

WEST LAWN UMC

*you're welcome here*



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***FAITH IN THE SHADOWS***

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MARCH 2, 2025



## WLW 3/5/2025

NO MEAL—Consignment Sale

## UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Mar 4-May 13 / 7PM

HeBrews Cafe

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 first meeting on March 4 will be at an alternate location in the Educ Bldg. in Room 110.** Please call or text Sherry, if you are interested in participating in this study.

## 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.

## SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

[SoftballforJesus.org](http://SoftballforJesus.org)

**Sign-up Deadline is March 15**

Registration is now open for the 2025 Christian Recreational Softball League, a Ministry of WLUMC. Coed participants 13 years old plus of all abilities are encouraged to join us!

## 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.

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Elise Coakley, Director

[preschool@westlawnmc.org](mailto:preschool@westlawnmc.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.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:**

*In celebration of the Michael Stephens Jennifer Botwin Wedding*

*In memory of Maxon Herr*

*With love from, your family*

*In loving memory of Randy Madara*

*from Lori, Abby, Mehgan, Matt, Ryan, John and Seth*

## YOUNG ADULTS

Javier Romero / 610-741-8613.  
2021romjava@gmail.com

If you are a young adult (age 18-25) and interested in getting together with other Christian young adults to maybe expand your social circle, find others with similar hobbies, or simply want a reason to leave the house, contact Javier.

## UWiF COLLECTION

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Collection box in the Narthex

United Women in Faith are collecting feminine hygiene products to be shared with girls and women in shelters in the Reading area. Please place your contributions in the box in the Narthex during the month of March. This is a way each of us can be supportive of our sisters as they rebuild their lives.

## 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.

## CARD SHOWER

Eric Jentes is further recovering at a local Acute Rehabilitation Hospital. If you would like to send a card of encouragement and care; his home address is: 3 States Ave, Reading, PA 19608.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## 2025 SUMMARY as of 2/23/2025

In-Person Worship	358
Online Worship	117
Sunday School	122
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$25,599
Monthly Income To Date	\$85,930
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$166,357
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



## 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, [kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.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 Raffauf 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

- Duarte family on the fatal shooting of Officer Duarte

## PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Police officers & hospital staff injured at UPMC Memorial Hospital
- 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
- Families with disabled children
- Healthy, pregnancies and deliveries
- Those dealing with loved ones diagnosed with dementia
- Discernment & healing in relationships
- Resolution of issues at the workplace
- Safe travel for all
- Patience & guidance as we seek peace throughout the world

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- For so many blessings
- Great test results after Melissa's surgery

**3/2/2025**

## HOSPITALIZED

Eric Jentes  
Robert Haag  
John Hoag  
Thomas Walter  
Al Wicks

## 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

Jamie	Anna	Cheryl	Jeff & Roberta	Karen	Kayla	Greg & Donna
Al & Linda	DC	MaryAnn	Eric Jentes & family	Jeff	friend	Steph & Frank
Bill & Ruth	Lisa	Jose A.	Alycia K. & family	Lydia	Andrea	Cora & family
Marilynne	Terry	Melissa	Mineyshalee Mercado	Janet	my family	Martin family
Michelle	Val	Shannon	Samantha & family	Pam	Winnie	Elyse & David
Brian & Dana	Rachel	Howard	father & daughter	Erik R.	Janine	Greg Noll
Judy & Roy	Drew	Charles	Heather & Mitchell	Jane	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!



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[www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org)  
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Tom Ebersole

*"Faith in the Shadows: Living in the Light"*

### SCRIPTURE

John 3:16-21 (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

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

### HYMNS

UMH #57 - *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

FWS #2160 - *"Into My Heart"*

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

UMH #365 - *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

UMH #370 - *"Victory in Jesus"*

### OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (8AM)

*"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* (Fanny Crosby/Chester Allen)

Mick Eager, piano (11AM)

*"Give Thanks"* (Henry Smith)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Anna Bickhart (8AM)

Greg Hart (11AM)

### PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"No Longer Slaves"* (Bethel Music)

*"Hope Has A Name"* (River Valley Worship)

*"God So Loved"* (We The Kingdom)

*"Lamb Of God"* (Vertical Worship)

*"Remembrance"* (Brooke Ligertwood)