

WEST LAWN UMC

December 8, 2024

IT'S A  
*Wonderful*  
LIFE



## **POINSETTIA ORDERS**

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

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.

## **VOLUNTEER** **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Help make Christmas Eve special at West Lawn! Sign up today to volunteer at any of our December 24 services. Refer to today's insert for details.

## **WLW MEAL 12/11/24**

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,  
Glazed Carrots / KIDS: Hot Dog

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, December 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 December to discuss the book *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flag. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

## **2025 PLAN FOR GIVING**

If you have not already made your 2025 plan for giving commitment, we invite you to do so on our website. Scan this QR code to access the confidential Treasure Form.

## **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!

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Friday, December 20 / 3-5PM  
Raffauf Community Center  
Register: 484-525-0980

The distribution day of the Wilson Area Food Pantry is upcoming. Pre-registration is preferred. Please call the number above to schedule your time slot. Donations are accepted weekdays in the church office. Thank you!

**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)**

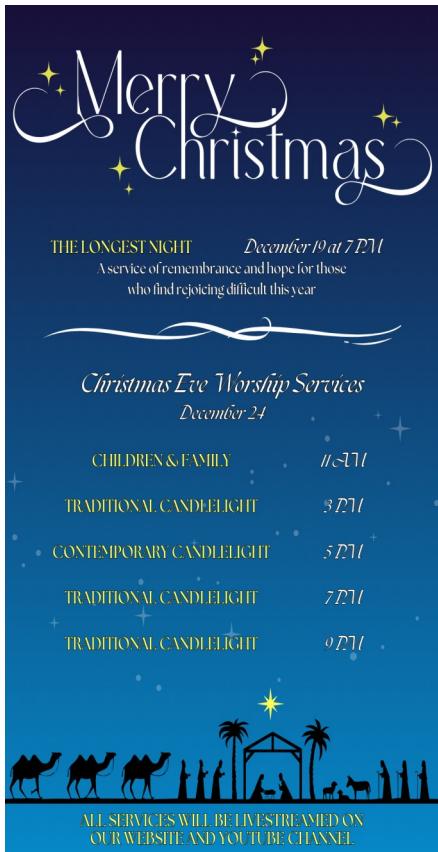
## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Sunday, December 22 / 6PM**  
**Community Ctr / Firehouse Café**

It's going to be a great celebration of the season. Join us for the games, the fun, and of course, the gift exchange. No need to spend money, bring a WRAPPED gift (re-gift something, find something fun at your house). Hope to see you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Women's Book Club</b>
<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Evergreen Make &amp; Take</b>
<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>Longest Night Srvc</b>
<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>Wilson Area Food Pantry</b>
<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>Youth Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Srvcs</b>
<b>Dec 25-27</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Serve Meal @ HRM</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Pork &amp; Sauerkraut Meal</b>



**Merry Christmas**

THE LONGEST NIGHT December 19 at 7PM  
A service of remembrance and hope for those who find rejoicing difficult this year

Christmas Eve Worship Services December 24

CHILDREN & FAMILY	7:30PM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	8PM
CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT	5PM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	7PM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	9PM



ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

## **2024 SUMMARY as of 12/1/2024**

<b>In-Person Worship</b>	396
<b>Online Worship</b>	96
<b>Sunday School</b>	88
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings for week</b>	\$28,296
<b>Monthly Income To Date</b>	\$28,296
<b>Monthly Income Goal</b>	\$134,105
<b>Budget Income to Date</b>	\$1,188,976
<b>Budget Goal (12 months)</b>	\$1,394,722



WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**YouTube**

**DOWNLOAD THE WLUMC APP TODAY!**

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**ROKU fire tv**

**QR code**

### 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).

# VOLUNTEER

## SIGN UP



Help us celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas as you volunteer in any of the following ways on Dec. 19 or Dec. 24 at 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome Center Greeters** - Answer general questions, hand out information, arrive 40 minutes before services

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service	

**Facilities Support** - After the service, vacuum, clean sanctuary pews, empty trash, refresh candles

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 11:00 AM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 7:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 9:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 5:00 PM Service	

**General Greeters** - Welcome worshippers, hand out bulletins and candles, arrive 40 minutes before services

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/19: 7:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

**Parking Lot Greeters** - Direct people to the sanctuary and nursery, arrive 40 minutes before services

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service	

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**Ushers** - Collect offering, light aisle candles and worshipers' candles, arrive 30 minutes before services

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/19: 7:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service
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<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

**Nursery Team** - Provide childcare for young children, arrive 30 minutes before services

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service
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**Safety Team** - Be mindful of traffic and worshippers, assist with first aid and unexpected emergencies

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/19: 7:00 PM Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service
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**Refreshments** - Provide hot/cold food and beverages for the staff, musicians and volunteers

12/24: Food drop off between 3:00-4:00 PM



*Make-&-Take  
Evergreen Candy Cane*

**Sunday, December 15  
9 AM-12 PM  
Community Center**

Join us before or after the worship services and Sunday School where we will embellish candy cane frames with fresh tree branches, berries, ribbon and more to make a special Christmas decoration for our homes!

*Join us for this Annual West Lawn Church Family-Friendly Event*

# 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:

- Lorrie on the passing of her husband
- Lisa on the passing of her husband

## 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 ENCOURGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those grieving especially during the Christmas season
- Patience for caregivers
- Families that are not close to God
- Safe travel for those returning back to school
- 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

- For our many blessings

**12/8/2024**

## HOSPITALIZED

William Barrich  
Gail Kahn  
Donald Laumeister  
Harriett Ziegenufss

## 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

Joe Boyle	Kay	Roy	mother-in-law & family	Tom	Janine	Samantha
David & Cindy	Amy	Mary Ann	Pat, Barbara, Sue, Irene	Barb	Debra	Paul & Karen
Kris & family	Kris	Lois	Emily & Jon	Cindy	Debbie S.	Teddy & Greg
Bev & Eli	Drew	Ronnie	Joshua & Emilee	Vince	a wife	Martin family
Chad & family	Vince	Alexis	father & daughter	Scot	Betty K.	Manga family
husband	Bill	Clyde	Heather & Mitchell	Shana	Patricia	Coakley family
Nancy & Bill	Shana	Declan	Rauenzahn family	Ray	Hannah	Kathryn Wasser
Jim & Patty	Eloise	Billy H.	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Ray	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

### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

*"It's A Wonderful Life: Of Highest Value"*

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50 (NIV)

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Mason & Madison Smith (8AM)

The Hill Family (9:30AM)

Greg & Donna Hart (11AM)

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

### HYMNS

UMH #211 - *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vss. 1-4)

UMH #204 - *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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

UMH # 206 - *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

UMH #211 - *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vss. 5-7)

### OFFERTORY

Sonrise Ringers, Diane Soper, Director (8AM)

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"* (Gustav Holst, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson)

Adult Choir (11AM)

*"How Lovely Are the Messengers"* (Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Greg Lewis (8AM)

Gloria Behrenshausen (11AM)

### PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Raise A Hallelujah"* (Bethel)

*"Yes And Amen"* (Jesus Culture)

*"King Of Kings"* (Hillsong)

*"God So Loved"* (We The Kingdom)

*"Jesus Does"* (We The Kingdom)