

The background of the entire poster is a golden-brown stained glass window. It features a central, somewhat abstract face with large, expressive eyes and a serene expression. The face is surrounded by intricate geometric patterns and lines, creating a complex, mosaic-like texture. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by shades of gold, brown, and orange.

*you're welcome here*

**WHEN  
CHRISTIANS**

**GET IT**

**WRONG**

**WEST LAWN UMC**

**APRIL 19, 2026**

## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

**TODAY / 5-7 PM**

**Community Center**

**Kelly Rismiller / 610-507-9141**

**[kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto: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](http://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.

## **WOMEN'S TEA**

**Saturday, May 2 / 1 PM**

**Linda Welsh / 610-207-5715**

**[grapejuice66@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **WLW MEAL 4/22/2026**

**4:30-6:45 PM / Community Center**

**Meatloaf**

## **IT'S VBS TIME AT WLUMC**

**VBS RainForest Falls Week June 7-11**

🌿 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**



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PRESENTED:**

***In loving memory of Linda Miller***

**To place an order for flowers, contact:**

**Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / [acaciaflowershop@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaflowershop@gmail.com)**

## GRATITUDE GOLF OUTING

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

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

## SUMMER PICKLEBALL

Mondays & Thursdays / May-Aug  
Summer Time Change: 9-11 AM  
Raffauf Community Center

Indoor Pickleball continues in the Community Center this summer every Monday and Thursday. *Summer hours are 9-11 AM.* No advance sign-up required. New and advanced players welcome.

## PRESCHOOL and SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS

NOW OPEN! - Sign-up online / app

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the donors who willingly supported our blood drive on April 9. We collected 33 units of whole blood. Since blood cannot be manufactured, mined or harvested, support from communities like ours is needed to keep our blood supply stable. Our fall drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be held on October 29. You can sign up now at giveapint.org, or call Eileen Williams at 610-670-0591 to reserve your preferred time slot.

### 2026 SUMMARY as of 4/12/2026

In-Person Worship	419
Online Worship	99
Sunday School	115
Tithes & Offerings for week	\$23,394
Monthly Income To Date	\$60,269
Monthly Income Goal	\$108,564
Budget Income to Date	\$340,538
Budget Goal (12 months)	\$1,411,340

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 19 Rise Against Hunger
- Apr 26 Confirmation Sunday 11AM
- May 2 Women's Tea
- May 15 VBS Craft Night
- May 17 Team Commitment Sunday
- May 31 Gratitude Golf Outing
- Jun 7-11 Vacation Bible School

### PASTORS

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

Venmo



Website



Facebook



YouTube



App



● **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*



**PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY**

- Dick S. & family on the passing of wife, Linda

**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 ENCOURAGEMENT 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**

- For the many blessings we receive every day

**4/19/26**

**HOSPITALIZED**

Jody Anderson  
Kim Hershman  
Gary Miner  
Sue Naylor

**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

Al & Linda	Katie	Jeremy	Martin family	Alani	Rachel	Hayward family
Mary Lou	Mike	Andrea	Emily & Werner family	Ernie	Keith	Elyse & David
Jim & Patty	Billy	Rodney	Rittenhouse family	Lorna	friend	Jody & family
Samantha	Eloise	Declan	Michelle & family	Ed S.	Gavin D.	Ruthie & family
Nancy & Bill	Lisa	Meriam	Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue	Amy	Megan	Sue & Terry
Harriett	Kate	Mitchell	Hannah & Patricia	Ray	Debbie	Susan & Roger
Roxanne	Dean	Heather	Rauenzahn family	Roy	Janet	Mike & family
Jones family	Kim	Carmen	All those deployed	Maya	Nancy	Patti Marshall

*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
- Guest WIFI Password

**Rejoice!**

Ushers & Greeters will be happy to help you.

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

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



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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 Suffering"*

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Pastor Tom Ebersole

**SCRIPTURE**

John 9:1-7 (NLT)

**TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP** (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE / SPECIAL PRELUDE (8AM)

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**SPECIAL PRELUDE**

SONRISE RINGERS - Diane Soper, Director (8AM)

Megan Weber, Flute; Elise Coakley & Kurt Schneiderhan, Percussion

*"All Nature Sings"* (arr. Kevin McChesney)

**HYMNS**

UMH #547 - *"O Church of God, United"*

UMH #389 - *"Freely, Freely"* stanza 1 only

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

TFWS #2222 - *"The Servant Song"*

TFWS #2223 - *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

**OFFERTORY**

Adult Choir, Christopher Rodgers, Director (8AM)

*"All Things Work Together for Good"* (John Carter)

JOYFUL RINGERS - Diane Soper, Director (11AM)

*"Joyful, Joyful"* (arr. Linda Scholes & Valerie Stephenson)

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

Mick Eager (8AM)

Sharon High (11AM)

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

*"House Of The Lord"* (The Worship Initiative)

*"Build My Life"* (Christy Nockels)

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

*"Hope Has A Name"* (Bethel Music)

*"Great I Am"* (ONE: A Worship Collective)