



WEST LAWN UMC

you're welcome here

the
messages
we tell
ourselves

MAY 11, 2025





TEAM MINISTRY

Next Sunday is Team Ministry Sunday. We invite everyone to return their Team Ministry Commitment Card during worship on this day. Extra copies are at the Welcome Center if you did not receive this in the mail.

WLW MEAL 5/14/25

Chicken & Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

Enroll now for West Lawn Summer Camp for kids ages 3 years through 3rd grades. All sessions are still open, each with it's own fun theme!

May 27-29—Camping

June 24-25—Amazing Animals

July 15-17—Science Explorers

August 5-7—Wacky Water

Teen volunteers, we need your help! Sign-up under the youth app/ website, or contact Trisha or Elise.

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.

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.

**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**

UWif MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 20 / 11:30AM

HeBrews Café

Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671

ronaldbickhart@comcast.net

United Women in Faith will meet in May to focus on how our faith “feels” plus how we live out that faith in our everyday lives. This is the final session on our theme “Carrying Our Faith Forward.” Bring a lunch and beverage as we share in fellowship around food and faith. All are welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Anna.

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 May at the above restaurants. A percentage of your order supports WBSM.

GRADUATING?

Send information to:

office@westlawnumc.org

Office: 610-678-5611

If you, or someone you know, who is part of our church family, are graduating this spring from high school, college, trade school or graduate school, please provide their name, school & degree, if applicable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16 **Wilsons Area Food Pantry**

May 17 **Refresh Berks**

May 18 **Commitment Sunday**

May 18 **Coffee w/Pastors**

May 20 **United Women in Faith**

May 21 **Clothing Closet**

May 21-22 **WBSM Fundraiser**

May 26 **OFFICE CLOSED/Holiday**

May 27-29 **Summer Camp #1**

2025 SUMMARY as of 5/4/2025

In-Person Worship	416
Online Worship	136
Sunday School	88
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$37,094
Monthly Income To Date	\$37,094
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$432,354
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.

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 _____

- ☐ **Stage Setup and Tear Down** - One small, but very BIG detail of VBS is setting up and tearing down the stage in the Sanctuary. If you have a spare hour or two, and could help with the manpower involved in setting up or taking down our stage, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Based on everyone's schedule, we'll find a day and time that works for all. **Early June 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**

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!**

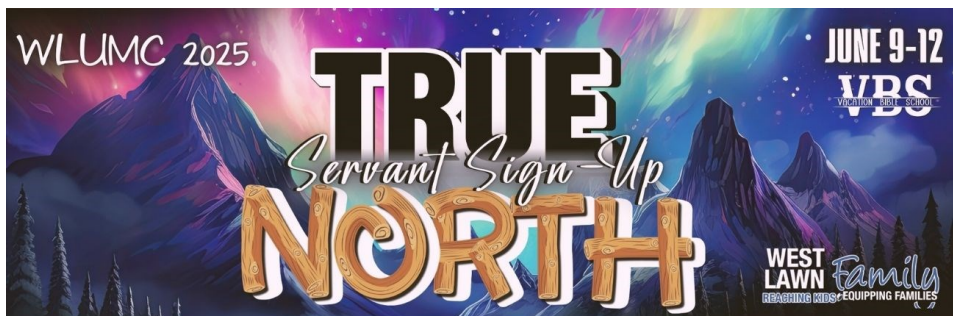


LAUNCHING FALL 2025!



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





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)

☐ Crew Leader

☐ Crafts

☐ Registration

☐ Games

☐ Security Team

☐ Science

☐ Set Design/Decorating

☐ Bible Storytelling

☐ Snack

☐ Mascot/Dancer

☐ Nurse

☐ Childcare/Nursery

☐ Tech Team

☐ 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

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

- Chris White & family on the loss of his father
- Edie Byers on the loss of husband Ray

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Those mourning the loss of a beloved pet
- 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
- 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

- Confirmands & families, their mentors ,teachers & pastors

5/11/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Phyllis Guldner
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

Marsha S.	Keith	Annetta	Rittenhouse family	Doug	Ernie	neighbors
Marilyn	Jerry	Ramon	Martin family	Amy	Brooke	Sherrie Kelly
Jim & Linda	Greg	Mitchell	Patricia & John	Brad	Bea	Cora & family
Michelle	Laura	Heather	Mom Marshall	Bev	Lorna	Everett & family
Stephanie	Kacy	Shana	father & daughter	Bob	Steve	Eric & family
Nancy & Bill	David	Billy	Rauenzahn family	Dave	Andrea	Coakley family
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Declan	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Matt	Megan	Richard Mextorf
Christie	Scott	Lauren	Hannah & Patricia	Ray	Bret	Matt & Andrea
Nick & family	Elyse	Michelle	Pat, Irene, Sue	Roy	Sandy	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

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

"The messages we tell ourselves: 'I Am Who He Says I Am'"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:43-48 (NLT)

NEW MEMBERS (11AM)

Eric & Kathleen Hess

Greg & Linda Yeager

WORSHIP LEADER

Tom Ebersole

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

NEW MEMBERS (11AM)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

LAST PRELUDE

Joyful Ringers - Diane Soper, Director (11AM)

"Holy Manna" (arr. Susan Geschke)

HYMNS

UMH #145 - *"Morning Has Broken"*

FWS #2108 - *"O How He Loves You and Me"* (vs. 1 only)

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

UMH #468 - *"Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"*

UMH #479 - *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

OFFERTORY

3X4 Ringers, Diane Soper, Director (8AM)

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (arr. Larry Sue)

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director

"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Johann Sebastian Bach)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Alice Moyer (8AM)

Greg Hart (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Not Afraid" (Jesus Culture)

"Great I Am" (New Life Worship)

"Who You Say I Am" (Hillsong)

"Rest On Us" (Upperroom)

"Jesus Does" (We The Kingdom)