

November 28, 2021

SOMETIMES
UNMET
EXPECTATIONS
ARE THE VERY THING WE NEED



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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!



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 / 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

Infant & Toddlers	EB	Rm 104 (Nursery)
Age 3 / Age 4	EB	Rm 200 & 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 Class	CC	Main Hall
Children's Church at 11AM & 11:10AM	CC	Rm 202 (<i>Teachers will escort children to class</i>)

adults

Barth Memorial Class: <i>The Heart That Grew ..</i>	EB	Rm 112.
Loyal Pairs & Spares: <i>Belong: Scriptures About the New Testament</i>	EB	Rm 110
Table Talk: <i>"Acts of the Apostles" w/Louie Giglio</i>	EB	Rm 109/111
NEW Adult Class	CC	Conference Rm



Flowers on the Altar in the Sanctuary today are presented:

In loving Memory of Terry Herbein on his 85th Birthday

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8AM)

ACT OF PRAISE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

HYMN

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO

OFFERING

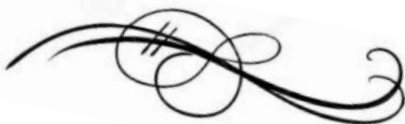
OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Jeff Raffauf (8AM)

Pastor Lisa Hoopes (11AM)

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stephen Ministry

John Guers & Pastor Lisa Hoopes

ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS

Brenda & Bob Grant (8AM)

Nan Lewis & Sallie Jean Ebert (11AM)

SCRIPTURE READER

Mark Wisniewski (8AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:21, 23-24 (NRSV)

HYMNS

UMH #203 - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

UMH #204 - "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH #211 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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

UMH #210 - "All Earth Is Waiting"

PRELUDE

Dr. Mick Eager, piano (8AM)

Hymn Selections

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Aria" (Carter)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Haan)

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Diemer)

OFFERTORY

John Coakley, soloist & Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (TRURO:

"Psalmody Evangelica," arr., Light)

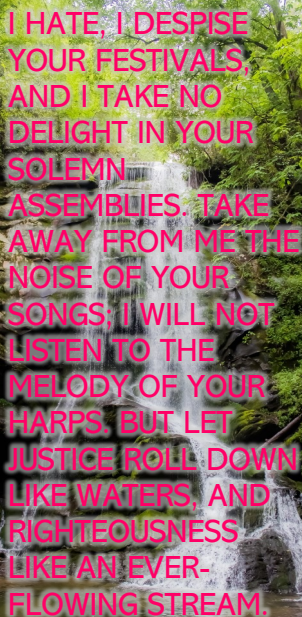
Adult Choir, John Coakley, Director

"A Jubilant Thanksgiving" (Arr., Drennan, Shafferman)

POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Powell)

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by dense foliage and trees.

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SOLEMN
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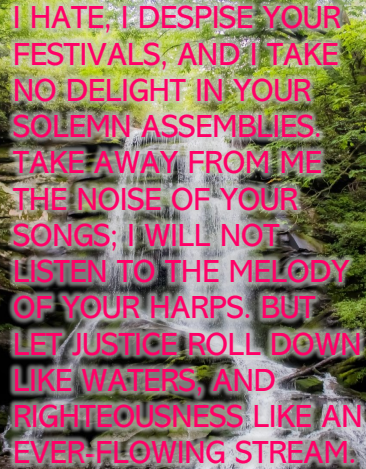
-Amos 5:21, 23-24

TODAY'S WORSHIP

9:30AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME
MINISTRY MOMENT
LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH
SONGS
PRAYERS
OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO
OFFERING
MUSICAL OFFERING
SCRIPTURE (NRSV)
MESSAGE
DISMISSAL WITH
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CLOSING SONG



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WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

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Pastor Chris Hardy (9:30AM)
Pastor Jeff Raffauf (11:10AM)

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stephen Ministry
John Guers & Pastor Lisa Hoopes

ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTERS

Linda Welsh & Jen Fuhrer (9:30AM)
Linda & Wayne Weikel (11:10AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:21, 23-24

WORSHIP SONGS

"Battle Belongs"

Artist: Phil Wickham

"Living Hope"

Artist: Phil Wickham

"Canvas And Clay"

Artist: Pat Barrett

"God With Us (All Sons & Daughters)"

Artist: All Sons & Daughters

"Yes I Will"

Artist: Vertical Church

11:10AM

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SONGS
PRAYERS
MINISTRY MOMENT
OUR LIFE TOGETHER / VIDEO
OFFERING
MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR
MUSICAL OFFERING
SCRIPTURE (NLT)
MESSAGE
CLOSING SONG
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

GRACE SPACE: During our 11:10 service, children not attending Children's Church are welcome to use our carpeted "Grace Space" to quietly play during worship.

*Heavenly Father, You have given me the promise of Your Peace.
Peace is that place of calm, when my heartbeat slows,
and when taking a deep breath I can feel my muscles relax a bit.
In the midst of Christmas preparation and my busy daily life....
I can often forget this promise.*

Remind me to slow down, and look for , and feel, ahhh....peace...

Peace

*Lord Jesus, As we begin advent,
allow us to focus on your Peace
which passes all understanding. No
matter what the world challenges
us with, we know that if we put our
faith in you we have the blessing of
peace to comfort us in any
situation. We pray to you with
thanksgiving that your Holy Spirit
is a part of our lives now and
forever. Calm our hearts and our
minds and allow our focus to be on
you and the peace you provide us
through your grace. In your holy
name we pray, Amen.*

*Let me hear what God, the Lord will
speak for he will speak peace to his
people, to his faithful, to those who
turn to Him in their hearts*

~Psalm 85:8

Oh Lord hear my prayer

*Remind me that you are always
with me*

Fill me and the world with your peace.

*Grant me your mercy and lead me in
your ways*



Dear Lord, please grant us peace - in the world, in our nation and neighborhoods, in our families and in our own hearts.

There's so much turmoil in the world with nations disagreeing and showing off their military force. Let there be peace.

In our nation and neighborhoods, we deal with such things as shootings, beatings, riots, spite fences and gossip. Let there be peace.

As our families gather for the Holidays may these also be Holy Days, free of past hurts, jealousies and dissention. Let there be peace.

Calm our worries and fears. Fill our hearts with love, forgiveness, care and concern for others. Strengthen us to share and spread your peace to those with whom we have contact. In the words of a song:

Peace



Dear Father, please help make this season of Advent one of our remembrance and gratitude for the birth of your Son Jesus Christ and the ultimate sacrifice He made for the forgiveness of our sins. So many times during this season we are distracted from the peace of your forgiveness. Please help open our hearts to allow your peace to enter into our lives. Just as your son washed away our sins, allow that peace to wash across and comfort us, provide us faith that you will ultimately help ease the burdens and stresses of our daily lives, the peace and comfort we need in remembering the loss of loved ones, enduring strained relationships, caring for the ill and injured, confronting job and employment challenges, and other battles we face during our hectic lives. Thank you, Father, for your Son and the peace that our faith, belief and knowledge in you will bring our hearts. Amen.

[prayers submitted by WLUMC Prayer Team]

WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

REMINDER: Please

Let the office or pastors know if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Luke Dundore, Mary Lou Hutchinson, Donald Laudmeister, Lee Longenecker

Please remember in your prayers:

- Wendy & family on the loss of mom, Alice Sell
- Family of Marjorie Soule on her passing
- Beth & Drew on the passing of Dave
- Claffie family on the loss of Dave
- Those waiting for a diagnosis, procedure, biopsy, treatment, surgery & healing
- All those grieving
- Better placement that meets the needs of the person
- Emotional/physical healing from addictions, anxiety, depression & chronic pain
- Brain injury, stroke and dementia victims
- Caregivers
- Guidance at work; grace to get through next year & a half
- Heal family relationships
- Families searching for the best college for their children
- Safe & healthy travels during holiday season for family and friends
- Kidnapped missionaries in Haiti
- May God guide the leaders of the world
- All those serving in the Armed Forces and their loved ones at home

Prayers of Praise and Gratitude:

- The many blessings God provides
- Edris's surgery went well

11/28/2021

Mckenzie	Hannah	Luke	Jeanette & Shannon	George	Aunt Agnes	Gordy Lantz
Edris & Clifton	Ken H.	Kevin	Joanne	Ron	Colleen	Brooke
Brian & Lucy	Doris T.	Dan	Mike & Holly	Roxanne	Angel	Carolyn
Skip & Lorraine	David	Carl	Family of Alice Schell	Dan	Gloria	Carol & Bob
Aunt Agnes	Pam	Abby	Josh, Amber & twins	Noelle	Ron Billey	Roland Family
Teddy & Bill	Ben	James	Rauenzahn Family	Joey M.	Michelle	Mike & Kathy
Patty & Ray	Carl	Betty	Sue, Chris & Angela	Megan S.	Dennis	Jackson Hoffa
Jim & Patty	Victor	Jordan	Alexander Family	Dave K.	McKenzie	Robert Griffith
Cheryl Schwenk	Smith Family	Steve & Sharon	Tabby, Justin & Family	Fick Family	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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

UM STUDENT DAY OFFERING

[TODAY / UMC Special offering](#)

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. The United Methodist Student Day offering supports undergraduate and graduate students in achieving their educational goals, including some students from West Lawn UMC. Your gifts support young people with greater financial freedom in reaching their educational calling.

MISSION TRIP—PERU!

[TRIP TEAM MEETING](#)

[Thursday, December 2 / 6PM](#)

[Education Bldg., Room 110](#)

[Jen Little / 610-350-7934](#)

[jlittle99@comcast.net](#)

Coming in 2022 will be a mission trip opportunity to Peru! The trip is scheduled for June 11-18, 2022. There will be a team meeting for interested persons on December 2nd. For more information, please contact Jen.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

[Order Deadline is December 12](#)

[Cost \\$9 for 6+ blooms in red or white](#)

If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias that will adorn our sanctuary from December 19th through Christmas Eve, the order envelopes are now available at the Welcome Centers.

Your wrapped Angel Tree gifts are **DUE TODAY BY NOON**. Return them by placing under the tree. This is in correction to the information printed on the name-tags.

There is still time to help with our Angel Tree drive thru gift pick up event.

[Contact Alice Moyer at amoyer140@gmail.com](#)
[484-638-0573.](#)

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

[Weesddnay, December 8 / 7PM](#)

[Education Bldg. / Room 109](#)

[Donna Barnhart / 610-678-7873](#)

[dmbhart2@gmail.com](#)

Women's Book Club will meet in December to discuss *Mistress of the Ritz* by Melanie Benjamin. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM

[Monday, January 10 / 7:30PM / Zoom](#)

[Jody Anderson / jander678@gmail.com](#)

During November and December the Faith in Action Team invites you to join them in reading Timothy Keller's book "Generous Justice". We will meet to discuss the book on January 10, 2022 on Zoom. Please contact Jody Anderson for the link to join in the discussion! We hope you'll join us in reading this great book based on a verse in Micah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

WEST LAWN COMMUNITY CENTER

**The
GRINCH**

A kick-off to the Advent Season!



Join us for dinner, a movie, and a party!

Take photos with "The Grinch," enter to win a Grinch-themed raffle basket, and more!

Bring your blankets, pillows, and lawn chairs!

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR APP!

DONATION CRAFT NEED

[Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141](mailto:kelly@westlawnnumc.org)

kelly@westlawnnumc.org

On Sunday, December 12 at 10AM families of children will be invited to make a fresh, live Christmas wreath for their homes. We are seeking donations or sources of where to get MANY pine branches, freshly cut right before this date. Please contact Kelly if you can help with this request

SAFE HAVEN SUPPLY NEED

Safe Haven is
collecting
empty
cleaned



coffee creamer containers for
a winter craft project. Please
drop off at the office by Dec.
5th.

URGENT NEED— BLOOD DONATIONS

[Miller-Keystone Blood Center
Leesport / 800-223-6667](https://www.miller-keystone.org)

Miller-Keystone would like to
remind the congregation of
the continuing need for
blood donations. Typical

blood drives are low due to Covid
restrictions, while the demand for
blood for transfusions and surgeries
remains constant. Please consider
making a contribution in WLUMC's
name by contacting Miller-Keystone
for an appointment. Thank you!

West Lawn Wednesday

December 1st

Pork Loin

(2 sides, salad, roll, dessert & beverage)

Chicken Nuggets for kids

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 and our Communications Director will help to determine a plan for spreading the word about your ministry.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org



Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Would you like to be part of a ministry that gives people care and support when they need it most—while making a difference in your own life? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

As a Stephen Minister, you'll be equipped to provide a very high level of care. After your training, our Stephen Leaders will match you with someone in need of care—men are matched with men, women with women. You'll meet with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and reflect Christ's presence in his or her life. Stephen Ministry is life-changing for both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister. As an added bonus, your Stephen Minister skills can enhance relationships in other areas of your life as well.

Visit www.stephenministries.org/SM to learn about others' experiences in serving as a Stephen Minister.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact a pastor or Stephen Leader.



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
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INVITE - EMBRACE - EMPOWER

Attendance and Financial Report for November 21, 2021

	8:00	9:30	11:00	11:10	Total
Worship Leaders	28	8	28	7	71
In-Person Worship	121	142	64	31	358
Online Connections	135	79	—	23	237
Sunday School		118			
Tithes & Offerings for last week	\$24,147				
November Income (3 weeks)	\$81,751	2021 Budget Income To Date: \$1,262,913			
November Income Goal	\$123,558	2021 Budget Goal (12 months) \$1,521,341			

mark your Calendar

Nov 28	First Sunday of Advent
Nov 28	UM Student Day (<i>special offering</i>)
Nov 28	Angel Tree Gifts DUE (<i>place under tree in Narthex</i>)
Nov 28	Youth Room Dedication
Nov 28	"The Grinch" Movie Night
Dec 12	Cantata Sunday (<i>at services 9 & 11AM</i>)
Dec 17	Food Pantry
Dec 19	Baptism / New Member Joining Sunday
Dec 22	Longest Night Service @ 7PM

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In accordance with para 246.7
in the 2016 UM Book of Discipline,

Special Session of Charge Conference

There will be a special
Charge Conference at West Lawn UMC,
called by South District Superintendent
Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark, for the sole
purpose of reaching and registering a
decision (vote) on the Re-organization
plans of the

Boy Scouts of America
(prior to December 14, 2021)

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM

with the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Raffauf as the
presiding Elder for this session (para 246.5).
All members of West Lawn UM Leadership
Team are encouraged to attend this
Charge Conference, with authority to vote
on the BSA re-organization Plans.

*(Bishop John Schol instructs that ONLY
in-person attendees are eligible to vote;
no phone-in or emailed ballots.*