



WEST LAWN UMC  
*you're welcome here*

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

## **DIRECTORY PHOTO BOOTH**

**TODAY! / 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!



## **GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS**

**Wednesdays, Sept. 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!

## **WLW MEAL 9/17/2025**

Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti, Green Beans / KIDS: Hot Dog

## **MEN'S FIRE PIT NIGHT**

**Thursday, September 18 / 6:30PM**  
**(rain date: September 25)**  
**Woodside Parking Lot**  
**Register: [website](#) / [app](#)**

Join our Men's Ministry for a night around the fire! Make your own pizza or hot dogs, enjoy snacks and

beverages, and relax with lawn games like corn hole, ladder ball, and can jam. There's no cost—just register by September 11 so we know how much food to have ready. Bring a friend and enjoy a great night of food, fun, and fellowship!

## **WM BREAKFAST & SPEAKER**

**Saturday, Sept. 20 / 8:30-11:30AM**  
**Raffauf Community Center**

Women's Ministry is hosting a breakfast and guest speaker event. Come for delicious food and a presentation on decluttering and organizing your home all while making more room for Jesus in your life! Register today.



## **WBSM FUNDRAISER**

**[Ticket Coupon Required](#)**  
**[Pickup at Welcome Center](#)**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 24 / 11AM-close**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25 / 11AM-close**  
**Austin's Restaurant & Bar**  
**OR Coastal Grille**

A dining fundraiser for Western-Berks Shepherding Ministries is being held in September at the above restaurants. A percentage of your order supports WBSM.

## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS**

**Sunday, September 28 / 12:30 PM**  
**HeBrews Café**  
**Register: [website](#) / [app](#)**

If you would like to know more

**FLOWERS MAY BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OR MEMORY  
OF LOVED ONES BY PLACING AN ORDER.**

**(2 slots available per week)**

**To place an order for flowers, contact:**

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

about West Lawn Church, the United Methodist Church, or are interested in becoming a member, plan to attend Coffee with the Pastors.

**CRAFT/VENDOR BAZAAR**

Saturday, October 18, 2025  
Raffauf Community Center  
Register: Phyllis Moser / office  
phylmoser@gmail.com

A few vendor spaces are still available for our Fall Bazaar. An 8 ft. table and 2 chairs are provided. Cost is \$30/space. Contact Phyllis for info.

**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. **Only four seats left!** Purchase



your ticket on our website or contact Lisa Hoopes.

**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**

- Sep 14 CSS Teacher Trng #1
- Sep 17 Clothing Closet
- Sep 17 Griefshare Session Begin
- Sep 18 MM Fire Pit Night
- Sep 19 Food Pantry
- Sep 20 WM Breakfast/Speakers
- Sep 21 CSS Teacher Trng #2
- Sep 28 Coffee with the Pastors
- Sep 28 YM/Duncan's Corn Maze
- Oct 3-5 Men's Retreat
- Oct 10-12 Youth Ignite Conference
- Oct 12 Baptism/Join Sunday

**2025 SUMMARY as of 9/7/2025**

In-Person Worship	394
Online Worship	95
Sunday School	124
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$33,421
Monthly Income To Date	\$33,421
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$887,031
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



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**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).

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# BIG IMPACT

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You're invited to volunteer through the ministries and missions of West Lawn. Your time and talents make a real difference in our church and community. Check the boxes for where you'd like to serve and return this form to the Welcome Center or Offering Plate. Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141 or [kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.org).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday Night Safety Team:** Help create a safe and welcoming environment for our Children's and Youth Programs on Sunday evenings at West Lawn. Serve just twice this fall and twice in the spring - a small commitment that makes a big difference. Volunteers are present on campus from 5:30-8 PM, helping ensure everyone's safety during our Sunday night programs.

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**Partner with Whitfield Elementary:** Use your gifts, like baking, gardening, reading with kids, or encouraging teachers, to bless our neighbors. Want to help us grow this team? Check this box!

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**Fall Youth Retreat - Food Prep Team:** Help fuel the fun! We're looking for a team of 3-5 volunteers to plan, shop, and prep five meals for the Youth Retreat happening October 10-12. The menu includes: 2 hot breakfasts, 1 hot dinner, and 2 cold packed lunches. No travel required — just prep everything in advance so meals are easy to reheat and ready to go for the youth and leaders.

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**Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center** is seeking helpers to regularly serve guests breakfast from 7:30-9 AM any weekday morning, starting in late September. If this interests you as a way to serve God through Lighthouse, sign up today!

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**Help Build Hope - October 17-18:** Join a team of over 120 volunteers in the West Lawn parking lot to build the frame structure for a small house, that will then be given to a family in need. More details on our website. Friday: 5:30-8 PM; Saturday: 8-11 AM

*Coming This October*  
**COMMUNITY**  
*Breakfasts!*

**WEEKLY SUNDAY MORNING  
COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS AT  
WEST LAWN UMC**

**9-11 AM**



## **BUILDING COMMUNITY, ONE BREAKFAST AT A TIME**

Being the church is more than just gathering for worship - it is building relationships both within our congregation and with our neighbors. This fall, we're excited to launch a new opportunity to extend our hospitality through Sunday Community Breakfasts in the Raffauf Community Center. Beginning October 26 and continuing through March, we'll offer breakfast from 9-11 AM; open to everyone, not just our congregation, but the entire community. Our mission is to create a welcoming space where people can connect, friendships can grow, and all feel a sense of belonging.

To make this ministry a success, we're building a team to help with everything from setting up the space, flipping pancakes, serving food, and washing dishes. Sign up today to be part of this team.

**Name:**

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**Phone:**

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**Email:**

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# 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**

- Poore family on the loss of Marilyn
- Pam Matzelle family on her passing
- Carol & family on her husband'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
- 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**

- Praise for our triplets 22nd birthday & my parents 62nd anniversary!
- Time spent with all my kids
- Thankful Samantha finished cancer treatment after 10 months
- Thank the Lord for Bob Hutchinson's 99th birthday!

**9/14/2025**

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Gail Goetz

## **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

Carmen	Those unnamed folks who pass through our hearts each day.					Hart family
Roxanne	Jeff	Ben D.	Taylor & family	Janet	Elyse	Rachel & baby
Pauline	Declan	John Z.	Rittenhouse family	Doug	George	Pat, Jim, Irene
Kate & Erik	Laura	Bob H.	Lorna & Martin family	Elise	Stella	Dave & family
John & Carol	Shana	Kim	Mike & Chrissy	Noah	Judy	Gehris family
Samantha	Billy	Bruce	great grandchildren	Beau	Brayden	Amy & family
Nancy & Bill	Eloise	Scot	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Kai	Michele	Travis & Mark
Mitchell	family	Dylan	Kelsey, Michael & baby	Ray	Ronnie	Bryan & Celeste
Heather	Dad	Breeze	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!



15 Woodside Avenue  
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

*"What Happens When We Die: Life After Life Together"*

### WORSHIP LEADER

Kelly Rismiller

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-12 (NLT)

### NEW MEMBERS (9:30AM)

Laurie & William "Rusty" Riley

### 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 #79 - *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

UMH #2226 - *"Bind Us Together"*

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

UMH #2283 - *"For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love"*

UMH #557 - *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

### OFFERTORY

3x4 Ringers; Christopher Rodgers, piano (8AM)

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (arr. Larry Sue)

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (11AM)

*"Abide with Me"* (Jantz Black)

### SCRIPTURE READERS

Craig Nagle (8AM)

Sherry Ricketts (11AM)

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"Rest On Us"* (Upperroom)

*"I Speak Jesus"* (Charity Gayle)

*"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"* (Hillsong)

*"Remembrance"* (Brooke Ligertwood)

*"Gratitude"* (The Worship Initiative)