

September 2022



FOOD FOR THE BODY - FOOD FOR THE SOUL

WLW MEALS

will resume this month!

4:30—6:45 PM

*Welcome Back
to our 21st year of
West Lawn Wednesday!*

September brings our 21st season of West Lawn Wednesday community dinners! The 2022-23 season begins on September 7th, with dinner being served from 4:30 to 6:45 pm. This community meal is served by our Kitchen Ministry volunteers who donate their time and talents, providing an environment that reflects the love of God in our community. By offering a quality meal at a fair price (\$10.00 per person; \$35 for a family of 4 or larger), we seek to create a loving Christian atmosphere that feeds both the body and the soul within our church family and beyond, ministering to those in need.

Join us for a Wednesday evening meal, then drop in for a Bible Study or Community Group as we begin another year of "feeding the body and feeding the soul."



The Potato Project - Local Mission Opportunity

Join us on Sunday, September 25, as we harvest hundreds of pounds of potatoes for our neighbors in need! This unique local mission project, called the "Potato Project" addresses local hunger issues by growing and producing free food for Berks County. Mission teams, like West Lawn, come to the local farms, harvest the crops, and take the produce to local food pantries. West Lawn will give its crop to New Journey Community Outreach, as well as to Hope Rescue Mission and Opportunity House.

This is an intergenerational mission project; all are welcome, including children of all ages. Sign up today on our app or website to join our harvest team. Carpool transportation to and from West Lawn Church is available, or simply meet us on the fields in Kutztown. You and your family are welcome to harvest for an hour, or three hours! Snacks and beverages provided.

Sunday, September 25 from 1:00-4:00 PM

Kutztown University Heritage Center
22 Luckenbill Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530

For more details, visit: <http://www.IHartHarvest.org/>



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THE POTATO PROJECT

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A note from the pastor

Dear West Lawn Family,

Last week I attended the Berks Brawl, a large fundraising event for several of our local youth football organizations. I was delighted to see the number of people this event attracted! It seemed as if the pandemic never happened.

Parking was not easy to find, multiple playing fields were

scattered with players and coaches, parents and fans sat three deep in lawn chairs along the edges eagerly watching this year's new team run through the plays. After each snap the squad on the field would hustle back to the coach and huddle-up, anticipating the call of the next play. After only a few seconds in the huddle the team returned to the scrimmage line, sometimes with a substitution or specific assistance from a coach helping with their stance or position on the field.

After one play a certain team member caught my eye; he was a wide receiver that became distracted by something on another field, and he neglected to return to the huddle. By the time he realized his mistake his teammates had broken their consult with the coach and rushed back to the line, ready for another snap. Unaware of the play that had been called he took his place on the line and waited. When the center hiked the ball every team member launched into their preplanned assignment, some blocking, some drawing the defense away from the ball, one receiving the handoff, everyone moving with intention to achieve their goal – everyone, except for that one wide receiver. At the snap of the ball, he stood up from his crouched stance and didn't move. With his hands slightly upturned at the waist he watched his teammates execute the play for which he was unprepared.

I felt sorry for him, the exchange that occurred in that huddle was critical in leading to the team's success. Worship is a bit like that -- It's like the members of a football team huddling up before a big play. The West Lawn family is an incredible team. When you and I skip church, we miss the huddle. We go out into the "game" of life unprepared and all alone. God created us to be surrounded by and supported by our teammates. We come to church for the support and strength of the team.

Today, if you are physically able, I am inviting you back to in-person worship, because there is no substitute for being together with your team. Truthfully, I am making this invitation because... we need you and your gifts. God specially made you with abilities and gifts unique only to you. And the best place to use your gifts is within the West Lawn Church family. When you are not here, there are gaping holes that no one else can fill -- that is the role that was specially designed by God for you. You are the only one who can meet that particular need and serve in that particular way.

The writer of Hebrews put it this way:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

See You in Church!

Pastor Tom



Children & Family Ministries

As we begin a new school year, Children and Family Ministries will also start a new season of programming, events and mission! Here's a snapshot of our offerings for this fall. Refer to the West Lawn App for more details, or contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnmc.org.

Tween Group (Grades 4-5)

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

September 11
September 18
October 9
October 23
November 13
November 20
December 11
December 18

Kids Club (Grades 2-3)

Sunday Nights: 6:00-7:30 PM

September 11
September 18
October 9
October 23
November 13
November 20
December 11
December 18



Special Events and Mission

Wednesday, September 14: 6:00 PM

Family Event: Painting on the Porch (At WLUMC)

Sunday, September 25: 1:00 PM

Family Mission Project: The Potato Project (Kutztown, PA)

Wednesday, October 19: 7:00 PM

Spring Township Halloween Parade - Join the WL float!

Sunday, October 30: 4:00 PM

Trunk or Treat (At WLUMC)

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)

Caring Ministries at West Lawn *"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* – Matthew 11:30

Jesus tells us that we are to come to Him and He will carry our burdens for us. One way He accomplishes that is through His people, the body of Christ.

Did you know there are a number of caring ministries available at West Lawn Church that can help with those burdens you carry? If you are hurting or struggling, whether its recent or long ago, whether you are young or elderly, whether you are male or female, whatever the circumstance, perhaps one of the caring ministries can help you in the healing process. Each support ministry has trained, caring people who would find it a privilege to walk with you through this season of drought. Other ministries allow caring people to help meet your physical needs. If you would like more information about any of these caring ministries, please contact the church office or Pastor Lisa at 610-678-5611.

If you are in a season of harvest and would like to become a care giver/facilitator, please contact Pastor Lisa for opportunities to serve. Together, we will explore your spiritual gifts and discern where God is calling you.

Check out our new tab on the West Lawn UMC app: "GET CARE"



Griefshare Beginning September 20

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

Grief can be overwhelming. Loss and potential loss can be so frightening and painful that it feels like the world is simply caving in; sometimes it seems that there is no end to the pain. In times of grief, prayers become a lifeline that upholds and guides us when we do not know the way. Minute by minute and hour by hour, God sustains us.


If you have suffered a recent loss or continue to struggle with the loss of a loved one, The Griefshare Ministry Team can help and would be honored to walk along side you through this time in your life. This group of trained servants will minister to you through weekly meetings, offering a listening ear as well as proven suggestions to aid you in your grieving process.

Classes will be held Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Reiner Education Building room 109, from September 20 through December 13.

If you would like more information or to register, please contact the church office at 610-678-5611 or visit West Lawn UMC's website or app to register..

Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?



Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.


Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.


LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.




Tuesday September 13, 2022
1:00 - 3:00
West Lawn UMC
Reiner Ed. Building Room 109

griefshare.org/spouse



It's not too late to attend DivorceCare.
Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 in the Education Bldg. Room 109.





Are you feeling called to Stephen Ministry?

Over the years, I went to various churches, always leaving with the belief that there was a God, but never understanding who God really was. I believed God was the creator of earth and He lived in heaven. I believed there was a hell, which was where we did not want to live in eternity, but we hoped God would take us to heaven to spend eternity with Him.

Eventually, a coworker invited me to their church and it was there that the pastor spoke of God being our Father in Heaven. He proclaimed God loved us unconditionally. He said God forgave us of our sins. He also said "God is your protector." Then he invited us to give our hearts to Jesus. It was after that I tearfully ran to the altar that morning. I was looking back over my life and I saw many times that God had already sent angels to save me from pain and suffering.

Years later, I got another invitation from a neighbor to go with her to her United Methodist Church. God called me to serve Him in several ways: I made cards for the pastor to send; I was the Project Organizer; and I sat on a couple of other committees. I was in love with serving the Lord.

Then after my husband retired, we moved back to Reading. Looking for a home was long and disappointing in that three times we submitted the long paperwork required to make an offer on a home, and didn't get it. Finally, we found and bought our home in West Lawn. I believe it was a "Godwink" because I saw we were going to be only two blocks from a UM Church. We began attending the first week we moved our furniture in. After four weeks, I prayed asking God "how can I serve you in this church?" Sometimes we have to wait for answers to our prayers and sometimes our prayers are answered quickly. Well, this time God wasted no time because it was the Sunday after that prayer that one of the pastors approached me and asked "would you consider being a Stephen Minister?"

What is a Stephen Minister? It is an amazing way to be closer with the Lord. It requires your attending some classwork with the Stephen Minister Leadership Team who will prepare you with the effective tools you will need to bring the Lord's love and healing power to those in pain and in need of healing.

I am humbled that the Lord has called me to bring his Holy Spirit into the homes of those who are suffering. Please consider, then pray, about your being a Stephen Minister. Not only will you bless your care-receiver, but you will be blessed by seeing God at work! - *Sandi Burt*

My mother raised me with essential Christ-like principles like unconditional love, service to fellow man, respect to God and a desire to do His will. Our family came to West Lawn UMC in Fall of 2008, seeking a church community that put others before self. I've been inspired by so many members through the years who give of themselves in service to the Lord through their love of Christ.

The Lord has blessed our family in so many ways- many times relying on our faith to see us through difficult times. I am grateful for the many friends at West Lawn who have taught me, guided me and mentored our family to a foundation of faith.

This year I was blessed with the opportunity to join the team of faithful Stephen Ministers at West Lawn. Since my childhood I've learned that difficult challenges in life are best endured with an ear that is willing to listen and a shoulder to cry on. So many people have helped my through me difficult times by offering their time and a spirit of love and compassion.

Stephen Ministry provides people with someone to walk through a crisis, someone who will support them with unconditional love and compassion. All Stephen Ministry relationships are strictly confidential and continue as long as their support is needed. If you are experiencing a crisis in life, I would urge you to seek the support of one of our loving Stephen Ministers.

I know that our Savior loves each and every one of us and desires that we love each other just as he loves us.
- *Howie Weber*

Preschool Donations for 22/23 School Year

Please consider picking up some of these items over the course of the next few weeks to help our preschool stock up for another fantastic school year where we will see over 71 students in class each week. Donations can be dropped off anytime to the box marked preschool located in the stairwell across from the office. Questions, please email Elise Coakley at preschool@westlawnmc.org

- Glue Sticks
- Crayola 24 Pack Crayons
- Crayola 10 Pack Markers
- Craft Pompoms- All Colors/sizes
- Dry Erase Markers (All Colors)
- Playdough (All Colors)
- Scotch Tape, Clear Packing Tape & Duct Tape
- Scotch Laminating Pouches (8 ½ x 11 size)
- Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- Sandwich Zip Lock Bags
- Baby Wipes
- Tri-Fold Paper towels
- Latex Free Food Service Gloves
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish
- Snyder & Utz Brand Pretzels
- Nabisco Gram Crackers
- Nabisco Cheese-Its
- Barnum's Animal Crackers
- Nabisco Teddy Grams
- Motts Fruit Snacks
- Sensible Portions Garden Veggie Straws (Sea Salt)
- Go-Go Squeez Fruit Pouches
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats- (Original Flavor)
- Kellogg's Nutri Grain Soft Baked Breakfast Bars
- Construction Paper-Single Color Packs (Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple, Black, Brown, White)
- **Snacks- MUST BE NUT FREE and NOT Processed in a peanut facility**



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Women of Worth will be holding a **Cookie Dough Fundraiser**, taking orders in the breezeway on Sunday, September 4th and 11th. Order forms will also be available in upcoming bulletins. This fundraiser will benefit the upcoming WLUMC Women's Retreat held in November.

All orders must be submitted by Sunday, September 11th. Delivery will be Sunday morning, September 25th, during worship services.



Relay For Life

Relay For Life of Berks is coming up! Our event will be on Saturday, 9/10 starting at noon and held at the Reading Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate in the event with our church team or would like to make a donation to support us, please contact Jayme Raffauf at (610) 568-5098 or jaymeraffauf@gmail.com. We look forward to another year of embracing our community one step at a time!

Good Morning

This is God

I will be handling all of your problems today





YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT

ORGANIZATION:

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

EVENT DATE:

Wednesday September 21 & Thursday September 22

TIME:

11:00 am to close

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

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Fall Blood Drive

Our fall blood drive for the Miller-Keystone Blood Center is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th, from 1-7 PM at the Raffauf Community Center. We have been allotted 49 appointments for this drive. Face masks are optional for donors at this time, but appointments are required. Donors can contact Eileen Williams at (610) 670-0591 for their appointment, or register on-line, prior to September 29, at giveapint.org. 450 units of blood are needed daily in the 12 counties served by Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Our team of regulars are always ready to welcome new donors to our group!

Thank you for your support of this community service mission.



Give blood.
Give life. ♥

BBQ and a Book—Men's Summer Bookclub

Men of all ages are invited to join us for our men's summer book club, affectionately dubbed "BBQ and a Book." We'll gather at someone's house, enjoy good food and each other's company as we discuss our thoughts on Andy Stanley's newest book, *Not In It To Win It*. This time around we'll be ordering food from CC's Pizza.

If you're interested, please secure a copy of the book, read it, and join us on **September 7 at 6PM**. Please register your attendance on the website or app, and then you'll be given the address for the BBQ gathering (and so we know how much food to order). All men are invited!

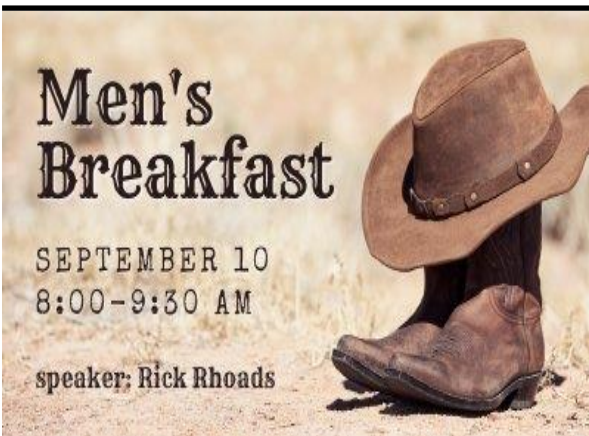


United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, September 20 in Hebrews Café at 11:30am for lunch fellowship. Bring your lunch and beverage. Our theme this year is "Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story." We will use parts of Luke 13 as our Scripture foundation for seeing "Who Can We Be Together?" Putting our gifts to work, we will explore ways to make a difference in today's world. Opportunities for practical projects will be presented.

Following lunch fellowship, Chris Rodgers, organist, will meet us in the sanctuary for an organ demonstration. If you have joined us last year, Chris has introduced us to early church music as well as global music. Now he will share his talents on our church's instrument. All are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 20th.

Also, on Wednesday, September 21, South District United Women in Faith will hold a District Day Apart at Camp Innabah, 712 Pughtown Rd., Spring City, PA from 9AM-3PM. The cost is \$12 per person, and the theme is: "Christian Women Walking the Red Carpet With Hope for Our World!" Speakers will be Pastor Molly Dee Rounsley and Minister Janelle McCall. Reservations are due September 14th to Becky Givler (610-383-4197) or beckyg48@verizon.net. Checks are payable to South District UMW.



Sign up on the
website or
WLUMC app

The Faithful Friends Consignment Sale is Coming

October 6-8. <https://westlawnumc.com/faithfulfriendssale>

Sign up now to consign your gently used children's and maternity goods, and to volunteer to be part of the team!!!

West Lawn Sunday School Kids

Everyone will "move up" to their new Sunday School classes on Sunday, September 4th at 9:30 AM. Our teaching team looks forward to meeting the new age 3, 4, 5 and Grade 1-5 kids!

Fellowship Help Needed

Coffee, donut holes and more continue to be offered on Sunday mornings on our "patio!" Join us outside (weather pending) between 8:45 AM-11:00 AM for fellowship time with your church family. And, we are always looking for ways for you to serve God through serving this Church. Contact Kelly Rismiller if you feel led to join this relationship-building ministry team, on a rotating basis, with our other servants. kelly@westlawnumc.org, 610-507-9141.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Be the light of God to our youngest members! West Lawn's children's ministry continues to seek additional Sunday School teachers and Nursery helpers. We particularly would love to add an assistant or two to our Grade 3 class! Contact Kelly to be a blessing to over 80+ children! kelly@westlawnumc.org, 610-507-9141.

THIS & THAT

TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, PLEASE CALL ACACIA FLOWER SHOP DIRECTLY AT 610-376-8767 BY TUESDAY FOR PLACEMENT THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY. TWO FLOWER SLOTS PER WEEK.

THE CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY HAS ENDED ITS LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTING SOUP LABELS.

A CHURCH MEMBER IS LOOKING FOR A WOMAN TO SIT WITH AN ELDERLY WOMAN WHO CANNOT BE LEFT ALONE. THIS CAN BE MORE THAN ONE PERSON ON A ROTATING BASIS. CONTACT PASTOR LISA HOODES IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

THE CHURCH WILL NO LONGER BE COLLECTING SODA TABS. THEY CAN BE TAKEN TO YOUR LOCAL RECYCLING CENTER.

THERE IS A LOST PHOTO ALBUM IN THE OFFICE FROM A 2001 TRIP TO LONDON. IF IT MIGHT BE YOURS, STOP BY AND CHECK IT OUT!

AT THE REQUEST OF SOME OF OUR CHURCH FAMILIES, WE WILL NO LONGER LIST CHILDREN UNDER 18 ON OUR BIRTHDAY LIST.

THE TABLE TALK CLASS WILL BE STARTING A NEW SERIES THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH ENTITLED WALKING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT BY RAY VANDER LAAN.

Disciple Bible Study

Remember who you are...

A 32-week Disciple Bible Study—16 sessions on the prophets and 16 sessions on the letters of Paul—with the Bible being the primary text. Each person will also use a study manual that combines information and direction enabling an in-depth study of the text of the Bible.

The study includes daily assigned passages, weekly small group discussion and video segments. If you want to know more, please contact Pastor Terry at 610-582-8708 or zeerovernv73@gmail.com and plan to attend an upcoming orientation meeting TBD.

JOIN US FOR OUR "CROP Hunger Walk" FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches (Village Square, Wyomissing) will host a fundraiser between the hours of 11:00 AM—8:00 PM benefiting the Reading-Berks CROP Hunger Walk. Isaac's will be supporting the CROP Walk by contributing 15% of your meal cost. Bring your family and friends out for a great dinner and support the CROP Walk as we raise money to feed hungry people through Church World Service and the Greater Berks Food Bank!

In order to maximize the amount of donation for the organization, we ask our Loyalty members to kindly refrain from using their number during fundraisers. Coupons, Discounts, and Loyalty Perks are not valid during Fundraisers.

Want to help us earn even MORE? Add an Isaac's Gift Card to your check and **15%** of the gift card sale will be added to the fundraiser! Gift card must be used on future visit.

Bring the flyer below with you to Isaac's, and hand it to your server when paying or follow the instructions below for online or takeout orders. Thank you!



SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

**OUR ORGANIZATION EARNS 15% ON ALL TAKEOUT,
ONLINE, CATERING OR GIFT CARD ORDERS***

**Thursday, September 8, 2022
11:00 AM—8:00 PM**

TO BENEFIT

Reading Berks CROP Hunger Walk

AT ISAAC'S

**Spring Ridge
94 Commerce Dr. Wyomissing**

ONLINE ORDERS - Enter "Fund" in the box on the payment page

TAKEOUT ORDERS - Let Isaac's team member know you're part of our fundraiser when placing your order.

*Sorry, we cannot accept coupons, discounts or Loyalty perks on Fundraising orders.



The Women's Book Club will meet Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM in room 201 in the Community Center to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. October's book is *The Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiverini.

New readers are 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.



The next Wilson Area Food Pantry distribution will be on September 16th 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 week-days in the church office. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 2022

This summer has flown by so fast! The youth have hiked waterfalls, visited the first UMC in America, rebuilt houses in Appalachia, watched the Orioles play baseball, rode roller coasters, swam in lakes, played Gaga ball, and of course, ate lots of pizza and ice cream. Hopefully this summer they've also strengthened their friendships with one another and their trust in Jesus.

School is here and fall is knocking at our door. We have a calendar full of activities for both our Middle School and High School groups. Retreats, fall corn maze fun, and various service projects are filling our schedule. I get excited at this time of year for all the ways that students will grow in the coming school year. Whether it's lessons learned on a sports field, an after school job, or an encounter with Jesus, our students will experience growth in so many areas of their lives. Will you join me in praying for these teens?

-Trisha



Firehouse Youth Sept 2022

(See App for more details)

9/4– Labor Day Weekend– No Youth Group

9/11– Confirmation One Day Retreat, Youth Group 6-8pm

9/18– Youth Group 6-8pm

9/25– Potato Project Service Opportunity

9/30-10/2 - Middle School Retreat

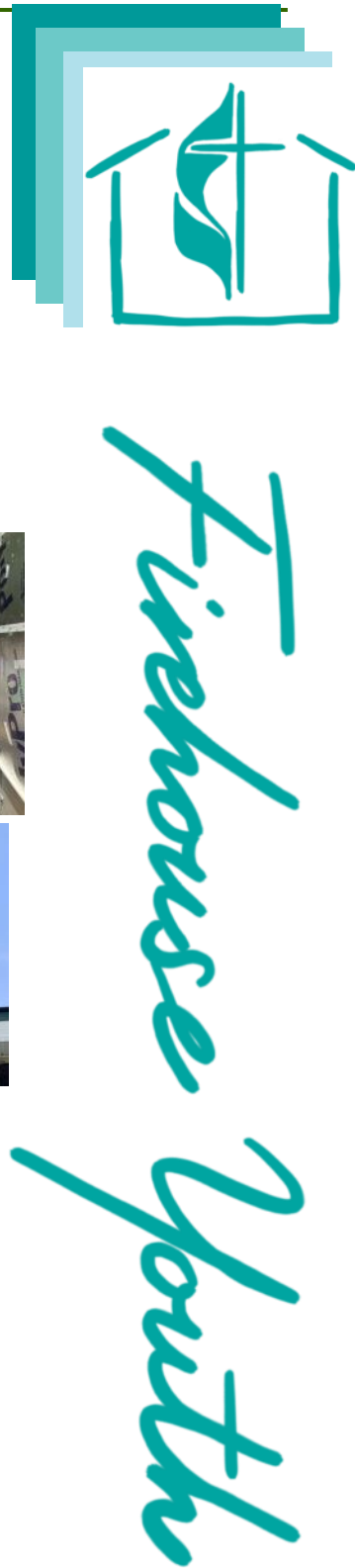
Confirmation Class 2023

We will be starting a new year of Confirmation on Sept. 11th 2022.

We will be having an Informational Meeting on August 28th at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary for any current 8th grader or older.

Join us on Sept. 11th for our day long trip to Gretna Glen, and then we will be meeting in the Community Center at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

More info and registration available on the App or web...
<https://westlawnumc.org/youth-summer-info>



For info, contact:
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umc.org

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

“Walk to Emmaus” (also known as the Emmaus Walk) is a three-day retreat that includes singing, learning, praying, and small-group discussion focused on fifteen themes shared by Emmaus leaders.

Is it biblical? The word “Emmaus” in Walk to Emmaus is from the account in Luke 24 in which Jesus walks with two disciples on the road to the town of Emmaus from Jerusalem on the day of His resurrection. The disciples later describe their experience with the risen Christ as “our hearts burning within us while he talked with us” (verse 32). Walk to Emmaus retreats seek to provide a similar experience for its participants.

The Emmaus experience is intended to be a time of “spiritual renewal and formation. During the weekend (Thurs. PM – Sunday afternoon), the discussion is focused on fifteen themes that are shared by Emmaus leaders. Participants, known as pilgrims, meet with small groups and are encouraged to explore how they can live the call to discipleship within their own homes, churches, and communities. Participants are sponsored by an Emmaus Alumni and they need to apply to attend.

Although the “Walk to Emmaus” operates under United Methodist auspices, the focus on ecumenism remains strong, with Emmaus communities receiving support from Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches as well.

The “Friends of God” Emmaus Group at West Lawn United Methodist Church is reigniting after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid. We are part of a group of churches that plan, organize and present these 3-day retreats. We are projecting to be able to schedule two upcoming retreats:

- The Men's Walk will be scheduled on April 20 - 23 and
- The Women's Walk, the following week on April 27 - 30.

Each will tentatively be held at Camp Inabah in Chester County.

For more information, please contact:

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 Bill Stephens — wrtstep@aol.com
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 Jennifer Fuhrer — jenniferfuhrer@comcast.net



Justice Or Just Us? The Biblical Call To Confront Racism

Confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, but a theological one. It is the Bible that calls us to pursue justice, and the Bible that pleads for us to oppose racism.

Justice Or Just Us? Is a four-week virtual video based study led by Rob Fuquay, Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis Indiana. Its goal is to help you acknowledge the reality of racism in today's world and our personal responsibility to oppose it individually and collectively as a church of dedicated Christian Believers. It challenges us to make a tangible, anti-racism commitment. Hope to see you beginning Friday night, September 9th @ 7 PM at the following ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83076577143?pwd=Qm9iQ2c4cW1Yc2JHeVBZOWt4OFdJUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 7657 7143
 Passcode: 936011



Thank You...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the fuzzy blanket! I will use it all of the time at Messiah University during the winter. Thank you for being the church that has always been there for me for pretty much all of my life! Thank you! -Heidi Swartz

To the entire WLUMC,
On behalf of Robert Hutchinson, the Reinert Family, the Rear Family and the Hutchinson Family, we all want to thank you for all of your prayers, get well cards and sympathy cards and support on the loss of Mary Lou Hutchinson on March 22, 2022. This is still a very hard time for us, and a large void in all of our lives. She is in her heavenly home watching all! Know that she loved WLUMC! Praise the Lord and may God bless everyone. Anne Louise Reinert

Dear West Lawn United Methodist Church,
Thank you very much for the blankets that you gave us for graduating! I've already used mine multiple times and it is very warm and soft! I'll definitely be taking it to college with me in the fall. Thanks again! Sincerely, Ian Swartz

Dear West Lawn UMC,
Thank you all so much for an amazing week! All of the projects are coming to a finishing point and we could not have gotten here without your great work! We hope you guys have a great rest of your summer and that we see you again next year! All the best, Mollie, June, Stephen, Emily & Chiara, Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

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.

Baptisms



Alexis Briar Devernois
baptized 8/14/2022
Parents: Phillip & Kaley Devernois



Gunner Andrew Unger
baptized 8/21/2022
Parents: Jordan L. & Jordan G. Unger

In Loving Memory



Peggy A. Schwab
5/10/1941 – 8/3/2022



Patricia A. "Patty" Stubblebine
11/14/1929 – 8/13/2022



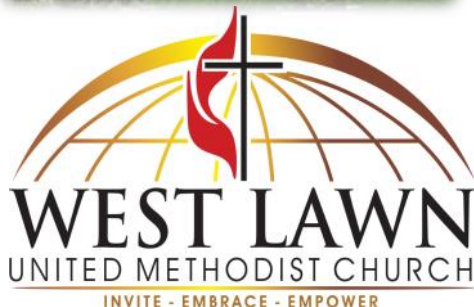
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OUR PASTORS:

Tom Ebersole
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Terry Cooney
Lisa Hoopes

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Praise Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship
11:10 am Community Worship





September Birthdays



SEPTEMBER 1

Robert Angstadt
Robert Hughes
Meredith McGrath
Jocelyn Reber
Cathy Rittle
Tracey Wagner
Chelsea Weber
Mark Wisniewski

SEPTEMBER 2

Debra Bortz
Harry Hall
Robert Hutchinson
Betty Jackson
Jessica Karacz
Jody Karacz
Joe Marsden
Amanda Mikes
Ross Ricketts
Deborah Schneider
Robert Stout

SEPTEMBER 3

Kenneth Bock
Barbara Depsky DeFalco
Jared Hayick
Robert Sweetzer
Donald Westley *

SEPTEMBER 4

Justin Behrenshausen
Jeffrey Detwiler
Althea Harmon
Corey Hunter
Rose Mercer
Beth Perine
Catherine Weitzel

SEPTEMBER 5

LeRoy Christman
Lisa Delewski
Holly Foster
Brenda Grant
Shawne Weinhold

SEPTEMBER 6

Terry Gordon
Jeanne Hetrich
Kathleen O'Donnell
Nasir Peace
Megan Swearingen

SEPTEMBER 7

Louise Bressler
Sandra Burt
Todd Ebling
James Herbein
Michael Kershner
Michael King
James Lochman
Theodore Puc

Linda Ramsey
Gary Stump
Grace Swartz
Heidi Swartz
Ian Swartz
Marilynne
Wiederspahn
Tod Witman

SEPTEMBER 8

Gwendolyn Gaenzle*
Randal Gardner
Teisha Hardy
Jane Moyer
Robert Phillips
Helen Rothenberger

SEPTEMBER 9

Kim Filer
Lisa Hoopes
Lyndell Mason
Glenn Opel
Erin Weaver
William West
Kimberly Wixon
Galen Wyrick

SEPTEMBER 10

David Crissman
Erin Gusley
Jessica McAllister

SEPTEMBER 11

Kevin Focht
Michael Melnyk
Patrick O'Leary
Dorthea Schrader
Pearl Stoudt
Eric Werner

SEPTEMBER 12

Kelly Bagdon
Adam Englehart
Jenna Haas
C Houser
Kayleaha Lutz
Hope Martin
Dustin Martin
Richard Mextorf
Susan Noecker
Kerry Pawling
Barry Rittle
Rebekkah Thomas
Hilary Weaver

SEPTEMBER 13

Wynne Cloud
Terrance Cooney
Alex High
Deborah Kochel
Robin Lewars

SEPTEMBER 14

Ryan Bubb
Marilyn Faughner
Stephanie Lee
Stephen Snyder
Ralph Stamm
Jayme Trogus

SEPTEMBER 15

Heather Chasarik
Noah Dutt
Lyda McCarty
Matthew Miller
Christopher Ott
Ann Papada
Wendy Sharets
Austin Zalmanek

SEPTEMBER 16

Andrea Behrenshausen
Susan Henry
Jennifer Johnson
Michael Kochel
Edward Lensie
Maria Mickey
Sharon Miller
Dena Perez
Lisa Sechrist
Sarah Tibbetts

SEPTEMBER 17

Arthur Brendel
Mitchell Hettinger
Kathy Kauffman
Stephanie Kurtz
John Moyer
Dorothy Ritter
Ryan Swavely
William Wildman

SEPTEMBER 18

Lisa Gallagher
Ashley Seifrit
Joanne Zweizig

SEPTEMBER 19

Laura Depasquale
Terry Hauschild
Joseph Kieffer
Michael Mathis
Lauren Mercer
Madysen Miller
Nancy Poole
Megan Tornielli
Albert Wicks
Chris Wiederspahn

SEPTEMBER 20

Logan Baldwin
Robert Griffith
Stephanie Lamison
Ethan Lasher

Curtis Minich
Steven Van Winkle

SEPTEMBER 21

Melissa Bertolet
Jennifer Conner
Joyce Eager
Leslie Harris
Christopher Magee
Sharon McLean
Ruth Shaffer
Jeffrey Warmkessel
Carolyn Weller

SEPTEMBER 22

Irving Bressler
Paul German
John Hoag
Jacob Witman

SEPTEMBER 23

Michael Dutt
Craig Seda
Jacob Walsh
Sara Wicks

SEPTEMBER 24

Roberta Hoffert
James Moorman
Morgan Rath
Stephanie Romberger
Dean Vandersall

SEPTEMBER 25

Ryan Gittler
Garrett Gittler
Twila Goetz
Melody Malia
Carol Miller
Laila Moore
Stanley Roberts
Christopher Rodgers
Shawn White

SEPTEMBER 26

Audrey Brackman
Warren Marweg
Ray Miller
Cheryl Moore
Steven Noecker
Larry Smith
Kristen Zimmerman

SEPTEMBER 27

Stephanie Adam
Kara Aughinbaugh
Barbara Banks
Dee Mathis
Amy Traffas

SEPTEMBER 28

George Bayliss

Michael Ketner
Carl Loeper
Jonathan Moore
Jeff Rapp
Stefan Rohal
Brian Zillhardt

SEPTEMBER 29

Rick Dierolf
Jocelyn Moyer
Robin Salyards
Robert Tier

SEPTEMBER 30

Erika Beidelman
Robert Emerson
Lisa Evans
Richard Fehling
Kyle Moyer
Natalie Ohlinger
Brittany Row
Linda Shaner
Kelli West



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