

WEST LAWN UMC

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Peace

December 7, 2025

TREE OF BLESSING

Tags Available TODAY!

GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 14

Jayme Raffauf / 610-568-5098

jayme@westlawnumc.org

Tree of Blessing: We are thrilled to share that a version of the Christmas Angel Tree tradition will continue this year! Thanks to the initiative of Jayme Raffauf, we will be offering a special "Tree of Blessing" opportunity for all West Lawn members to support local families in need this Christmas season. The Blessing Tree is on display in the Sanctuary lobby and decorated with tags listing gift requests for both adults and children. We invite you to stop by, select a tag, shop for the requested items, wrap your gifts, and return them to West Lawn by Sunday, December 14.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 10 / 7PM

Community Center / Conf Rm

Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551

dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in December to discuss the book *Things I Wish I Told My Mother* by Susan Patterson and Susan Dilallo. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion. Contact Donna for more info.

WLW MEAL 12/10/2025

4:30-6:45PM / Raffauf Comm. Ctr.

Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Veg., Salad, Dessert

PARENTS NIGHT OUT BABYSITTING!

Friday, December 12 / 6-8:30PM

Register online by 12/10

Do you have holiday shopping to do, or just need a night at home to wrap gifts and sip hot cocoa? We've got you covered! Enjoy a kid free evening during this busy season. Childcare for ages infant through 4th grade. Pizza and snacks included. Proceeds benefit the preschool.

**LAST BAPTISM/NEW MEMBER
JOINING SERVICE FOR 2025 IS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

CRICUT CRAFTER NEEDED

Trisha@westlawnumc.org

The Youth Ministry is looking for a Cricut user to help personalize a set of Christmas ornaments. Please contact Trisha if you're able to help.

INSIDE COFFEE & DONUTS

[Raffauf Community Center](#)

Enjoy good conversation over coffee, donuts, pancakes and sausage with our neighbors, members and friends of WLUMC between services.

**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

2025 YEAR-END GIVING

Kim Swartz / 610-678-5611 Ext. 202
kim@westlawnumc.org

As we approach the close of 2025, please remember that to be included on your 2025 giving statement, all gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025. Anything received or postmarked

after that date—even if the check is dated earlier—will be recorded as a 2026 gift. Questions? Contact Kim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 12 Parent Night Out
Dec 14 Cantata Srvs @ 9 & 11AM
Dec 17 Clothing Closet
Dec 19 Wilson Area Food Pantry
Dec 21 Baptism/Joining Sunday



Dec. 21 • 7 PM Longest Night

Dec. 23 • 6 PM Family

Dec. 24 • 11 AM Family

Dec. 24 • 3 PM Traditional


Dec. 24 • 5 PM Contemporary

Dec. 24 • 7 PM Traditional



Dec. 24 • 9 PM Traditional

2025 SUMMARY as of 11/30/2025

In-Person Worship	356
Online Worship	115
Sunday School	116
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$29,183
Monthly Income To Date	\$136,566
Monthly Income Goal	\$131,825
Budget Income to Date	\$1,193,678
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



DOWNLOAD
THE WLUMC
APP TODAY!



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.

VOLUNTEER

SIGN UP



Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus this Christmas by volunteering in one or more of the ways listed below. Please check the boxes and return this form to the Welcome Center, Church Office, or Offering Plate. Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Welcome Center Hosts - Answer general questions, hand out information, arrive 40 minutes before services

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/23: 6:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service |

Inside Greeters - Welcome worshippers, hand out bulletins and candles, arrive 40 minutes before services

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/23: 6:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service |

Parking Lot Greeters - Direct people to the sanctuary and nursery, arrive 40 minutes before services

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/23: 6:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service |

Ushers & Communion Servers - Collect the offering, light candles, help serve communion, arrive 30 minutes before services

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/23: 6:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 5:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 11:00 AM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 7:00 PM Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 9:00 PM Service |

READ MORE



Facilities Support - After the service, vacuum, clean sanctuary pews, empty trash, refresh candles

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/23: <i>after the 6:00 PM Service</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after the 5:00 PM Service</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after the 11:00 AM Service</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after the 7:00 PM Service</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: <i>after the 3:00 PM Service</i> | |

Safety Team - Be mindful of traffic and worshippers, assist with first aid and unexpected emergencies, arrive 40 minutes before services

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Nursery Team - Provide childcare for young children, arrive 30 minutes before services

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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

- Pam Berger & family on the loss of her mother Audrey Brackman

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Those mourning the loss of a beloved pet
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- Worldwide peace and civility; an end to wars and hatred

PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- All those seeking and needing our Lord
- Food for the less fortunate to enjoy this holiday season
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Safe travel for all

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- For our many blessings
- Praise that my son & his in-laws were not severely injured in the MVA

12/7/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Bahner
Arlene Doerrman
Kim Hershman
John Hoag
Carol Moyer

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

Emily & baby	David	Bryce, Haley, Ridley, Jason, Heather & family		Sam	Cathy	Samantha
Aunt Beth	Cindy	Melissa	Ernie, Keith, Derek, Jeff, Page	Jim	Jeff & Dan	Ruthie & family
Christian	Karen	Brooke	Rittenhouse family	Bob	Barbara	Jeff & Andrea
Carolyn O.	Laura	Kayla	Lorna & Martin family	Mark	Laila	Sandee & family
Victoria	Emily	Beatrice	Phyllis, Linda, Cathy	Amy	Debra H.	grandchildren
Jim & Patty	Maya	Jim & Judy	Rick & Patty Rhoades	Al	Sandi H.	Declan & Eloise
Mitchell	Keith	Kathryn	Rauenzahn family	Kim	Megan	Aunt & cousin
Heather	Shana	Billy	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Kate	Ashleigh	Travis & Mark
my family	Lisa	Greg H.	Kelsey, Michael & family	our son	Brianna	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 Tom Ebersole

"Advent-A Season of Expectation: The Gift of Shalom"

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:67,76,79; 3:7-8,10-11 (NRSV)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

COMMUNION

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #213 - *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

UMH #204 - *"Emmanuel"*

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

UMH #196 - *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

UMH #202 - *"People, Look East"*

OFFERTORY

SONRISE Ringers, Diane Soper, Director; Kurt Schneiderhan, percussion

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (JEFFERSON, arr. Cathy Moklebus)

3x4 RINGERS; Christopher Rodgers, piano

"Once in Royal David's City" (arr. Kurt Meyer)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Donna Barnhart (8AM)

Anna Knauer (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Fill This Place" (Red Rocks Worship)

"Build My Life" (Christy Nockels)

"I Speak Jesus" (Charity Gayle)

"Rest On Us" (Upper Room)

"Trust In God" (Elevation Worship)