

West Lawn United Methodist Church
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AUGUST 17, 2025

WOMEN'S SUMMER SOCIAL

[Tuesday, August 19 / 4-8PM](#)

[Mary Morton's Home:](#)

[335 Scenic Dr. Reading](#)

[Register: website / app](#)

All ladies are invited to our 3rd Annual Women's Ministry Summer Social get-together. Join us for a time of casual Hawaiian-themed fellowship, plus meet other women, learn about upcoming events, enjoy refreshments and simply relax.

BOOKBAGS & BEYOND

[Friday, August 22 / 10:30AM-1PM](#)

[Steph Serfass / Ext. 502](#)

steph@westlawnumc.org

West Lawn UMC will be hosting the Bookbags & Beyond event, presented by the Then2Now Foundation and additional community partners. This event will provide bookbags, school supplies, and haircuts/styles for children. The State Police will be there providing car seat checks and bike safety training. We would love to support teachers with classroom materials, and also provide some fun activities for the kids in attendance. This is an opportunity for our WLCFM families to come out and help serve at this event together. If you would like to contribute or learn more about how you can get involved contact Steph. West Lawn's Children & Family

Ministries is collecting donations to support this event. Items are listed below. Your generous help and donations are greatly appreciated.

- Kids' bookbags / backpacks
- Classroom snacks (such as bins of Goldfish or animal crackers)
- Markers
- Crayons
- Target gift cards for teachers
- Clorox wipes
- Dixie cups

ATTN: PHILLIES TRIP FANS

[Lori Madara / 484-332-1582](#)

[Fans going on the 8/23/25 bus trip.](#)

If you want to order from Mays Sandwich shop, Bill Mays is offering an Italian or Ham Sub, bag of chips and a bottle of water for \$7.00. Please call or see Bill and prepay and he will deliver them to the bus on game day. All these items can be taken into the ballpark (unopened bottle of water).

CSS MOVE-UP DAY

[Move Up Sunday is August 24th!](#)

Children transitioning to a new grade with a different Sunday School room will make the switch on this Sunday. Room assignments are posted in the Education Building for anyone with questions.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

In Memory of the August Birthdays of Joe and Ardell Funk

by Daughter Jody

To place an order for flowers, contact:

Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com

MISSION TRIP SURVEY

West Lawn is exploring the possibility of future international mission trips. Your feedback will help us prayerfully plan. Thank you for sharing your thoughts on our survey.



PRESCHOOL APPLE TREE

[Sunday, August 24 thru August 31](#)

Watch for the Preschool Apple Tree going up next Sunday! Help us stock up our classrooms for another great year of learning and exploring! Pick an apple or two from our Apple Tree and deliver the items back to the church office/narthex by September 7th! Monetary donations/gift cards are always welcome to help with more costly/specific items.

PRESCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2025-2026 STILL HAVE OPENINGS—REGISTER TODAY!

** Register on our app / website*

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

[Tuesday, October 28](#)

[Lisa Hoopes / 484-529-4517](#)

lhoopes@comcast.net

West Lawn secured tickets for Sight and Sound's production of "Noah" this Fall. If you are interested in going with a group to see this show, purchase your ticket on our website or contact Lisa Hoopes.

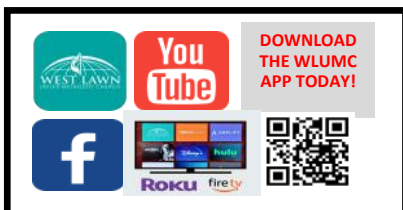


UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Aug 19 | Women's Summer Social |
| Aug 20 | Clothing Closet |
| Aug 22 | Bookbags & Beyond |
| Aug 23 | WLUMC @ Phila Phillies |
| Aug 24 | CSS Move-Up Day |
| Aug 24-31 | Preschool Apple Tree |
| Aug 24 | Confirmation Info Mtg |
| Sep 1 | Office Closed/Holiday |
| Sep 3 | WLW Begins |
| Sep 4 | MM NFL Watch Party |
| Sep 10 | Loss of a Spouse |
| Sep 13 | Griefshare Sessions Begin |

2025 SUMMARY as of 8/10/2025

In-Person Worship	350
Online Worship	113
Sunday School	82
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$32,891
Monthly Income To Date	\$73,281
Monthly Income Goal	\$131.825
Budget Income to Date	\$784,972
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



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.

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

- Tom Gosurd's family on grandchild passing
- Haggerty family on Nina's passing
- Rick Warmkessle on the loss of his wife
- Levering family on the passing of Charlie

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Open family communication
- Safe travel for all
- Patience & God's guidance as we seek peace throughout the world

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- For so many blessings
- For wonderful family time & safe travel during vacation
- Thank you Lord for hearing our prayers!

8/17/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Kim Hershman
Joy Himmelmenn
Barry Koehler
Robert Myers
Tom Walters

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
Safety for our Armed
Forces & their families

Eileen, Tom	Dave	Jim, Jerry	Carolyn, Barry, Judy	Lina	Doug	Lindsay, Luna
Sandra	Shana	John	Brad & family	Amy	Lorna	Grace, Sasha
Ron Livezey	Laura	Marilyn	Rittenhouse family	Elise	Stella	Martin family
Jim & Patty	Shana	Kim	Shel, Tony, Addie, Chrissy	Dalan	George	Gehris family
Samantha	Billy	Eileen	Pat, Jim, Tammy, Louise	Doris	Regina	Son & daughter
Nancy & Bill	Mike	family	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Tyler	Jordan	Poore family
Mitchell	Travis	mommy	Hannah & Patricia	Ray	Ronnie	Aaron & Camryn
Heather	Kate	Naaman	Rauen Zahn family	Roy	Megan	David, Greg, Elyse



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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office@westlawnumc.org
www.westlawnumc.org
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

"When the Worst People Repent"

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-10 (NLT)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

SPECIAL PRELUDE

Ruth Shaffer, recorder (11AM)

"Sonata No. 4 in F Major: I. Larghetto, II. Allegro"
(G. F. Handel)

HYMNS

UMH #140 - *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

UMH #389 - *"Freely, Freely"*

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

UMH #121 - *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

UMH #591 - *"Rescue the Perishing"*

OFFERTORY

Diane Soper, Bell Tree (8AM)

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (arr. Barbara Brocker & Guy Shepherd)

Ruth Shaffer, recorder (11AM)

"Sonata No. 4 in F Major: IV. Allegro" (G. F. Handel)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"The Lion And The Lamb" (Bethel)

"Good Grace" (Hillsong United)

"I Speak Jesus" (Charity Gayle)

"Reckless Love" (Cory Asbury)

"Yes I Will" (Vertical Worship)