

September 25, 2022

BUT GOD



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT WEST LAWN UMC!**

In-Person & Live-Stream



WELCOME

Welcome to worship at West Lawn United Methodist Church!


We are excited that you have joined us today!

Greeters and Ushers will be happy to assist you with finding:

- A place to sit in our worship space
- Nursery or Nursing Room
- Classrooms
- Prayer Room
- Restrooms
- Provide a Listening Aid

If you are a first, second or third time guest, please fill out a Connect slip to let us know you worshipped with us today. Also, visit our Welcome Center in the Narthex for more information about WLUMC and to exchange your connect slip for a special gift! Those worshipping with us by live stream, please complete the Connect Card found on the WLUMC app or on our website under the Worship tab.

Guest Wifi Password: Rejoice!

A vibrant field of yellow sunflowers under a blue sky with white clouds. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The sky is a clear blue with soft white clouds.

HELLO,
We're glad
You're here
Today!

SERVICES TODAY

- 8:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary **
- 9:30 AM—Praise Worship Service / Sanctuary **
- 11:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 11:10 AM—Community Worship Service/ Raffauf Community Center **

** Worship Service is Live Streamed at:

www.westlawnumc.org, WLUMC App, Facebook, or on YouTube.

9:30 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

KEY: EB=Education Bldg. CC=Community Center SC=Sanctuary Bldg.

children

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|----------------------|----|------------------|
| Infant & Toddlers | EB | Rm 104 (Nursery) |
| Age 3 | EB | Rm 200 |
| Age 4 | EB | Rm 202 |
| Age 5 / Kindergarten | EB | Rm 204 |
| Grade 1 | EB | Rm 206 |
| Grade 2 | EB | Rm 208 |
| Grade 3 | EB | Rm 210 |
| Grade 4 / Grade 5 | EB | Rm 207-209 |
| Youth (Grades 6-7) | CC | Rm 202 |
| Confirmation | CC | Firehouse Café |

adults

| | | |
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| Barth Memorial Class: <i>Studying Numbers.</i> | EB | Rm 112 |
| Loyal Pairs & Spares: <i>FREEDOM: Rescue, Justice, Faithful Conversations</i> | EB | Rm 110 |
| Table Talk: <i>Walking with God in the Desert</i> | EB | Rm 109/111 |

Flowers on the Altar in the Sanctuary today are presented:



*In loving memory of Harold Fisher on his birthday.
Love, Ann and Family*

To place an order for flowers, contact Acacia Flower Shop at
610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com by noon on Tuesdays.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

8AM & 11AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ACT OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL MUSIC (8AM)

MESSAGE

HYMN

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY / ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Lisa Hoopes

MINISTRY MOMENT

Connie Aldridge

SCRIPTURE READERS

Alice Moyer (8AM)

Bob Fleck (11AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-24 (NLT)

HYMNS

UMH #117 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

FWS #130 - "God Will Take Care of You"

UMH #534 - "Be Still, My Soul"

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

UMH #133 - "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

PRELUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Wood)

"Air" (Wesley)

"Come, Ye Disconsolate" (Wood)

Handbell Choir, Judith Alvarez, Director (8AM)

"I Need Thee Every Hour" (arr., Elston)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir, Judith Alvarez, Director (8AM)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (arr., Larson)

OFFERTORY

Judith Alvarez, piano; Christopher Rodgers, organ (8AM)

"Medley: We Worship and Adore You - He Is Lord"

(arr., Innes)

Adult Choir, John Coakley Director (11AM)

"Grace" (Hamlin)

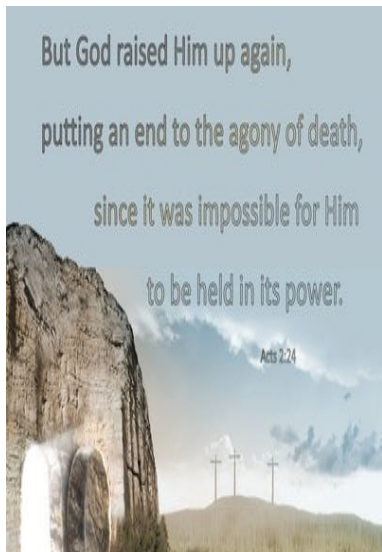
POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Largo" from 'Xerxes' " (Handel)

But God raised Him up again,
putting an end to the agony of death,
since it was impossible for Him
to be held in its power.

Acts 2:24



TODAY'S WORSHIP

9:30AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

SONGS

PRAYERS

OFFERING /MUSICAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

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Acts 2:24



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Lisa Hoopes (9:30AM)

Pat Kenna (11:10AM)

MINISTRY MOMENT

Connie Aldridge

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WORSHIP SONGS

"Living Hope"

Artist: Bethel

"Same God"

Artist: Elevation Worship

"Way Maker"

Artist: Leeland

"I've Had Questions"

Artist: Tim Hughes

"Overcome"

Artist: New Life Worship

11:10AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

SONGS

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS

OFFERING

MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GRACE SPACE:

During our 11:10 service, children are welcome to use our carpeted "Grace Space" to quietly play during worship.

WELUMC PRAYER ROOM

Contact the office or pastors if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.
HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Marion Smith.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Mission Partners: Opp House, Family Promise, Hope Rescue
- Judy on the passing of husband Tom
- Family & friends of Jim Lochman on his passing
- Family & friends of Buzz Hughes on his recent passing
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Emotional/physical healing from anxiety, depression & chronic pain
- Recovery from addiction; recognition of the problem, commitment to change
- Brain injury, stroke, memory loss, confusion; dementia
- For peace in the world and to learn to love one another
- Those hungry, homeless, abused
- Job situations, opportunities, new beginnings and changes
- All past, present & future Bulldogs
- Our church as we navigate the issues affecting our denomination
- Placement that meets the needs of the person
- May God guide the leaders of the world for peace
- All those serving in the Armed Forces and their loved ones at home

Prayers of Praise and Gratitude:

- Praise Pastor Terry's successful surgery
- Praise for my promotion—prayers for patience and guidance in my new start
- Our many blessings

9/25/2022

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| Janet | Jen | Dawn | Carol & Family | Art | Abby | Christy |
| Ann | Donovan Family | | Opalenick Family | Ava | Linda | Wolber Family |
| Pam & Russ | Ray S. | Kim | Raelynn & Jackie | mom | Laura | Roland Family |
| Bob & Inga | Steve | Mike | Sharon & Family | Tom | Jerry | Bret & Brooke |
| Pastor Terry | Phil | Ryder | Gwen & Charlie | Jon | Susan C. | Roxanne & Pete |
| Ed & Karen | Brooke | Delanie | Donna & Norman | Ellise | Michelle | Harvey & Jean |
| Gerald | Colleen | Paisley | Cindy & Dave | Amy | Mckenzie | Powers Family |
| Pam & Russ | Angel | Jewel | Rebecca & Brandon | John | Robert | Jackson Hoffa |
| Jim & Patty | Ben | Betty | Chris, Angela & Sue | Robin | Megan | Robert Griffith |
| Jaime & family | Jordan & Jacky | Lynn & Ed | Frymyer & Weaver Families | Teddy & Bill | Bishop John Schol | Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark |

How to engage the prayer ministries of our church :

- 1 Online via the church website or App under the WORSHIP tab.
- 2 Call in to: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671 ~ Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141



A LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Join us on **Sunday, September 25**, as we harvest hundreds of pounds of potatoes for our neighbors in need! This unique, local mission project, called the **“Potato Project”** addresses local hunger issues by growing and producing free food for Berks County. Mission teams, like West Lawn UMC, come to the local farms, harvest the crops, and take the produce to local food pantries. West Lawn UMC will give its crop to New Journey Community Outreach, as well as to Hope Rescue Mission, and Opportunity House.

This is an multigenerational mission project; all are welcome, including children of all ages. Sign up today to join our harvest team. Carpool transportation to and from West Lawn UMC is available, or simply meet us on the fields in Kutztown. You and your family are welcome to harvest for an hour, or three hours! Snacks and beverages provided.

Sunday, September 25

Beginning at 1:00 PM

Kutztown University Heritage Center

22 Luckenbill Road, Kutztown, PA 19530



Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org



A LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Register to walk with our WLUMC CROP team on **Sunday, October 9. This is an multigenerational mission event; all are welcome, including children of all ages.** The walk begins at 1 p.m. at Gring's Mill. If you are unable to attend the walk, consider sponsoring our team. Visit the leaders outside in the breezeway today.

Sunday, October 9
Beginning at 12:30 PM
Gring's Mill Recreation Center
2083 Tulpehocken Road, Reading, PA 19610



Questions? Contact Dan & Sue Allen at 610-804-7739

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 30 / 1-7PM
Raffauf Community Center
www.giveapint.org / 610-670-0591

Sign-up today to give blood for the Miller-Keystone Blood drive. Open time slots still available. Save a life, give blood.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wednesday, October 19
Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141
kelly@westlawnumc.org

West Lawn UMC will be part of the Spring Township Lion's Club Halloween parade on 10/19. Are you and your family/friends interested in creating a "Shine Your Light" themed float? Do you have a trailer we could borrow? Contact Kelly for details.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 12 / 7PM
Raffauf Community Center / Rm 201
Donna Barnhart / 610-678-7873
dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in October to discuss the book *The Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna.

A promotional graphic for a Men's Retreat. It features a dark background with a lit candle in a mug on the right. Text on the left reads: "Is the message of the gospel getting lost as we navigate the different languages in our lives?". Below this, in white, is "Sep 30– Oct 2" and "\$125 / person". At the bottom, in yellow and white, is "Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center" and "Men's Retreat". A small red cross is visible in the bottom right corner.

Is the message of the gospel getting lost as we navigate the different languages in our lives?

Sep 30– Oct 2
\$125 / person

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center
Men's Retreat

Work lingo. Sports lingo. Tech lingo. Online lingo. Love lingo. Friends' lingo. Text lingo. Financial lingo. We all speak many different lingos, don't we? But what about our Faith lingo? Does our faith get "lost in translation?" At this year's Men's Retreat, explore how our faith language can shape, influence, and transform all our conversations as we transition from context to context, group to group, lingo to lingo. Register on website or app.

**REMINDER—PICK-UP YOUR
COOKIE DOUGH ORDER
TODAY IN THE BREEZEWAY!**

A graphic for a Women's Lunch Menu. It has a black border. At the top, the date "9/28/22" is written. In the center is a red circle with the word "Menu" in white script and "WLW" in white sans-serif. To the left of the circle is a black fork and to the right is a black spoon. At the bottom, the text "Bacon Cheeseburgers-Hot Dogs-BBQ" is written in white.

9/28/22

WLW
Menu

Bacon Cheeseburgers-Hot Dogs-BBQ

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE DAY SESSION

Sept. 20 thru Dec. 13 / 1—3 PM
Reiner Education Bldg. / Room 109
Contact Pastor Lisa Hoopes
610-678-5611 / lisa@comcast.net

Grief can be overwhelming. Loss and potential loss can be so frightening and painful that it feels like the world is simply caving in; sometimes it seems that there is no end to the pain. In times of grief, prayers become a lifeline that upholds and guides us when we do not know the way. If you have suffered a recent loss or continue to struggle with the loss of a loved one, The Griefshare Ministry Team can help and would be honored to walk along side you through this time in your life.

CRAFTERS BAZAR

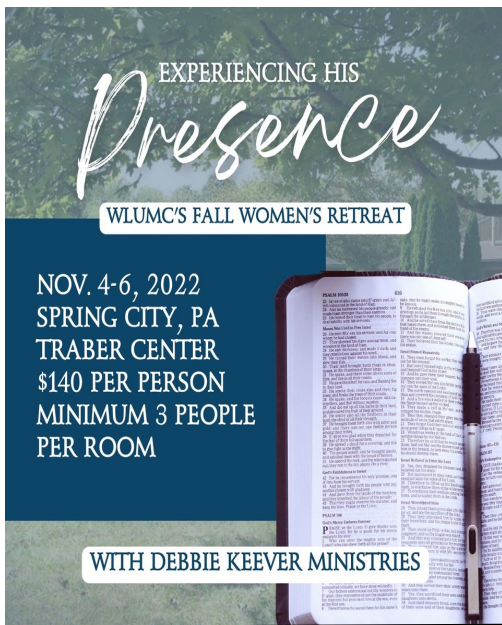
Sharon Rutherford / 610-468-9427

West Lawn UMC is planning a Crafters Bazaar this Christmas season to be held on November 26! If you are interested in helping promote and organize this event, please contact Sharon.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141
kelly@westlawnumc.org

The West Lawn church nursery is looking for one additional nursery helper to assist only once a month during the 9:30 AM worship hour. If you feel led to serve God through this ministry on a rotating basis, please contact Kelly.



EXPERIENCING HIS
Presence

WLUMC'S FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

NOV. 4-6, 2022
SPRING CITY, PA
TRABER CENTER
\$140 PER PERSON
MINIMUM 3 PEOPLE
PER ROOM

WITH DEBBIE KEEVER MINISTRIES

THE FAITHFUL FRIENDS CONSIGNMENT SALE IS COMING:

October 6-8. <https://westlawnumc.com/faithfulfriendssale>

Sign up now to consign your gently used children's and maternity goods, and to volunteer to be part of the team!!!

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 and the communications team will help to determine a plan for spreading the word about your ministry.

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH & MINISTRIES

EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer

- Go to the West Lawn website www.westlawnumc.org and click on the GIVE tab. Follow the prompts to give or set-up recurring gifts.

WLUMC Smart Phone APP

- Go to your APP store and download the West Lawn UMC App. Click on the GIVING button and follow the prompts to setup.

Bill Pay

- An easy process offered by most banks to establish recurring or one-time gifts to be sent by check directly from your bank, without sharing any banking information with the church or a 3rd-party provider.

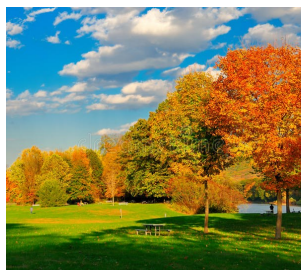
Mail in your contribution to the church office. Be sure to designate your name and what the contribution is for. Send to:

West Lawn United Methodist Church

15 Woodside Ave.

West Lawn, PA 19609-1664

Thank you for your financial support of WLUMC!



*Want to know more
about WLUMC?*

Contact a Pastor or the Church Office

West Lawn UMC

610-678-5611

INVITE - EMBRACE - EMPOWER

Attendance and Financial Report for September 18, 2022

| | 8:00 | 9:30 | 11:00 | 11:10 | Total |
|---|-------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Worship Leaders | 21 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 46 |
| In-Person Worship | 108 | 172 | 64 | 19 | 363 |
| Online Connections | 61 | 65 | — | 12 | 138 |
| Sunday School | | 125 | | | |
| Tithes & Offerings for last week | \$21,354 | | | | |
| September Income (3 weeks) | \$68,473 | 2022 Budget Income To Date: \$968,987 | | | |
| September Income Goal | \$117,855 | 2022 Budget Goal (12 months) \$1,560,934 | | | |

mark your Calendar

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|--------------|---|
| Sep 25 | Cookie Dough Order Pickup (<i>breezeway between services</i>) |
| Sep 25 | Potato Project (<i>Kutztown University</i>) |
| Sep 29 | Miller-Keystone Blood Drive (<i>Raffauf Community Center</i>) |
| Sep 30-Oct 2 | Men's Retreat (<i>Pocono Plateau</i>) |
| Sep 30-Oct 2 | Middle School Breakaway Retreat (<i>Northeast, MD</i>) |
| Oct 6-8 | Faithful Friends Consignment Sale |
| Oct 9 | Baptism / New Member Joining Sunday |
| Oct 9 | Crop Walk |
| Oct 19 | Spring Township Halloween Parade (<i>WLUMC Float</i>) |
| Oct 21 | Food Pantry |

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