

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

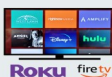
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Srvcs
Dec 25 NO WLW
Dec 25-27 OFFICE CLOSED
Dec 29 Serve Meal @ HRM
Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED
Jan 1 Pork & Sauerkraut Meal

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.

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> 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

- ☐ 12/19: 9:00 PM Service

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

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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

[READ MORE](#)



Ushers - Collect offering, light aisle candles and worshipers' candles, 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

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

☐ 12/24: 11:00 AM Service

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☐ 12/24: 5:00 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!



15 Woodside Avenue
West Lawn, PA 19609-1664
610-678-5611
office@westlawnumc.org
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

4X4 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

4x4 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)