

WEST LAWN UMC

December 1, 2024

IT'S A
Wonderful
LIFE



SS PICKUP CHANGE DEC. 1 THANK YOU!

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!

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 Srvc
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@westlawnumc.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

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

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- **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 Ziegenufuss

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!



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office@westlawnumc.org
www.westlawnumc.org
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

"It's A Wonderful Life: Interupted"

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

COMMUNON

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 Layson (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)