

WEST LAWN UMC

you're welcome here

Joy

to the world,

December 14, 2025

MEMBERSHIP/JOINING

Our last BAPTISM/NEW MEMBER JOINING SERVICE for 2025 is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025.

Submit your membership form to the office and indicate which service you would like to attend.

WLW MEAL 12/17/2025

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

Christmas Meal: Shrimp Skewer, Carving Station, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

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.

2026 SUBSPLASH GIVING

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If you give electronically through our Subsplash giving platform, and you have changed your giving amount for 2026, please be advised that you will need to make that

adjustment to your account. Church staff do not have access to modify recurring gifts, though we can stop a recurring gift if requested. To update your giving, follow these steps:

- Visit www.westlawnumc.org and click “GIVE”, then scroll down and select “Log in to your giving account.”
- Or, on the [WLUMC App](#), tap the little person icon at the top right, then choose “Log in or sign-up.”
- Log in using the same method you used originally (email, Google, Facebook, or Apple).

Once logged in to Subsplash:

- To change your payment method, go to “Payment Methods” to add, edit or remove an option.
- To adjust a recurring gift, go to “Scheduled Gifts,” to edit your amount, and save. **NOTE: If you want your new amount to start in 2026, wait until your final 2025 gift has processed.**

Questions? Contact Kim by phone on Monday afternoons or email anytime. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness. Your giving sustains the many ministries and missions of West Lawn UMC — helping us share Christ’s love within our community and beyond.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

Carol Lochman, Thank you for all your kindness to all of us, Lois
Happy Birthday to William and Joey Mays

To place an order for flowers, contact:

Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 17 Clothing Closet
Dec 19 Wilson Area Food Pantry
Dec 21 Baptism/Joining Sunday
Dec 25 Office Closed
Dec 26 Office Closed
Dec 29 Office Closed

Christmas SCHEDULE West Lawn UMC

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 12/7/2025

In-Person Worship	449
Online Worship	90
Sunday School	123
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$42,352
Monthly Income To Date	\$42,352
Monthly Income Goal	\$131,825
Budget Income to Date	\$1,236,030
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 |
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Parking Lot Greeters - Direct people to the sanctuary and nursery, arrive 40 minutes before services

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| <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"/> 12/24: 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12/24: 3:00 PM Service | |

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

- Family & friends of Marcia Seifert on her passing
- Family & friends of Michael Annet on his passing
- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Those mourning the loss of a beloved pet

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, surgery, or 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

- Praise for successful recovery to health for Thomas & Mark
- Praise for good test results for Keith
- Thankful for time spent with our families
- For our many blessings

12/14/2025

HOSPITALIZED

William Garis
Kim Hershman

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

THE UMC

Bishop Cynthia
Moore Koikoi
Rev. Steve Pittman
WLUMC Staff
Our Leadership Team

THE WORLD

The Leaders of the World
Safety for our Armed Forces &
their families

Emily & baby	Linda	Bryce, Haley, Ridley, Jason, Heather & family		Sam	Cathy	Greg, Jeff, Landa
Joey, Destiny, Randy	Cindy	Ruthie & family	The Clarke Family	Brian	Jen & Joanne	Rose, Gemma, Phyllis
Christian	Karen	Phyllis	Rittenhouse family	Bob	Barbara	Jeff & Andrea
Carolyn O.	Laura	Samantha	Lorna & Martin family	Rick	Brittany	Sandee & family
Victoria	Emma	Jonathan	Phyllis, Linda, Cathy	Amy	Debra H.	The Carroll Family
Jim & Patty	Marge	Jim & Judy	Rick & Patty Rhoades	Al	Michelle	Declan & Eloise
Elizabeth	Keith	Kathryn	Rauenzahn family	Kim	Megan	Russell & Dorothy
Heather	Shana	Billy	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Kate	Ashleigh	Travis & Mark
my family	Lisa	Greg H.	Kelsey, Michael & family	Tony	Steve	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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www.westlawnumc.org

Office Hours:

M-Th 9AM-4PM / F 9AM-1PM

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

"Advent-A Season of Expectation: A Recipe for Joy"

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

CANTATA SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP (9AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

CANTATA—PART 1

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

CANTATA—PART 2

MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"The Terpsichore" (Michael Praetorius)

HYMNS

UMH #220 - *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

UMH #240 - *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

CANTATA—"A THRILL OF HOPE" (Joel Raney)

PART 1

Festival Choir & Orchestra; Mike Reinert, narrator

"A Thrill of Hope"

Festival Choir & Orchestra; Mike Reinert, narrator

"A Gift of Love"

OFFERTORY

Sunday School Children & Adult Choir

"Hallelujah! A Baby Is Born" (Jay Althouse)

PART 2

Festival Choir & Orchestra; Mike Reinert, narrator

"A Prayer for Peace"

Festival Choir & Orchestra; Mike Reinert, narrator

"A Song of Joy"

Festival Choir

"Wonderful Child" (Jay Rouse)

POSTLUDE

Christopher Rodgers, organ

"Noel 'Tous les bourgeois de Châteaux'" (Balbastre)