

# WEST LAWN UMC

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



## **KIDS CLUB & TWEEN GRP**

**TODAY / 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 September to discuss the book *The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel. New readers always welcome! Come join us! Contact Donna.

## **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.

## **WLW MEALS 9/11/24**

Chicken Parmesan & Pasta, Garlic Bread / KIDS: Cheeseburger

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

## **WM BREAKFAST/SPEAKER**

**Registrations still being accepted!**

**Saturday, September 14 / 8:30 AM**

**Raffauf Community Center**

Women's Ministry is planning a breakfast event, featuring guest speaker, Marie Monville. 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.



## **WBSM FUNDRAISER**

**Ticket Required/pickup at Welcome Ctr**

**Wednesday, Sept. 18 / 11AM-close**

**Thursday, Sept. 19 / 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.

## **NEW RINGERS WELCOME!**

**Diane Soper**

**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.

**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**

## **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 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  
Phyllis Moser /  
[phylmoser@gmail.com](mailto:phylmoser@gmail.com)

Our annual WLUMC Craft/Vendor Bazaar will take place in October. We will have 30 unique vendors, bake sale and good food. Donations

### **2024 SUMMARY as of 9/1/2024**

In-Person Worship	309
Online Worship	111
Sunday School	75
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$36,135
Monthly Income To Date	\$36,135
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of baked goods would be appreciated! All proceeds benefit the ministries and mission of West Lawn UMC. Questions: Contact Phyllis.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Help Build Hope  
Fri. & Sat. October 18-19

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

Mary Davis / 610-781-2012,  
[maryellendavis54@gmail.com](mailto:maryellendavis54@gmail.com)

West Lawn has a team of volunteers who minister to incarcerated men and women in the Berks County Jail, offering hope to the inmates who are willing to explore the transforming love of Jesus. If you have any interest in being part of this team, reach out to Mary.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 Griefshare 1PM Begins  
Sep 19 Griefshare 7PM Begins  
Sep 18&19 WBSM Fundraiser

### **PASTORS**

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# 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 115 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

☐ **October 18-19** - Join a team of over 120 volunteers in the WLUMC parking lot to build the frame structure for a small house, that will then be given to a family in need. More details on our website. Friday: 5:30-8 PM; Saturday: 8-11 AM

☐ **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



West Lawn is partnering with Help Build Hope and hosting a local mission project in our parking lot on **October 18-19, 2024**. During this event, we will build the frame structure for a small house, that will then be given to a family in need to achieve affordable home ownership. The walls we build will provide a way to reduce costs for Habitat for Humanity and Fuller Centers for Housing, and allow them to completely finish the home faster.

We invite everyone, regardless of age, experience or expertise, to help with the build. We are seeking 120 volunteers to serve over the course of the two days.

**Cut Session Volunteers - Friday, October 18 - 5:30-8 PM**

25-30 adults to assist with preparing the material for a one-house build event using power saws, measuring & cutting measurements, labeling cut lumber, carrying lumber to the appropriate areas, and attaching vinyl to plates.

**Build Day Crew Leaders - Saturday, October 19 - 8-11 AM**

Crew leaders that have framing experience or are trained by the Help Build Hope staff.

**Build Day Crew Members - Saturday, October 19 - 8-11 AM**

75 volunteers to assemble the walls.

**Hospitality - Saturday, October 19 - 8-11 AM**

Help our volunteers stay hydrated and fed throughout the morning.

**SIGN UP ON THE APP OR AT THE WELCOME CENTER  
FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS.**





# 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
- Santiago family on the loss of their daughter to cancer

## PRAYERS OF HEALING:

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- Healthy, pregnancies and deliveries

## PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- 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:

- For our many blessings

**9/8/2024**

## HOSPITALIZED

Robert Haag  
Joy Himmelmann  
Bruce Hopkins  
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

Samantha	Mary	Keith	Kim's brother-in-law	Jenn	Janice	Anna & family
Gene & Barb	Sonny	John H.	Witmyer & Davis family	Don	Brooke	Bob & Audry
John & Linda	Libby	Lois P.	Jake & Chelsea	Ernie	Shana	Dara & Jeff
husband	Amy	Laura	Sharon & Stephanie	Kris	Clyde	Hampton
Dave & Cindy	Luke	Kimm	Gerald & Joan Cook	Bri	Susie	Kathryn Wasser
Kelly W.	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

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Ephesians  
2:8-10



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**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 Tom Ebersole  
Pastor Chris Hardy  
Kelly Rismiller

*"We Were Created for This"*

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

Pastor Chris Hardy

### **SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NRSV)

### **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 #547 - *"O Church of God, United"*

UMH #178 - *"Hope of the World"* (VERSE 1 ONLY)

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

UMH #584 - *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

UMH #568 - *"Christ for the World We Sing"*

### **OFFERTORY**

Adult Choir, John Coakley, Director (8AM)

*"We Are Called"* (Haas, Hayes)

John Coakley, soloist; Christopher Rodgers; piano (11AM)

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### **PRAISE MUSIC** (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Build Your Kingdom Here"* (Rend Collective)

*"Hope Has A Name"* (River Valley Worship)

*"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"* (Hillsong)

*"I've Witnessed It"* (Passion)

*"Good Plans"* (Red Rocks Worship)