



# Youth Auction & Dessert Night



**November 13th, 6-8pm**

Contact [Trisha@westlawnumc.org](mailto:Trisha@westlawnumc.org) for more info.

See pg 11 for info on  
how to get your  
tickets to this  
wonderful night.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

*Wednesday, Nov. 23rd*  
*at 7:00 PM*

United Women in Faith will again host our **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** at 7:00pm on November 23rd. This year's theme will be:

### ***"Life-Giving Transformation"***

Bringing the message this year will be Chaplain Leah Knox, chaplain at Phoebe Berks Village in Wernersville. Members will lead the service as we celebrate all the gifts that we have received from God during this past year. **EVERYONE** is welcome and encouraged to attend this service.

Putting our "faith into action" is the purpose of our group—supporting each other, the local community, as well as global outreach.

How many hours of television do you watch each day? Think about that for a moment. From the time that you wake up to the time that you go to bed, how frequently do you find yourself watching sports, the news, or binge-watching the trendiest show on Netflix or Hulu? An hour? Three hours? Six hours? According to multiple reports, the average American watches anywhere from three to four hours of television per day. Let that sink in for a minute... three to four hours of TV per day. Some watch more, some watch less. Let's assume that you get eight hours of sleep per night; that means that you are spending approximately 25% of your waking hours watching TV. Extrapolate that over the course of a lifetime, presuming you live to reach the average US life expectancy of 78 years, you would have watched TV for about 15 years of your life. 15 years! Admittedly, during football season, I exceed the daily average of TV watching (unless the Dallas Cowboys are playing poorly, then the TV may turn off a little earlier than usual).

I don't know about you, but when I think of the amount of time spent watching TV, especially considered over my lifetime, it makes me feel a bit of guilt, even slight embarrassment, when I am reminded of that New King James Version word that I like so much, a "sluggard." Am I being a sluggard by watching this much TV? To be clear, these are my feelings, and I'm not projecting my feelings onto you, nor am I judging you.

While I'm thinking about the time spent watching whatever sport is in season, or the newest action movie, or the psychological thriller limited series that everyone is talking about, I can't help but recall the parable of the three servants as told by Jesus (Matthew 25:14-28). The point that Jesus is making to each of us is that we are each entrusted with time, and talents, and treasure. God has gifted us each and we are intended to use it for good, specifically in building up the kingdom of God. While each of us has unique talents and different levels of financial resources, regarding time, each of us have the same amount of time each day. Ultimately, how we choose to spend those 24-hours, day-in and day-out, is a personal decision.

I'm not saying that we don't deserve to disconnect from the world and to be entertained from time to time. What I am suggesting is that we should consider what God will say to us when we go before his throne and we are giving an accounting of our time and where we invested it. That's between each of us and God. When considering our investment of time, will God say, "well done good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25: 21, 23) or will God say "you wicked and lazy servant" (Matt. 25:26)?

Hopefully I haven't made you feel too guilty and you may be wondering what else you could do with your time. How about instead of watching TV, you watch TV instead? You read that correctly. Instead of watching 3-4 hours each day of mind-numbing TV, you invested 20 minutes, or 10 minutes, or even 5 minutes in growing in your faith? Instead of watching a half-dozen episodes of your favorite drama, you watched one less and inserted a compelling, high-quality, theologically sound, devotional video? And the best part is, if you know how to navigate a streaming service like Netflix or YouTube TV or any of the others, you'll know how to operate this one: RightNow Media.

RightNow Media is an online discipleship tool, the "Netflix of biblical video resources," that includes tens of thousands of videos and free discussion guides. Some of our small groups and individuals have been using it for over a year and a half here at West Lawn UMC and I'd encourage you to use this resource if you haven't already. The best part, it's FREE to you. You'll find videos and studies on every conceivable topic in our lives – parenting, marriage, Christian living, work, finances, Christian doctrine, etc. In addition to browsing RightNow Media on your

computer, laptop, or tablet, you can download the RightNow Media app on your iPhone, Android, Amazon FireTV stick, Roku device, or Chromecast, and browse just like you would on Netflix. Get your access today and start investing quality time with God by growing in your faith on RightNow Media. If you have any questions, please contact me.

*Pastor Chris*

# rightnow MEDIA

1. Scan the QR code, or go to:  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/user/westlawnmc>

2. Then click "Confirm & Sign Up"

3. Then, **create an account**. Remember your password as you'll need your **email address and password to login** on your devices.

4. That's it! **You're ready to browse** the library and find your next favorite devotional or Bible study.



## ANGEL TREE 2022

The Angel Tree offers you the chance to provide a bit of the joy of Christmas to a child separated from their parent who is incarcerated. It is easy to make our families happy and provide our children with their heart's desire. How much more meaningful it is to do this for another child facing an uncertain holiday season?

Look for the Angel Tree in the narthex beginning **Sunday, November 13**. There will be nametags belonging to children living in Berks County who have a parent incarcerated in our local prison. Each tag will be tied with a ribbon of pink or blue to make it easy to identify the boys and girls. The tag will contain a number which indicates the family, the child's name, age, sizes and other gift ideas. Please be sure to register the name you selected on the registration sheet where you will find a space for your name and phone number next to the child's name and family number. Then have fun shopping for the special gifts for this child. If you do not care to shop and still want to help out, contributions can be made to purchase bibles which we include as a gift to each family. Please note "Angel Tree" in your giving.

Frequently people ask "How much should I spend?" What would you do for your own child or grandchild? Clothing and an item from their wish list make Christmas morning wonderful for these children because this may be the only gift they receive. What makes this gift exceptionally nice is that it was provided because of their incarcerated parent's request. You will be able to serve two people by providing this simple gift, the parent and the child.

Please return your wrapped gift to the tree by noon on **Sunday, November 27** with the tag you selected securely attached to your wrapped gifts. At noon we will sort the gifts in the Community Center and prepare them for the families to receive at the party the following Saturday. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer contact Alice Moyer at 610-670-7633.

### CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS

Your homemade Christmas cookies have long been a favorite at the Angel Tree Party. Would you be willing to help us out again this year? Your donations can be dropped off during the week of November 27. Please be sure to label them "Angel Tree." Please leave a message for Alice Moyer at 610-670-7633 if you are able to help.

### ANGEL TREE PARTY 2022

The Angel Tree Party returns to West Lawn UMC on Saturday, December 3 from 9am – 12pm. The party will not be as large as in past years and will be only one session. Our guests will be greeted with crafts, refreshments and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Volunteers are needed. Friday, December 2 at 6 pm we begin by decorating the Community Center. This is also the time that we build 200 gingerbread houses. Come prepared to get messy. Christmas trees will need to be decorated with an assortment of plush in Santa's corner for the children.

Then, Saturday morning at 8:30 am we get ready to greet our guests. We will need your help from traffic control to gingerbread house assistance, craft helpers, and clean up at 11:30 am. See the Sunday bulletin for sign up or contact Alice at [amoyer140@gmail.com](mailto:amoyer140@gmail.com) or call 610-670-7633.

#### I would like to help with Angel Tree this year by ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing last minute gifts on November 30th | <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever I'm needed     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sorting gifts on November 27th                | <input type="checkbox"/> Making Candy Donations: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking cookies                                | <input type="checkbox"/> M & M's                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Coordinator                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Smarties                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping prepare trays                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Skittles                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building gingerbread houses on Friday night   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit by the Foot       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building gingerbread houses                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Twizzler Pull & Peel    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making a donation for Bibles                  |  |



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ (Please turn form into the office by November 16.)





Children of all ages – including adults – are invited to West Lawn UMC's first **Pinewood & LEGO Derby** on **Saturday, November 19** in our **Community Center**.

From 11:00 am to 1:00 pm contestants will have an opportunity to race their pinewood derby car and/or LEGO car down our three-lane, top-notch racetrack. While the competition will be friendly, no trophies or awards will be earned at this event.

Don't worry about shopping for a car because our church has a limited number of complete derby kit cars that include a precut, unfinished car, that comes with wheels and axles. No cutting or power tools necessary! The only thing that it needs to be race-ready is some slight assembly (attaching the axles with wheels to the body – takes about one minute) and your decorating... you can paint it, color it with markers, add stickers, the choice is yours! The car styles available to purchase for \$10 from Pastor Chris or Kelly Rismiller are a funny car, roadster, bandit coupe, and sling dragster. You are welcome to buy and build your own car elsewhere and bring it to the derby. \$10 for a pinewood derby car is a great deal!

And there's more! A LEGO racecar can be built and sent down the same track as the pinewood derby cars. The only thing is, LEGO racecars need a special chassis to operate on the track; unfortunately, LEGO wheels will not work, sorry. You can purchase the LEGO chassis for \$10 from Pastor Chris or Kelly Rismiller as well.

Pinewood derby kits and LEGO chassis are limited; it is recommended to get them from Chris or Kelly before the day of the event. To secure your kit and/or chassis, register for the event now!

It's not just a race day at West Lawn UMC, it's a chili contest day as well – same time, same place. Come to race, or watch, and be a contestant or a taster/judge.



## Blood Drive Results

The Miller-Keystone Blood Center has tabulated our results from the fall blood drive. Our dedicated donors contributed 46 units of whole blood on September 30th! Although we fell one unit short of our highest total achieved over the last ten years, we easily surpassed the 33-unit goal assigned to us by the blood center.

We would like to thank our regular donors for participating again, and we hope to see them, and hopefully some new donors, at our spring drive which is scheduled for March 30, 2023.

We have been told that our whole blood goal will be increased, so all are invited to come out and help us meet our new challenge.





*Think you make the best pot of chili? Prove it!*

Cooks of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in our inaugural Chili Contest on Saturday, November 19 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in our Community Center to earn the People's Choice Award.

Traditional red chili, homestyle chili, white chicken chili, chili verde, vegetarian chili, black bean chili, your secret recipe chili, whatever your favorite chili may be... it's welcome to be a part of this fun event.

It's true, your chili will be judged. Regardless of the recipe, chili should look appealing and have a pleasing aroma, and it should taste good! Meat should have a distinct chili flavor and be tender; not too mushy or too firm. Consistency matters; sauce should not be too thin or too thick, it should have a nice balance with the meat. Heat from spices should not be bland, nor should it be too hot. Your chili may be made with any combination of meats, including beef, pork, lamb, bison, chicken, or turkey. No wild meats. No pterodactyl. Beans are permitted, including canned beans. Fillers, like rice or pasta, are permitted.

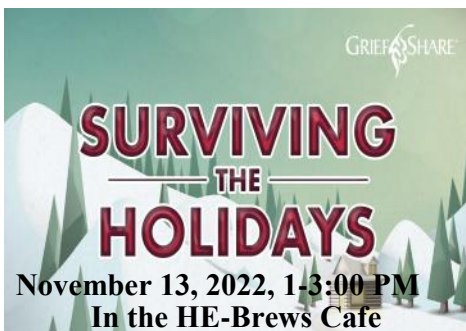
The contest will be judged by anyone that desires to participate from our congregation and community. Each chili taster will make a \$5 donation – paid at the door – that will entitle them to taste each chili once and indicate their top 3 chili recipes by way of paper ballot. Chili tasting and judging will begin at 11:00 am and end at 12:00 pm. Once the judging segment is complete, each chili taster will be invited to receive a bowl of their desired chili, while portions last. Any excess chili will be donated to New Journey Community Outreach.

Sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, and saltines will be provided by our Kitchen Ministry. Our wonderful team will also prepare sides and snacks that will pair perfectly with chili. Additionally, kid-friendly food, including hot dogs and tater tots, will be available.

**IMPORTANT:** Contestants shall prepare a minimum of 6 quarts of chili brought to the contest hot, ready-to-eat, in a crock pot. If more chili is prepared to refill the crock pot, it should be in a clearly marked, enclosed container. Cost per entry is \$25. Pre-registration is required, made on our church's website/app. For the purpose of health and safety, each entry will complete a general ingredients list, that will be made available to all of the chili tasters.

Based on anonymous taste-testing, in addition to bragging rights, the top three contestants will be recognized. The top bowl of chili will earn the coveted People's Choice Award. No cash prizes or equivalent will be awarded. Proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of West Lawn UMC through our Men's Ministry.

And it's not just a chili contest day, it's also Pinewood Derby and LEGO derby day in our Community Center!



Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these Holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Griefshare Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the Holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips about surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

RSVP for this event by calling the church office -610 678-5611.



## Wednesday Night Men's Group

Starting November 2nd, the Wednesday Night Men's Group will begin a video series of *Seven Challenges Men Encounter* by Vince Miller. All men are welcome to come join us. No preparation necessary. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in Room 202 of the Community Center.

For questions, contact Dennis Wonderland at: [dwwonderland@comcast.net](mailto:dwwonderland@comcast.net).



Our next **Inquirers' Class** will be offered on **Sunday, November 6th** at 12:30 PM in the HE-Brews Cafe.

If you would like to know more about West Lawn Church, The United Methodist Church, or are interested in uniting with this congregation, please call the church office to register and plan to attend this upcoming class. Pizza and drinks provided.

## Kittens Available for Adoption

A member of our church family has been fostering a mother cat and her kittens for a few months and is unable to find homes for them via word of mouth. The animal shelters are overrun these days, so much so that the Animal Rescue League (ARL) was unable to accept them. All are healthy and adorable. She is in the process of getting them shots, neutered, etc.

If you are interested in getting more information, please contact the church office at 610-678-5611.



## WEST LAWN UMC ADOPT-A-SCHOOL INITIATIVE



**W**est Lawn UMC is partnering with local elementary schools, beginning with Whitfield Elementary, for the purposes of building strong, sustaining relationships with schools, and providing help to transform the lives of children right here in our county. As a servant in various districts, you can show God's love to children in many tangible ways. Sign up today to be part of this missional ministry - **Adopt-a-School!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Yes, I Would Love to Serve at Local Elementary Schools!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reading to any grade-level student
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping K and Grade 1 students with letters & sounds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Practicing math facts with children
- \_\_\_\_\_ Practicing SNAP words with children
- \_\_\_\_\_ Playing games that support academic skills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with lunch duty
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting with recess duty

Questions?

Contact Kelly Rismiller: 610-507-9141, [kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.org)

# Holiday Bazaar



## WEST LAWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INDOOR CRAFT & VENDOR BAZAAR

Featuring Local Crafters and Direct Sales Vendors

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022**

**8:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

West Lawn United Methodist Church  
Raffauf Community Center

101 Woodside Avenue, West Lawn, PA 19609

- HANDCRAFTS
- MERCHANDISE
- RAFFLE BASKETS
- BREAKFAST
- BAKE SALE

**Come, enjoy a fun day, and Shop... Shop... Shop!**

All proceeds will support the ministries & mission of West Lawn UMC

If you would like to help with the Craft Bazaar, we are also in need of:

- **Baked Goods**--please place a label on the baked good to identify it (call Carol Young 610-401-1811 with questions). Drop off Friday night November 25 between 6-8:00 pm or Saturday morning November 26th between 7-8:00 am.
- **Raffle Baskets** - Donation of raffle baskets, Theme Baskets and/or Gift Cards. (for questions, please contact: Michelle Miller at 484-638-3888). Drop off Friday night November 25 between 6-8:00 pm or Saturday morning November 26th between 7-8:00 am.

If you have any questions, you may also contact Sharon Rutherford 610-468-9427.



**Children and Family Ministry** is having a great start to the school year through our Sunday night programs and preschool geared special events. Refer to the West Lawn App for more details on the October offerings, or contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, [kelly@westlawnmc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnmc.org).

### **Tween Group (Grades 4-5)**

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

November 13

November 20

December 11

December 18

### **Kids Club (Grades 2-3)**

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

November 13

November 20

December 11

December 18

### **Kids Stay and Play**

Tuesday Nights: 6:30-8:30 PM

Wednesday Nights: 6:15-8:30 PM

While parents are onsite engaged in small groups, Bible studies, Young Adult ministries, or more, children of all ages are invited to stay and play upstairs in our preschool classrooms with our childcare team. Snacks are provided.

### **Special Events and Mission**

Sunday, November 20: 10:30 AM

Family Event: Thanksgiving Theme (At WLUMC)

Sunday, December 11: 10:30 AM

Family Event: Christmas Container Workshop (At WLUMC)



## **Preschool Fundraiser: Shop Now with this link: [https://registercw.com/V\\_MAOK-7-Q](https://registercw.com/V_MAOK-7-Q)**

Help support our preschool so we can have fun events for our preschool children and families throughout the school year. All church and preschool families/friends are invited to participate! Lots of wonderful gift ideas, wrapping paper, holiday treats, personalized items and so much more delivered to your door!



### **Potato Project**

Our mission was to bag 1000's of potatoes. Mission accomplished! West Lawn's team of 27 strong spent Sunday afternoon at the Potato Project field helping those in our community that are hungry and homeless. These potatoes will now go to our local shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens.

Thank you!







## Safe Haven Lighthouse

As we begin our 20<sup>th</sup> year, we are still having a lot of fun! Each week the children bring joy to our lives, and I pray that we are positively touching their lives and bringing God's message to them.

Since the weather has been so nice, we try to get out and play Gaga Ball each week. It is a terrific way for them to exercise after being in school all day. Friendly competition can be fun.

Each week we provide a snack, play time or a craft, Bible lesson, homework time and/or games. We try to build on our friendship with the children, and we are glad we are able to provide a safe and loving place.

In October we took a trip out to Brecknock Orchards. We try to get there once each fall. The children were able to make caramel apples, but the highlight was being able to play in the play area. They have a swing set, hay maze where they can ride oversized tricycles through it, lawn games, and a hay maze inside the barn. It is a beautiful place, and we look forward to being able to go out there. Andrea and Farmer Earl are very hospitable.

The children also made fall gnomes as a craft. We have a basic idea of how the craft should go and it is always fun for me to see how creatively each child makes the craft, all being equally wonderful.

We appreciate your prayers as we enter into the Christmas season. Pray for our team and all the children.

Blessings,

Lori Madara and Bonnie Rissmiller



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

It was a day in October 2011 when my husband became very ill. After hospitalization and biopsies, it was found that his condition was not curable. The goal was hopefully to stop it, or at least to slow it down. The shock of it to both of us was overwhelming. All kinds of tests were done to find out what caused it.

A friend suggested a Stephen Minister for me. I was blessed with a sweetheart lady who was there on many difficult days.

With medications and oxygen, all of us were blessed with nine more months with Jerry. More hard days, weeks and months were ahead! All the firsts were agonizing to go through!! My Stephen Minister was with me the entire following year!

The blessing of this caring lady impacted me a lot. When we are fortunate to experience amazing love like this, I wanted to help those that need a listening, loving presence like I was blessed to receive. I've been a Stephen Minister now for more than 5 years! Thank you God.—Judy Alvarez

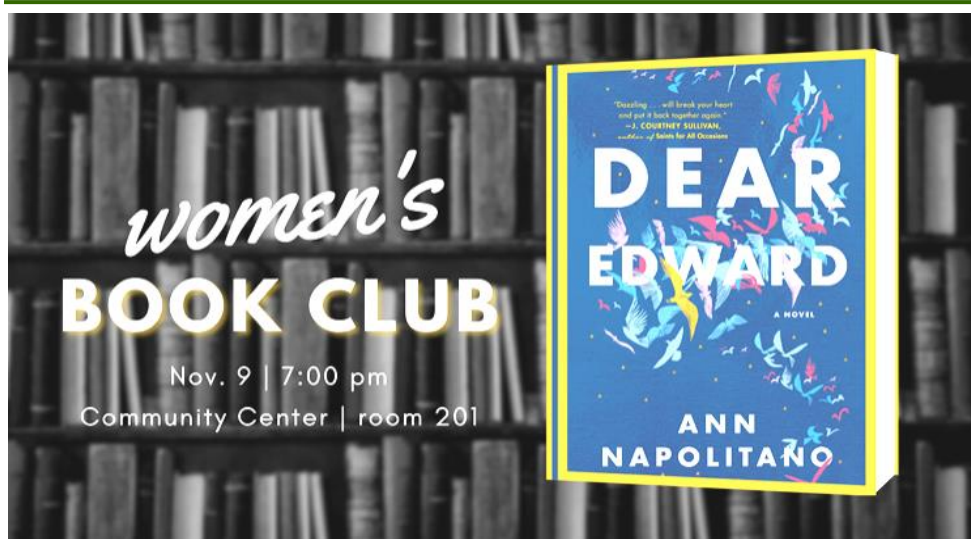


**United  
Women  
in Faith**

United Women in Faith will meet in Hebrews Café on **Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30 am.** We will hear about the ASP mission trip to West Virginia this summer. We are gathering hygiene supplies for the Berks Connection/Pre-trial Services. Bring your lunch & beverage for a time of fellowship.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1st, a workshop on prayer shawls, lap robes and quilts will be held in Rm 112 of the Ed. Bldg. from 9:30-11:00 am. Join us as your schedule allows. South District UWF will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12th at United Methodist Church of West Chester. There will be a fellowship time from 9:00-10:00 am with program beginning at 10:00 am. The day concludes at 2:30 pm. Cost for lunch is \$15 per person. Reservations are due by Nov. 4th to Becky Givler at 610-383-4197 or at [beckyg48@verion.net](mailto:beckyg48@verion.net).

Questions?? Call Anna Bickhart (610-670-1671) or Harriett Ziegenfuss (610-678-3107).



**Women's Book Club** will meet Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm in room 201 in the Community Center to discuss *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. December's book is *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin.

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](mailto:dmbhart2@gmail.com) or 610-678-7873.



The next Wilson Area Food Pantry distribution will be on November 18th from 3:00-5:00 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!



# November 2022

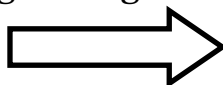


**November 13th, 2022 6-8pm**

Now accepting donations of new items, event tickets, professional services, gift certificates, etc. Contact Trisha with donations—[trisha@westlawnmc.org](mailto:trisha@westlawnmc.org)

Join us for a fun filled evening of celebrating our Youth and learning how God has grown in their lives. Come and find some great holiday gift options and support the youth at the same time. We already have many people donating some great items.

**Get your tickets here**



Or visit <https://westlawnmc.org/youth>



This October the Youth have been serving here at West Lawn, and at NJCO. They have been spending time in fellowship at Duncan's Corn Maze, & at the Springtownship Parade.

On Sunday evenings we just finished a learning series on friendships, where two of our High School students took a brave step in teaching on stage to their peers.



## Firehouse Youth Nov 2022

(See App for more details)

11/4-6– High School Retreat	11/20–6&7th SS,Confirmation
11/6– MS Youth Group Only	11/20–No Youth Group
11/13–6&7th SS,Confirmation	11/27– 6&7thSS,Confirmation
11/13– 6-8pm Youth Auction	11/27– Youth Movie Night



For info, contact:  
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[trisha@westlawnmc.org](mailto:trisha@westlawnmc.org)



## Gaither Vocal Band Concert

December 1, 2022 at 7:00pm  
at the Hershey Giant Center

The West Lawn Church Adult Choir and Music Ministry will be hosting a trip to the Gaither Vocal Band concert entitled "The Brighter The Light Tour." The event will include concert tickets with great and close floor-level seats, and motorcoach transportation. The trip is open to the entire West Lawn congregation. Show tickets and transportation are included for a total price of \$75.00. Checks can be made payable to West Lawn United Methodist

Church by November 15, 2022. Payments can be forwarded to any Adult Choir member or dropped at the church office.

For more than 25 years, the Gaither Vocal Band has brought Christmas concert events to cities nationwide. This holiday season is no exception as the legendary recording artists, special guests, and Bill Gaither himself, present an exciting Christmas celebration filled with the very best in Christian music to be held at the Hershey Giant Center on Thursday December 1, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Spots are filling up quickly. Please email [john@westlawnmc.org](mailto:john@westlawnmc.org) if interested in reserving a space or for more information please contact any Adult Choir member.

The Adult Choir is very excited to welcome the congregation to join them on this trip to kick off the Christmas season!

**It's not too late to join the Festival Choir to participate in this year's Christmas Cantata for choir or orchestra. Contact John Coakley at [John@westlawnmc.org](mailto:John@westlawnmc.org) or 610-678-5611 x17.**

## Update from the Property Committee

We are pleased to report to the Membership items of interest from the Property committee:

1. The 100 Woodside property has been completely renovated and is waiting final certification approvals by the Township for meeting public use conditions, such as fire protection, safety, and communications. The use will be primarily meeting space which is provided by three separate large rooms, and also there are two small office rooms. A full kitchen and bath are also available. Please feel free to make arrangements to see the property. It is normally locked when not in use.

2. For a couple of years now, we have been strategizing and negotiating with the Township of Spring for "full ownership" of the Alley that passes between the Education Building and the Church. Currently the Alley(s) are 50% owned by the properties that border it and 50% by the Township. Our objective was to obtain full ownership, then redirect the Alley through our parking lot to Noble Street so the neighbors could still have access to "their" Alley. If we succeeded, we would then have the right, now or in the future, to build a two-story addition between our two buildings providing primarily a larger Narthex and other rooms for Church use. We presented this concept to the Township Board of Supervisors at a public meeting in November of 2020. Shortly after, we received a letter saying that the Board of Supervisors approved the request. We were then told later that in order to exercise the approval they would have to send notice to all of our neighbors bordering the Alley and then hold an open session to hear if there were any credible objections. We hired an attorney to help mediate and guide us through this process with the Township. This entire process was very slow in implementing. We finally received an open session Board Meeting date and the neighbors were given the required notification. The Board asked us to restate and confirm our request, to agree to make changes they requested if approved, and we did so. The Board then asked if there were any objections and four Alley residents, our neighbors, were present and spoke for 1.5 hours offering a wide range of objections. The Board members did not accept rebuttal from the Church and the Board voted unanimously to NOT APPROVE our request. This subject is off the table for now.



# Thank You...

Many thanks to Dan Allen and his prayer warriors for all of their prayers and good wishes before my surgery! They were very much appreciated and welcomed. James 5:16 - The prayers of the righteous are powerful!!!! - David Page

Dear WLUM Family,

Thank you for the many expressions of kindness shown to our parents this year and particularly this past summer. The many phone calls, visits, prayers, cards and finally expressions of sympathy made losing Dad and then Mom a little less painful. We are comforted in the knowledge that they are together with The Lord in their Heavenly Home. Gratefully, Alison (Cutts) And Andrew Lacey and family

Dear West Lawn UMC

Thank you much for all the expressions of sympathy on the passing of Jim Lochman. The flowers, cards, phone calls meant so much. He was a very special husband, father and grandfather—just a great all-around guy. His faith, family, friends really meant the world to him. Again, thank you all for everything! God Bless, Carol Lochman, Jaime Lochman-Rowe

Thank you to the WLUMC family for your generous financial support and in-person walks for the 2022 CROP Walk. Together we have been able to donate \$1,840 and counting to Church World Services and locally, to Helping Harvest Food Bank. Together we can help end hunger in our community and around the world. Thanks again! Sue & Dan Allan

Dear WLUMC Family,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all of your care and support during my recent surgery and recovery. From the pre-surgery prayer texts and offers of help, to the post-surgery calls, cards, prayers, meals, rides to therapy, and so much more. Thank you to the pastors for prayers and checking on me, and to everyone else who was so kind and encouraging. We truly have wonderfully caring people at our church, and I'm very thankful for them.—Kathy Ballick

Dear Church family. What a blessing you have been turning my recent surgery. Your prayers, cards and wonderful home cooked meals are greatly appreciated. Recovery and physical therapy are going well. It is a blessing to be in ministry with you. Much love to each of you. Pastor Terry.

WLUMC Family,

Christy and the Wicks family have all been moved by the outpouring of prayers, cards and caring from our West Lawn family. The Prayer Team, the pastors and church members have been so encouraging and supportive. It's been so inspiring to Christy and us knowing we had your support through all the uncertainty and setbacks with her surgeries and infection. After six months, she is walking and doing therapy. Thanks for showing us what the power of prayer can do! God Bless you all! Christy and the Wicks Family

## In Loving Memory



**James H. Lochman**  
9/7/1938 – 9/20/2022

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



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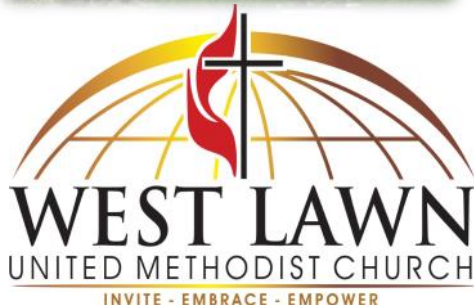
**OUR PASTORS:**

Tom Ebersole  
Chris Hardy  
Terry Cooney  
Lisa Hoopes

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**Sunday Worship**

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Praise Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship



## Divorced? Separated?

Know someone who is?

When a marriage ends, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants face challenges and discover

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| How to deal with emotions       | Ways to help children |
| Helpful trips for social events | Hope for the future   |



DIVORCE *Care*

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

West Lawn UMC  
15 Woodside Ave., West Lawn

Tues., November 1, 6:30-8:30 PM, HE-brews Café  
OR Saturday, November 12, 10:00AM-12:00PM, HE-brews Café

For more information visit [WestLawnUMC.org](http://WestLawnUMC.org)  
Or call 610-678-5611





# NOVEMBER 2022



Every Sunday:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 am Traditional Worship			1 9:30 am Tina's Bible Study 1:00 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Kid's Stay Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 6:30 pm DivorceCare STH 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	2 	3 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 4:30 pm Ball Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm A/Anon 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh. 7:00 pm SA Meeting	4 7:00 PM Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	5 Women's Retreat Youth Retreat 9:30 am OA
9:00 am Fellowship Time			8 9:30 am Tina's Bible Study 1:00 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Kid's Stay Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 6:30 pm Prayer Team Mtg 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	9 See Wed. @ Left 7:00 pm Women's Bookclub	10 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 4:30 pm Ball Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Relay for Life 6:00 pm A/Anon 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh. 7:00 pm SA Meeting	11 7:00 PM Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	12 9:00 am FOG 9:30 am OA 10:00 am DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays
9:30 am Praise Worship			15 9:30 am Tina's Bible Study 10:00 am Board of Ord. Min. 11:30 am Utd Wm in Faith 1:00 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Kid's Stay Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	16 See Wed. @ Left	17 9:30 am Pastor Lisa's Study 12:30 pm Food Pantry Setup 4:30 pm Ball Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm A/Anon 7:00 pm Praise Team Reh. 7:00 pm SA Meeting	18 9:00 am Newsletter Assembly 3:00 pm Food Pantry 7:00 PM Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	19 9:30 am Pinewood Derby/Chili Contest. 9:30 am OA
9:30 am Sunday School for All			22 9:30 am Tina's Bible Study 1:00 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Kid's Stay Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 7:00 pm Leadership Team 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	23 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	24 OFFICE CLOSED 	25 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Social Justice Bible Study (Zoom)	26 8:00 am Christmas Craft Bazaar 9:30 am OA
9:30 am Confirmation Class			29 9:30 am Tina's Bible Study 1:00 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Kid's Stay Play 6:30 pm Mom Time 7:00 pm Young Adult Night 7:00 pm NA	30 See Wed. @ Left			
9:30 am Barth Memorial Class			28 4:30 pm Opp House Prep 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
10:30 am Fellowship Time			21 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
11:00 am Celebration Worship			14 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
3:00 pm YA Couples Group			7 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
5:00 pm Youth Praise Team Reh			6 See Sunday Worship @ Left Women's Retreat Youth Retreat 12:30 pm Inquirers' Class				
6:00 pm Youth Group			13 See Sunday Worship @ Left Baptisms/New Members 1:00 pm Griefshare STH 4:30 pm OPP House Prep 5:00 pm Chimers 6:00 pm Tween Group 6:00 pm Kid's Club 6:00 pm Youth Auction				
Every Wednesday:			20 See Sunday Worship @ Left 12:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg.				
7:14 am Prayer Service			27 See Sunday Worship @ Left 4:00 pm Hope Rescue 5:00 pm Chimers 6:00 pm Tween Group 6:00 pm Kid's Club				
9:30 am Pastor Tom's Bible Study			28 4:30 pm Opp House Prep 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
3:30 pm Safe Haven			21 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
4:30 pm WLW Dinner			14 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
6:00 pm Jr./Sr. Youth Group			7 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
6:15 pm Kid's Stay & Play			6 See Sunday Worship @ Left Women's Retreat Youth Retreat 12:30 pm Inquirers' Class				
6:15 pm Young Fam. Sm. Group			13 See Sunday Worship @ Left Baptisms/New Members 1:00 pm Griefshare STH 4:30 pm OPP House Prep 5:00 pm Chimers 6:00 pm Tween Group 6:00 pm Kid's Club 6:00 pm Youth Auction				
6:30 pm DivorceCare			20 See Sunday Worship @ Left 12:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg.				
6:30 pm WOW Small Group			27 See Sunday Worship @ Left 4:00 pm Hope Rescue 5:00 pm Chimers 6:00 pm Tween Group 6:00 pm Kid's Club				
7:00 pm Men 35-55			28 4:30 pm Opp House Prep 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal			21 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				
7:00 pm Pastor Bible Study			7 6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtgs 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Courage to Change 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Prodigal Son Study 7:00 pm OA				



# November Birthdays



## **NOVEMBER 1**

Edward Jones  
Byron Mellinger  
Sherry Randall

## **NOVEMBER 2**

Brian Debelius  
Bronwen Gamble  
Caitlin Heiser  
Jade McVaugh

## **NOVEMBER 3**

Rodney Beidelman  
Crystal Born  
Emma Detwiler  
Joann Karacz  
Maryann Kauffman  
Gene Messner  
Sandra Petersheim

## **NOVEMBER 4**

Courtney Billman  
Claude Davis  
Heather McNeal  
Kerry Powell  
Susan Rhoads  
Ben Spencer  
Tyler Whitney

## **NOVEMBER 5**

Tony Cunningham  
Colleen Gensemer  
Deborah Lutz  
Michael Whitney

## **NOVEMBER 6**

Erin Becker  
Kurt Behrenshausen  
Ryan Kairis  
Rodney Loose  
Robert Myers  
Nancy Ricketts

## **NOVEMBER 7**

Keith Angstadt  
Chastitti Gonclavez  
Judy Krepps  
Jenny Semsel  
Jennifer Williamson

## **NOVEMBER 8**

Michelle Antonio  
Diane Cleres  
Adam Hauck  
Jay Moyer  
Susanne Naylor  
Adena Ukoha-Ajike  
Arthur Waters

## **NOVEMBER 9**

Michael Broome  
Carolyn Ladany

## **NOVEMBER 10**

Jacqueline Becker  
Emmalee DeJesus  
Jean Howe  
Elizabeth Miller  
Lauren Santoro  
Jean Urbaez

## **NOVEMBER 11**

Donna Barnhart  
Devin Born  
Emily Endy  
Machiko Kawata  
David Tartaglia  
Jeffrey Zillhardt

## **NOVEMBER 12**

David Haas  
Amy Palm  
Charles Saylor  
Jeffrey Smith  
Mary Stahler  
Becci West

## **NOVEMBER 13**

Erika Bare  
Nan Parks  
Ralph Stamm

## **NOVEMBER 14**

David Aulenbach  
Harvey Heffner  
Richard Jessup  
Cynthia Kees  
Jennifer Kopp

Lori Krause  
Meredith Pfennig

## **NOVEMBER 15**

Eileen Kastura  
William Smith  
Diane Stuart  
William Thorne

## **NOVEMBER 16**

Karen Carles  
David Endy  
Dylan Fick  
Joanne Grill  
Cristyl Lapi  
David Palka  
Deanne Salyards  
Jere Stamm  
Fay Sweigart  
Wesley Wixon

## **NOVEMBER 17**

Nancy Lewis  
Brennan Noecker  
Ralph Rivera  
Chris Weikel  
Jeffrey Weikel  
William Wyandt

## **NOVEMBER 18**

John Bertolet  
Thomas Tschop

## **NOVEMBER 19**

Candace Achey  
Cassandra Hillegass  
Yvonne Rivera  
Susan Scalese

## **NOVEMBER 20**

Kathryn Loose  
James Mauldin  
Carol Moyer  
Cindy Schock  
Sharon Swierczynski

## **NOVEMBER 21**

Matthew Kauffman  
Robert Mays

Gary Miner  
Alice Moyer  
Thomas Witman

## **NOVEMBER 22**

Robert Bechtel  
Caitlyn Bleiler  
Daniel Cullen  
Nina Hostetter  
Shelby Kahn  
Lauren Peterson  
Joseph Szymborski

## **NOVEMBER 23**

Robert Johnson  
Joseph Speece  
Evan Spohn  
Heather Troxelle  
Mark Weitzel

## **NOVEMBER 24**

Alex Columbus  
Frances Curry  
Michelle Frey  
Reese Gaenzle  
Richard Kramer  
Carole Young

## **NOVEMBER 25**

Chris Clabaugh  
Cody Clabaugh  
Richard Hoffert  
Timothy McKechnie  
Melissa Scalese  
Thomas Walter  
Katie Wentzel

## **NOVEMBER 26**

Layne Adams  
Eric Landes  
Alex Massengale  
John Mercer  
Robert Peppers  
Carolann Stevenson  
Joan Sweigart

## **NOVEMBER 27**

John Burkhart  
Shane Gerner

Joseph Marturano  
Eric Ruth  
Sally Stoltz

## **NOVEMBER 28**

Colleen Duffy  
Donna Mauldin  
Patricia Whitney

## **NOVEMBER 29**

Vanessa Baker  
Muriel Shotwell

## **NOVEMBER 30**

Heather Gunzelmann  
Darren Gunzelmann  
Margaret Mellinger  
Jeremy Palm

If we have  
inadvertently forgotten  
your birthday, please  
contact the office.