

West Lawn United Methodist Church

A silhouette of three wise men on camels, known as the Three Magi, are shown in a starry, teal-toned sky. The magi are shown in various stages of their journey, with one in the foreground and two others behind. The background is a dark, star-filled space.

All kings will bow before him,
and all nations will serve him.
He will rescue the poor when they cry to him:
 he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them.
He feels pity for the weak and the needy,
 and he will rescue them.
He will redeem them from oppression and violence,
 for their lives are precious to him.

Psalm 72:11-14

December 31, 2023

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT

plus "all the trimmings"

\$12

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

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



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Tuesday, January 2 / 6:30PM

Education Bldg / Room 110

Wednesday, January 3 / 2PM

Education Bldg / Room 109

Register: [website](#) / [app](#) / [office](#)

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at the Loss of a Spouse one day seminar.

Brown. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for more info, please contact Donna.

GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS

Tuesdays, Jan 9—Apr 2 / 6:30PM

Education Bldg / Room 110

Wednesdays, Jan 10—Apr 3 / 2PM

Education Bldg / Room 109

Register: [website](#) / [app](#) / [office](#)

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 10 / 7PM

Community Center / Conf Rm

Donna Barnhart / 610-678-7873

dmhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in January to discuss the book *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James. Come join us!

Griefshare is a 13-week recovery support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. At Griefshare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief.

Come join us!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

[To place an order for flowers, contact:](#)

[Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com](#)

12TH NIGHT FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 13 / 1PM
More info: www.christ-atown.org
Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141
kelly@westlawnumc.org,

West Lawn has 30 tickets for the "12th Night Festival" in Allentown. We invite you to this special Epiphany performance. Tickets are \$10 and reservations can be made on our website or at the Welcome Center. Transportation is available for anyone interested.

PRESCHOOL JOB OPENING

Elise Coakley / Ext.701
preschool@westlawnumc.org.

Our preschool is looking to fill a part time assistant teacher position on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons (11:30AM-3:30PM) to work with our extended day students (ages 3-5 years old). Position needs to be filled by the beginning of February. Clearances are required. Please contact Elise if you are interested.



DOWNLOAD
THE WLUMC
APP TODAY!

PASTORS

Tom Ebersole, Lead Pastor
Chris Hardy, Associate Pastor
Pat Goshert, Congregational Care
Terry Cooney, Visitation Pastor
Manfredo Luna, Latino Ministries

2024 PHILLIES GAME

Saturday, June 29 / 4PM
Philadelphia Phillies vs. Miami Marlins
Tickets = \$92/person w/transport
Lori Madara / 484-332-1582

Are you ready for our church trip to Citizen's Bank Park to see the Phillies in action for 2024? This year we are sitting in Section 138 (left field/third base side). Shade! Secure your seat now, \$45.00 holds your ticket and the balance is due by May 1st, 2024. Make checks payable to WLUMC with Phila Phillies in the memo section. Please put it in an envelope with Lori's name on it. You can drop it off at the church office or put it in the offering plate on a Sunday. Tickets were hard to come by and they aren't offering any discounts this year for a Saturday game. These tickets are first come, first serve. If you have any questions, please contact Lori. Go Phils!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 1 | Office Closed/Holiday |
| Jan 2&3 | Loss of a Spouse |
| Jan 9&10 | Griefshare begins |
| Jan 25 | MM BBQ Cook-In |
| Jan 26 | WM Canvas Painting |
| Mar 1 | MM @ Reading Royals |

Summary for 12/17/2023

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| In-Person Worship | 541 |
| Online Worship | 112 |
| Sunday School | 100 |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$25,823 |

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.

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:

- Rivera/Motos family on the death of loved one

PRAYERS OF HEALING:

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- Healthy, pregnancies and deliveries

PRAYERS OF ENCOURGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Guidance in marriage & healing in relationships
- An end to wars and hatred
- Those deployed in the military
- Families of substance abuse and rehabilitation
- For those who are lost may they return to the arms of God
- Growth for El Buen Pastor

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE:

- For answered prayers and so many blessings

12/31/2023

HOSPITALIZED

Susan Standefer
Edward Stauffer

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

THE UMC

Bishop John Schol
Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark
WLUMC Staff
Our Leadership Team

THE WORLD

The Leaders of the World
Our Armed Forces & their families
Safe travel for all

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| Bob M. | Karen | Patti F. | Grandma | Jeff | Heather | James & Tracy |
| Fred & Celate | Kai | Breeze | Colleen & Pat | Pat R. | Lucy | Mike & Chris |
| Jan | Kim | Alice | Norman & Donna | Joe | Emily | Lorna & family |
| Josh & family | Ernie | Keith | Dennis family | Dara | Dennis | Martin family |
| Beckett | Blake | parents | Mike, James, Jeff | Jordan | Tabitha | Cooper family |
| Esser family | Amy | mother | PFC Delan Woodall | Al | Megan | David & Cindy |
| Jena & Frank | James | Patricia | Hannah & Patricia | Ray | Janet | Jackson Hoffa |
| Jim & Patty | Bob J. | Mitchell | Chris, Angela & Sue | Dave | Erika | Joann & Hope |

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

LOOKING FOR:

- A place to sit in worship
- Nursery or Nursing Room
- 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 a hardcopy to take with you of:

- Our Prayer Page
- Additional 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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MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME (11AM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

CHILDREN'S TIME (8AM)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #238 - "Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH #251 - "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH #94 - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #254 - "We Three Kings"

UMH #219 - "What Child Is This"

OFFERTORY

Diane Soper, Handbell Tree; Christopher Rodgers, piano
"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" (Sussex Carol,
arr. Lamb)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Mason Weller (8AM)

Karen Garverich (11AM)

CHILDREN'S TIME

8AM—Laurie Jentes, Ryan Rhoads, Reagan Rhoads,
Austin Raffauf, Macie Hope, Paige Hope

9:30—Kelly Rismiller, Isaac Antwi

11AM—Laurie Jentes, Marielle Capellini, Jenna Coakley,
Luca Segroi

PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Pat Kenna, Director

"From The Inside Out" (Phillips, Craig & Dean)

"Here Again" (Elevation Worship)

"Hope of the World" (Red Rocks Worship)

"Lean Back" (Capital City Music)

"Gratitude" (Brandon Lake)