

WEST LAWN UMC

you're welcome here

the
messages
we tell
ourselves

MAY 4, 2025



PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Monday, May 5 / 4-9PM

Wyomissing YOGO Crazy

Preschool YOGO Crazy fundraiser is TOMORROW! Please mention West Lawn UMC Preschool when ordering your delicious sweet treat!

WLW MEAL 5/7/25

Mother's Day Meal: Shrimp Scampi, Sausage, Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Vegetable, Garlic Bread

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 10 / 10:30AM-Noon

Preschool Open House is next weekend. We would love to have the opportunity to show new potential families our preschool and tell you more about our preschool. Help spread the word!

WM CUP OF PURPOSE

Saturday, May 10 / 3PM

Raffauf Community Center

It's not too late to sign-up for A Women's Ministry "Cup of Purpose" afternoon tea. Scan the QR code for more info or to register.

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.

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



TEAM MINISTRY

Last week, our Team Ministry Catalogue was mailed to all who consider West Lawn their church home. Extra copies are at the Welcome Center if you did not receive this mail. Inside, you'll discover a variety of ways to share your time and talents in service to God through WLUMC ministries. 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.**

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

"Happy Birthday to Preston and Benjamin Knauer"

To place an order for flowers, contact:

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

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.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, May 18 / 12:30 PM
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.

WBSM FUNDRAISER

Ticket Coupon Required
Pickup at Welcome Center
Wednesday, May 21 / 11AM-close
Thursday, May 22 / 11AM-close
Austin's Restaurant & Bar
OR Coastal Grille

A dining fundraiser for Western-Berks Shepherding Ministries is being held in September at the above restaurants. A percentage of your order supports WBSM.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

are still enrolling all weeks—for ages 3 years through 3rd grade! Teen volunteers, we need your help! Sign-up under the youth app/website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
May 18	Commitment Sunday

2025 SUMMARY as of 4/27/2025

In-Person Worship	301
Online Worship	119
Sunday School	124
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$21,029
Monthly Income To Date	\$113,430
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$365,260
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@westlawnnumc.org.



Our Vacation Bible School would not be possible without the help of 170+ faithful servants! This year's VBS will take place June 9-12, from 6 PM - 8:30 PM. If you are interested in joining this year's TRUE NORTH servant team and being an integral part of making this event happen, please sign up using this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name

Email Address

Cell Number

SERVICE AREAS OF INTEREST (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Design/Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Storytelling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack | <input type="checkbox"/> Mascot/Dancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare/Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama/Skit Leader |

OVER 18 & GRADUATED FROM H.S.

☐ No

☐ Yes

AVAILABILITY/CONFLICTS

(Are you aware of any of the dates during VBS that you have prior commitments and would like us to know of? If, yes, please indicate the date(s) and time.)

☐ No

☐ Yes

TRUE NORTH

As Children & Family Ministries gears up for this year's VBS, we are beginning to collect donations that help to make this amazing Ministry event possible. Below is a preliminary list of items needed for this Summer's northern adventure. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

DONATION LIST

- Washable Markers
- Chenille wire
- Glue Sticks
- Full sheet multi-color craft foam
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Black Craft Paper Rolls
- Red, Orange, and Yellow Tissue Paper
- Green rolls of paper
- 8.5 x 11" Laminator Sheets
- Green & Blue Disposable plastic tablecloths
- Blue, Green, Pink, and Purple Tempera Paints
- Fine-point Paint Brushes
- Graham Crackers
- Mini Marshmallows
- Mini M&Ms
- Pretzel sticks
- Painter's Tape
- Duct Tape
- Quart-size zip lock bags
- Aluminum foil
- Command Hooks
- Craft Poms poms
- Multi-color pipe cleaners
- Confetti
- Glue Dots
- Craft Tubes
- Modge podge
- Flicker battery votives
- Metallic Gray Acrylic paint
- Grey roll(s) of paper
- Brown rolls of paper
- Craft Sticks
- Cotton Balls
- White Acrylic Paint
- Raisins
- Semi sweet choc. chips



**OR VISIT OUR
AMAZON GIFT
REGISTRY!**

VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 _____

☐ **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**

☐ **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

☐ **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

☐ **Summer Camp Adult Helper** - The WL Preschool team is looking for an additional adult helper for each week of its summer camp programs. This adult will help set up and clean up stations, and support the teachers as necessary throughout the morning camp hours.
**Choose Your Dates: May 27-29, June 24-26, July 15-17, August 5-7,
8:15 AM - 12:30 PM**



WEST LAWN UMC GRATITUDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025
MANOR GOLF CLUB**

- **4-PERSON SCRAMBLE**
- **SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 PM**
- **SNACKS, DINNER, PRIZES**
- **\$75 PER GOLFER /
\$300 PER FOURSOME**

*Includes: Cart,
Soda & Water,
Contests -
Closest to the Pin,
Longest Drive,
Hole-In-One*

REGISTER BY MAY 10

*For questions regarding registration or sponsorship opportunities,
contact Bruce Morton at 484-794-0744, bkmmem@comcast.net.*

West Lawn's Gratitude Golf Tournament benefits an individual or family that recently faced an unexpected hardship. As a congregation, we would like to show our gratitude to God for keeping these individuals/families in His care. In addition to prayers and support, West Lawn UMC hosts this tournament to ease the financial burden that affects them.

This year, the proceeds will benefit the Eric Jentes Family.



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

- Sherry Lantz & family on the loss of sister Audrey
- Donna who lost her husband to pancreatic cancer
- Elyse & Greg on the passing of Teddy

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- 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
- Confirmation class of 2025 & Women's Emmaus walk
- 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 my family's excellent care in hospital
- Thanks be to God for Eternal life in Jesus

5/4/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Kim Hershman
Nancy Rehr
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

Stephanie	Jerry	Ramon	Marilyn & family	Amy	Carol A.	Grace & family
Benjamin	Tod	Vicki	Sherry, Audrey & family	Brad	Gary	Cora & family
Jim & Linda	Gwen	Mitchell	Christina & mom	Matt	Sandy	our children
Joann	Joe	Heather	Jen, Mike & family	Travis	Patrick	Everett & family
Dolores	Eva	Shana	father & daughter	Chase	Wanda	Eric & family
Nancy & Bill	David	Billy	Rauenzahn family	son	Andrea	Coakley family
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Declan	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Ray	Megan	Richard Mextorf
Christie	Paul	Lauren	Hannah & Patricia	Julie	Kelly H.	children & youth
Nick & family	Elyse	Michelle	Pat, Irene, Sue	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!



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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

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

WORSHIP LEADER

Tom Ebersole

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:43-45 (NLT)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #400 - *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

FWS #2152 - *"Change My Heart, O God"*

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

UMH #410 - *"I Want a Principle Within"*

FWS #2158 - *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director

"Day by Day" (Martin How)

Carolann Schneiderhan & Demetrius Bravidis, vocalists

"The Prayer" (C. Sager/D. Foster)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Mark Wisniewski (8AM)

Richard Houser (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Build Your Kingdom Here" (Rend Collective)

"Good Grace" (Hillsong United)

"Another In The Fire" (Hillsong United)

"All Hail King Jesus" (Jeremy Riddle)

2025 CONFIRMANDS (* baptized today)

Vivian LaVerne Cohen*

Nora Eve O'Donnell

Jack Andrew Denny

Anika Lynn O'Leary

Corey Matthew Grim*

Kinsey Olivia Palm

Ashlee Jennifer Hertzog

Denton J. Quick

Abby Mamawa Kaikai

Hunter Jameson Taylor

Jackson Thomas Mueller