

WEST LAWN UMC

December 22, 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

### 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.**

### 2024 GIVING REMINDER

Reminder that all 2024 giving **must be**  
**received or be postmarked by**  
**12/31/2024** to be reflected on your  
2024 Giving Statement.

## REMINDER

**TODAY! / Youth Christmas Party  
6PM / Firehouse Café**

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

**Today! / 4PM  
Immanuel UCC, Shillington**

Come for an afternoon of delightful music sure to put you in the holiday spirit at the Vox Philia holiday concert. All proceeds benefit the REFRESH! BERKS mobile shower trailer coming next year.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, January 8 / 7PM  
Community Center / Conf Rm  
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551  
dmbhart2@gmail.com**

Women's Book Club will meet in January to discuss the book *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Nepolitano. Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 24 Christmas Eve Svrcs  
Dec 25 NO WLW  
Dec 25-27 OFFICE CLOSED  
Dec 29 Serve Meal @ HRM  
Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED  
Jan 1 Pork & Sauerkraut Meal**

## 2024 SUMMARY as of 12/15/2024

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| In-Person Worship           | 370         |
| Online Worship              | 93          |
| Sunday School               | 125         |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$33,120    |
| Monthly Income To Date      | \$98,558    |
| Monthly Income Goal         | \$134,105   |
| Budget Income to Date       | \$1,259,238 |
| Budget Goal (12 months)     | \$1,394,722 |



**DOWNLOAD  
THE WLUMC  
APP TODAY!**



## 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@westlawnmc.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> 3:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 9:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after</i> 7:00 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: 9:00 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  |   |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: Food drop off between 3:00-4:00 PM |
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**READ MORE**



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

- 12/24: 11:00 AM Service
- 12/24: 3:00 PM Service
- 12/24: 5:00 PM Service

- 12/24: 7:00 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: 3:00 PM Service
- 12/24: 5:00 PM Service

- 12/24: 7:00 PM Service
- 12/24: 9:00 PM Service

# PORK AND SAUERKRAUT

plus "all the trimmings"

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

**Dine-In 12-3 | Takeout 11:30 - 3**



# 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:

- Friends & family of Gail Kahn on her passing
- Andrea's family on her passing
- Chad Jandrew family on his passing, leaving wife & 2 children
- Peggy Fleck & family on the passing of sister Kay
- Susie Standefer on the loss of her sister
- Family & friends of Lisa Cerniglia on her passing
- Best friend passed at a young age

## PRAYERS OF HEALING:

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

## PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those unable to come home for Christmas
- Those grieving especially during the Christmas season
- Those out of work
- 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

- Praise for Ray Stubblebine's 95th birthday!
- Greg Hart's surgery went well

**12/22/2024**

### HOSPITALIZED

Donald Cook  
Rob Rasbridge  
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

|               |        |          |                          |       |          |                 |
|---------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------|
| Elizabeth     | Bill   | Debbie   | brother-in-law           | Edna  | Tom S.   | son & wife      |
| Joe Boyle     | Linda  | Janet    | Justin & daughter        | Amy   | friends  | Matias family   |
| Kris & family | Debra  | Barb     | Samantha & family        | John  | Janine   | Emily & Jon     |
| Bev & Eli     | Drew   | Ernie    | Pat, Barbara, Sue, Irene | Roy   | Brian    | Cindy & David   |
| Martin family | Emily  | Keith    | father & daughter        | Scot  | Betty K. | Manga family    |
| Teddy & Greg  | Jack   | Ronnie   | 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!



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[www.westlawnumc.org](http://www.westlawnumc.org)  
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Tom Ebersole

*"It's a Wonderful Life: A Miracle"*

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Pastor Chris Hardy

**SCRIPTURE**

Joshua 3:9-17

(NIV)

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Nelly & Mike Eisenhower (8AM)

The Frey Family (9:30AM)

Wendy Reinert & Don Holtzinger(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****LAST PRELUDE**

4X Ringers, Diane Soper, Director (8AM)

*"Carol of the Bells"* (Leontovich arr. Douglas Mears)

Joyful Ringers, Diane Soper, Director (11AM)

*"I Wonder as I Wander"* (Arr. Dave Howland)

**HYMNS**

UMH #249 - *"There's a Song in the Air"*

UMH #204 - *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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

UMH #221 - *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

UMH #220 - *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

**OFFERTORY**

4X Ringers, Diane Soper, Director (8AM)

*"Ding Dong Merrily on High"* (arr. Miller & Mears)

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (11AM)

*"And the Glory of the Lord", from 'Messiah'* (George Frederic Handel)

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

Mason Weller (8AM)

Bob Fleck (11AM)

**PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)**

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Fill This Place"* (Red Rocks Worship)

*"Hope Of The World"* (Red Rocks Worship)

*"God With Us"* (All Sons & Daughters)

*"Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)"* (Bryan & Katie Torwalt)

*"God With Us"* (MercyMe)