

WEST LAWN UMC

December 1, 2024

IT'S A  
*Wonderful*  
LIFE



## **SS PICKUP CHANGE DEC. 1**

**TODAY, Sunday School pick-up will occur in the Community Center!**

We invite you to stick around following pick-up for a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in fellowship and collect Family Advent Resources. These specially designed resources will help your family joyfully embrace the holiday season. Take advantage of this chance to deepen your family's holiday experience!

## **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

**TODAY / 10:30AM**

**Reiner Educ Bldg / Rm 109**

Join Trisha Rabold, our Youth Director, for an open meet and greet today. Youth athletes, parents, coaches, & teachers are welcome to come learn about Fellowship of Christian Athletes which is beginning at Wilson SD, G. Mifflin SD, and Wyomissing SD.

## **SING "MESSIAH"**

**TODAY! / 3PM**

**Sanctuary / Open to the Public!**

Join in singing one of the great musical treasures, Handel's timeless *Messiah* today!

## **THANK YOU!**

The Craft and Vendor Bazaar Committee would like to extend a BIG thank you to all the volunteer bakers that donated to our Bake Sale. The Bake Sale portion of the event was essential to our success. The event raised a total of \$1,980. Additionally, we would like to thank all the volunteers and all who came out to support this event on October 12.

## **ANGEL TREE PARTY**

**Saturday, December 7 / 10AM**

**Raffauf Community Center**

**Alice Moyer / 610-670-7633**

**amoyer140@gmail.com**

**GIFTS DUE TODAY!**

The Angel Tree Party is a beautiful opportunity to give back this holiday season. Volunteers are needed for prep work and the day of the party (see insert) or contributions are being accepted towards purchasing bibles for each child. Your participation will make a meaningful impact on a child's Christmas and help bring joy to a family facing difficult circumstances.

## **WLW MEAL 12/4/24**

**Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted**

**Potatoes / KIDS: Pizza**

**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**

**PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**ORDERS DUE BY DECEMBER 6**

Support the West Lawn Preschool by purchasing a gift from the *Meadow Farms Ultimate Gift Collection* catalog! Choose from hundreds of gifts, including jewelry, home décor, Yankee Candles, kitchen accessories, Gertrude Hawk snacks, holiday gift wrap/bags and more. Scan the QR code to see the online catalog.



**POINSETTIA ORDERS**

Order forms at the Welcome Ctr  
Choice of Red or White / \$10 each  
**ORDERS DUE BY DECEMBER 9**

Would you like to help adorn our Sanctuary this Christmas season by ordering a poinsettia? Plants can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones or to the Glory of God.

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

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

Women's Book Club will meet in December to discuss the book *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flag. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

**EVERGREEN WORKSHOP**

Sunday, December 15 / 9AM-noon  
Raffauf Community Center

Plan to join your WL Family for our annual make-and-take evergreen workshop anytime between 9AM and noon! This year's Christmas challenge is a Candy Cane door/wall decoration. All materials and supplies provided, but donations of red and white striped 2" wired ribbon is appreciated!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 7** Angel Tree Party
- Dec 11** Women’s Book Club
- Dec 15** Evergreen Make & Take
- Dec 19** Longest Night Srv
- Dec 20** Wilson Area Food Pantry
- Dec 22** Youth Christmas Party

**PASTORS**

Tom Ebersole, Lead Pastor  
Chris Hardy, Associate Pastor  
Pat Goshert, Congregational Care  
Terry Cooney, Visitation Pastor  
Nick Camacho, Latino Ministries

**2024 SUMMARY as of 11/24/2024**

In-Person Worship	383
Online Worship	102
Sunday School	113
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$35,244
Monthly Income To Date	\$121,032
Monthly Income Goal	\$107,284
Budget Income to Date	\$1,160,680
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,394,722

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](mailto:announcements@westlawnnumc.org).



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Touch Up Painting** - Each of West Lawn's restrooms are in need of some touch up painting as a result of newly installed soap dispensers. If you have the gift of painting small spaces neatly, we welcome your help with this project!
- ☐ **Friday, December 6** - In preparation for the Angel Tree party, help carry upstairs the many Christmas trees and decorations from our basement storage room. Strong backs & arms required! 6-8 PM, Community Center
- ☐ **Saturday, December 7** - Greet the Angel Tree party guests, help with traffic control, decorate gingerbread house and crafts with the families, and help clean-up. 9:30 AM-1 PM, Community Center
- ☐ **Christmas Greens** - Gather a truckload of real evergreen branches, holly and other festive greens for our annual fresh evergreen workshop/craft, taking place in the Community Center between the worship services. Deliver to the Community Center by December 14.
- ☐ **Sunday Night Security** - The West Lawn campus is booming on Sunday nights with kids & youth. We're looking for a rotating team of adult "roamers" to help secure our campus while our group leaders and children deepen their faith and friendships through games, food and focused lessons. 6-8 PM, one Sunday a month

# WLUMC Preschool *fundraiser*

Help raise money to support the West Lawn Preschool by purchasing a gift from the Meadow Farms Ultimate Gift Collection catalog! Choose from hundreds of gifts, including jewelry, home décor, Yankee Candles, kitchen accessories, Gertrude Hawk snacks, holiday, gift wrap/bags and more. Scan the QR code to see the online catalog.



- **Jewelry**
- **Gift Wrap**
- **Home Décor**
- **Yankee Candles**
- **Kitchen Accessories**
- **Gertrude Hawk  
Chocolates & Snacks**



*Sale Open from  
November 11 - December 6*



# 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:

- Debbie Schartel & family on the passing of her mother Nancy

## PRAYERS OF HEALING:

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- For those who are lost may they return to the arms of God
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

## PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those grieving especially during the Christmas season
- Patience for caregivers
- Those dealing with ADHD and problems stemming from it
- Discernment, resolution and healing in relationships
- Worldwide peace and civility; an end to wars and hatred
- Safe travel for all

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE:

- Thanks for our music ministry
- Praise God that I feel better
- Thankful for my wife's recovery and our family & friends
- For our many blessings

**12/1/2024**

### HOSPITALIZED

Arlene Doerrman  
Gail Kahn  
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

Mike & Terry	Lou	Roy	Scott & Debbie	Kelly	Greg H.	Beth & Ian
Josh & Emilee	Dan	Debra	Sue, Barbara, Irene	Irene	Arlene	Samantha
Melissa	Kris	Lois	James & Tracy	Mary	Nancy R.	Teddy & Greg
best friend	Drew	Tom S.	father & daughter	Vince	a wife	Martin family
my family	Vince	Kimm	J. Zimmerman family	Scot	Marsha	Manga family
Michael	Phil	Clyde	Heather & Mitchell	Shana	Patricia	Coakley family
Nancy & Bill	Joshua	Declan	Rauenzahn family	Ray	Hannah	Kathryn Wasser
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Billy H.	Dan, Chris, Angela & Sue	Joe	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!



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

*"It's A Wonderful Life: Interrupted"*

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:21-36 (NIV)

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Bob & Brenda Grant (8AM)

The Roland Family (9:30AM)

Lee & Sharon High (11AM)

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

### HYMNS

UMH #140 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #204 - "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH #95 - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

FWS #2100 - "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

UMH #196 - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### OFFERTORY

Adult Choir (8AM)

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* (Erik Dewar/Dan Forrest)

Christopher Rodgers, piano (11AM)

*"Come Thou Fount/Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* (Joel Raney)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Carolyn Weller (8AM)

Marilyn Laysor (11AM)

### PRaise MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"House Of The Lord"* (The Worship Initiative)

*"Great I Am"* (A Worship Collective)

*"Make Room"* (The Church Will Sing)

*"Trust In God"* (Elevation Worship)

*"Remembrance"* (Hillsong)