



February 2024

Monthly Newsletter

WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CrossRoads

The Bible tells us, "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul." (Proverbs 27:9). Let's gather together on Sunday, February 25 for a time of fellowship (and lots of candy!) with our church family.

Sign up today for a family-friendly competition of which team decorates the best cupcakes based on our sweet theme! Cupcakes, icing and some decorations provided; families are welcome to bring their own extra supplies!

Judging Criteria:

 *Creativity*

 *Cleanliness*

 *Decoration*

 *Presentation*

 *Representation of Theme*

 *Uniqueness*

While we wait for the judges to deliberate, everyone is invited to play candy Bingo!

So that we can plan accordingly, please register by February 20th.



*Sunday,
February 25*

2nd Annual **Cupcake
WARS**

*6-7:30 PM
Rabbauf
Community
Center*

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-12



A note from the pastor

In October 1915 “Scientific American” magazine published a piece which told about an employee at the Patent Office in Washington DC who wrote the following in a letter. The year was 1833...

Dear Sir,

Because everything that can be invented has already been invented, it is inevitable that this office should go out of business. Inasmuch as I shall soon lose my position, I hereby resign to look for work elsewhere.

Sincerely,

At that time there was no telephone or telegraph; no automobile or bicycle, or airplane or wireless, and people walked miles and miles to get a sight of a railroad. Today there are millions of patents. Whoever wrote that letter clearly lacked vision.

Vision is more than a buzzword; it has become a necessary tool of every church. Vision is not what we dream about during a Sunday afternoon nap or after eating spicy chili after 10 PM. It is rarely a “burning bush” experience like Moses'. Vision, as modeled in scripture and throughout church history, came as God's people saw the needs around them and then sought God for what God wanted them to do. Moses' leading the people of Israel out of Egypt, David's fighting Goliath, Nehemiah's rebuilding the temple wall, Jesus' calling His disciples, Paul's writing to the church in Corinth—these and other stories in scripture indicate the vision of these leaders. They saw in their mind a future that was preferred more than the present. And their vision propelled them forward to do courageous things. Why does West Lawn UMC need a vision? Here are four reasons...

Vision gets us on God's program and off our own. God already has a plan for our church. God is not confused about where West Lawn should go in the next 5 years. The problem comes when we don't take time to seek him and discover God's plan. Most of us are too busy maintaining our lives and church work. Prayer is often the first to go. Yet it is a vital component in discovering vision. In Jeremiah 33:3, the Lord said, “*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*”

Vision helps our dreams become bigger than our memories. Many Churches fail to grow because their memories are bigger than their dreams. Churches tend to hold on to old ways of doing things that are no longer effective. John Stott, an English theologian, states, “*Vision begins with a holy discontent with the way things are.*” It is possible to become so content with our church that we become complacent. We are busy building homes, families, and careers, while trying to live in a chaotic world. Sometimes the last thing we want to see changed is our church. Unfortunately, that sameness can turn to complacency, and if we are not careful, discouragement may set in. But with a vision, the future begins to grow and become clear and larger than the past and present. Discouragement and complacency are replaced with hope.

Vision gives West Lawn a target. Aubrey Malphurs, in his book, Planting Growing Churches for the Twenty-first Century writes, “[*Vision*] is the ministry compass that helps a congregation and the leaders navigate through the ocean of decision.” A church that develops a vision puts a compass in the hands of its people; then we all have a common sense of destiny.

(pastor's note—continued)

Vision gets people in the game. Every church needs more laypeople actively involved, using their gifts and energies to advance God's kingdom. There are plenty of reasons why members of churches do not get involved. One of those reasons is lack of vision. With a clear and compelling vision that church members help create, a church is better positioned to invite laypeople into the challenges and excitement of being the church. Without it, it's just one more class to teach, light bulb to replace, or meeting to attend.

Scripture tells us that without vision people perish. Every one of us dies a little when we don't have our eyes on the future. But for most of us, there aren't enough hours in the day to focus on the future. The present is in our face, and we need to consciously lift our eyes from the present to the future so our dreams become bigger than our present experience and our memories. The best vision comes out of prayer and dialogue between church leaders and their pastors. Therefore, 2024 will be a time of **"Visioning"** for West Lawn United Methodist Church, because I firmly believe that God has implanted in the minds and hearts of our committed church family a vision for the future and now is the time to prepare for that future.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom



WEST LAWN PRESCHOOL
& CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Family Mission Night

SPEND TIME WITH YOUR PRESCHOOL FRIENDS
WHILE HELPING OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
6:00-7:00 PM
RAFFAUF COMMUNITY CENTER

- DESIGN AN ENCOURAGEMENT CARD FOR A SHUT-IN
- RECORD A SPECIAL VIDEO TO SEND TO FAMILY
- COLOR A BOOKMARK FOR THE LIBRARY
- MAKE A PLACEMAT FOR A NURSING HOME
- ASSEMBLE A BAG OF ESSENTIALS FOR A HOMELESS PERSON
- CREATE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOUR MAIL CARRIER
- ENJOY PIZZA, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WHILE ON A MISSION!

West Lawn is a church on mission! Teaching even our youngest friends the importance of helping others and sharing God's love starts at a young age.

On January 29, we are inviting all of our preschool and toddler families to a Family Mission Night. Over the course of one hour, everyone will have the opportunity to complete six age-appropriate mission projects, while incorporating Bible verses and faith-based symbols and pictures.



EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY TO GREECE

Join Pastor Chris on an eight-day "Journeys of Paul in Greece" tour departing from Newark, NJ for \$3,498. Journey to Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapoli (Kavala), Thessaloniki, Veria (Berea), Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, and much more. The rate includes airfare, first-class hotels, guided tours, entrance and program fees, gratuities, daily breakfast and dinner, overseas transfers, and deluxe motor coach. Family and friends are welcome to join us for the trip.

Curious about the itinerary? Here's day 3: *Follow in the footsteps of Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and explore the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. In Philippi is a baptismal site commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13 -15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the Roman-era crypt thought to have served as a prison for the Apostle Paul, and explore Philippi's famous Acropolis, marketplace, the Basilica of Paul, and theater. Today's last stop is Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports, where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. See the Roman aqueduct and acropolis before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.*

Find more information on the app/ website under CALENDAR. If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Chris at chris@westlawnumc.org.

GREECE

JUNE 22-29, 2024

JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE WITH PASTOR CHRIS

\$3498 - 8 DAYS

ROUNTRIP AIRFARE

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS

DELUXE MOTORCOACH

DAILY BREAKFAST & DINNER

GUIDED TOURS

AMPHIPOLIS

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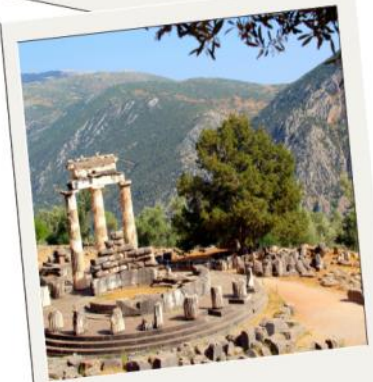
THESSALONIKI

DELPHI

CORINTH

CENCHREAE

ATHENS



WEST LAWN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STEPHANIE SERFASS

- Director of Children & Family Ministries
- Youth Pastor



Stephanie Serfass, West Lawn's newest staff team member, is originally from the Lehigh Valley, PA. Growing up, she had an excellent example of living faith in her parents (mom – Debbie is a UMC pastor's daughter & father – Joel have largely influenced her faith journey). As a child, she and her three siblings (one of whom attends West Lawn – Kimberly Duffy) were raised to prioritize the importance of faith. Steph also credits them with demonstrating an incredible model for generosity and service.

Steph has worked with children in her first home church in Bethlehem, PA, volunteering and then taking on a small part-time paid childcare role as she grew up. Her early career focus was on Occupational Therapy following a fall that resulted in two badly broken wrists that required occupational therapy. Becoming well acquainted during her time receiving rehabilitation and surgeries, she discovered a potential career path in early childhood development and pediatric occupational therapy. Stephanie then worked as a certified occupational therapy assistant in the school system, focusing on special needs and ASD. She remains passionate about working with children and families with special needs or who are neurodivergent.

Life challenges of her own and in the lives of those she loves eventually led her to take time away to reflect and reassess her path. During this time, she began to feel strongly that she needed to be in the church; unsure of the specific capacity, she responded to a churchwide bulletin announcement calling for help needed in children's ministry. She attended church regularly, learned as much as possible about various ministry path options, and attended Bible studies when offered.

During this time, she did whatever was needed to help the Director of Children's ministry. This relationship's proven reliability and work ethic led to another part-time childcare position. She continued volunteering during this time. When the children's minister left to start a family shortly thereafter, a Kids' Ministry restructuring opened up a previously unavailable job at the church. From there, she became the Children's Ministry Coordinator, later being promoted to Director of Kids' Ministry after completing a bachelor's degree in Theology & Biblical Studies.

She is passionate about what she does and ensures each child feels seen, known, accepted, and loved unconditionally. Early conceptions or experiences of the church can aid in a child's core beliefs and, hopefully, an understanding that regardless of what happens in life, they can come 'home' to the church. The relationships with youth at church have been primarily with those whom she has taught earlier during her time in ministry or with those who serve; her previous church did not have an active youth ministry since pre-covid times, but she is very excited to begin working with the youth in West Lawn.

Professional life aside, Steph values physical activity, faith, transparency, creativity (graphic design and her self-proclaimed odd font obsession), family, and sarcastic humor. Steph is leaving the 'sunshine state' (where she has lived for roughly ten years) to move back to Pennsylvania and be closer to her siblings, grandmother, aunts, and nieces.



Colossians

Paul Bookham

The Book by Book Bible Study will be participating in a 6-week study of the New Testament Book of Colossians in the Spring. This short-term study will begin on Tuesday, April 2nd, and will end on Tuesday, May 7th. We will be meeting in Room 110 in the Reiner Education Building from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact Sherry Ricketts at 610-858-0719 (call or text) or via email @jefbup@gmail.com.



Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM

You are invited to an informal informational meeting of the West Lawn United Methodist Church family on Sunday, February 18, 2024 in the Sanctuary.

Reports will be offered from the Pastors and the church leadership concerning our mission and ministry, church finances, property and staff. This is an opportunity to meet your church leadership, ask questions or share concerns. All are welcome to attend.



The Bible tells us, "A sweet friendship refreshes the soul." (Proverbs 27:9). Let's gather together on Sunday, February 25 for a time of fellowship with our church and preschool buddies.

Young families are invited to join us for an afternoon of indoor family fun in the Raffaaf Community Center. 3:30-5 PM. Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy:

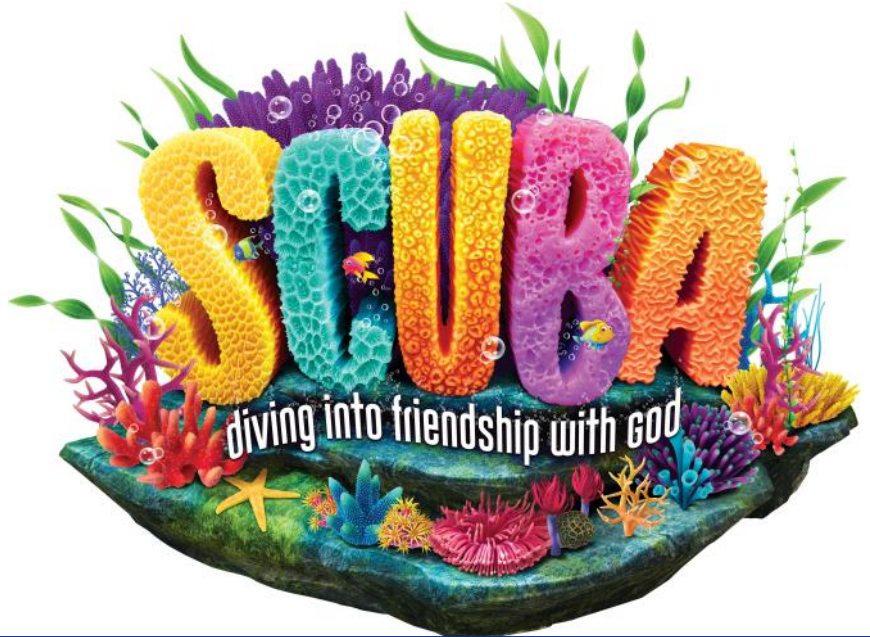
- *Jumping in a Candy Bouncy Castle*
- *Running along Lollipop Lane*
- *Crawling around a Pit of pretend Gumballs*
- *Stacking and Knocking Down Rainbow Towers*
- *Making a Candy Cone*
- *Coloring a Huge Candy Land Poster*
- *Playing Giant Twister*
- *Snacking on Mini Cupcakes & Cotton Candy*

So that we can plan accordingly, please register by February 20.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2024

June 10-13, 2024
6-8:30 PM



RENOVATIONS COMPLETED!



Opportunity House is so excited to announce that the renovations to the Day Room are complete and they can't wait to show it to you! They will now be serving all meals in this beautiful Day Room! All volunteers can now use the shelter entrance as you normally would to serve meals as well as make donation drop offs.



As part of West Lawn's Caring Ministries, we look to care not only for those in need, but also for those who provide that much-needed care. In 2024, we wish to extend our ministry and surround our caregivers with a family of supporters, opportunities to retreat for renewal and rest, and engaging fellowship and discipleship programs.

This new "Caring for the Caregivers" ministry can begin after we identify exactly who the caregivers are in our congregation. If you are currently caring for a family member or friend, please let us know. Contact Pat Goshert, Pastor of Congregational Care, at pgoshert@westlawnumc.org, 610-858-4839.

Western Berks Shepherding Ministry Volunteer Drivers Needed

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries is a local non-profit organization that drives ambulatory adults in Western Berks County to medical appointments through the use of volunteer drivers. Recently, Western Berks Shepherding has had a big increase in new clients needing transportation services. Because of this, **they are in need of new adult volunteers to drive clients to local medical appointments.**

Volunteers choose when and where they wish to drive as well as how often. (Volunteers are never assigned a transport.....they are always in control of which transports they wish to do.) In addition, volunteers are only asked to provide transportation (they are not asked to provide any kind of personal or medical care).

It is a great way to volunteer that is flexible, very little commitment and extremely rewarding!!!!

For more information, please contact 484-294-7394 or WesternBerksShepherding@gmail.com.




YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT

ORGANIZATION:
Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

EVENT DATE:
Wednesday February 21, 2024
Thursday February 22, 2024

Bring this invite to:

Austin's Restaurant & Bar - 1101 Snyder Road - West Lawn 610-678-5500
Coastal Grille - 2713 N. Meridian Boulevard - Wyomissing 610-743-4006

20% of your food purchases – alcohol not included
(dine in or take out) will be given to:

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

Invitation must be presented for purchase to qualify
VOID IF DISTRIBUTED AT RESTAURANT
Reservations Suggested

REGISTRATION OPEN
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FEB. 29, 2024

\$150 PER PERSON

ASP
Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT®

July 28 - August 3
MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH & ADULTS



We LOVE because HE first LOVED us.

1 John 4:19

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!





West Lawn's electronic church directory has a member website and mobile device app. **Instant Church Directory** is the program we use for our directory.

To view our directory online, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Use your email address you have on file at West Lawn. For security reasons, you must confirm your email before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will be asked to enter your email address that is on file at West Lawn UMC. If your current email address is not on file with the church, let Kelly Rismiller know so that it can be added. Once you enter your email, follow the directions on-screen to complete the "create a log-in now" process. Because we are using a two-step verification system for security purposes, you will need to check your email before being granted directory access.

After you are signed up, you'll see the most current directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show in the directory. If you are using the mobile app, you will be able to search for families and members, and call, email and text right from the app.

Once logged in, you can edit what information is made public to the West Lawn congregation. Currently addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and month/day birthdays are all published.

You can also upload a family or individual photo to your profile. Please consider completing this step so that everyone at West Lawn UMC can put a name to a face!

If you have any questions or concerns, want to be removed from the online directory app, or would prefer a printed copy, simply contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org.

WLUMC Children & Family MINISTRIES

Refer to the West Lawn App for more details on the February programs, or contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org.

Tween Group (Grades 4-5)
Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM
February 4
February 25

Kids Club (Grades 2-3)
Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM
February 4
February 25

Kids Stay and Play
Tuesday Nights: 6:30-8:00 PM
Stay & Play+ with Kelly & Laurie will take place on February 20

Preschool Teacher Wanted

Our preschool is looking to fill a part time assistant teacher position for Tuesday & Thursday afternoons (11:30 AM—3:30 PM) to work with our extended day students (ages 3-5 years old). Clearances are required.

Please contact Elise Coakley if you are interested, preschool@westlawnumc.org. Position needs to be filled by the beginning of February.





Are you interested in becoming a member of West Lawn UMC? Maybe you have some questions and would like to know more about this church and its mission. You're invited to join the pastors for a cup of coffee (or tea or water) and conversation about what it means to be a member here on Sunday, January 28 in HeBrews Café (located in the lower level of the sanctuary building... where the coffee and donuts are served!) at 12:30 PM. Come, have a warm cup of coffee, and learn more about what it means to be a follower of Christ at West Lawn UMC.

If you can't make this date, the next opportunity will be Sunday, April 21st.



United
Women
in Faith

All women are invited to join the United Women in Faith as they gather on Tuesday, February 20 at 11:30 AM in Hebrews Café. After a brief lunch together, we will observe a Day of Prayer & Self-Denial—a quiet time as the new year begins—to renew our spiritual life. Theme for the day is Climate Justice. Bring an element of creation special to you and be prepared to share how this element relates to your heritage. Come away from the daily routine to spend time in meditation and prayer. Our time will conclude by 1:30 PM.

West Lawn Wednesday

MENU

Bon appetit

January 31, 2024

Baked Chicken Pie**

February 7, 2024

Super Bowl Kickoff: Bacon Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Coleslaw

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday – Soup, Bread, Caesar Salad

February 21, 2024

Baked Glazed Ham, Pineapple Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Corn***

February 28, 2024

Shepherd's Pie, Peas, Carrots**

March 6, 2024

Consignment Sale—no WLW

Free Delivery to our Homebound Friends



Pizza*
Hot Dog**
Cheeseburger***

Children 6-10—\$6.00
Children under 5—Free



**Only \$12
per adult!**

MAMAS ON A MISSION!

NEWBORN

KIDS

Faithful Friends



SPRING 2024

Consignment Sale

FRI 3/8
SAT 3/9

TEENS

MATERNITY

@ West Lawn UMC Community Center

The Faithful Friends consignment sale is coming up in March. Shopping will be open to the public March 8 & 9. Registration to consign is now open on the church's website - look for the tab on the home page labeled "consignment sale" for details. Volunteers needed for various jobs throughout the week as well.



The next Wilson Area Food Pantry distribution will be on February 16th from 3:00 -5:30 PM in the WLUMC Community Center. Pre-registration is preferred and can be scheduled by calling 484-525-0980. Donations accepted weekdays in the church office. Thank you!



Women's Book Club will meet Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 PM in the Community Center Conference Room to discuss The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Hadden. March's book is This Tender Land by Willam Kent Krueger.

New readers always welcome! Come join the discussion! To be added to the email list or for information please contact Donna Barnhart at dmbhart2@gmail.com or 610-678-7873.



Safe Haven Lighthouse started off 2024 with a fun trip to the Reading Museum. The kids had a wonderful time there on January 3rd. We visited the Voyage of the Deep Exhibit and then also Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Exhibit. Both exhibits were fun for the kids and the adults.

We are joining the Sunday School classes here at WLUMC and memorizing the same Bible verse each month. The Safe Haven ladies are also memorizing the verses. It is so helpful to keep God's words in our hearts so that when we are in need the verses will speak to us. We are so thankful for Kelly and Laurie and for this adventure that they have started.

SAFE HAVEN Stay warm and your continued prayers for all of us here at Safe Haven Lighthouse are appreciated.

Lighthouse

-Lori Madara and Bonnie Rissmiller



FIELD TRIP

February 2024



In February the Youth are headed to Pocono Plateau! We will enjoy the snow (if it doesn't melt!!), play lots of games, eat lots of delicious food, and grow in our faith. Check us out on social media to see pictures and videos from our weekend away.

Facebook— [West Lawn UMC Firehouse Youth](#)
Instagram— [west_lawn_youth](#)

Web— westlawnumc.org/youthgroup



Confirmation Class 2024

The class of 11 youth have been learning from so many people here at West Lawn UMC about what it means to serve, or put feet to our faith. For students this tangible way to live out our faith is so important.

In February we will spend more time planning their Confirmation Worship Service, and helping them know how they fit into the Body of Christ here @ WLUMC.

This February and throughout March our Youth will be challenged to live out their faith by participating in a few events to benefit New Journey Community Outreach. We will collect Soup on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Next, we will participate in their annual event— The Coldest Night of the Year— a fundraising 2K or 5K. And later in March we will be doing a Parent & Youth mission project to provide soup for one of their lunches. They feed about 250 people 5 days a week!! Anybody ready to make 12 gallons of soup!??!

Firehouse Youth WINTER 2024

(See App to register & for more details)

2/2-4 WINTER RETREAT
@ Pocono Plateau
2/11— Souper Bowl of Caring
6&7th SS, Confirmation
6-8pm Youth Group

2/18— 6&7th SS,
6-8pm Youth Group
2/24— Coldest Night of the Year
Walk-a-thon for New Journey
2/25— 6&7th SS,
6-8pm Youth Group— Cupcake Wars



For info, contact:
Youth Pastor
Trisha Rabold
610.678.5611 (O)
484.432.7808 (C)
trisha@westlawnumc.org



NEEDED!

West Lawn UMC is looking for a Night Watchman to assure the campus is secure on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Our Night Watchmen go through each building beginning around 9:00-9:30, and make sure all lights are off and doors are locked.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, or would like more information, please contact Warren Marweg at 610-223-0561 or call the church office. Thank you!

ASP MISSION TRIP July 28 - August 3, 2024!

For the third year in a row, our church will head to the Appalachia Mountains to make homes "warmer, safer, and drier" with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). It's an intergenerational mission trip led by Pastor Chris and Trisha Rabold, our Youth Director. All skill levels and anyone that has completed 6th grade or older is welcome and encouraged to give a week of service.

Commitments, which includes payment in full of \$150 per person, are required by February 29, 2024. Register on the app/website under the CALENDAR.

MEN'S HOCKEY NIGHT

READING ROYALS VS ADIRONDACK THUNDER

Friday, March 1 | 7 PM

\$20 RESERVE YOUR SEATS ON OUR APP/WEBSITE
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

2023 Year to Date

Financial snapshot

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
REVENUES	\$1,395,493.00	\$1,534,683.00	(\$139,190.00)
EXPENSES	\$1,495,154.00	\$1,534,683.00	(\$39,529.00)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$99,661.00)	(\$0.00)	(\$99,661.00)

Our Newest Members 1/14/2024

Caitlyn Guers

Caitlyn came to WLUMC through her husband's family, John and Karen Guers. She and husband Jeff, along with son Jonathan live in the Sinking Spring area. Caitlyn works as a dietitian. Her varied interests include care giving, music, family, pets, hockey, making food and baking. Welcome Caitlyn!

Sandra & John Milligan

Sandra & John Milligan, or Sandi & Jack as they like to be known, came to WLUMC and liked that it was well attended and had messages that they "get". Sandra is retired from library service in Delaware. She likes to read, sew, crochet, and do puzzles. She also enjoys meeting people. John, retired as well, was a former firefighter/fire police volunteer. He enjoys watching old movies. Welcome Sandi & Jack!

Tina & Peter Scornavacchi

Tina & Peter came to WLUMC by being invited by a friend. Both of them are retired from Penn State Berks campus. Peter continues to work at the Highlands as a security guard. They have a big family with Peter having four children from a previous marriage that has grown to include seven grandchildren. They both enjoy camping and Peter likes to golf and Tina likes to crochet. Welcome Tina & Peter!



Serve a Meal at Hope Rescue Mission

Play an integral role in serving those in need at Hope Rescue Mission. Join our HRM team with preparing, delivering, and serving a meal to the HRM residents. To carry out this ministry, 6-8 people are needed on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4-7:30 PM (approx.). No long-term commitment. Sign-up once or multiple times.

Contact Mike Stephens (mike@skcoinc.com) for more information or sign up on our website or app.



West Lawn would love to begin preparing and serving regular lunches at New Journey Community Outreach. If you are interested in being part of this "lunch bunch" local mission team, please contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org.

If you are interested in scheduling a baptism or joining the church, please contact the church office at office@westlawnumc.org / 610-678-5611 or one of the pastors.



If you are admitted to the hospital, please register as a member of West Lawn United Methodist Church so that you can receive pastoral visitation. If you don't register, we don't know that you are there unless a family member calls. While we hope that you avoid a hospital stay, it is sometimes unavoidable and we would like to make sure we can check in on you.



Seeking someone to do laundry once every two weeks or so for a member of our church who is unable to do it herself. This would be in the West Lawn-Sinking Spring area and the person would be paid for this service.

If you are able to help or would like additional information, please contact the church office at 610-678-5611.



OUR PASTORS:

Tom Ebersole, *Lead Pastor*

Chris Hardy, *Associate Pastor*

Pat Goshert, *Congregational Care Pastor*

Terry Cooney, *Visitation Pastor*

Manfredo Luna, *Latino Ministries Pastor*

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Praise Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

4:00 pm Worship in Spanish



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February 2024

Every Sunday:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:00 am Fellowship Time 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Sunday School for All 9:30 am Barth Memorial Class 9:30 am Pairs & Spares Class 9:30 am Table Talk I 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Table Talk II 4:00 pm El Buen Pastor Service 6:00 pm Youth Group					1 Board of Ordained Ministry Retreat 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm AlAnon Meeting 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh. 7:00 pm Kid's Slay & Play 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	2 Board of Ordained Ministry Retreat YOUTH RETREAT 5	3 YOUTH RETREAT 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:00 am FOG 9:30 am OA
	4 See Sunday Worship @ Left 6:00 pm Kid's Club/Tween Gp	5 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm OA 7:00 Monday Night Study	6 9:30 am Tues. Bible Study 6:15 pm Family Small Group 6:15 pm Kid's Slay & Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 6:30 pm Prayer Team Mtg. 6:30 pm Griefshare 7:00 pm NA	7 See Wed. @ Left	8 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm AlAnon Meeting 7:00 pm El Buen Pastor 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh. 7:00 pm Kid's Slay & Play 7:00 pm Men's Bible Stud	9	10 8:30 am Women's Exercise Group 9:30 am OA
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Every Wednesday:
7:14 am Prayer Service
9:30 am Pastor Tom's Bible Study
2:00 pm Griefshare
3:30 pm Safe Haven Lighthouse
4:30 pm WLW Dinner
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study



February Birthdays



FEBRUARY 1

Stephanie Christman
Mary Congdon
Tonia Masciotti
Rebecca Miller
Amanda Sweitzer
Adam Warner

FEBRUARY 2

Marilena Bona
Brittany Bramlett
Chuck Busack
David Fischer
Jeffrey Kauffman
Andre Rivera
Robin Stemler

FEBRUARY 3

Patricia Ferenz
Jerry Karacz
Lauren Leed
Denise Romich
W. Seifert
Joseph Stemler

FEBRUARY 4

Sheldon Henne
Mark O'Donnell
Lauren Stout
John Wascavage

FEBRUARY 5

Janet Behrenshausen
Shannon Rhodes
Steven Shimp

FEBRUARY 6

Mehgan Epler
Kathleen Kreitz
Tammy Seda
Cynthia Sweigart
Zachary Whitney

FEBRUARY 7

Gabriella Foster
Jamie Marturano
Donald Smith
Wade Warmkessel

FEBRUARY 8

Thomas Moore
Zane Paolini
Janeen Salsbery
Jessica Schmidt
Dale Shuey
David Wahl

FEBRUARY 9

Beth Hozey
John Magee
Rosemarie McLean
Tim Mochan
Benjamin Morrow
Nickolas Sweetwood
Jordan Unger
Evan Witman

FEBRUARY 10

Drew Barnett
Renee Donovan
Melissa Getrost
Taylor Smith
Madison Stambaugh
Ben Weber
Breanna Wixon

FEBRUARY 11

Mark Adams
Dennis Bechtel
Anna Bickhart
Erica Kairis
Terry Klee

FEBRUARY 12

Wendy Hauschild
Shane Herb
Hailey Weber

FEBRUARY 13

Dennis Brubaker
Judith Clarkson
Eric Freeman
Sheryl LaManna
Barb Piscitello
Jo Schweitzer
Linda Wicks

Benjamin Wilcox

FEBRUARY 14

Skip Cannon
Jessica Hart
Andrew Hettinger
Steven Ortenzi
Mabel Reighley
Lucille Tschop
Robert Weed

FEBRUARY 15

Elyse Elliott
William Graul
Chris Hardy
Richard Mays
Andrea McGinnis
Braeden McLean
Marie Reider
Cheryl Schwenk
Michelle Wargo

FEBRUARY 16

William Frear
Ashley Mills
Tyler Williams

FEBRUARY 17

Lisa Gardner
Lindsey Miller
Amy Noble
Karen Nunes
Diane Yarger

FEBRUARY 18

Nick Galan
Wendy Hart
Zoe Levering
Pili McCloy
Nathan Schucker

FEBRUARY 19

Michael Adam
Roger Cote
Austin Gardner
Edward Stauffer
Brian Zelinske

FEBRUARY 20

Rebecca Fanning
Pamela Hoffmaster
Robyn Jones
Helen Smith
Allison Vandersall

FEBRUARY 21

Joshua Grill
Zachary Grill
Jeffrey Guers
Richard Rhoads

FEBRUARY 22

George Behney
Cynthia Cooper
Lori Fisher
Donald Grabey
Kristen Mauser
Jacob Miller

FEBRUARY 23

Patricia Baker
Leianne Cobaugh
Matthew Epler
Elizabeth Focht

FEBRUARY 24

Michele Daubert
Adam Filer
Andrea VanCampen
William Wyrick

FEBRUARY 25

Rachel Adams
Jason Donaldson
Betty Dyer
Landon Tomes

FEBRUARY 26

Darryl Focht
Makayla Forrest
Christine Huls
Alycia Kauffman
Andrew Kochel
Franklyn Luff

Sean Magee
Philip Marshall
Keith Rittle
Larry Sailer
Kevan Williams

FEBRUARY 27

Brianne Lacey Fazio
Diane Wrentzel

FEBRUARY 28

Elena Castillo De Jesus
Michael Davis
Rebecca Drayer
Theodore Puc
Marco Romero

FEBRUARY 29

David Palmertree



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