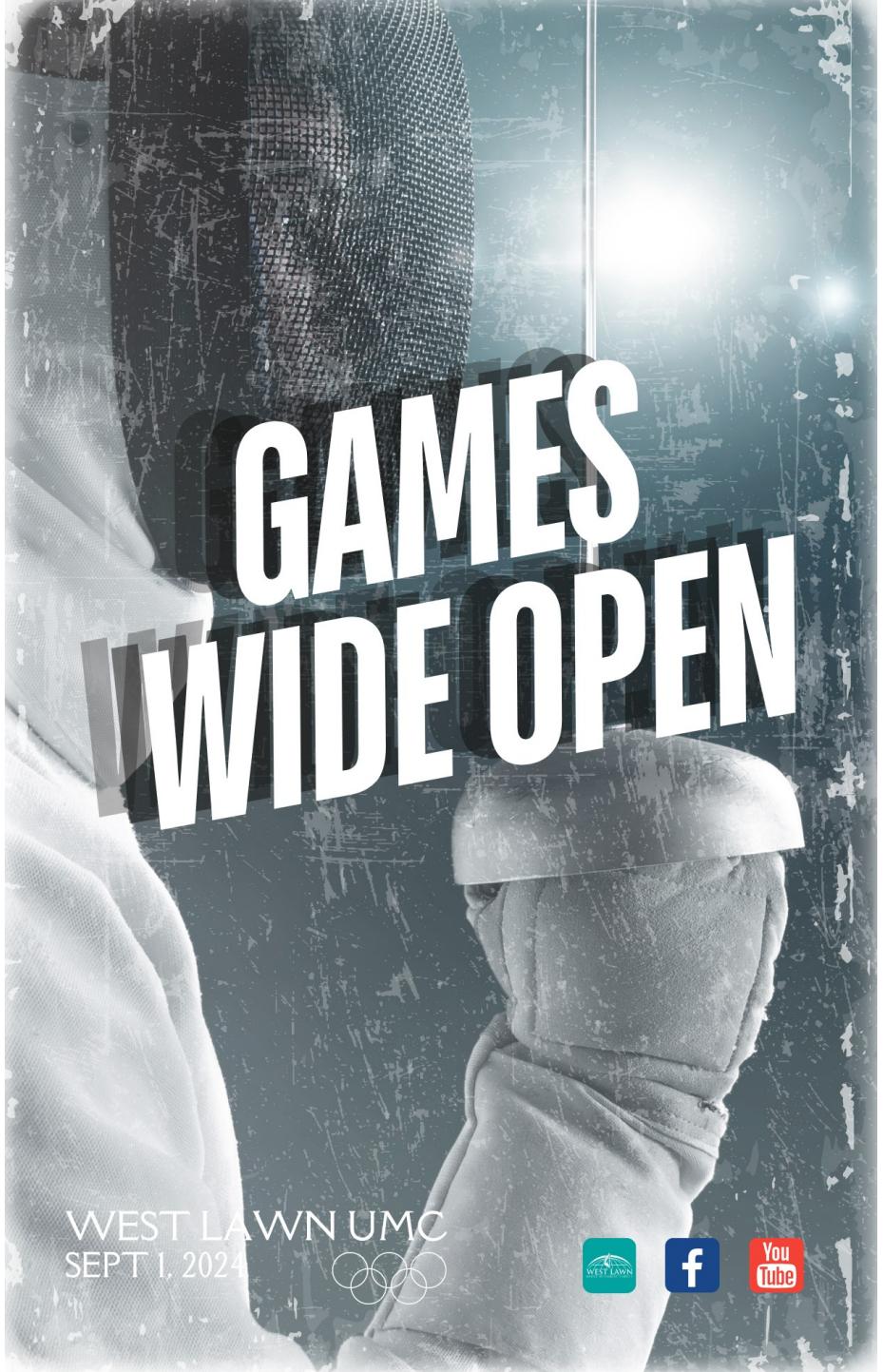


# GAMES WIDE OPEN



WEST LAWN UMC  
SEPT 1, 2024



## **WLW MEALS RESUME**

September 4 / 4:30-6:45PM

Raffauf Community Center

Shepherd's Pie / KIDS: Pizza

## **CALLING ALL SINGERS!!**

Wednesday, September 4 / 7PM

Sanctuary Bldg / Music Room

Kickoff social & first rehearsal

Don't miss this opportunity to join the choir! All are welcome, we have lots of fun during our rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30PM in the Music Suite.

## **NEW RINGERS WELCOME!**

[handbells@westlawnumc.org](mailto:handbells@westlawnumc.org)

Interested in joining our handbell ministry? Maybe you rang bells in the past; maybe you never rang a bell before but would like to learn. All are welcome! Contact Diane Soper for more information at the email above.

## **KIDS CLUB & TWEEN GRP**

September 8 / 6-7:30PM

Registration required

Kids' Club & Tween Group resumes for all 2nd—5th grade students. Join us for twice monthly, Sunday evening time for games, fellowship, snack, crafts, and a mini lesson!



**WLUMC Preschool still has openings for 2s, 3s, & Pre-K!!**

**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, September 11 / 7PM

Community Center / Conf Rm

Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551

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

Women's Book Club will meet in June to discuss the book *The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

## **LOSS OF A SPOUSE**

Wed. Sept. 11 / 1:30PM / Rm 109

Thurs., Sept. 12 / 7PM / CC Conf Rm

Your life has changed forever and the daily emotions are hard to bear. Loss of A Spouse provides practical advice, coping skills, and support.

## **WM BREAKFAST/SPEAKER**

Saturday, September 14 / 8:30 AM

Raffauf Community Center

Women's Ministry is planning a breakfast event, featuring guest speaker, Marie Monville in September. Marie will speak about courageous faith and determination, and how to uncover God's plan for our lives and the impact we can make in the world. More details and registration online.



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## **WBSM FUNDRAISER**

Wednesday, Sept. 18 / 11AM-close

Thursday, Sept. 19 / 11AM-close

Austin's Restaurant & Bar OR

Coastal Grille (Ticket Required)

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

## **FALL BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, Sept. 26 / 1-7PM

Raffauf Community Center

Eileen Williams / 610-670-0591

[www.giveapint.org](http://www.giveapint.org)

Miller-Keystone Blood Center, along with blood centers across the US, has noted the decrease in younger donors over the last three years, while the need for blood continues to increase. Can we count on **YOU** to help reverse that

### **2024 SUMMARY as of 8/25/2024**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| In-Person Worship           | 369         |
| Online Worship              | 90          |
| Sunday School               | 111         |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$32,696    |
| Monthly Income To Date      | \$103,105   |
| Monthly Income Goal         | \$107,284   |
| Budget Income to Date       | \$799,011   |
| Budget Goal (12 months)     | \$1,394,722 |

trend? You can make your appointment at any time on the website, or by calling Eileen.

## **CRAFT BAZAAR TIME**

Saturday, October 12 /9AM-2PM

Raffauf Community Center

West Lawn will again host a Craft and Vendor Bazaar. Over 30 tables of local vendors and homemade items will be on sale.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Help Build Hope

Fri. & Sat. October 18-19

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sep 02** **Office Closed/Holiday**

**Sep 03** Preschool Begins

**Sep 04** WLW Begins

**Sep 04** Choir Rehearsals Begin

**Sep 08** Baptism/Join Sunday

**Sep 08** Kidz Club/Tween Starts

**Sep 08** Confirmation Info Mtg

**Sep 11&12** Loss of a Spouse

**Sep 14** WM Breakfast/Speaker

**Sep 16** MM Football Night

**Sep 18&19** WBSM Fundraiser

**Sep 20** Wilson Food Pantry

**Sep 21** Bishop Srvc/Luncheon

**Sep 26** Fall Blood Drive

**Sep 29** Coffee with the Pastors

### **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](mailto:announcements@westlawnumc.org).

A WOMEN'S MINISTRY GUEST SPEAKER  
& BREAKFAST EVENT

# COURAGEOUS Faith

Guest Speaker

## MARIE MONVILLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

RAFFAUF COMMUNITY CENTER - 8:30 AM



West Lawn's Women's Ministry is excited to offer a breakfast event, featuring guest speaker, Marie Monville, on September 14.

In 2006, Marie's then husband committed the Amish Schoolhouse shooting, and, very quickly, she faced loss and brokenness and leaned into faith and her relationship with God to persevere. Since then, she's deepened her resolve that our circumstances are not the definition of our lives. Marie strongly believes that no matter what we face, we can still cultivate a life we love.

"I empower women to overcome obstacles, shift their mindset, and build a strong relationship with God so they can silence self-doubt, and live with purpose," adds Marie.



THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE  
RAFFAUF COMMUNITY CENTER  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

"Courageous Faith" will be Marie's topic for her presentation. During our morning together, Marie will share her story of how God allowed her to walk through significant hardship, and that path became her destiny. She had to lay aside preconceived ideas and see herself from God's perspective. Like Esther in the Bible, Marie will share with us how we can discover our hidden strengths, grace, faith, and determination. And, similar to Esther's journey, we will be guided to uncover God's plan for our lives and the impact we can make in the world.

### Event Schedule:

- 8:30 AM - Welcome & Breakfast
- 9:30 AM - Break
- 9:45 AM - Marie Monville - Session 1
- 10:30 AM - Break
- 10:45 AM - Marie Monville - Session 2
- 11:30 AM - Conclusion

# VOLUNTEER

## SIGN UP



Be the hands & feet of Jesus this month as you volunteer in any of these ministries & missions of WLUMC. Check the boxes & 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, September 14** - Prepare & serve breakfast to 100 women attending the *Courageous Faith* breakfast/speaker event in the Raffauf Community Center. 7:30-9:30 AM

**Saturday, September 21** - Be a greeter at West Lawn UMC to 250 clergy members from our conference as we host a *Service of Welcome* for Bishop Moore-KoiKoi. 9-10:30 AM

**Saturday, September 21** - Prepare & serve lunch to 250 clergy members from our conference as we host a lunch for Bishop Moore-KoiKoi and guests in the Raffauf Community Center. 9 AM-3 PM

**Tuesdays** - Provide childcare for moms while they meet in their small groups on campus. Choose one Tuesday a month, or every week. 6:30-8 PM

**Wednesdays** - Deliver West Lawn Wednesday meals as part of our weekly meal ministry to our shut-ins, those recovering from an illness or procedure, or families with new babies. Anytime between 4-6:30 PM

# 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**

- Anna & family on the loss of their unborn child

## **PRAYERS OF HEALING:**

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- Healthy, pregnancies and deliveries
- Those affected by hurricanes, tropical storms and wildfires

## **PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:**

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- All students, families, teachers and staff
- Those with declining health
- Financial & personal stability
- Easy transition into assisted living
- Discernment and healing in relationships
- Moving, job situations, changes and new opportunities
- Our country
- Safe travel for all

## **PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE:**

- Dena & David's great granddaughter, Blaire Belle born pre-mature
- My son & his wife had a healthy baby boy last week
- Birth of second granddaughter

**9/1/2024**

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Sandi Haines  
Donna Knauth  
Harriett Ziegenfuss

## **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

|              |        |          |                          |       |          |                 |
|--------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------|
| John Hoag    | Ernie  | Janet    | Anna & family            | Keith | Donna K  | Welker family   |
| Barb M.      | Sonny  | Butch    | Dennis, Ruby & family    | Bri   | Brooke   | Baby Vogel      |
| Uncle Dave   | Libby  | Lois P.  | Alexis, Andrew, Faith    | Lela  | Shana    | friend's father |
| husband      | Grace  | Laura    | Daughter and family      | Kris  | Clyde    | Linda Weidman   |
| Dave & Cindy | Luke   | Kimm     | Gerald & Joan Cook       | Bri   | Susie    | Kathryn Wasser  |
| Joe Stemler  | Teddy  | Greg     | Heather & Mitchell       | Kim   | Patricia | Mark Weaver     |
| Nancy & Bill | Eloise | Declan   | Rauenzahn family         | Ray   | Hannah   | Martin family   |
| Jim & Patty  | Bob J. | Billy H. | Dan, Chris, Angela & Sue | Dave  | 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!



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## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

*"Games Wide Open: Winners & Losers"*

### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV)

### TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

### HYMNS

UMH #131 - *"We Gather Together"*

UMH #496 - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* (Verse 1 ONLY)

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

UMH #128 - *"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

UMH #138 - *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

### OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* (Raney)

### RAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Battle Belongs"* (Phil Wickham)

*"Yes I Will"* (Vertical Worship)

*"Trust In God"* (Elevation Worship)

*"The Blessing"* (Kari Jobe)

*"Run To The Father"* (The Worship Initiative)