

The background of the entire poster is a night scene in a desert. Two camels with riders are silhouetted against a dark blue sky filled with stars. A bright star in the upper left corner has a prominent lens flare. The camels are walking along a path that leads into the distance. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

FOLLOW THE LIGHT

GUIDED BY CHRIST

DECEMBER 28, 2025

WEST LAWN UMC
you're welcome here

WLW MEAL SCHEDULE

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

**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

INSIDE COFFEE & DONUTS

[Raffauf Community Center](#)

Coffee, donut holes, pancakes, and sausage await you every Sunday from 8:30-11 AM in the Community Center. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship!

GET INVOLVED AT WLUMC!

If one of your New Year goals is getting involved at West Lawn,

now's the perfect time! Explore our full list of ministry teams on our website and sign up today: <https://westlawnumc.com/team>

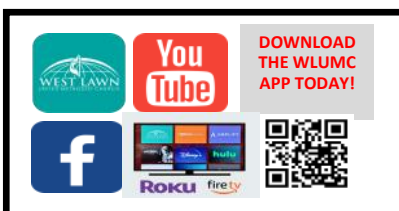
UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 29	Office Closed
Jan 1	Office Closed
Jan 1	Pork & Sauerkraut Meal
Jan 11	Baptism/Joining Sunday
Jan 14	Women's Book Club



2025 SUMMARY as of 12/21/2025

In-Person Worship	439
Online Worship	96
Sunday School	130
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$66,083
Monthly Income To Date	\$134,473
Monthly Income Goal	\$131,825
Budget Income to Date	\$1,328,151
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,371,000



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

- Doris & family on the sudden passing of her husband
- Linda Conrad on the passing of husband, Skip
- Cindy Smith on the loss of husband, Mike

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Help us to start looking at life from God's viewpoint
- Open family communication
- Safe travel for all
- Patience & God's guidance as we seek peace throughout the world

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- Son-in-law found a job after 8 months of praying...our prayers were answered!
- Phyllis was released from rehab

12/28/2025

HOSPITALIZED

Ben Draper
Kate Henninger
Kim Hershman

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

THE UMC

Bishop Cynthia
Moore Koikoi
Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark
WLUMC Staff
Our Leadership Team

THE WORLD

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

Aunt Beth	Diane	Amy	Carroll family	Kim	Tina	Carolyn
Stewart Sr.	Corey	Carmen	Jim & Emily	Lisa	Joey M.	Russel & Dorothy
Jim & Patty	Kyle	Linda	Bernie, Anne & Layla	Jeff	David	Ruthie & family
Samantha	Billy	Laura	Lorna & Martin family	Elyse	Jim G.	Linda & husband
Nancy & Bill	Eloise	Declan	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Brian	Megan	Jim & Melody
Mitchell	Edna	Phyllis	Hannah & Patricia	Ray	Karen	Jeff & Andrea
Heather	Kate	Wesley	Rauenzahn family	Roy	Janet	Mark, Travis



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 Chris Hardy

"The Light Who Came Close"

WORSHIP LEADER

Michael Reinert (8AM)

SCRIPTURE

John 1:10-18 (NLT)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #245 - *"The First Noel"*

UMH #217 - *"Away in a Manger"*

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

UMH #250 - *"Once in Royal David's City"*

UMH #251 - *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

"What Child Is This" (Joel Raney)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Scott Schwenk (8AM)

Karen Garverich (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Raise A Hallelujah" (Bethel Music)

"King Of Kings" (Hillsong Worship)

"God With Us" (All Sons & Daughters)

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

"Living Hope" (Phil Wickham)