marriage Enrichment  
May 4 Marriage Enrichment

### **2025 SUMMARY as of 2/16/2025**

In-Person Worship	261
Online Worship	137
Sunday School	93
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$16,589
Monthly Income To Date	\$60,331
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$104,635
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



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THE WLUMC  
APP TODAY!



### **PASTORS**

Tom Ebersole, Lead Pastor  
Chris Hardy, Associate Pastor  
Pat Goshert, Congregational Care  
Terry Cooney, Visitation Pastor  
Nick Camacho, Latino Ministries

Do you have an announcement to advertise or information that needs to be communicated to our church community?

Email the details to [announcements@westlawnumc.org](mailto:announcements@westlawnumc.org).

# VOLUNTEER

SIGN UP

Be the hands and feet of Jesus this month as you volunteer in any of these ministries and missions of WLUMC. Check the boxes and return this form to the Welcome Center, Church Office or Offering Plate.

Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, [kellyewestlawnumc.org](mailto:kellyewestlawnumc.org)



## **Kids & Teen Clothing -**

WLUMC is setting up a kids & teen clothing ministry in the 100 Woodside house for children in need. Free clothing and shoes will be accessible once a month. Would you like to greet and assist our guests when they come to shop?

**4-7 PM**

**Third Wednesday of Each Month**



## **AV Tech Helper -**

During the 11 AM Sunday morning worship service, our AV Team could use another helping hand to assist with the Livestream cameras and audio controls in our balcony Tech Booth. If you have an interest in learning how to serve in this way, we'd be happy to train you.

**Sundays, 11 AM-12PM**



## **Musical Talent -**

If you have a musical talent, such as playing an instrument or singing, consider sharing it with the congregation on a Sunday morning at any of our worship services. We welcome adult, children and youth musicians.

**Any Sunday, 8, 9:30 or 11 AM**



## **Lunch Driver & Server -**

We're seeking a committed person who, once a month, can physically load the church van with hot and cold food, drive the food and team to and from New Journey, and help serve the lunch meal. Does this fit your abilities and availability?

**10:30 AM-1 PM**

**First Thursday of Each Month**



## **Consignment Sale Baked Goods and Manpower -**

The WLUMC Faithful Friends Consignment Sale team is seeking baked goods to energize the volunteers, and set up/tear down assistance. If you would like to provide a sweet treat, or manpower, we welcome your help!

**Week of March 2-9**

**NAME**

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**PHONE**

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# CONSIGNMENT SALE

Friday, March 7 • 9 AM–6 PM  
Saturday, March 8 • 8:30 AM–2 PM



West Lawn UMC Raffaaf Community Center  
101 Woodside Ave., West Lawn



# WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

## **HOW TO ENGAGE IN WLUMC PRAYER MINISTRIES:**

1. WEBSITE: Under the WORSHIP/PRAYER REQUEST tab.
2. WLUMC APP: Under the GET CARE/PRAYER tab
3. CALL PRAYER CHAIN: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671  
Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141

*\* Notify a pastor or the office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.*



## **PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY**

- Hoffman family on Rick's passing
- Newmann family on the loss of a loved one
- Those mourning the loss of a beloved pet

## **PRAYERS OF HEALING**

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

## **PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:**

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Healthy, pregnancies and deliveries
- Parents needing patience and grace dealing with their children
- Resolution of issues at the workplace
- Safe travel for all
- Patience & guidance as we seek peace throughout the world

## **PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE**

- We really appreciated all the prayers for Erika Bare—thanks!

**2/23/2025**

### **HOSPITALIZED**

Eric Jentes  
Maureen Krall

### **OUR MISSION PARTNERS**

Opp House  
Family Promise  
Hope Rescue  
New Journey

### **THE UMC**

Bishop Cynthia  
Moore Koikoi  
Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark  
WLUMC Staff  
Our Leadership Team

### **THE WORLD**

The Leaders of the World  
Our Armed Forces & their families

Al & Linda	D C	Cheryl	neighbors	Edna	Lorri B.	Greg & Donna
Bill & Ruth	Kara	Lorna	Eric Jentes & family	Rich	Bret M.	Steph & Frank
grandson	Isaac	Jose A.	Alycia K. & family	Clyde	Andrea	Cora & family
Marilynne	Terry	David	James & Tracy	Janet	my family	Martin family
Elizabeth	Ginny	Brian	Samantha & family	Clyde	Winnie	Dave & Roxanne
my children	Debra	Mary Ann	father & daughter	Linda	Janine	Jeff & brothers
Judy & Roy	Drew	Bev & Eli	Heather & Mitchell	Susie	Patricia	Emily & Jon
Nancy & Bill	Shana	Declan	Rauenzahn family	Amy	Hannah	Coakley family
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Billy H.	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Ray	Megan	Richard Mextorf

**Welcome**  
We're Glad You're Here!

New in the pew? If you are visiting West Lawn today, in person or virtually, let us know by texting "Hello" to 610-672-7347.

**LOOKING FOR:**

- A seat in worship
  - Nursery
  - Classrooms
  - Prayer Room
  - Restrooms
  - Need a Listening Aid
  - Guest WIFI Password
- Rejoice!**

Ushers & Greeters will be happy to help you.

At our **Welcome Center** you will find:

- Our Prayer Page
- Announcement Flyers
- Information on Classes and Groups
- **Visitors:** Bring your Visitor Card found in the pew racks to trade in for a gift!



15 Woodside Avenue  
West Lawn, PA 19609-1664  
610-678-5611  
office@westlawnumc.org  
www.westlawnumc.org  
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Chris Hardy

*"Faith in the Shadows: Look to Jesus"*

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Kelly Rismiller

**SCRIPTURE**

John 3:11-15 (NLT)

**TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP** (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**HYMNS**

UMH #559 - *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

UMH #349 - *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*

UMH #94 - *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #297 - *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

UMH #371 - *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"*

**OFFERTORY**

Sonrise Ringers, Diane Soper Director; Megan Weber, flute (8AM)

*"Kum Ba Yah"* (arr. Ron Mallory)

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (11AM)

*"Spirit Song"* (John Wimber, arr. Tom Fettke)

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

Bob Moyer (8AM)

Pat Herbst (11AM)

**PRAISE MUSIC** (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"This Is Our God"* (Phil Wickham)

*"Bless God"* (Brooke Ligertwood)

*"Holy Ground"* (Passion)

*"Come To Save Us"* (All Sons & Daughters)

*"The Lion And The Lamb"* (Big Daddy Weave)