

WEST LAWN UMC  
*you're welcome here*

# THE HYMNS OF EASTER



MARCH 23, 2025

## **WLW 3/26/2025**

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable

## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS**

Sunday, March 30 / 12:30PM

HeBrews Café

Register: [website](#) / [app](#) / [office](#)

If you would like to know more about West Lawn Church, the United Methodist Church, or are interested in becoming a member, plan to attend Coffee with the Pastors.

## **UWiF COLLECTION**

March 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. Thank you!

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Orders Due: Sunday, April 6

Cost: \$9/each

It's time to order your Easter flowers to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter! We have tulips, hyacinths and lilies available. Pick up an order envelope in the Narthex and return it by the due date. Take your flowers home on Easter.

**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](mailto:acaciaflowershop@gmail.com)**

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, April 9 / 7PM

Community Center / Conf Rm

Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551

[dmhart2@gmail.com](mailto:dmhart2@gmail.com)

Women's Book Club will meet in April to discuss the book A Week of Warm Weather by Lee Bukowski. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

## **MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY**

Shane Paisley / 610-781-0035

[pazefam@gmail.com](mailto:pazefam@gmail.com)

Who's interested in a new and exciting program reaching others beyond our church walls? West Lawn is considering starting a Motorcycle Ministry! EVERYONE is encouraged to scan this QR code to fill out a brief survey.



## **GARDEN MINISTRY**

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141

[kelly@westlawnmc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnmc.org)

Our 100 Woodside house offers the perfect location for a possible community vegetable and fruit garden. If you are interested in planting the seeds for this new venture, fill out the interest form.



## WM AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, May 10 / 3PM  
Raffauf Community Center  
Register: [website / app](#)

Join us for a Women's Ministry "Cup of Purpose" afternoon tea. This event includes good chats, yummy snacks, and a little friendly competition with a table decorating and hat contest. Also, all in attendance will hear about impactful ministry and mission happening at Lighthouse Women and Children's Center.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 1 / 1PM  
Manor Golf Club, Sinking Spring  
Register: [website / app](#)

 West Lawn is hosting a special Gratitude Golf Tournament. Registration is now open for players and sponsors. All are welcome.

## 2025 SUMMARY as of 3/16/2025

In-Person Worship	392
Online Worship	95
Sunday School	136
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$22,989
Monthly Income To Date	\$74,782
Monthly Income Goal	\$131,825
Budget Income to Date	\$190,651
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000

## YOUNG ADULTS

Javier Romero / 610-741-8613.  
[2021romjava@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Elise Coakley, Director  
[preschool@westlawnmc.org](mailto:preschool@westlawnmc.org)  
Register: [website / app / office](#)

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested in setting up a tour? Contact Elise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 28 Lifeline Screening  
Mar 30 Coffee w/the Pastor  
Mar 30 Marriage Enrichment  
Mar 30 Serve Meal @ HRM  
Mar 30 Kids Club/Tween Grp  
Mar 30 VBS Registration Open



DOWNLOAD  
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@westlawnmc.org](mailto:announcements@westlawnmc.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)

**NAME**

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**PHONE**

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**Wrapping Gifts -**

In preparation for Confirmation Sunday, some special gifts for the students need to be wrapped! If you enjoy wrapping presents, we would love your help with this job!

**Anytime April 30, May 1 or May 2**

**Retirement Home Visitors -**

A number of West Lawn members reside in nursing/retirement homes and are unable to come to church. Consider sharing some of your time on occasion visiting with these individuals. Personal visits are very welcomed and appreciated by these members.

**As Your Schedule Permits**

**Easter Candy Donations -**

In preparation for the Children's Ministry parking lot Easter event, we are seeking donations of candy to fill the many plastic eggs. All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or Ed. Building between now and April 13.

**Anytime before April 13**

**Golf Tournament Help -**

Onsite volunteers will be needed at Manor Golf Club during the WLUMC Golf Tournament on June 1. Helpers will supervise the hole-in-one contest, set up prizes, serve beverages, and more. If you would like to help in these ways, sign up today.

**Sunday, June 1, Starting at 12 PM**

**VBS Donations -**

It's time again to start gathering all of the supplies and materials for our huge Vacation Bible School program! A complete list of what's needed can be found on our website. Thanks for committing to helping with these needs!

**Anytime before June 1  
[westlawnumc.org/vbs](http://westlawnumc.org/vbs)**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ALL AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OR THAT APPLY:

EVENT PREP

STATION HELPER

YOUTH ASSISTANT

EASTER STORY  
ACTING TEAM

I'LL HELP ANYWHERE

UNSURE

For more information or if you have questions, please contact  
Steph Serfass ([stephanie@westlawnmc.org](mailto:stephanie@westlawnmc.org))

# WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

## HOW TO ENGAGE IN WLUMC PRAYER MINISTRIES:

1. WEBSITE: Under the WORSHIP/PRAAYER REQUEST tab.
2. WLUMC APP: Under the GET CARE/PRAAYER 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

- Edie Byers on the loss of her husband

## PRAYERS OF HEALING

- All who are heartbroken due to the loss of a loved one
- 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
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Families grieving the loss of a beloved pet
- The homebound, elderly parents, and staff at health facilities
- Employment & financial concerns
- Discernment & healing in relationships
- Safe travel for all
- Patience & God's guidance as we seek peace throughout the world

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- For so many blessings and answered prayers!
- Thankful that Rick's procedure went well
- Pastors & Stephen ministers

**3/23/2025**

## HOSPITALIZED

John Hoag  
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

Joe & Amy	Jody	Dennis	friend & her family	Jim	Emily	Susan Henry
Jeff & Cindy	Bob H.	Karen	James, Mick, Mike	Aly	Brad G.	Bret & family
Al & Linda	Eileen	Heather	Rich Kennan & wife	Mary	Judy M.	Santa & Mayra
Lutz family	Nancy	Mitchell	Samantha & family	Mark	Andrea	Eric & family
daughter	Pat K.	Shana	father & daughter	Bill	Kara	Alycia & family
Michelle	Greg	Dianne	MaryAnn, Heather, Lisa	son	Lorna	Kim & Kimm
Nancy & Bill	Missy	sister	Rauenzahn family	Amy	George	Coakley family
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Declan	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 Tom Ebersole

*"The Hymns of Easter: The Old Rugged Cross"*

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:25-39 (NRSV)

### 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 #596 - *"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

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

UMH #95 - *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #165 - *"Hallelujah! What a Savior"*

UMH #504 - *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

### OFFERTORY

Judy Alvarez, piano (8AM)

*"Praise to the Lord"* (Hugh Livingston, Jr.)

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (11AM)

*"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"* (Stan Pethel)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Scott Schwenk (8AM)

Don Faughner (11AM)

### PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Battle Belongs"* (Phil Wickham)

*"Yes I Will"* (Vertical Worship)

*"Remembrance"* (Brooke Ligertwood)

*"Man Of Sorrows"* (Shane & Shane)

*"Old Rugged Cross"* (UMC Hymnal #504, v. 1 & refrain)

*"Death Was Arrested"* (Aaron Shust)