

West Lawn United Methodist Church
YOU'RE WELCOME HERE

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YOU CAN'T OUTRUN GRACE

AUGUST 24, 2025

CSS MOVE-UP DAY

TODAY! Move Up Sunday!

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.

PRESCHOOL APPLE TREE

Sunday, August 24 thru August 31

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.

DIRECTORY PHOTO BOOTH

Sundays, Sept 7 & Sept 14

Breezeway

Everyone is invited to update or add their photo for our digital Church Directory. Stop by the photo booth outside the Sanctuary building between worship services for a quick and casual snapshot. We'd love to include your smiling face!



KIDS CLUB / TWEEN GROUP

Sunday, September 7 / 6-7:30PM

Community Center

Steph Serfass / Ext. 502

stephanie@westlawnumc.org

Join us for the Fall Kick-Off of our Kids Club & Tween groups for grades 2nd thru 5th starting in September. Questions? Contact Steph.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Wednesday, September 10

Ed Bldg, Room 109 / 1PM or 6:30PM

Your life has changed forever and the daily emotions are hard to bear. This one day seminar, Loss of A Spouse, provides practical advice, coping skills, and support.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

Celebrating Phyllis Guldner's Birthday!

Celebrating Someone Special!

from Karl Guldner

To place an order for flowers, contact:

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

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 10 / 7PM
Community Center / Conf Rm
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551
dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in September to discuss the book *Only the Beautiful* by Susan Meissner. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion. Contact Donna for more info.

GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS

Wednesdays, Sep 17—Dec 10
Ed Bldg, Room 109 / 1PM or 6:30PM
Register: [website](#) / [app](#) / [office](#)

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

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.

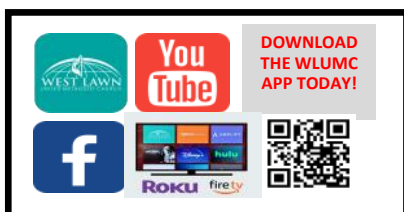


UPCOMING EVENTS

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 10 Loss of a Spouse
Sep 10 Choir Rehearsal starts
Sep 14 Baptism/Joining Sunday
Sep 14 CSS Teacher Trng #1
Sep 17 Clothing Closet
Sep 17 Griefshare Session Begin
Sep 19 Food Pantry
Sep 20 WM Breakfast/Speakers
Sep 21 CSS Teacher Trng #2
Sep 28 Coffee with the Pastors

2025 SUMMARY as of 8/17/2025

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| In-Person Worship | 345 |
| Online Worship | 98 |
| Sunday School | 86 |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$20,771 |
| Monthly Income To Date | \$94,052 |
| Monthly Income Goal | \$131.825 |
| Budget Income to Date | \$805,743 |
| 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@westlawnnumc.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

- Rick Rhodes & family on the passing of his father, Jerry
- Stauffer family & friends on the passing of Lois
- Schlosser family on Barb's passing

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
- School & college bound students, their families, teachers and staff
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Safe travel for all
- Complete peace to end all wars

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- For so many blessings
- Grateful for safe travels & wonderful experiences during vacation

8/24/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Kim Hershman
Joy Himmelmann
Susan Matz
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

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| Lorna | Luna | Thomas | Don,Steve,Deb,Laura,Carrie | John | Linda | neighbors |
| Brad, Scot | Art | Kelsey | Marilyn Poore & family | Amy | Dalan | Pat, Jim, Bob |
| Megan & Rich | Laura | Marilyn | Brother & wife | Elise | Stella | Deb & family |
| Jim & Patty | Shana | Kim | Brandon & family | Pat | Doug | Gehris family |
| Samantha | Billy | Trisha T. | Carolyn, Eileen | Doris | Regina | George Bare |
| Nancy & Bill | Lina | family | Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue | Tyler | Jordan | Martin family |
| Mitchell | Fred | Joanne | Ron & Barb Livezey | Ray | Ronnie | Bailey family |
| Heather | Kate | Jackie | Rauenzahn family | Roy | Megan | Hannah & Patricia |



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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West Lawn, PA 19609-1664
610-678-5611

office@westlawnumc.org
www.westlawnumc.org

Office Hours:

M-Th 9AM-4PM / F 9AM-1PM

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

"When Grace Offends You"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Tom Ebersole (8AM)

Kelly Rismiller (11AM)

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 4:1-11 (NLT)

MINISTRY MOMENT

Chris Momose – International Chapel Ministries

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

HYMNS

UMH #400 - *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

UMH #334 - *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

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

UMH #560 - *"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

UMH #378 - *"Amazing Grace"*

OFFERTORY

3X4 Ringers, Diane Soper Director

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (arr. Sandra Eithun)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Raise A Hallelujah" (Bethel Music)

"Goodness Of God" (Bethel Music)

"Holy Ground" (Passion)

"Come To Save Us" (All Sons & Daughters)

"No Longer Slaves" (Bethel Music)