

WEST LAWN UMC

you're welcome here

His law is

Love

and His
Gospel is Peace.

December 21, 2025

WLW MEAL SCHEDULE

12/24—No Meal/Merry Christmas!

12/31—No Meal/Happy New Year!

1/1/2026—Pork & Sauerkraut Meal

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.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

[Wednesday, January 14 / 7PM](#)
[Community Center / Conf Rm](#)
[Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551](#)
dmbhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in January to discuss the book *A*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:

**In Loving Memory of Margaret "Peg Houser"
and what would have been her 80th Birthday**

By her Family

To place an order for flowers, contact:

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

Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci. New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion. Contact Donna for more info.

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 25 Office Closed
- Dec 26 Office Closed
- Dec 29 Office Closed
- Jan 1 Office Closed
- Jan 1 Pork & Sauerkraut Meal



- 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 12/14/2025

In-Person Worship	361
Online Worship	198
Sunday School	N/A
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$26,038
Monthly Income To Date	\$68,390
Monthly Income Goal	\$131,825
Budget Income to Date	\$1,262,068
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.

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

- Prayers for the Berger family on the passing of twin baby girls
- Prayers for the Carroll family on the passing of Shana
- Wilder/Manning family on the loss of son, Matt
- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one

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
- Those unable to come home for Christmas
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Safe travel for all

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- Praise for Ray Stubblebine's 96th birthday on December 14th
- For the many blessings we receive from our Father everyday

12/21/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Joseph Gardner
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

Roxanne	Ernie	Edna	Annetta & family	James	Emily	Judy & Jim
Samantha	Cindy	Doug	Russel & Dorothy	Tony	Debbie	Clarke family
Carolyn O.	Laura	Greg	Lorna & Martin family	Maya	Barbara	Kara & family
Victoria	Linda	Jeff	Stott-Manga family	Tina	Brittany	Ruthie & family
Jim & Patty	Katie	Arlene	Rick & Patty Rhoades	Amy	Debra H.	Declan & Eloise
Elizabeth	Keith	Kathryn	Rauenzahn family	Al	Michelle	Brian & Deb
Heather	Ruth	Billy	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Kim	Megan	Travis & Mark
family	Lisa	Greg H.	neighbors	Kate	Ashleigh	Hannah & Patricia
Christian	Karen	Phyllis	Rittenhouse family	Jim M.	Janet	Jeff & Andrea



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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Office Hours:

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

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

"Advent-A Season of Expectation: A Love Story"

WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor Chris Hardy

SCRIPTURE

1 JOHN 4:7-12 (NRSV)

NEW MEMBERS (11AM)

Priscilla M. Heffelfinger

Nancy M. & Thomas J. Lamb

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

NEW MEMBERS JOINING (11AM)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #249 - *"There's a Song in the Air"*

UMH #204 - *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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

UMH #219 - *"What Child Is This"*

UMH #224 - *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

OFFERTORY

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (8AM)

"Amid the Cold of Winter" (Bret Rhoades)

JOYFUL RINGERS, Diane Soper, Director (11AM)

"Angel Trilogy" (Traditional Carols)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Rick Schartel (8AM)

Greg Hart (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"One Thing Remains" (Passion)

"How He Loves" (Crowder)

"Come To Save Us" (All Sons and Daughters)

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)/Love Makes Us Strong" (Passion)

"Reckless Love" (Passion)