

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 Srvc
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

### **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 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

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
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**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

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**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

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**Refreshments** - Provide hot/cold food and beverages for the staff, musicians and volunteers

<input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: Food drop off between 3:00-4:00 PM
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# 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; Chris topher 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)