

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
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.

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

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

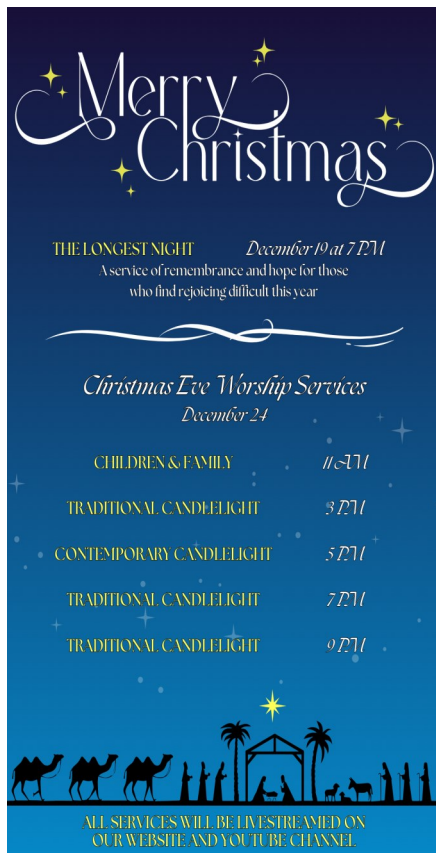
Sunday, December 22 / 6PM

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

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



Merry Christmas

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

Christmas Eve Worship Services
December 24

CHILDREN & FAMILY	11:00 AM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	3:00 PM
CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT	5:00 PM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	7:00 PM
TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT	9:00 PM

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

2024 SUMMARY as of 12/1/2024

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



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You Tube

DOWNLOAD THE WLMC 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@westlawnnumc.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

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| <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

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| <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

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| <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 |

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

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| <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 | |

READ MORE



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

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

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Safety Team - Be mindful of traffic and worshippers, assist with first aid and unexpected emergencies

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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 ENCOURAGEMENT 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 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

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

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)