

WEST LAWN UMC
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THE HYMNS OF EASTER

APRIL 20, 2025



SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 1 / 1-7PM
Raffauf Community Center
Register: 610-670-0591 or
www.giveapint.org

It's time for our spring blood drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center here at WLUMC. Integral to continuing the convenience of having the blood drive at West Lawn we need to replenish the number of donors to replace those no longer able too. Giving blood is a critical need in our community and takes less then an hour of your time. No experience is needed, and first time donors are welcome and appreciated. Consider donating, and register today by contacting Eileen Williams at the number above or on the website.

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED 5/2

In preparation for our VBS craft night, we welcome donations of any of these supplies:

Green, brown & white acrylic paint
Paper towel tubes
Red, yellow, & orange tissue paper
Blocks of Styrofoam
Mod Podge

STAY CONNECTED

Stay connected on all events and programs at WLUMC by visiting our website, downloading our app and visiting our social media Facebook and Instagram pages.

MOTHER'S DAY

Join us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, as we show our appreciation to all of the ladies with a gift of carnations and cookies.

THE EASTER FLOWERS TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

*In loving memory or honor of loved ones
Happy 70th birthday to Bob Mochan from his loving family*

To place an order for flowers, contact:

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141
kelly@westlawnumc.org

Our church directory is available as an app and webpage. Go to instantchurchdirectory.com to create your account, upload a family photo and update your contact info. Then, download the app. Questions? Contact Kelly.

TEAM MINISTRY

Keep an eye on your mailbox for this year's Team Ministry Catalogue! Inside, you'll discover a variety of ways to share your time and talents in service to God through the ministries of West Lawn UMC. Once you've prayerfully considered where you feel called to serve, you'll have the opportunity to return your Commitment Card on Sunday, May 18.

EXTRA PHILLIES TICKETS

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Cost: \$70/each
Lori Madara / 484-332-1582

There are tickets available to the WLUMC night at the Philadelphia Phillies in August, without transportation. Please contact Lori by May 15, 2025 if interested.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Join our indoor Pickleball players in the Raffauf Community Center most Mondays and Thursdays from 1-3 PM. No advance sign-up required. New or advanced players welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 27 | Marriage Enrichment |
| Apr 27 | Kids Club/Tween Grp |
| Apr 29 | Confirmation Rehearsal |
| May 1 | Blood Drive |
| May 2 | VBS Craft Night |
| May 4 | Confirmation Sunday |
| May 4 | Marriage Enrichment |
| May 10 | WM "Cup of Purpose" |

2025 SUMMARY as of 4/13/2025

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| In-Person Worship | 426 |
| Online Worship | 95 |
| Sunday School | 135 |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$27,509 |
| Monthly Income To Date | \$57,481 |
| Monthly Income Goal | \$105,460 |
| Budget Income to Date | \$339,311 |
| Budget Goal (12 months) | \$1,371,000 |



**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@westlawnumc.org.



Preschool Registration

2025-2026 Registration Now Open

West Lawn's preschool classes, for children age 2-Pre K, offer free play and socialization, as well as fundamental educational teaching. Classes are offered 2, 3 or 5 times a week.

Motorcycle Ministry

Who's Interested?

A few of us have come together with a shared vision and passion — starting a Motorcycle Ministry. If interested, contact Shane Paisley at 610-781-0035.



Vacation Bible School

June 9-12, 2025, 6-8:30 PM



Children age 3 though Grade 5 are invited to learn more about trusting Jesus in our wild world at True North VBS this summer. Join the team and prepare to have a wild time! www.westlawnumc.org/vbs

WLUMC Softball

Games Start May 6 at Red Caboose Park

Join us for another great season of fun, community, and connection as we cheer on West Lawn's three teams playing in this summer's recreational and non-competitive league. www.softballforjesus.org



“A Cup of Purpose” Women’s Tea

Saturday, May 10, 3 PM, Raffauf Community Center

Good chats, yummy snacks, and a little friendly competition at this spring's Saturday afternoon tea event, featuring a table decorating contest and guest speaker. Register today.

Free Clothing for Children and Teens

Third Wednesday of Each Month at 100 Woodside

Our newest ministry, in partnership with the Faithful Friends Consignment Sale, is offering free, gently used clothing, shoes and undergarments for children and teenagers in need. Help us spread the word.



Gratitude Golf Tournament

Sunday, June 1, 1 PM at Manor Golf Club

Our tournament supports families who faced unexpected hardships. We express our gratitude to God for His care, and host this event to help ease their financial burdens.



Garden Ministry

Beginning this Spring at 100 Woodside

The backyard of our 100 Woodside house offers the perfect location for a community vegetable and fruit garden. If you are interested in planting the seeds for this new venture, contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141.

Summer Camp for Kids

Four Mini-Week Camps Throughout the Summer

Our Preschool is hosting four camps this summer for children age 3 through Grade 3. Kids will have so much fun learning, exploring and creating this summer! Spaces are limited; sign up now.



Women's Craft Night

Friday, May 2, 6:30 PM, Raffauf Community Center

Calling all crafters - This night is where we can glue, cut, paint, design and build... all for glory of God as we prepare for VBS! Scan this QR code for a list of crafts to be made.



Summer Youth Group Plans

June, July & August

Who said summer is boring? Join West Lawn youth at Hershey Park, Pocono Plateau Camp, Guppy Gulch, mission service projects and more! Friends are always welcome.



Carolina Rebuilding Ministry Mission Trip

July 27-August 3, 2025

This summer, WLUMC will embark on another trip open to all skill levels who want to help make homes stronger, safer, and healthier while experiencing personal transformation. Contact Pastor Chris to join the team.

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

NAME

PHONE

Gardening Tools Collection -

Do you have any spare trowels, hand shovels, gardening gloves, or other small garden tools you are not using that we could have and store at West Lawn? These items will soon be put to good use as we begin our new community garden ministry.

Drop Off Anytime at WLUMC

Home Lawn Mowing -

A member needs help with the mowing of a small lawn a few blocks from West Lawn Church. Be part of a team that takes turns helping out during the mowing season. Mower provided. Contact Charlie Soper at: csoper58@gmail.com

Spring-Summer 2025

New Journey Community Outreach Meal Prep -

More help is needed in the West Lawn Community Center kitchen once a month, on a Thursday morning, as we prepare salad, cook pasta and bake garlic bread for over 275 people in need. Join the team!

1st Thursday of each Month, 8:30-10:30 AM

Wednesday Night Watchman -

Help West Lawn by officially closing and securing our buildings on Wednesday nights. Around 9 PM once a week, come by our campus and make sure all windows are closed, doors are locked, and lights are turned off.

Wednesdays 9-9:30 PM

Extra Shopping Bags -

Now that our new clothing closet for children and teens is open, we are gratefully accepting donations of any large cloth or paper shopping bags you may have. These bags will be provided to our guests when they come to shop.

Drop Off Anytime at WLUMC

REFRESH BERKS

MOBILE SHOWER UNIT

KICKOFF SPLASH

SATURDAY, MAY 17th | 12-3 PM

WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15 WOODSIDE AVENUE
WEST LAWN, PA 19609

Clean, Safe, and
Mobile - Showers
for Our Housing
Insecure
Community

- Tour the Shower Trailer
- Learn About The Mission
- Meet The Dedicated Team
- **Can't make it? You can still
make a difference - donate
today!**



LAUNCHING FALL 2025!



RefreshBerks.org
Facebook: Refresh Berks
PO Box 676, Reading, PA, 19603



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

- Stephanie, Kim & Serfass family on the loss of Brent
- Rice family on Deb's passing
- Friends & family of William Barrick on his passing

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Comfort for those grieving
- 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
- The homebound, elderly parents, and staff at health facilities
- Employment & financial concerns
- Discernment & healing in relationships & marriages
- 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

4/20/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Gail Goetz
Susan Henry
Nancy Rehr
Tom Walter
Carolyn Weller

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
Safety for our Armed
Forces & their families

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| Sue W. | Jo Jo | Son & wife | Griefshare Support Grp. | Amy | Lucila | Anderson & Erika |
| Kristi | Ella | Madilyn | Michael, & Elizabeth | Brad | Mark | Cora & family |
| Marilyne | Jim | Mitchell | Jen, Mike, Kira, Emelia | Dave | Gemma | Greg & Donna |
| Aubrey | son | Heather | Mich, Mike, James | Ben | Nancy | Pat & Russell |
| Al & Linda | Kyle | Shana | father & daughter | Mark | sister | Eric & family |
| Nancy & Bill | David | Billy | Rauenzahn family | Arnie | Andrea | Coakley family |
| Jim & Patty | Eloise | Declan | Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue | Ray | Megan | Richard Mextorf |
| Teddy & Julie | Paul | Lauren | Hannah & Patricia | Lorna | Briley | Charles & Audrey |
| Nick & family | Grace | Ginny | Pat, Judy, Sandy, Irene | Aly | Bobby | Rich & Patty |

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

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

"The Hymns of Easter: The Hallelujah Chorus"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10 (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

EASTER ACCALMATION (Choir and Congregation)

"Hallelujah" from "Messiah" (Handel)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRELUDES / POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organist

"Organ Concerto No. 4 in F Major, HWV 292: I. Allegro"

(George Frederic Handel)

"Prelude on 'Easter Hymn'" (Healey Willan)

"Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42: V.

Toccata" (Charles-Marie Widor)

HYMNS

UMH #302 - *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* (vss. 1-4)

UMH #176 - *"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"*

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

UMH #322 - *"Up from the Grave He Arose"*

UMH #318 - *"Christ Is Alive"*

OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director

"The Strife Is O'er" (Henry Ley)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"God So Loved" (We The Kingdom)

"House Of The Lord" (The Worship Initiative)

"Living Hope" (Bethel Music)

"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" (Kari Jobe)

"Glorious Day" (Passion)