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you're welcome here

**WHEN
CHRISTIANS**

GET IT

WRONG

WEST LAWN UMC

APRIL 12, 2026

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday, April 19 / 5–7 PM

Community Center

Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141

kelly@westlawnumc.org

Join us for a powerful hands-on mission opportunity as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to help fight global food insecurity. During this high-energy event, volunteers will work together in an assembly-line setting to package 25,000 nutritious meals for people around the world facing hunger. Open to all ages. Register on our website.

WLUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026

westlawnumc.com/scholarship

WLUMC Scholarship Applications are now open. College students who are members of WLUMC are invited to apply for the WLUMC Scholarship Fund. Awards support both ministry and non-ministry fields of study. Applications are available on the website.

PRESCHOOL and SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS

NOW OPEN! - Sign-up online / app

WLW MEAL 4/15/2026

4:30-6:45 PM / Community Center

Chicken & Biscuits

HELPING HARVEST KITCHEN

Thursday, April 16

1:00–3:30 PM

Deb Soule / 610-568-2187

dsauer57@verizon.net

Women's Ministry invites volunteers to assist at Helping Harvest's Community Kitchen. This is a new, first-time volunteer opportunity for our church. Register on our website.

WOMEN'S TEA

Saturday, May 2 / 1 PM

Linda Welsh / 610-207-5715

grapejuice66@gmail.com

Women of all ages are invited to a special afternoon tea in the Community Center. This event will feature a table decorating contest, as well as a guest speaker from Safe Berks, a local organization that provides a safe haven and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Register on our website or at the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 16 Helping Harvest Kitchen
- Apr 19 Rise Against Hunger
- Apr 26 Confirmation Sunday—11AM
- May 2 Women's Tea
- May 17 Team Commitment Sunday
- May 31 Gratitude Golf Outing
- Jun 7-11 Vacation Bible School

**FLOWERS MAY BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OR MEMORY
OF LOVED ONES BY PLACING AN ORDER.**

(2 slots available per week)

To place an order for flowers, contact:

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

GRATITUDE GOLF OUTING

Sunday, May 31 / 1 PM Shotgun Start
Manor Golf Club
Trisha Rabold / 484-432-7808
trisha@westlawnmc.org

West Lawn invites all to join us for our 2nd Annual Gratitude Golf Outing, benefitting our Youth program. 4-person scramble format includes snacks, dinner, contests and prizes.

FREE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Wednesday, April 15 / 4-6 PM
100 Woodside Ave & Noble St

On the third Wednesday of each month a wide variety of free, gently used clothing, shoes and undergarments are available for infants, children and teenagers inside our 100 Woodside House. All those experiencing a season of need are welcome. No reservations or eligibility proof required. Children must be present to select clothing items.

IT'S VBS TIME AT WLUMC

🦋 Get ready for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship at this year's Vacation Bible School! Whether your child is ready to jump in as a participant or you're feeling called to help bring the experience to life, there's a place for you.

Registration is now open for both children and volunteers. Join us as we grow together in faith and create a memorable, joy-filled week for our church and community.

👉 Use the QR codes below to sign up your child or to serve as part of our VBS team. Let's make this an unforgettable week of discipleship—together!

SIGN UP TO SERVE

REGISTER A CHILD



2026 SUMMARY as of 4/5/2026

In-Person Worship	805
Online Worship	144
Sunday School	111
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$36,875
Monthly Income To Date	\$36,875
Monthly Income Goal	\$108,564
Budget Income to Date	\$379,144
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,411,340

PASTORS

Tom Ebersole, Lead Pastor
Chris Hardy, Associate Pastor
Pat Goshert, Congregational Care
Nick Camacho, Latino Ministries

Venmo



Website



Facebook



YouTube



App



Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

New in the pew? If you are visiting West Lawn today, in person or virtually, let us know by texting "Hello" to 610-672-7347.

LOOKING FOR:

- A seat in worship
 - Nursery
 - Classrooms
 - Prayer Room
 - Restrooms
 - Need a Listening Aid
 - Guest WIFI Password
- Rejoice!**

Ushers & Greeters will be happy to help you.

At our **Welcome Center** you will find:

- Our Prayer Page
- Announcement Flyers
- Information on Classes and Groups
- **Visitors:** Bring your Visitor Card found in the pew racks to trade in for a gift!



15 Woodside Avenue
West Lawn, PA 19609-1664
610-678-5611
office@westlawnumc.org
www.westlawnumc.org

Office Hours:

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hardy

"When Christians Get It Wrong About Other Religions"

WORSHIP LEADER

Kelly Rismiller

SCRIPTURE

John 4:7-10, 19-26 (NIV)

BAPTISM/NEW MEMBERS

Elsie Grace Miller—Baptism 9:30AM

Luz E. Ponce—Joining 9:30AM

Ridley Maxwell Rinehart—Baptism 11AM

Craig & Susan Nagle—Joining 11AM

Carol R. Lewis—Joining 11AM

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

BAPTISM / NEW MEMBERS JOINING (11AM)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #322 - *"Up from the Grave He Arose"*

UMH #177 - *"He Is Lord"*

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

UMH #304 - *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"*

UMH #318 - *"Christ Is Alive"*

OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

"Up from the Grave He Arose" (Joel Raney)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Donna Barnhart (8AM)

Bruce Morton (11AM)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Death Was Arrested" (Aaron Shyst)

"Faithful To The End" (Bethel Music)

"Great Are You Lord" (All Sons & Daughters)

"Living Hope" (Bethel Music)

"Good Grace" (Hillsong United)

WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

HOW TO ENGAGE IN WLUMC PRAYER MINISTRIES:

1. WEBSITE: Under the WORSHIP/PRAYER REQUEST tab.
2. WLUMC APP: Under the GET CARE/PRAYER tab
3. CALL PRAYER CHAIN: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671
Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141

** Notify a pastor or the office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.*



PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

- Family & friends of Jeff Buck, Chief and Robert Shick Asst Chief Walnuttown Fire Co. killed in line of duty while searching for missing person

PRAYERS OF HEALING

- Soften hearts
- Peace & healing for those grieving the loss of a loved one
- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness
- For an end to conflict & violence in the world

PRAYERS OF ENCOURGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Safe, healthy pregnancies and deliveries
- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- For all to have a stronger connection with God
- Open family communication
- Safe travel for all

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- Praise risen Jesus for eternal life!
- Praise God for Mike Reinert's 70 birthday on Easter!

4/12/26

HOSPITALIZED

Jody Anderson
Kim Hershman

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

THE UMC

Bishop Cynthia
Moore Koikoi
Rev. Steven Pittman
WLUMC Staff
Our Leadership Team

THE WORLD

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

Roxanne	Bea	Keith	All those deployed	Paul	Lorna	Jeremy Bova
Al & Linda	Mike	Ernie	Emily & Werner family	Elaine	Bryan	Joshua & family
Mary Lou	Kyle	Brian	nieces & nephews	Mom	Robert	Elyse & David
Jim & Patty	Billy	Linda	Rittenhouse family	Andy	friend	Jody & family
Samantha	Eloise	Declan	Guers family	Kate	Gavin D.	Ruthie & family
Nancy & Bill	Lisa	Meriam	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Amy	Megan	Sue & Terry
Harriett	Greg	Mitchell	Hannah & Patricia	Ray	Debbie	Susan & Roger
Kristen	Jen	Heather	Rauenzahn family	Roy	Janet	Kelsey & Michael
Tina & Lisa	Jeff	Kevin	Megan & Matt Epler	Maya	Nancy	Manga family

JOIN US HERE

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Our church previously hosted this event three times in 2018–2019, and it was an incredible time of service and community. We're excited to bring it back and make an impact once again!

Open to all ages — children, youth, parents, and seniors. 100+ volunteers welcome. Whether you come with your family, a group of friends, or on your own, there's a place for you in this meaningful service opportunity.

SIGN ME UP!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller: 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org

small actions

BIG IMPACT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You're invited to volunteer through the ministries and missions of West Lawn. Your time and talents make a real difference in our church and community. Check the boxes for where you'd like to serve and return this form to the Welcome Center or Offering Plate. Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141 or kelly@westlawnmc.org.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Helping Harvest Kitchen Volunteers

You're invited to an afternoon of service at the Helping Harvest Community Kitchen on Thursday, April 16, from 1–3:30 PM. During this time, volunteers will work alongside Helping Harvest chefs to prepare ready-to-eat meals that will be distributed to individuals and families facing food insecurity. Tasks include food preparation, assembling and labeling meals, and assisting with light cleaning and organizing. The Community Kitchen is located at 229 Washington Street in Reading (next to GoggleWorks).

Craft Night Supplies

In preparation for our Women's Craft Night on May 15, where we will create VBS decorations, we are seeking donations of colorful tissue paper, green plastic tablecloths, cardstock in various shades of green, artificial tropical flowers and leaves, acrylic paint in bright colors, brown butcher paper, blocks of styrofoam, cans of gray spray paint and leaves cut out using a Cricket machine.

Shopping Bags Needed

Our Children & Teen Clothing Closet team is in need of shopping bags—and we'd love your help! If you have extra bags at home, we will gladly put them to good use. Bags can be dropped off anytime at the Church Office or Welcome Center. Both paper and plastic bags are appreciated, especially larger ones.