

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

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!



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 11 / 7PM
Community Center / Conf Rm
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551
dmbhart2@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.



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

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

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@westlawnnumc.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.

"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



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

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

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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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

"Games Wide Open: Winners & Losers"

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

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)

PRAISE 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)