



WEST LAWN UMC  
*you're welcome here*

WHAT HAPPENS  
WHEN WE DIE?

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## **COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS**

Sunday, September 28 / 12:30 PM

He-Brews Café

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

If you would like to know more about West Lawn Church, the United Methodist Church, or are interested in becoming a member, plan to attend Coffee with the Pastors.

## **WLW MEAL 9/24/2025**

Bacon Cheeseburger, Hot Dog, BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Veg. Salad, Dessert

## **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.

## **MEN'S RETREAT**

Fri. October 3 thru Sun. October 5

Pocono Plateau

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

All men are invited to join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and recreation in the beautiful Pocono mountains. Our theme is Wisdom by the Water as we study the sacred

teachings of Jesus by the lake. All participants must register with Pocono Plateau by clicking the "Register with Pocono Plateau" button.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, October 8 / 7PM

[Community Center / Conf Rm](#)

[Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551](#)

[dmbhart2@gmail.com](#)

Women's Book Club will meet in October to discuss the book *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion. Contact Donna for more info.

## **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.

## **FALL BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, October 30 / 1-7PM

[Raffauf Community Center](#)

[610 670-0591 / giveapint.org](#)

The Fall Blood Drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be held in October. Appointments can be scheduled now by calling Eileen Williams at the number above or on

**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 / \[acaciaflowershop@gmail.com\]\(#\)](#)**

their website. The need for blood is never ending. Join us today to give the gift of life.

**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.

**2025 YOUTH AUCTION**

Sunday, November 2 at 6PM  
Community Center  
[Trisha@westlawnumc.org](mailto:Trisha@westlawnumc.org)

We are now accepting donation items for our annual Youth Auction. We are asking for gift cards, various themed baskets, brand new items, or a free business service. Questions; contact Trisha Rabold [trisha@westlawnumc.org](mailto:trisha@westlawnumc.org)

**SCRAPBOOKING EVENT**

Sunday, October 12, 1 or 3 PM  
DeAnne Bechtel 610-507-2275  
[deannadesigns25@gmail.com](mailto:deannadesigns25@gmail.com)

West Lawn Women - Get creative and celebrate the season at our upcoming Scrapbooking Whether you're a seasoned scrapbooker or just getting started, all are welcome to enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon of crafting together. \$25 per person

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- Oct 15 Clothing Closet
- Oct 17 Wilson Area Food Pantry
- Oct 18 Craft/Vendor Bazaar
- Oct 18 Help Build Hope
- Oct 26 3rd Grade Bible Dstrbtn.

**2025 SUMMARY as of 9/14/2025**

In-Person Worship	361
Online Worship	119
Sunday School	151
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$20,974
Monthly Income To Date	\$54,395
Monthly Income Goal	\$105,460
Budget Income to Date	\$908,005
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](mailto:announcements@westlawnumc.org).

small actions

# 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@westlawnnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnnumc.org).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

☐

**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.

☐

**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!

☐

**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.

☐

**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!

☐

**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

**COMMUNITY**  
*Breakfasts!*

**WEEKLY SUNDAY MORNING  
COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS AT  
WEST LAWN UMC** **9-11**

**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 Raffaaf 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:

**Phone:**

Email:

# 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

- Gehris & Bare families on the loss of Patricia

## 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
- Harmony & civility for all

## PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those seeking jobs
- New class of confirmands, their parents & mentors
- Peace & comfort for our church youth during their difficult times
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Safe travel for all

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- Praise that David attended loss of a spouse
- Praise for baby Harrison and Rachel!
- Praise for safe travels & good health on recent first ever cruise!

**9/21/2025**

### HOSPITALIZED

Kim Hershman  
Richard Houser  
Sandra Tucker

### 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

Kate & Erik	Sandra	Ben D.	David & Lisa	Sara	Elyse	Rachel & baby
Pauline	Declan	John Z.	Kelsey, Michael & baby	Doug	Greg Jr.	Pat, Jim, Irene
Carolyn	Laura	Bob H.	Lily, Harper & Whitney	Elise	Stella	Peggy & Cathy
Lois Bahner	Shana	Kim	Annie, Ernie & Bruce	Kevin	Judy	Gehris family
Samantha	Billy	Carmen	Ollie & family	Amy	Ashleigh	Erika & family
Nancy & Bill	Eloise	Scot	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Judy	Michele	Travis & Mark
Mitchell	family	Dylan	WLUMC youth	Ray	Ronnie	Bryan & Celeste
Heather	Jeff	Breeze	Rauenzahn family	Roy	Megan	Hannah & Patricia
Christian	Luna	Thomas	High family	Kate	Crystal	Stephanie





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 Tom Ebersole

*"What Happens When We Die: Judgment Day"*

#### WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:8-14 (NRSV)

#### 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 #144 - *"This Is My Father's World"*

UMH #719 - *"My Lord, What a Morning"*

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

UMH #707 - *"Hymn of Promise"*

UMH #338 - *"Where He Leads Me"*

#### OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (8AM)

*"Abide With Me"* (Jantz Black)

Diane Soper, Bell Tree (11AM)

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

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

Kevin Miller (8AM)

Barbara Messner (11AM)

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"I Am"* (Crowder)

*"Another in the Fire"* (Hillsong)

*"Great I Am"* (ONE A Worship Collective)

*"How Can It Be"* (Lauren Daigle)

*"Death Was Arrested"* (Aaron Shust)