

WEST LAWN UMC

you're welcome here

the
messages
we tell
ourselves

APRIL 27, 2025

CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

Register by April 30 for the
EARLYBIRD Discount
See insert for more information.

WLW MEAL 4/30/25

Shepherd's Pie, Vegetable

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

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

It's not too late to participate in the spring blood drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center here at WLUMC. Appointments are still available between 5-7PM. Register today!

VBS CRAFT NIGHT

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

We invite all females to come to a VBS craft night! Bring all of your creative skills as we paint, glue, cut, and design many decorations to be used for this year's VBS "True North" themed event!



WM CUP OF PURPOSE

Saturday, May 10 / 3PM
Raffauf Community Center

A Women's Ministry "Cup of Purpose" afternoon tea event is being held in May. 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. Register today.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 1 / 1PM
Manor Golf Club / \$75 per golfer
Register by May 10

West Lawn is hosting a special Gratitude Golf Tournament in June at Manor Golf Club. Register by May 10 on our website. All are welcome



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.

**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

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 14 / 7PM
Community Center / Conf Rm
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551
dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in May to discuss the book *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. New readers always welcome! Contact Donna for more info.

KICKOFF SPLASH

Saturday, May 17 / 12-3 PM
Raffauf Community Center

Join us for a very special Kickoff Splash! Be among the first to see Berks County's first-ever mobile shower unit – **Refresh Berks!** While here, tour the shower trailer, learn about the mission behind bringing dignity and hygiene to those experiencing homelessness, and meet the dedicated team making it all possible.

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.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 27	Kids Club/Tween Grp
Apr 27	Marriage Enrichment
Apr 29	Confirmation Rehearsal
May 1	Blood Drive
May 2	VBS Craft Night
May 4	Confirmation Sunday
May 4	Kids Club/Tween Grp
May 4	Marriage Enrichment
May 10	WM "Cup of Purpose"
May 11	Baptism/Join Sunday
May 16	Wilson Area Food Pantry
May 17	Refresh Berks

2025 SUMMARY as of 4/20/2025

In-Person Worship	672
Online Worship	150
Sunday School	90
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$34,920
Monthly Income To Date	\$92,401
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$374,231
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.

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@westlawnmc.org

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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

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

Craft Night Supplies - In preparation for our Women's Craft Night event, where we'll make the VBS decorations, we are seeking donations of: green, brown, white acrylic paint, paper towel tubes, red, yellow, orange tissue paper, blocks of styrofoam and Mod Podge

Drop Off Anytime Before May 2

Outside Fellowship Hosts - Sunday morning fellowship has moved outside for the spring and summer. Consider joining our Hospitality Team one Sunday during these warmer months to help serve coffee, replenish snacks and clean up the supplies.

Any Sunday May-September, 8:50-11:15 AM

Raised Beds - If you enjoy building and woodworking, our new Garden Ministry would love some raised beds constructed for the new community garden at 100 Woodside. Any size, any style.

Spring 2025

CAROLINA REBUILDING MINISTRY



**Summer Mission Trip
July 27 - August 3**

**ALL SKILL LEVELS
COMPLETED 6TH
GRADE & OLDER**



**\$150 per person
EARLYBIRD discount until 4/30**

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

- Sarah Kahando & family on the loss of her eldest brother
- Pam Berger & family on the loss of her father Charles Brackman

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Comfort for those grieving
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- 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
- Employment & financial concerns
- For those who are lost may they return to the arms of God
- 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
- For Camryn & Aaron and Eric to be in church with us

4/27/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Kim Hershman
Nancy Rehr
Tom Walter
Carolyn Weller
Doris Westley

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

Roxanne	Bill	Sandy	Sherry, Audrey & family	Amy	Carol A.	Martin family
Christy	Erica	Jennifer	sister-in-law & husband	Brad	Gary	Cora & family
Marilyne	Jim	Mitchell	Rittenhouse family	Dave	Phil D.	Greg & Donna
Stephen	Cindy	Heather	Mich, Mike, James	Kyle	Cindy	George & Deb
Al & Linda	Naomi	Shana	father & daughter	Jane	Kristi	Eric & family
Nancy & Bill	David	Billy	Rauenzahn family	son	Andrea	Coakley family
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Declan	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Ray	Megan	Richard Mextorf
Teddy & Greg	Paul	Lauren	Hannah & Patricia	Julie	Kelly H.	children & youth
Nick & family	Elyse	Michelle	Pat, Judy, Al, Louise	Roy	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 Chris Hardy

WORSHIP LEADER

Kelly Rismiller

"The messages we tell ourselves: I Am What I Have"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21 (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

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #304 - *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"*

UMH #328 - *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

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

UMH #405 - *"Seek Ye First"*

UMH #399 - *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

"I Surrender All" (Heather Sorensen)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Matthew Weller (8AM)

Lisa Hoopes (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"How He Loves" (Crowder)

"Yes I Will" (Vertical Worship)

"Gratitude" (Brandon Lake)

"Who You Say I Am" (Hillsong Worship)

"Christ Is Enough" (Hillsong Worship)