

WEST LAWN UMC

December 15, 2024

IT'S A
Wonderful
LIFE



Merry Christmas

THE LONGEST NIGHT | DEC. 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 AM

An interactive, child-friendly service featuring stories and singing

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT | 3 PM

Carols, scripture, Choir, candle lighting and the Christmas message

CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT | 5 PM

Carols with our Worship Team, scripture, candle lighting &
the Christmas message

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT | 7 PM

Carols, scripture, soloists, candle lighting & the Christmas message

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT | 9 PM

Carols, scripture, soloists, Bell Choir, candle lighting &
the Christmas message



all services will be livestreamed on our website & youtube channel

EVERGREEN WORKSHOP

TODAY! / 9AM-noon

Raffauf Community Center

Plan to join your WL Family in the Community Center TODAY anytime from 9AM-12 Noon for our annual make-and-take evergreen workshop! This year's Christmas challenge is a hanging

Candy Cane decoration. All materials and supplies provided. While there, enjoy cookies, coffee, donuts and more.

WLW MEAL 12/18/24

Christmas Meal: Shrimp Skewer Carving Station, PA Dutch Stuffing
KIDS: Pizza / **LIVE MUSIC 5-5:45PM**
Wilson Middle School Orchestra

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!

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!

NEED VOLUNTEERS 12/24

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.

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.



WINTER FELLOWSHIP TIME

Before or After Worship
HE-brews Café / Lower Level

For these cold winter months, Sunday morning fellowship is back INSIDE! Enjoy fellowship and refreshments each Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 19 Longest Night Svc
- Dec 20 Wilson Food Pantry
- Dec 22 Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Srvcs
- Dec 25-27 OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 29 Serve Meal @ HRM
- Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan 1 Pork & Sauerkraut Meal

2024 SUMMARY as of 12/8/2024

In-Person Worship	374
Online Worship	87
Sunday School	141
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$37,142
Monthly Income To Date	\$65,438
Monthly Income Goal	\$134,105
Budget Income to Date	\$1,226,118
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,394,722

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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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

☐ 12/19: 7:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 5:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 11:00 AM Service

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☐ 12/24: 3:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

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

☐ 12/24: 11:00 AM Service

☐ 12/24: 7:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 3:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 5:00 PM Service

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

☐ 12/19: 7:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 5:00 PM Service

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☐ 12/24: 3:00 PM Service

☐ 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

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:

- Family & friends of Joe Stemler on his passing
- Andrea's family on her passing
- Family & friends of Jane Brubaker
- Karen of the passing of husband, Paul

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
- 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

- Our pastors and their families
- Time with children & grandchildren, feeling loved and blessed

12/15/2024

HOSPITALIZED

Pat Balthaser
Joanne Gabriel
Bruce Goodman
Sandi Haines
Gail Kahn
Larry Thomas
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	Bill	Wilson Middle School regarding bullying and fights				granddaughter
my family	Clyde	friends	Joshua, Lori, & Craig	Lois	John	Emily & Jon
Kris & family	Kris	Edna	Pat, Barbara, Sue, Irene	Chad	Janine	Cindy & David
Bev & Eli	Drew	Jack	Joshua & Emilee	Todd	a wife	Martin family
Shannon	Vince	Cindy	father & daughter	Scot	Betty K.	Ronnie & Keith
John & Carol	Sage	Adriana	Heather & Mitchell	Jim	Patricia	Coakley family
Nancy & Bill	Shana	Declan	Rauenzahn family	Susie	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: Contentment"

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:11-13
(NIV)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Dave & Carol Haughney (8AM)
The Mays Family (9:30AM)
Diane Moyer & Deb Soule (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 #218 - *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

UMH #204 - *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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

UMH #534 - *"Be Still, My Soul"*

UMH #242 - *"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (8AM)

"People. Look East" (John Leavitt)

Diane Soper, flute; Christopher Rodgers, piano (11AM)

"Mary, Did You Know?" (Lloyd Larson)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Donna Barnhart (8AM)

Lisa Hoopes (11AM)

PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"This Is Our God" (Phil Wickham)

"Good God" (Worship Initiative)

"Hope Has A Name" (River Valley Worship)

"Here Again" (Elevation Worship)

"Yes I Will" (Vertical Worship)